

# Unsupervised learning or Clustering – K-means *E.M.* Gaussian mixture models

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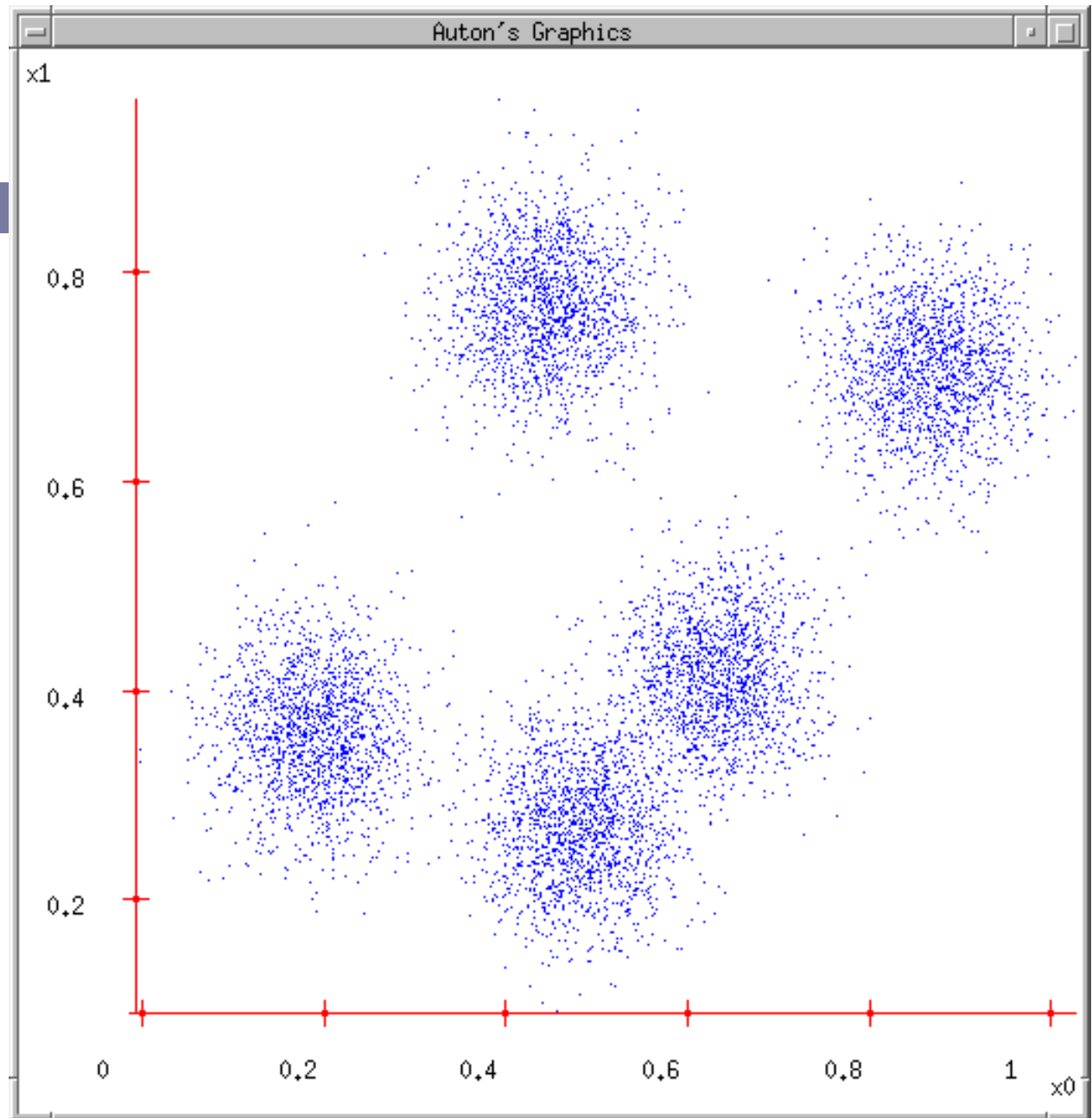
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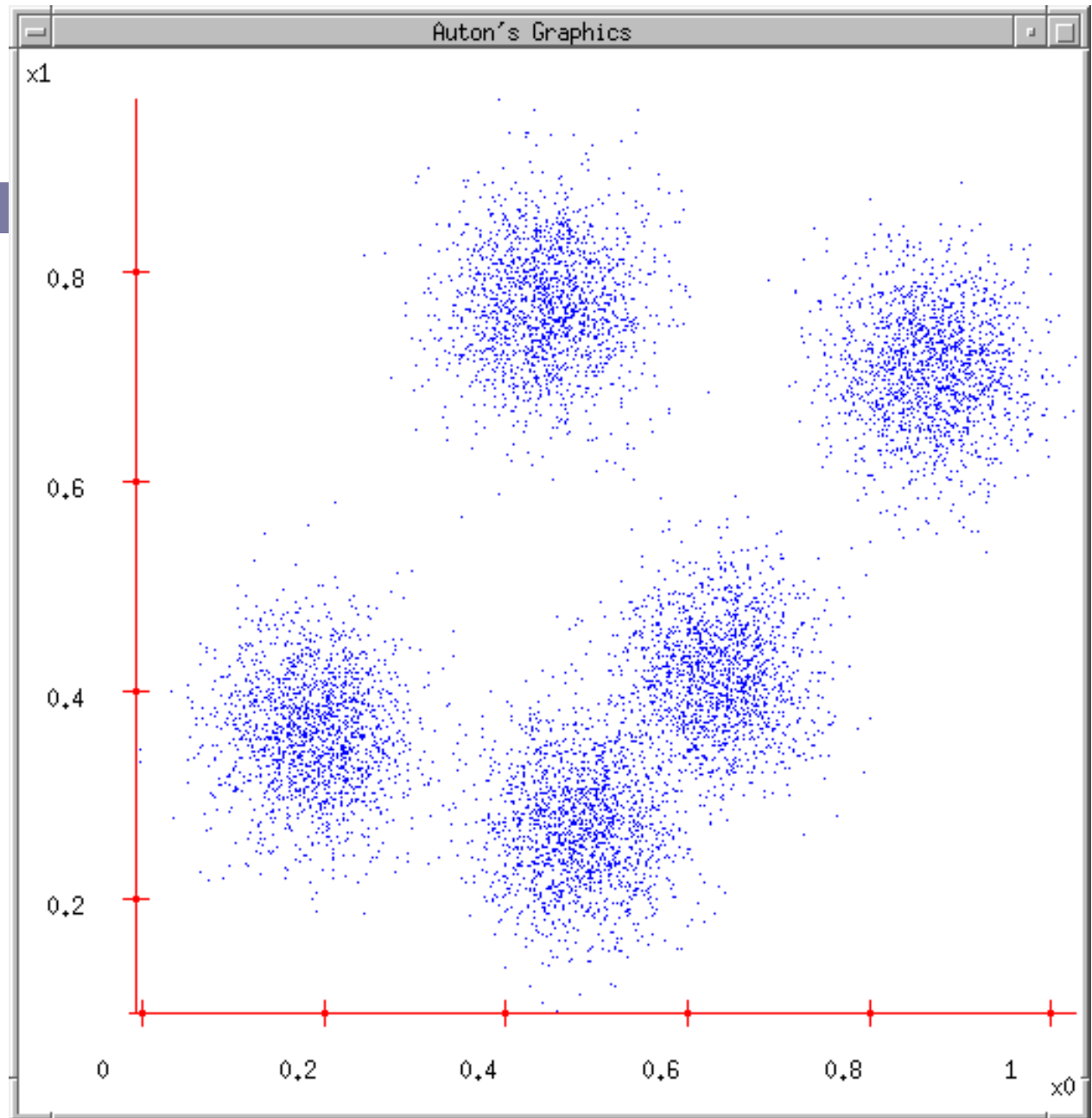
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# Some Data



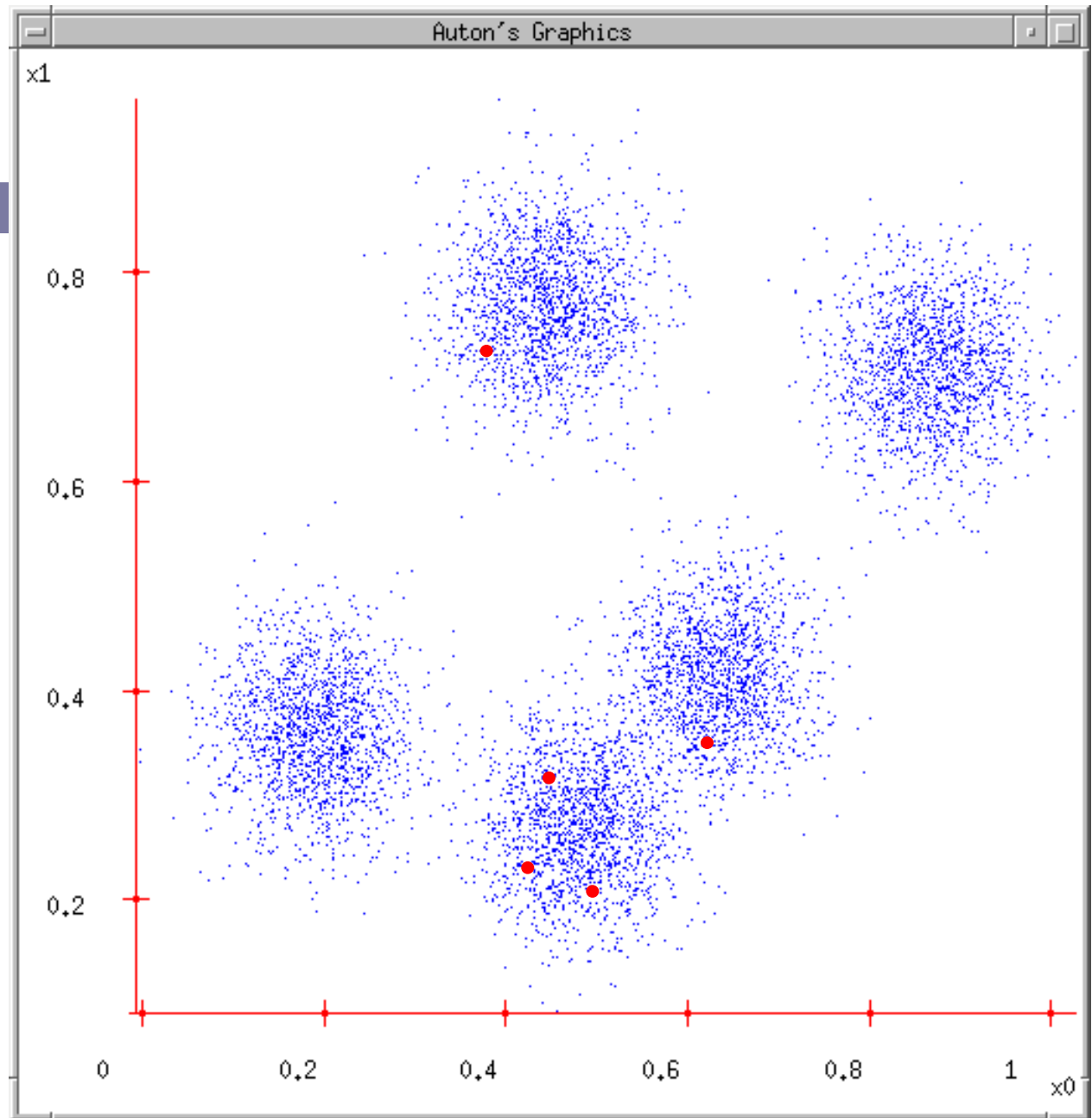
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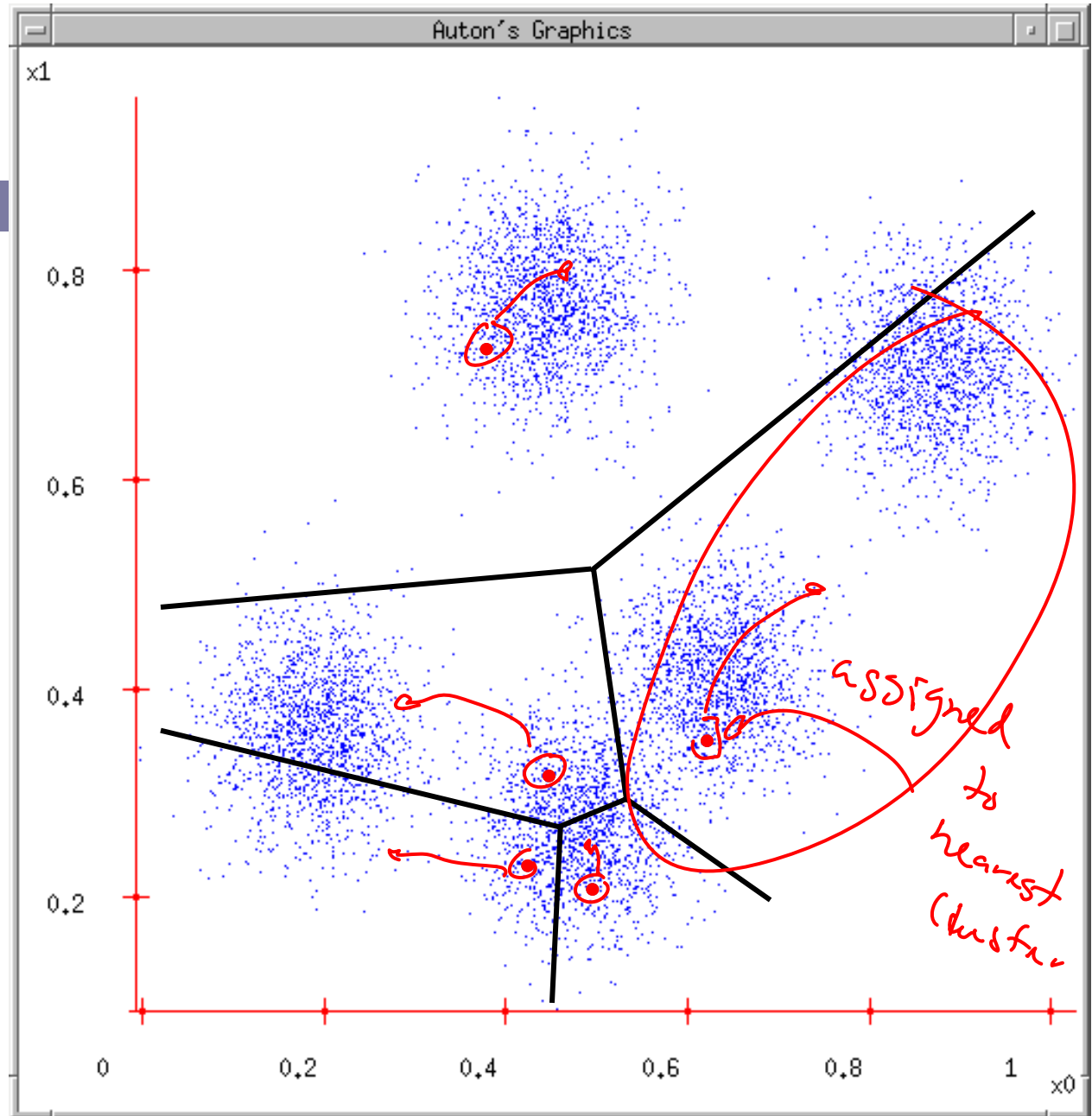
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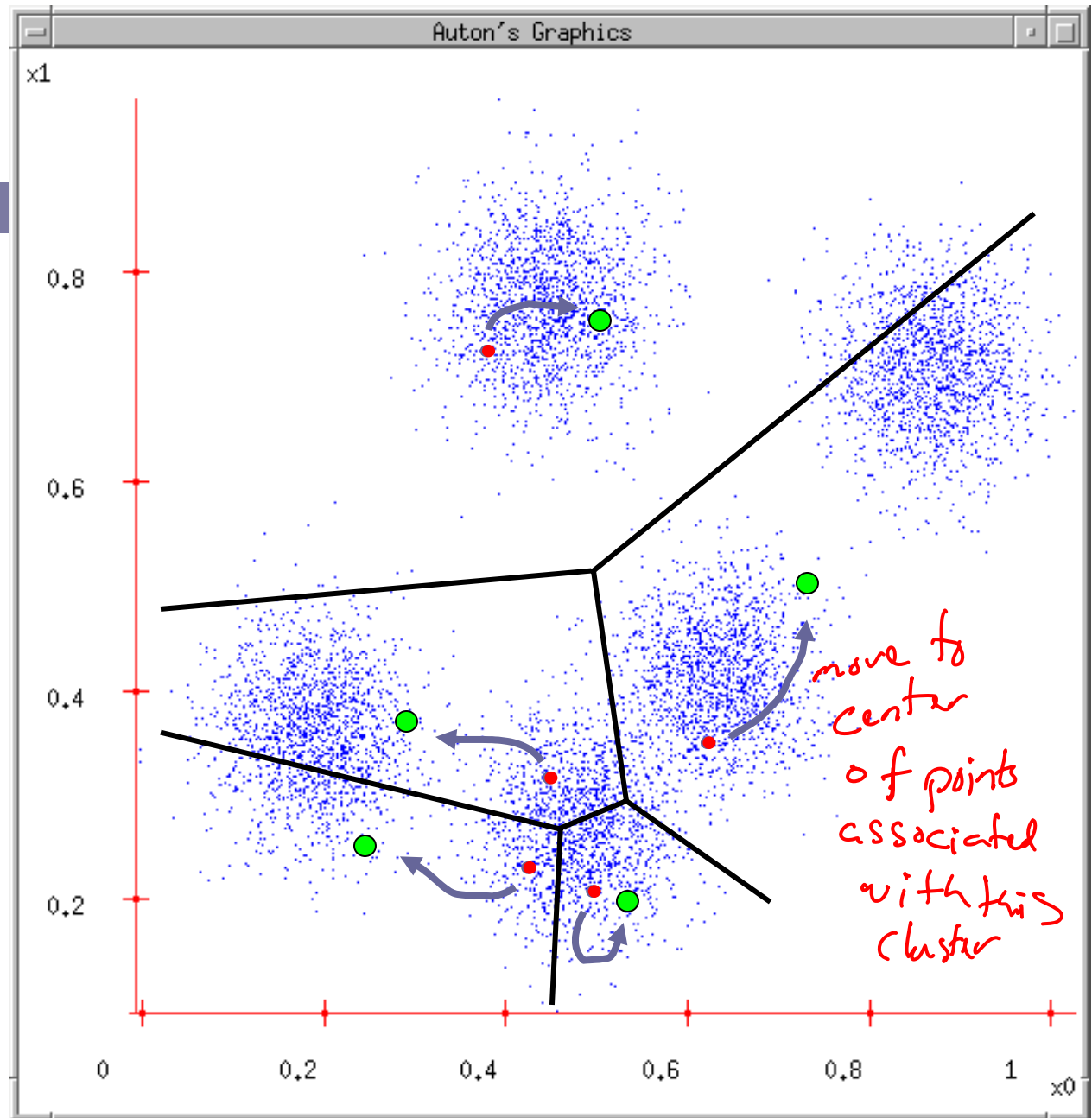
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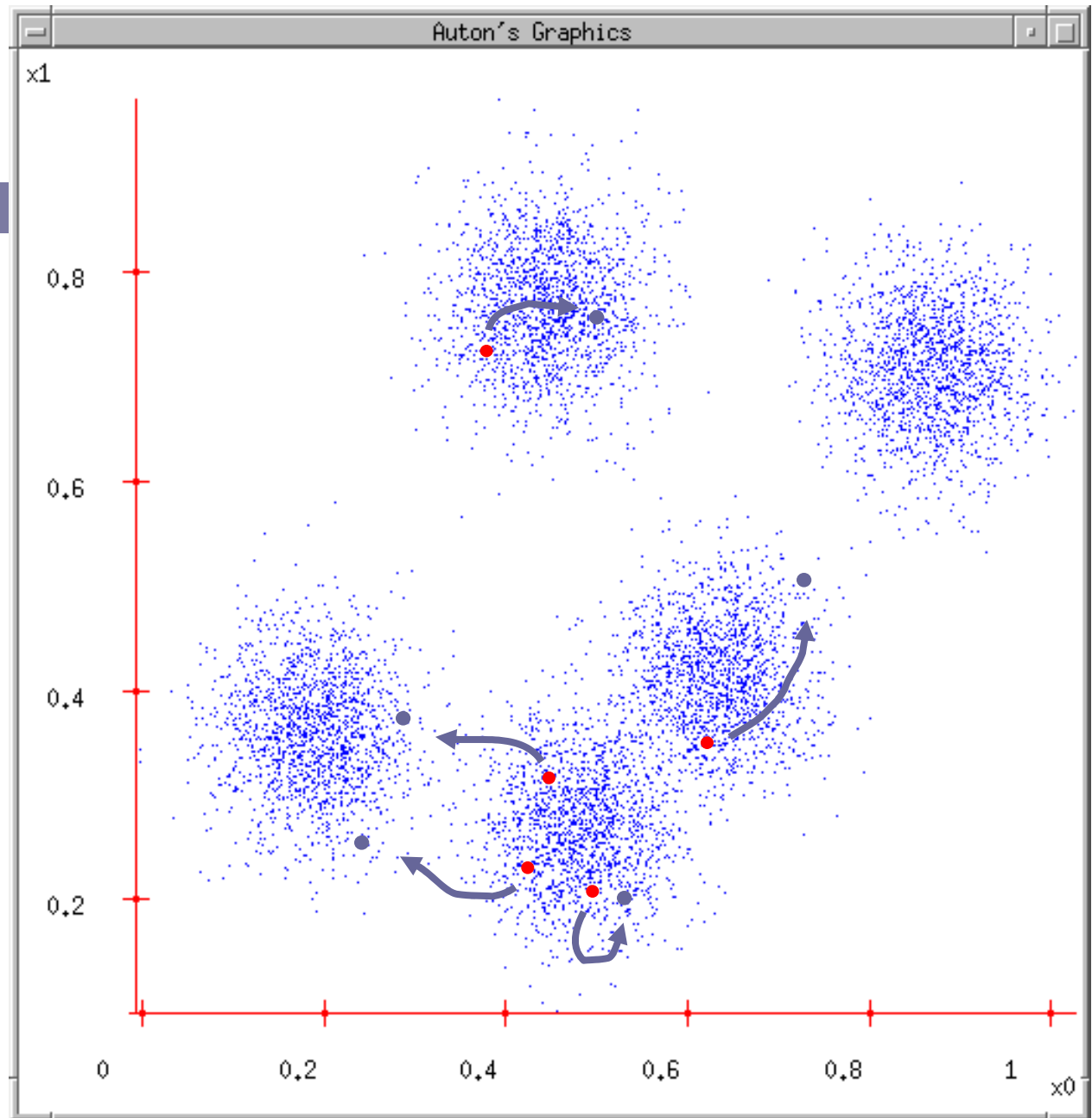
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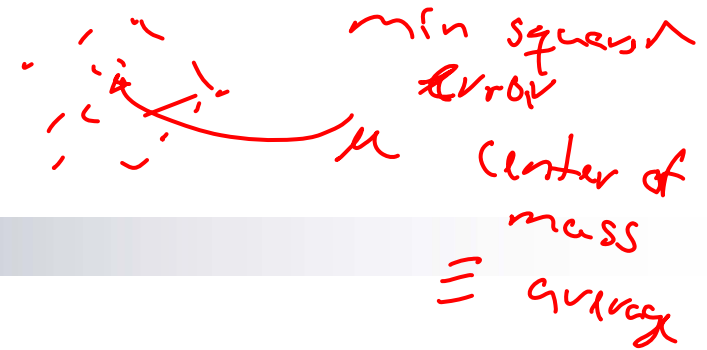


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5. ...and jumps there
6. ...Repeat until terminated!



# K-means



- Randomly initialize  $k$  centers

- $\mu^{(0)} = \mu_1^{(0)}, \dots, \mu_k^{(0)}$

- **Classify:** Assign each point  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  to nearest center: *iteration t*

- $C^{(t)}(j) \leftarrow \arg \min_i \|\mu_i - x_j\|^2$   
*data point j*      *nearest center*

- **Recenter:**  $\mu_i$  becomes centroid of its point:

- $\mu_i^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \arg \min_{\mu} \sum_{j: C(j)=i} \|\mu - x_j\|^2$   
*distance*

- Equivalent to  $\mu_i \leftarrow$  average of its points!



# What is K-means optimizing?

- Potential function  $F(\mu, C)$  of centers  $\mu$  and point allocations  $C$ :

- $$F(\mu, C) = \sum_{j=1}^m \|\mu_{C(j)} - x_j\|^2$$

distance between  $x_j$  &  
 $\mu_{C(j)}$  ← (cluster center of  $x_j$ )  
nearest

- Optimal K-means:

- $\min_{\mu} \min_C F(\mu, C)$

center locations      assignment points to clusters

# Does K-means converge??? Part 1

- Optimize potential function:

$$\min_{\mu} \min_C F(\mu, C) = \min_{\mu} \min_C \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j: C(j)=i} \|\mu_i - x_j\|^2$$

*clusters* (pointing to  $k$ )  
*sum over points in cluster i* (pointing to the inner sum)

- Fix  $\mu$ , optimize C

*set  $\mu$  to  $\hat{\mu}$ , opt. over C*

$$\min_C \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j: C(j)=i} \|\hat{\mu}_i - x_j\|^2 = \min_C \sum_{j=1}^m \|\hat{\mu}_{C(j)} - x_j\|^2$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^m \min_{C(j)} \|\hat{\mu}_{C(j)} - x_j\|^2$$

*because assign of  $C(j)$  is choose independently of  $C(k)$*  (pointing to the min over  $C(j)$ )

*independently pick  $C(j) = \arg\min_i \|\hat{\mu}_i - x_j\|^2$*   
~~Re-Cluster~~ *Classification*

# Does K-means converge??? Part 2

- Optimize potential function:

$$\min_{\mu} \min_C F(\mu, C) = \min_{\mu} \min_C \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j: C(j)=i} \|\mu_i - x_j\|^2$$

- Fix C, optimize  $\mu$

set C to  $\hat{C}$

$$\min_{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j: \hat{C}(j)=i} \|\mu_i - x_j\|^2 = \text{can pick centers } \mu_i \text{ independently}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k \min_{\mu_i} \sum_{j: \hat{C}(j)=i} \|\mu_i - x_j\|^2$$

recenter

$$\mu_i = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mu_i} \sum_{j: \hat{C}(j)=i} \|\mu_i - x_j\|^2$$

# Coordinate descent algorithms

$$\min_{\mu} \min_C F(\mu, C) = \min_{\mu} \min_C \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j: C(j)=i} \|\mu_i - x_j\|^2$$

$\geq 0$

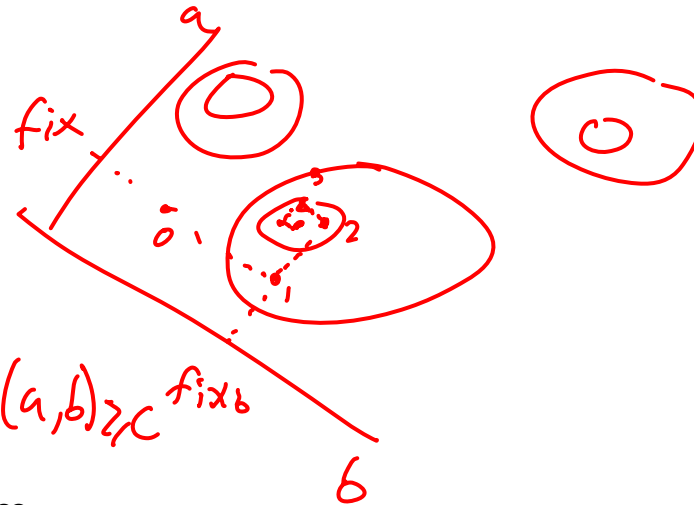
■ Want:  $\min_a \min_b F(a, b)$

■ Coordinate descent:

- ☐ fix  $a$ , minimize  $b$
- ☐ fix  $b$ , minimize  $a$
- ☐ repeat

■ Converges!!!

- ☐ if  $F$  is bounded
- ☐ to a (often good) local optimum
  - as we saw in applet (play with it!)



$$\exists C \forall a, b \quad F(a, b) \geq C \text{ fix } b$$

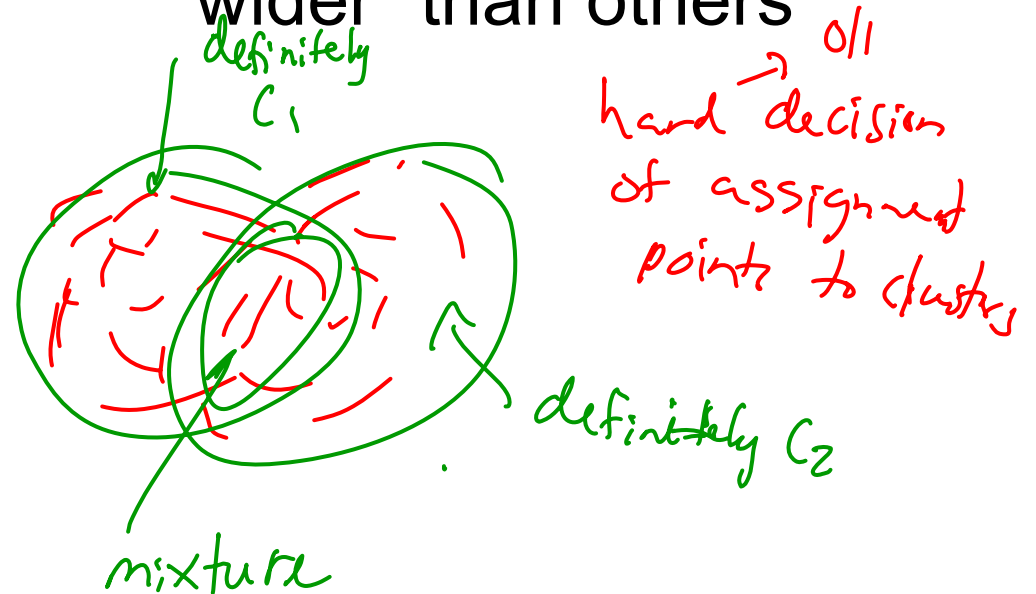
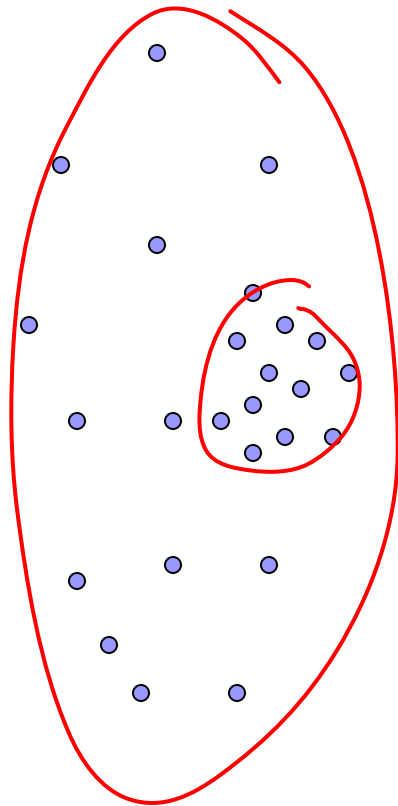
$$\text{fix } \mu \quad \text{OPT } C$$

$$\text{fix } C \quad \text{OPT } \mu$$

■ K-means is a coordinate descent algorithm!

# (One) bad case for k-means

- Clusters may overlap
- Some clusters may be “wider” than others



k-means  
can't do this

# Gaussian Bayes Classifier

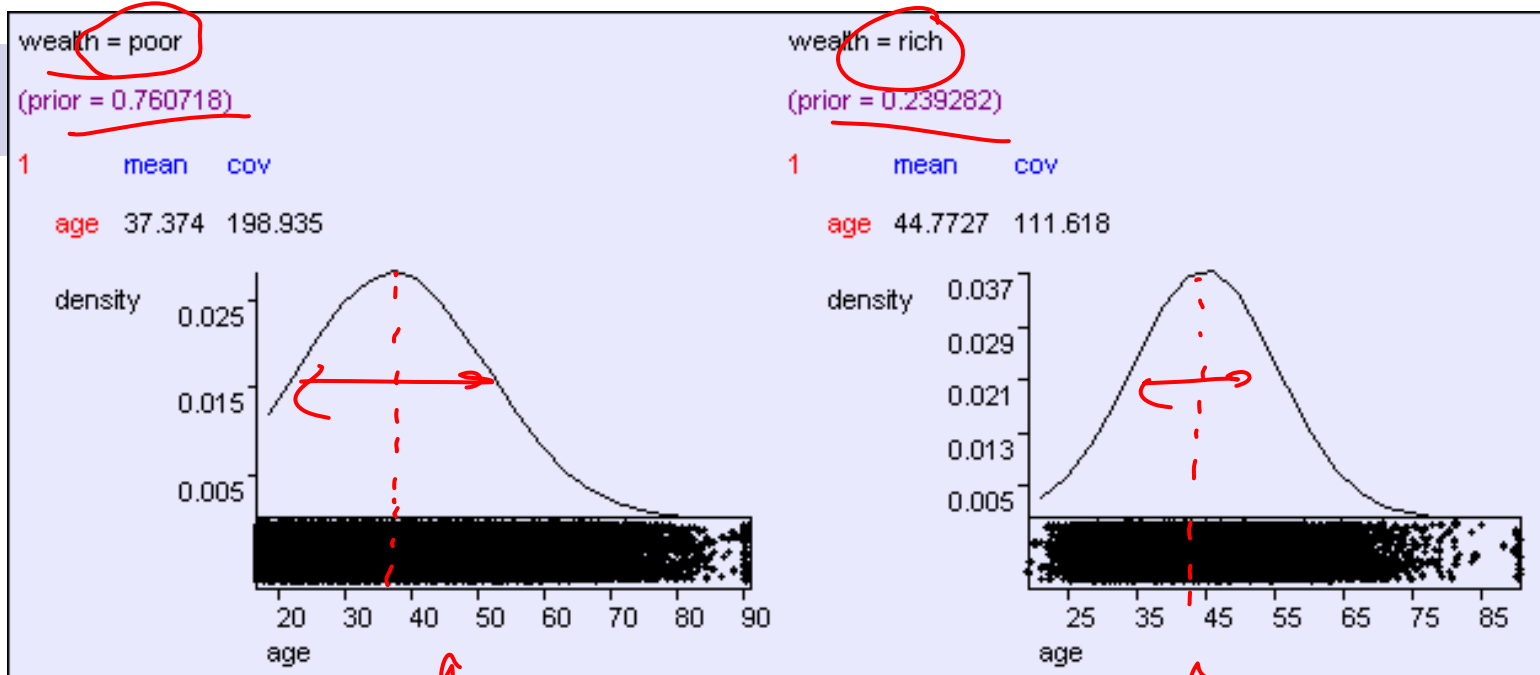
## Reminder

$$P(y = i | \mathbf{x}_j) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_j | y = i)P(y = i)}{p(\mathbf{x}_j)}$$

$$P(y = i | \mathbf{x}_j) \propto \underbrace{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{m/2} \|\Sigma_i\|^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_j - \mu_i)^T \Sigma_i^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_j - \mu_i)\right]}_{\text{Gaussian likelihood}} \underbrace{P(y = i)}_{\text{prior}}$$

*Handwritten notes:*  
-  $\mu_i$ : class mean  
-  $\Sigma_i$ : class covariance

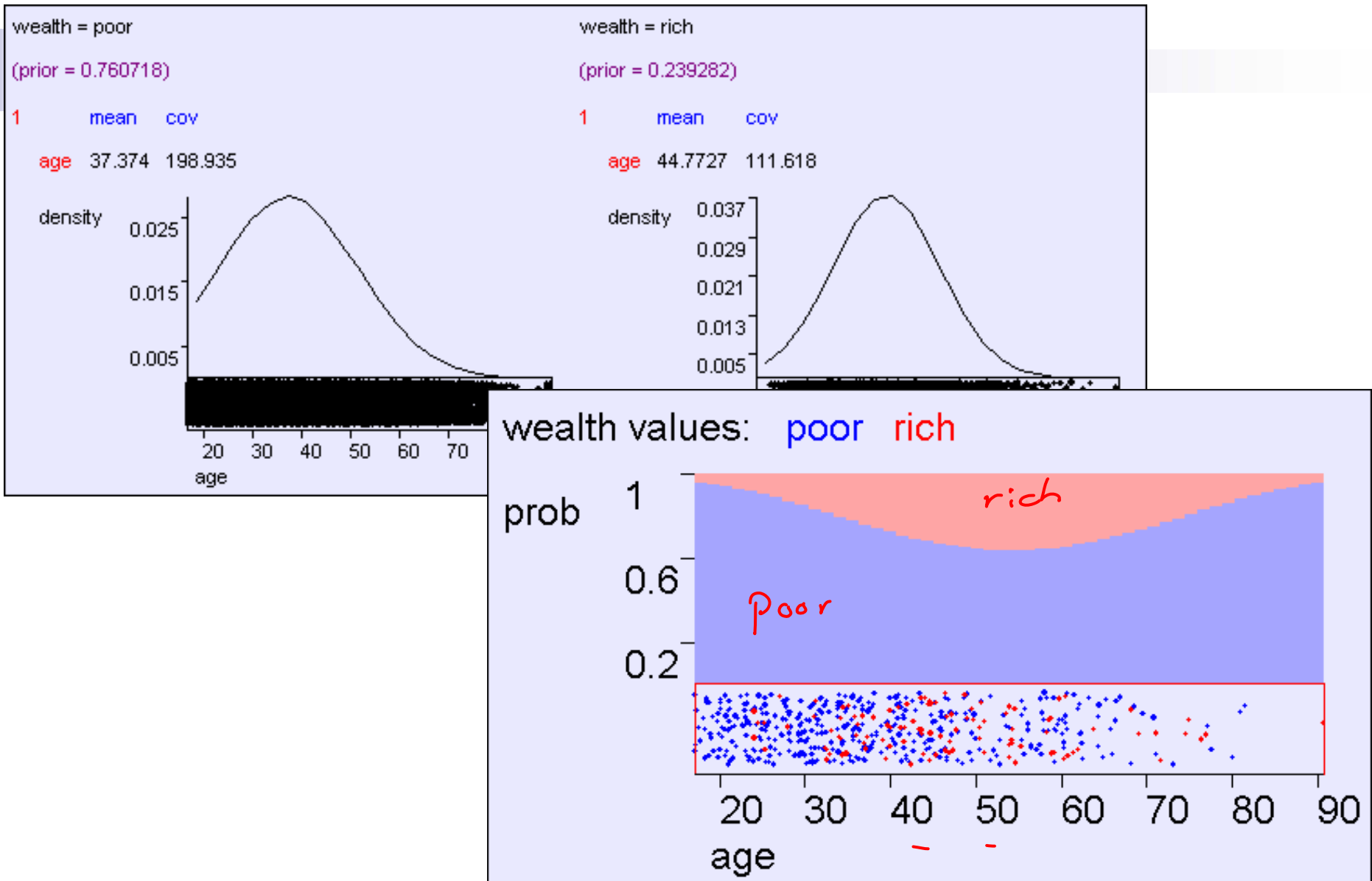
# Predicting wealth from age



$$p(x|y=\text{poor})$$

$$p(x|y=\text{rich})$$

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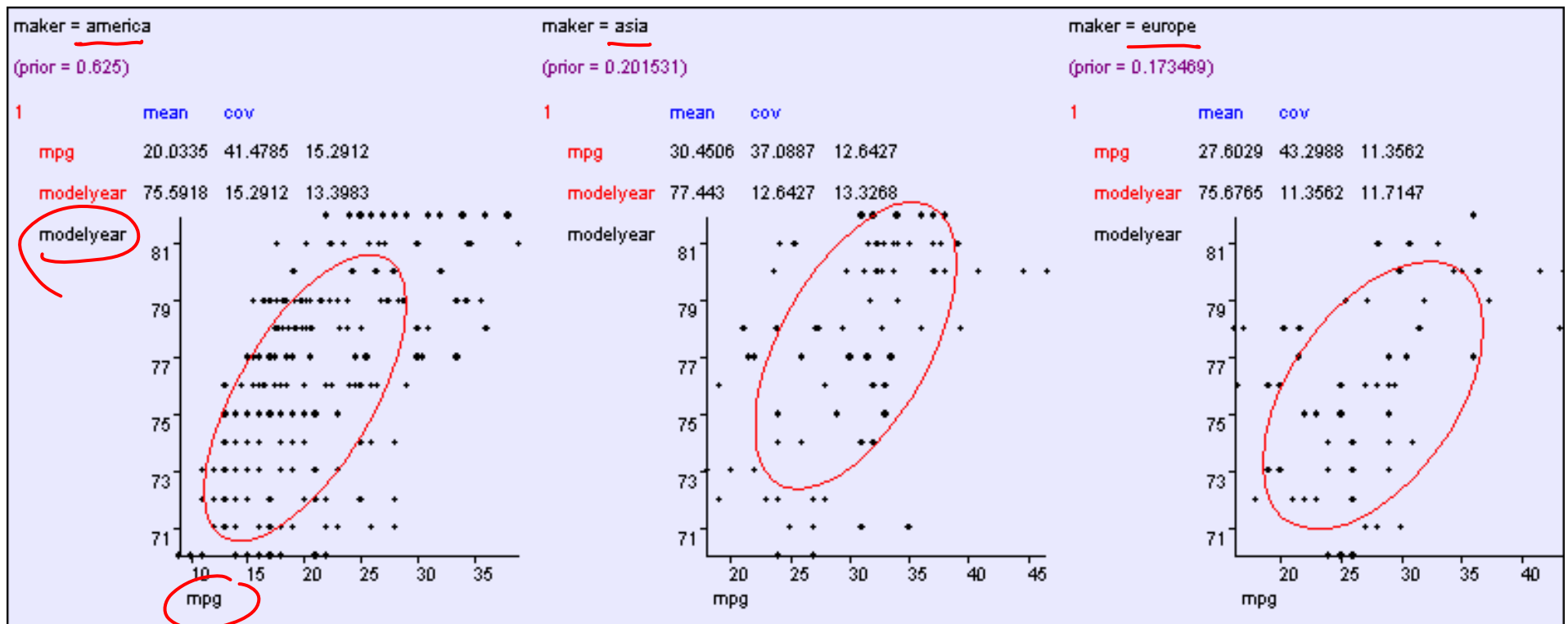


# Learning modelyear ,

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$$P(x|y_i) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \Sigma_i)$$

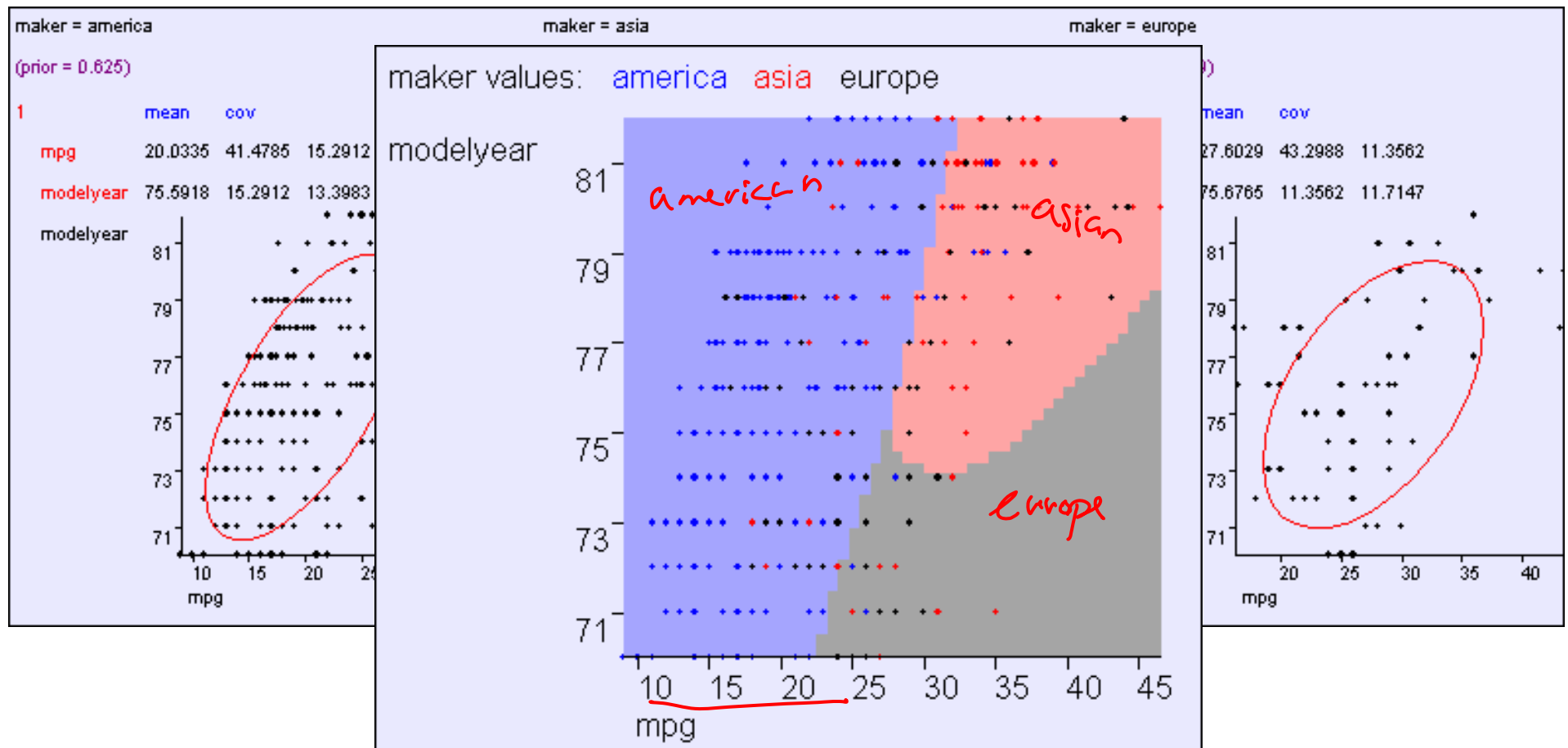
$$\Sigma_i = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11}^2 & \sigma_{12} & \cdots & \sigma_{1m} \\ \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{22}^2 & \cdots & \sigma_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{1m} & \sigma_{2m} & \cdots & \sigma_m^2 \end{pmatrix}$$



# General: $O(m^2)$

parameters

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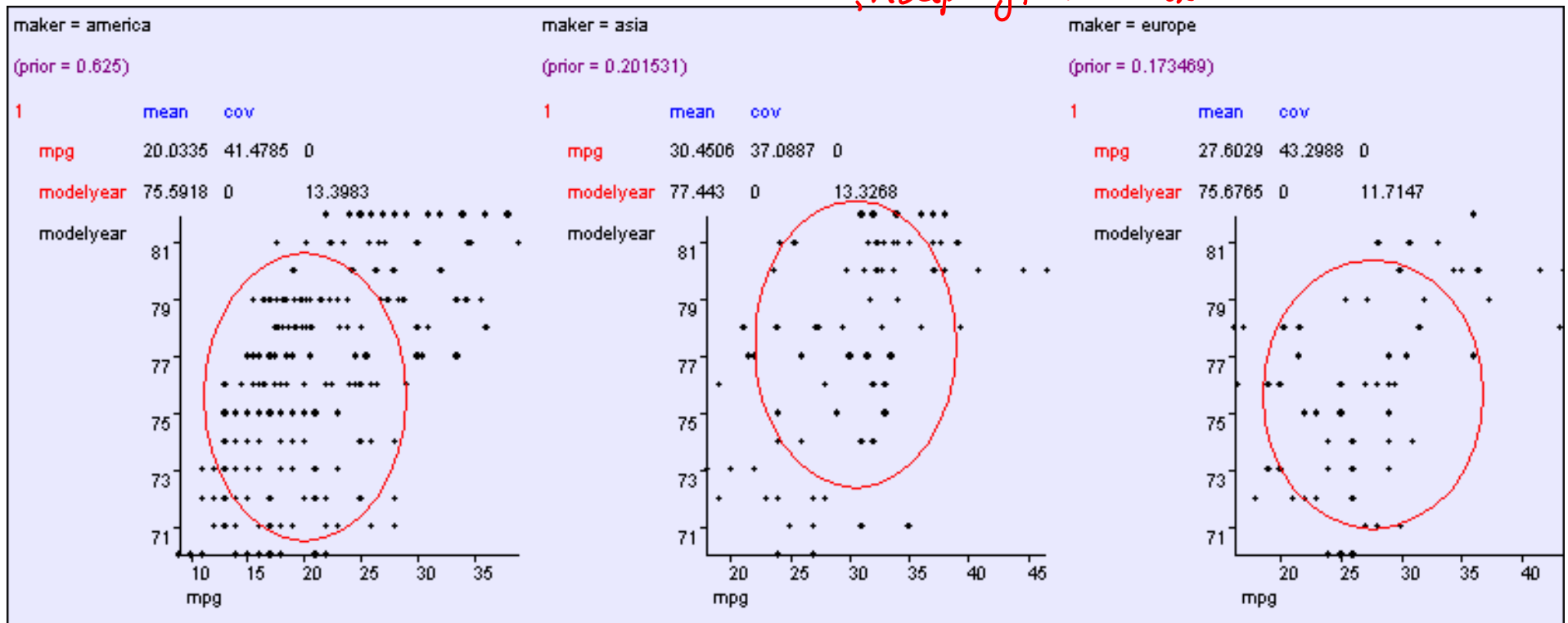


# Aligned: $O(m)$

## parameters

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3^2 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_{m-1}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \sigma_m^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

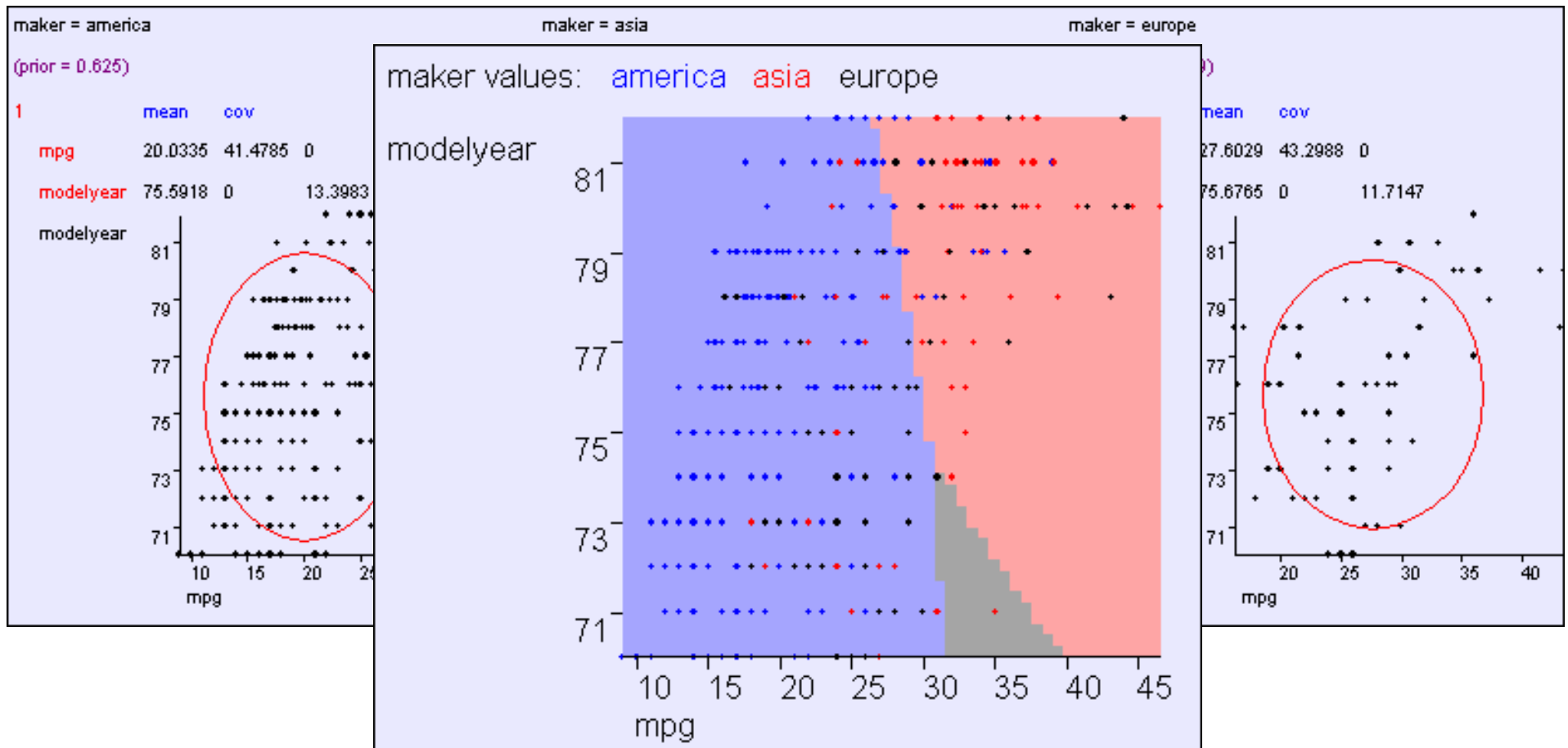
features indep. given class



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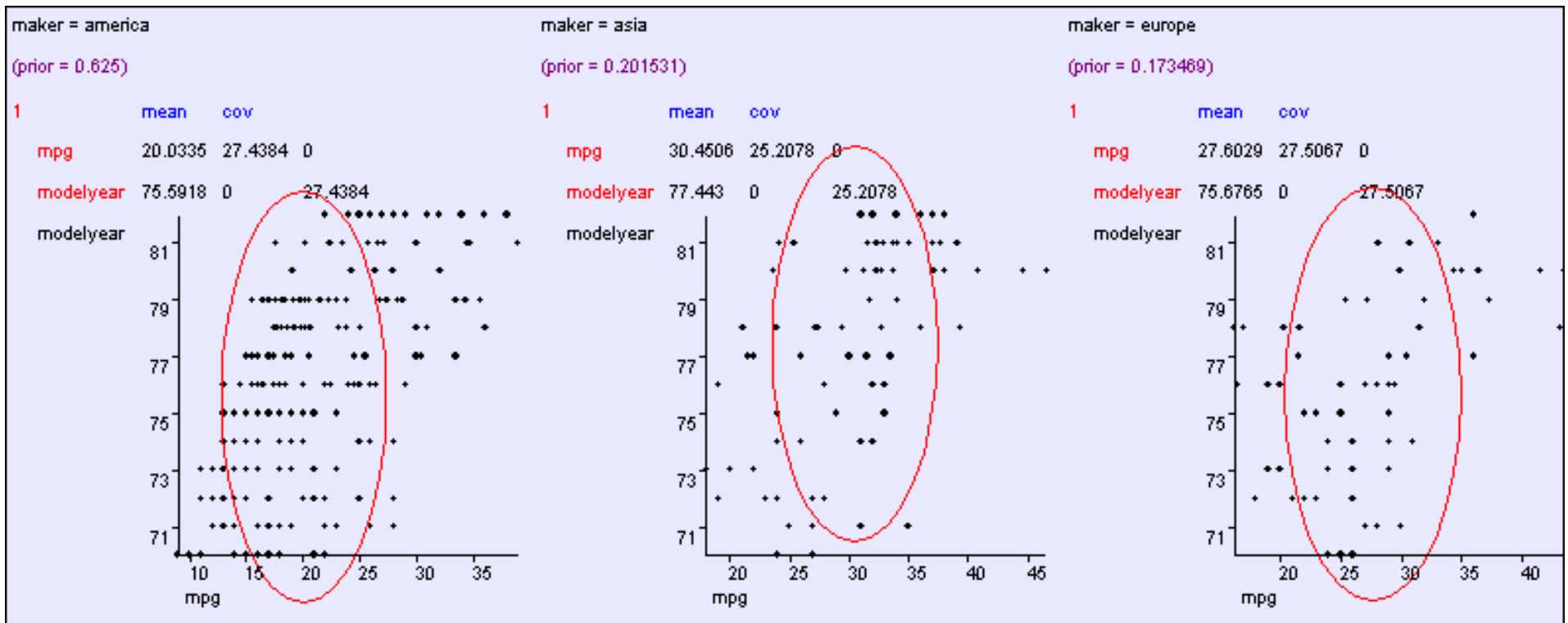
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# Spherical: $O(1)$ cov parameters

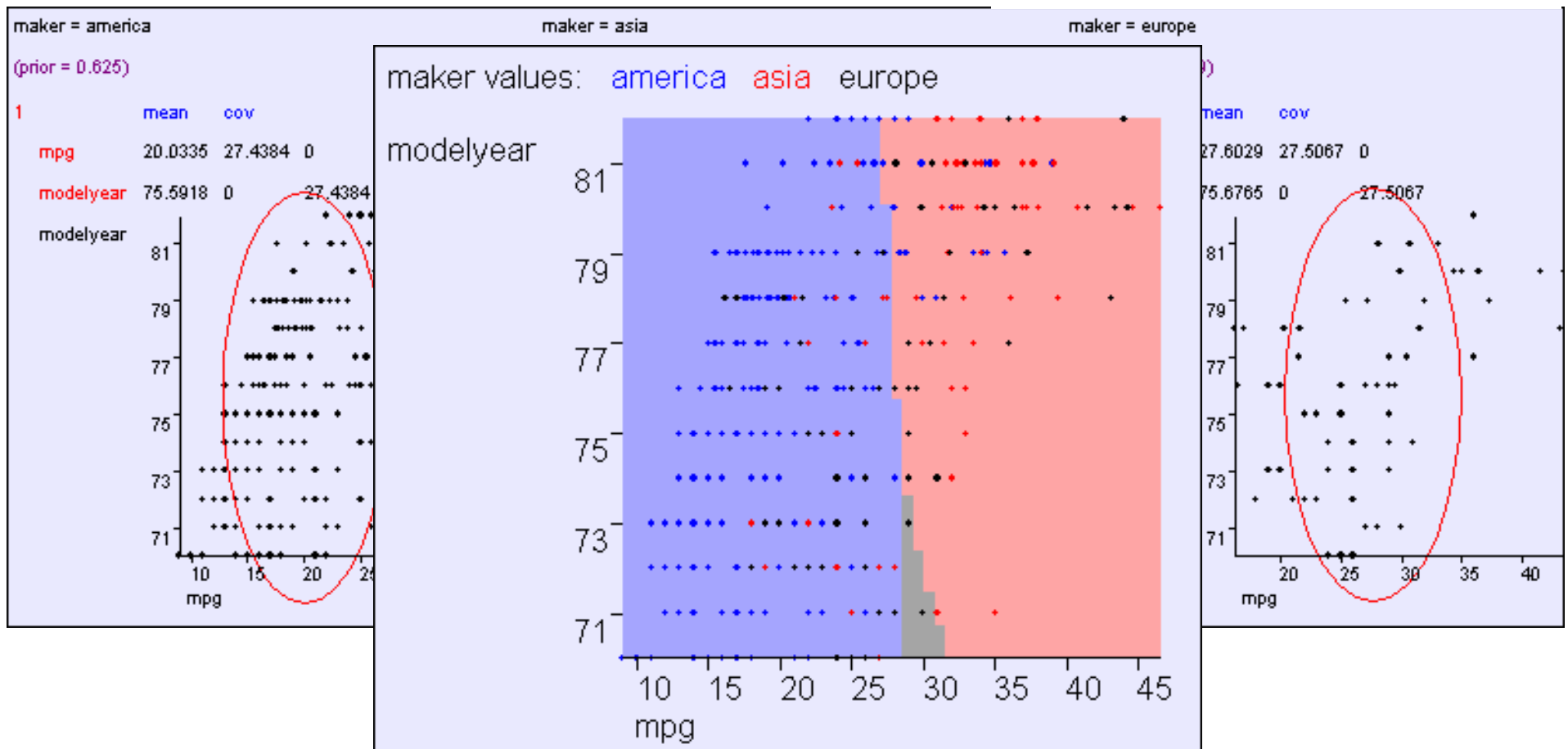
every class  
same  
signature

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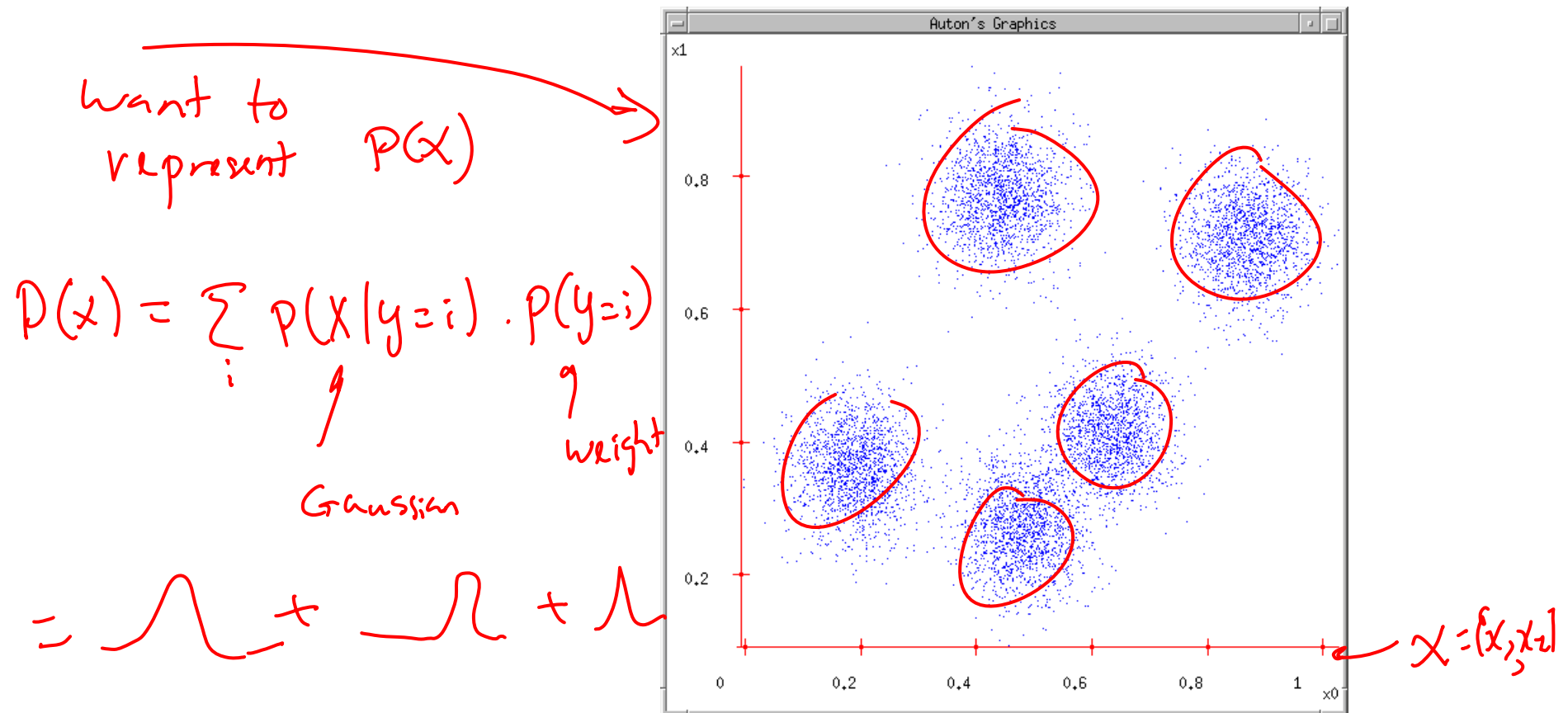
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## Next... back to Density Estimation

What if we want to do density estimation with multimodal or clumpy data?



# But we don't see class labels!!!

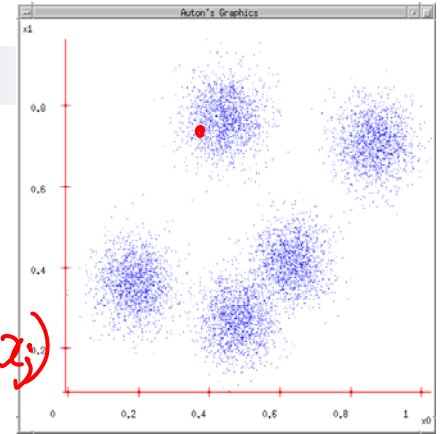
## MLE:

$$\square \operatorname{argmax} \prod_j P(y_j, x_j)$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax} \log \prod_j P(y_j, x_j) = \operatorname{argmax} \sum_j \log P(y_j, x_j)$$

Same as  
MLE

typically easy



## But we don't know $y_j$ 's!!!

## Maximize marginal likelihood:

$$\square \operatorname{argmax} \prod_j P(x_j) = \operatorname{argmax} \prod_j \sum_{i=1}^k P(y_j=i, x_j)$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax} \sum_j \log \sum_{i=1}^k P(y_j=i, x_j)$$

log sum  $\rightarrow$  typically hard



# Special case: spherical Gaussians and hard assignments

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8 features

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$P(y=i)$   
 $\frac{1}{K}$  uniform about all clusters

- If each  $\mathbf{x}_j$  belongs to one class  $C(j)$  (hard assignment), marginal likelihood:

$$\max_C \max_{\mu} \log \prod_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^k P(\mathbf{x}_j, y = i) \propto \prod_{j=1}^m \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x}_j - \mu_{C(j)}\|^2\right] = \sum_{j=1}^m -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x}_j - \mu_{C(j)}\|^2$$

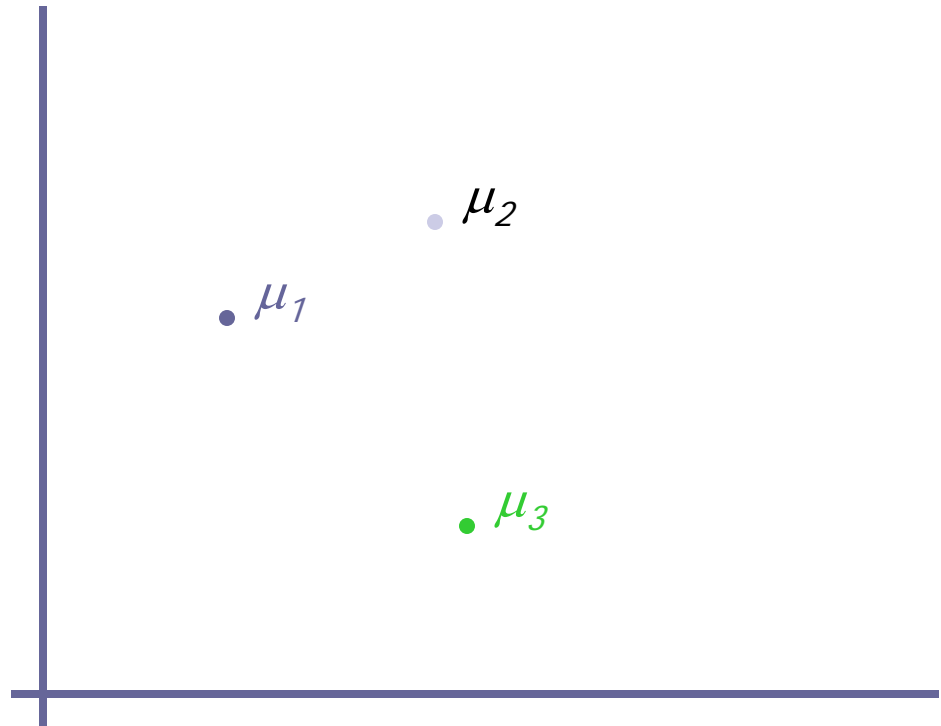
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narrow special case of fitting mixtures of Gaussians

Gaussian Mixture Models

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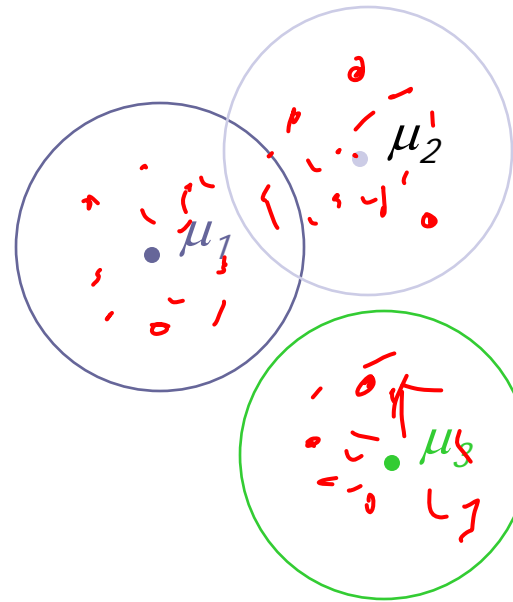
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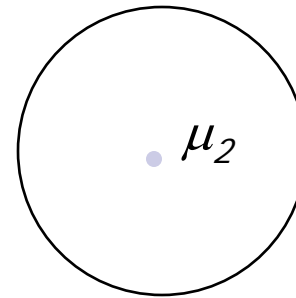


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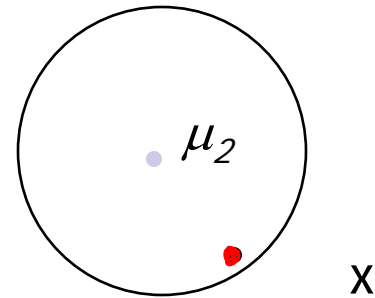


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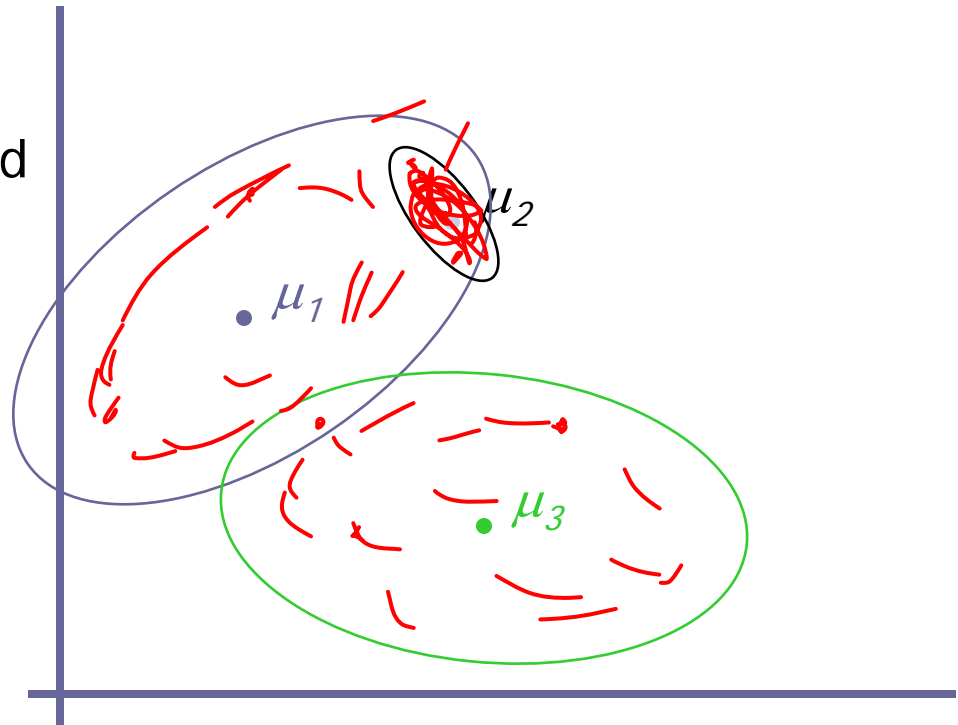
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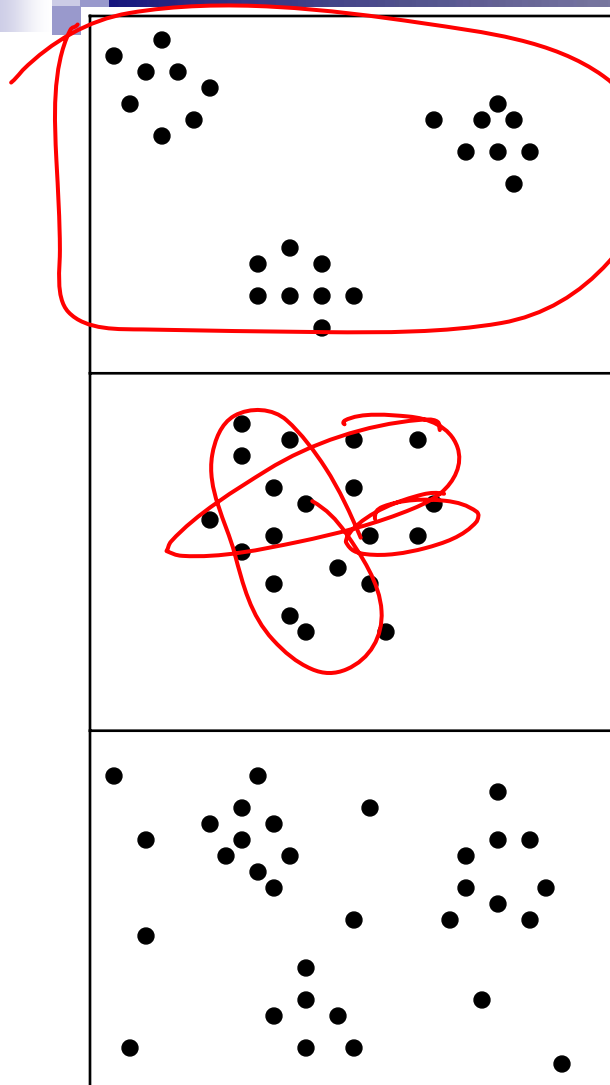
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*general covariance matrix*

# Unsupervised Learning: not as hard as it looks



well-separated

Sometimes easy

Sometimes impossible

and sometimes in between

*IN CASE YOU'RE  
WONDERING WHAT  
THESE DIAGRAMS ARE,  
THEY SHOW 2-d  
UNLABELED DATA (X  
VECTORS)  
DISTRIBUTED IN 2-d  
SPACE. THE TOP ONE  
HAS THREE VERY  
CLEAR GAUSSIAN  
CENTERS*

# Marginal likelihood for general case

$$P(y = i | \mathbf{x}_j) \propto \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{m/2} \|\Sigma_i\|^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_j - \mu_i)^T \Sigma_i^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_j - \mu_i)\right] P(y = i)$$

## ■ Marginal likelihood:

$$\log \prod_{j=1}^m P(\mathbf{x}_j) = \log \prod_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^k P(\mathbf{x}_j, y = i)$$

$$= \log \prod_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{m/2} \|\Sigma_i\|^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_j - \mu_i)^T \Sigma_i^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_j - \mu_i)\right] P(y = i)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^m \log \sum_{i=1}^k$$

defn. of GMM  $x_j \leftarrow$  observed  
 assumption:  $x_j \sim$  GMM  
 $P(x_j) = \sum P(y=i) \cdot P(x_j | y=i)$   
 don't observe  $y_j$   $\Rightarrow$  max  $P(x_j)$  Gaussian



# Special case 2: spherical Gaussians and soft assignments

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- Uncertain about class of each  $\mathbf{x}_j$  (soft assignment), marginal likelihood:

$$\prod_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^k P(\mathbf{x}_j, y = i) \propto \prod_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^k \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x}_j - \mu_i\|^2\right] P(y = i)$$

$P(\mathbf{x}_j | y = i)$

guess  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k \rightarrow$  compute  $P(\mathbf{x}_j | y = i)$

recompute centers weighed by prob.

# Unsupervised Learning: Mediumly Good News

We now have a procedure s.t. if you give me a guess at  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \dots \mu_k$ ,  
I can tell you the prob of the unlabeled data given those  $\mu$ 's.

for each  $x$  given  $\mu$   $P(x|\mu) = N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

Suppose  $x$ 's are 1-dimensional.

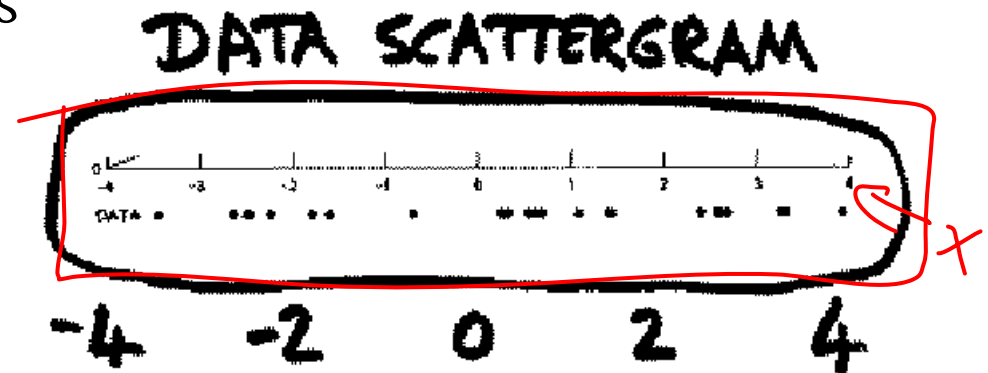
(From Duda and Hart)

There are two classes;  $w_1$  and  $w_2$

$P(y_1) = 1/3$   $P(y_2) = 2/3$   $\sigma = 1$

There are 25 unlabeled datapoints

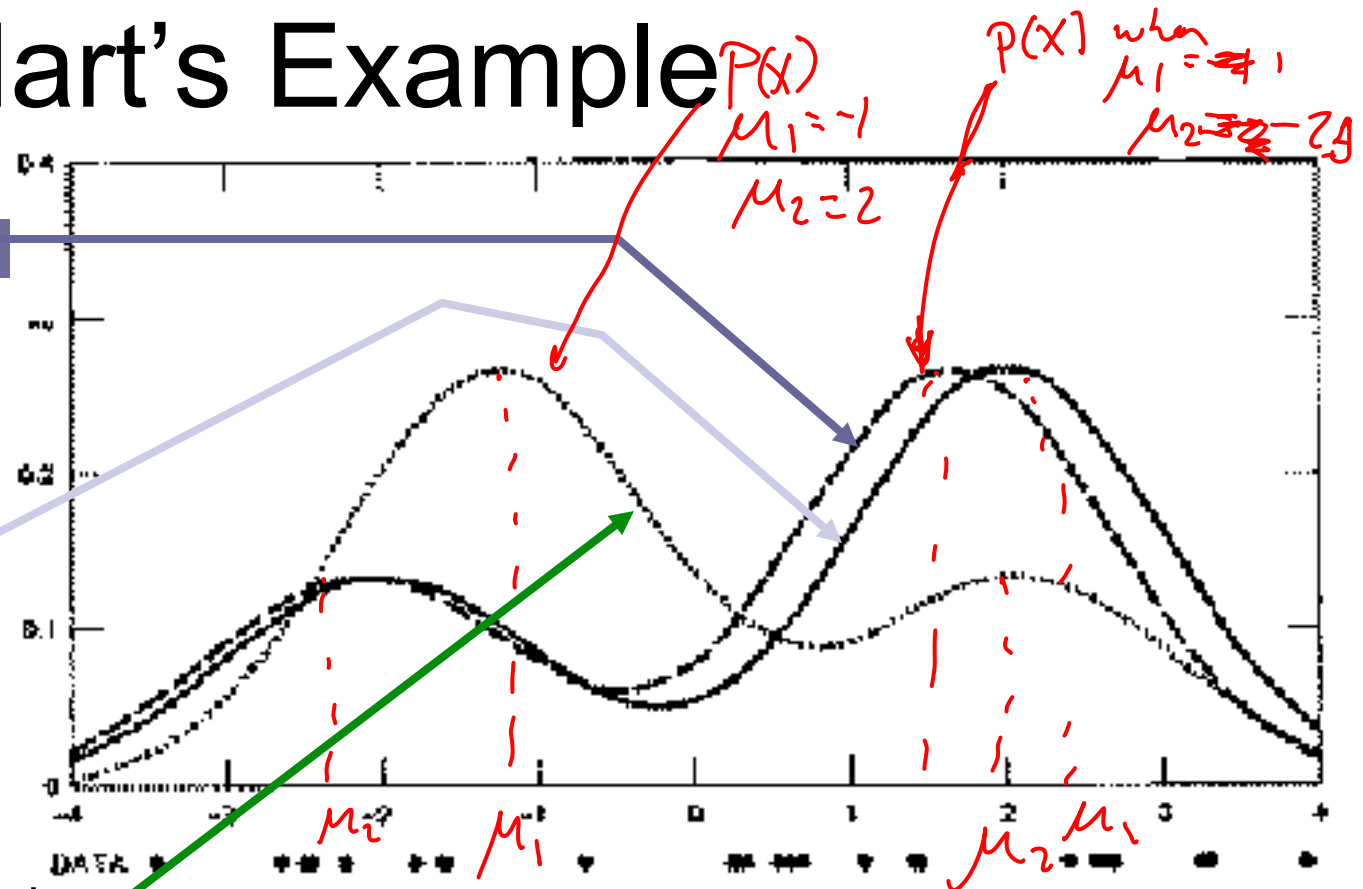
$x_1 = 0.608$   
 $x_2 = -1.590$   
 $x_3 = 0.235$   
 $x_4 = 3.949$   
 $\vdots$   
 $x_{25} = -0.712$



# Duda & Hart's Example

We can graph the prob. dist. function of data given our  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  estimates.

We can also graph the true function from which the data was randomly generated.



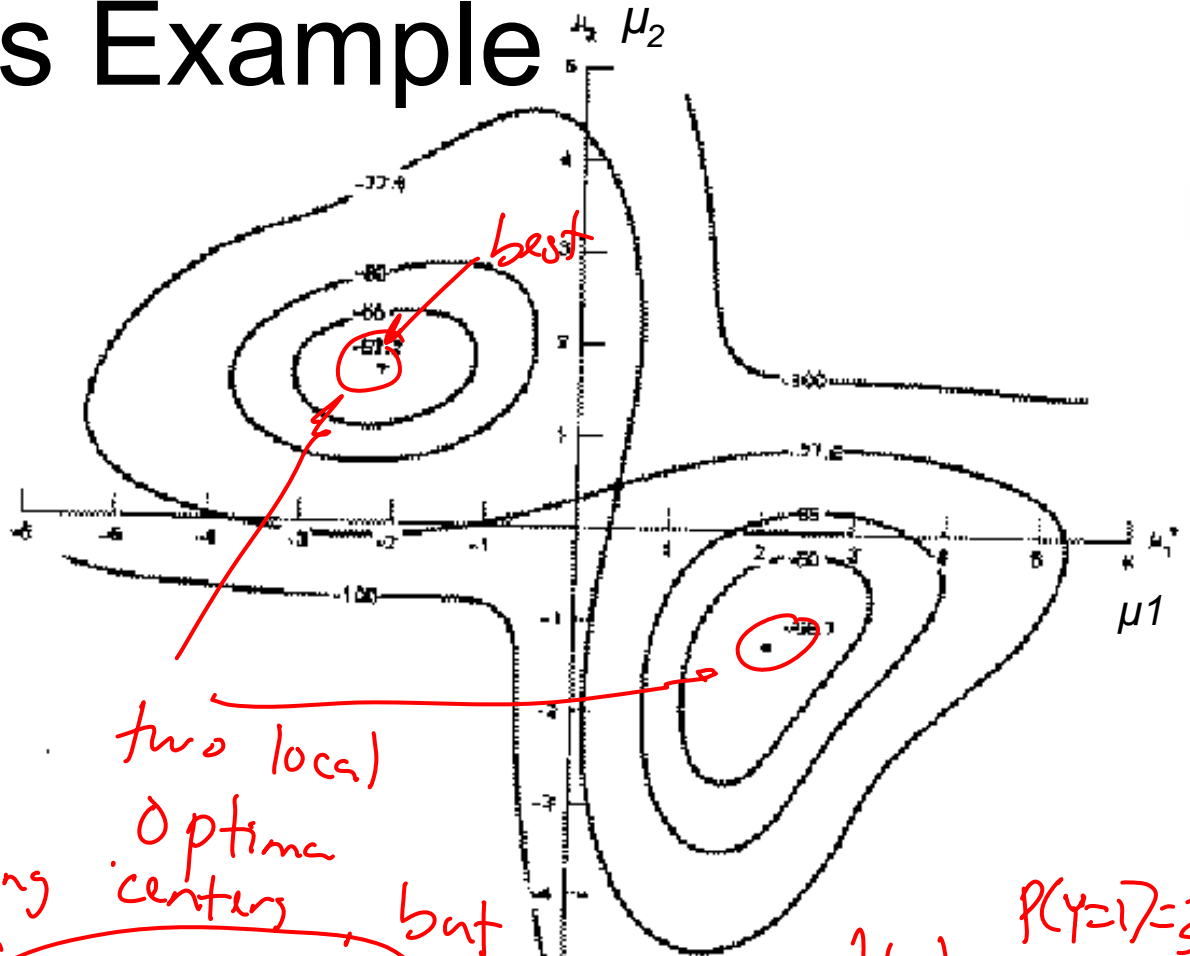
- They are close. Good.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> solution tries to put the "2/3" hump where the "1/3" hump should go, and vice versa.
- In this example unsupervised is almost as good as supervised. If the  $x_1 \dots x_{25}$  are given the class which was used to learn them, then the results are  $(\mu_1 = -2.176, \mu_2 = 1.684)$ . Unsupervised got  $(\mu_1 = -2.13, \mu_2 = 1.668)$ .

# Duda & Hart's Example



$\max_{\mu} P(X|\mu)$

Graph of  
 $\log P(x_1, x_2 \dots x_{25} | \mu_1, \mu_2)$   
 against  $\mu_1 (\rightarrow)$  and  $\mu_2 (\uparrow)$



Max likelihood =  $(\mu_1 = -2.13, \mu_2 = 1.668)$

Local minimum, but very close to global at  $(\mu_1 = 2.085, \mu_2 = -1.257)^*$

\* corresponds to switching  $y_1$  with  $y_2$ .

but we knew that  
 $P(y=1) = \frac{2}{3}$   
 $P(y=2) = \frac{1}{3}$

# Finding the max likelihood $\mu_1, \mu_2 \dots \mu_k$

We can compute  $P(\text{data} \mid \mu_1, \mu_2 \dots \mu_k)$

How do we find the  $\mu_i$ 's which give max. likelihood?

- The normal max likelihood trick:

$$\text{Set } \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_i} \log \text{Prob} (\dots) = 0$$

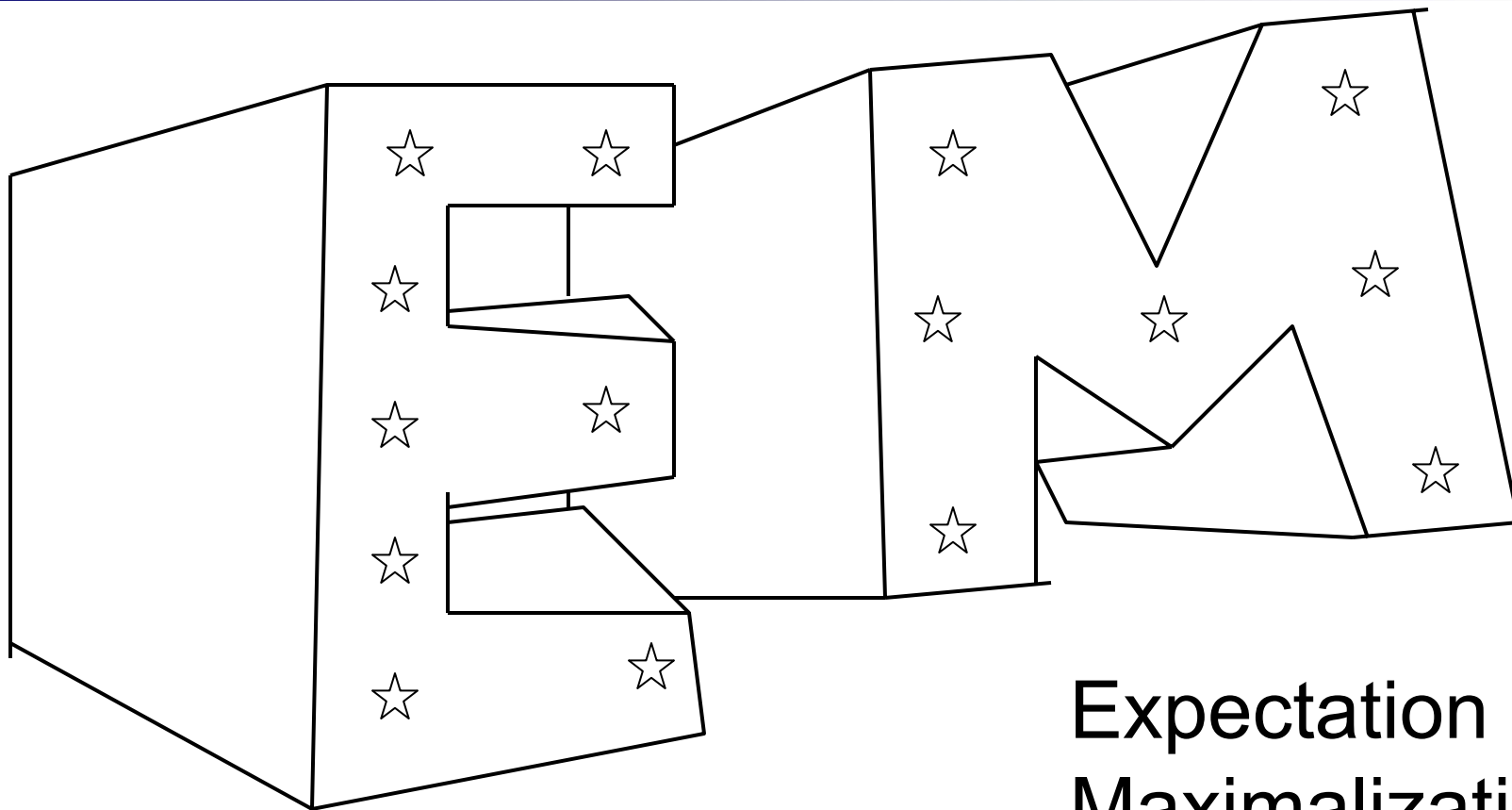
and solve for  $\mu_i$ 's.

# Here you get non-linear non-analytically-solvable equations

- Use gradient descent

Slow but doable

- Use a much faster, cuter, and recently very popular method...



Expectation  
Maximalization

# The E.M. Algorithm



DETOUR

- We'll get back to unsupervised learning soon.
- But now we'll look at an even simpler case with hidden information.
- The EM algorithm
  - Can do trivial things, such as the contents of the next few slides.
  - An excellent way of doing our unsupervised learning problem, as we'll see.
  - Many, many other uses, including inference of Hidden Markov Models (future lecture).

# Silly Example

Let events be “grades in a class”

$w_1$  = Gets an A

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$w_2$  = Gets a B

$$P(B) = \mu$$

$w_3$  = Gets a C

$$P(C) = 2\mu$$

$w_4$  = Gets a D

$$P(D) = \frac{1}{2} - 3\mu$$

(Note  $0 \leq \mu \leq 1/6$ )

Assume we want to estimate  $\mu$  from data. In a given class there were

a A's

b B's

c C's

d D's

What's the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\mu$  given a,b,c,d ?



# Trivial Statistics

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(B) = \mu \quad P(C) = 2\mu \quad P(D) = \frac{1}{2} - 3\mu$$

$$P(a, b, c, d | \mu) = K \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^a (\mu)^b (2\mu)^c \left(\frac{1}{2} - 3\mu\right)^d$$

$$\log P(a, b, c, d | \mu) = \log K + a \log \frac{1}{2} + b \log \mu + c \log 2\mu + d \log \left(\frac{1}{2} - 3\mu\right)$$

$$\text{FOR MAX LIKE } \mu, \text{ SET } \frac{\partial \text{LogP}}{\partial \mu} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{LogP}}{\partial \mu} = \frac{b}{\mu} + \frac{2c}{2\mu} - \frac{3d}{1/2 - 3\mu} = 0$$

$$\text{Gives max like } \mu = \frac{b + c}{6(b + c + d)}$$

So if class got

A	B	C	D
14	6	9	10

$$\text{Max like } \mu = \frac{1}{10}$$

Boring, but true!

# Same Problem with Hidden Information

Someone tells us that

Number of High grades (A's + B's) =  $h$

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We can answer this question circularly:

## EXPECTATION

If we know the value of  $\mu$  we could compute the expected value of  $a$  and  $b$

Since the ratio  $a:b$  should be the same as the ratio  $\frac{1}{2} : \mu$

$$a = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2} + \mu} h \quad b = \frac{\mu}{\frac{1}{2} + \mu} h$$

## MAXIMIZATION

If we know the expected values of  $a$  and  $b$  we could compute the maximum likelihood value of  $\mu$

$$\mu = \frac{b + c}{6(b + c + d)}$$

# E.M. for our Trivial Problem

REMEMBER

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(B) = \mu$$

$$P(C) = 2\mu$$

$$P(D) = \frac{1}{2} - 3\mu$$

We begin with a guess for  $\mu$

We iterate between EXPECTATION and MAXIMALIZATION to improve our estimates of  $\mu$  and  $a$  and  $b$ .

Define  $\mu^{(t)}$  the estimate of  $\mu$  on the  $t$ 'th iteration

$b^{(t)}$  the estimate of  $b$  on  $t$ 'th iteration

$\mu^{(0)}$  = initial guess

$$b^{(t)} = \frac{\mu^{(t)} h}{\frac{1}{2} + \mu^{(t)}} = E[b | \mu^{(t)}]$$

$$\mu^{(t+1)} = \frac{b^{(t)} + c}{6(b^{(t)} + c + d)}$$

= max like est. of  $\mu$  given  $b^{(t)}$

**E-step**

**M-step**

**Continue iterating until converged.**

**Good news: Converging to local optimum is assured.**

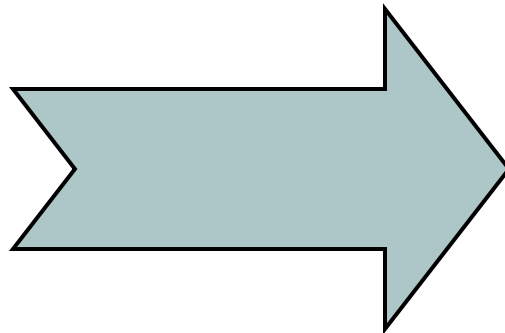
**Bad news: I said "local" optimum.**

# E.M. Convergence

- Convergence proof based on fact that  $\text{Prob}(\text{data} \mid \mu)$  must increase or remain same between each iteration [NOT OBVIOUS]
  - But it can never exceed 1 [OBVIOUS]
- So it must therefore converge [OBVIOUS]

In our example,  
suppose we had

$$\begin{aligned}h &= 20 \\c &= 10 \\d &= 10 \\\mu^{(0)} &= 0\end{aligned}$$



Convergence is generally linear: error decreases by a constant factor each time step.

t	$\mu^{(t)}$	$b^{(t)}$
0	0	0
1	0.0833	2.857
2	0.0937	3.158
3	0.0947	3.185
4	0.0948	3.187
5	0.0948	3.187
6	0.0948	3.187

# Back to Unsupervised Learning of GMMs – a simple case

Remember:

We have unlabeled data  $\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2 \dots \mathbf{x}_m$

We know there are  $k$  classes

We know  $P(y_1) P(y_2) P(y_3) \dots P(y_k)$

We don't know  $\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_k$

We can write  $P(\text{data} \mid \mu_1 \dots \mu_k)$

$$= p(x_1 \dots x_m \mid \mu_1 \dots \mu_k)$$

$$= \prod_{j=1}^m p(x_j \mid \mu_1 \dots \mu_k)$$

$$= \prod_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^k p(x_j \mid \mu_i) P(y = i)$$

$$\propto \prod_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^k \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|x_j - \mu_i\|^2\right) P(y = i)$$

# EM for simple case of GMMs: The E-step

- If we know  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k \rightarrow$  easily compute prob. point  $x_j$  belongs to class  $y=i$

$$p(y=i|x_j, \mu_1 \dots \mu_k) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|x_j - \mu_i\|^2\right) P(y=i)$$

# EM for simple case of GMMs: The M-step

- If we know probab. point  $x_j$  belongs to class  $y=i$ 
  - MLE for  $\mu_i$  is weighted average
- imagine  $k$  copies of each  $x_j$ , each with weight  $P(y=i|x_j)$ :

$$\mu_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m P(y=i|x_j) x_j}{\sum_{j=1}^m P(y=i|x_j)}$$



# E.M. for GMMs

## E-step

Compute “expected” classes of all datapoints for each class

$$p(y = i | x_j, \mu_1 \dots \mu_k) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|x_j - \mu_i\|^2\right) P(y = i)$$

*Just evaluate  
a Gaussian at  
 $x_j$*

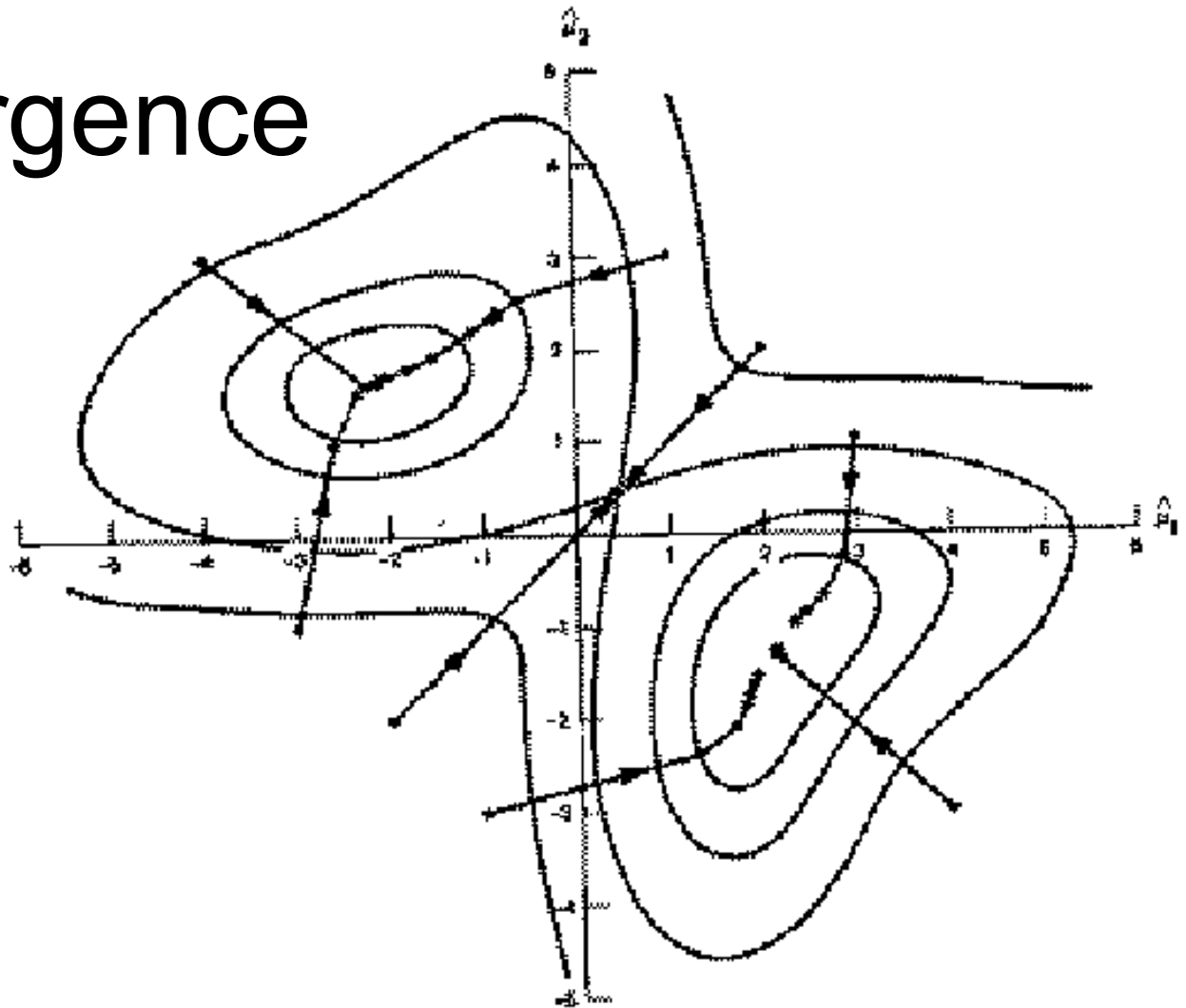
## M-step

Compute Max. like  $\mu$  given our data's class membership distributions

$$\mu_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m P(y = i | x_j) x_j}{\sum_{j=1}^m P(y = i | x_j)}$$

# E.M. Convergence

- EM is coordinate ascent on an interesting potential function
- Coord. ascent for bounded pot. func.  $\rightarrow$  convergence to a local optimum guaranteed
- See Neal & Hinton reading on class webpage



- This algorithm is REALLY USED. And in high dimensional state spaces, too. E.G. Vector Quantization for Speech Data

# E.M. for General GMMs

Iterate. On the  $t$ 'th iteration let our estimates be

$$\lambda_t = \{ \mu_1^{(t)}, \mu_2^{(t)} \dots \mu_k^{(t)}, \Sigma_1^{(t)}, \Sigma_2^{(t)} \dots \Sigma_k^{(t)}, p_1^{(t)}, p_2^{(t)} \dots p_k^{(t)} \}$$

$p_i^{(t)}$  is shorthand for estimate of  $P(y=i)$  on  $t$ 'th iteration

## E-step

Compute “expected” classes of all datapoints for each class

$$P(y = i | x_j, \lambda_t) \propto p_i^{(t)} p(x_j | \mu_i^{(t)}, \Sigma_i^{(t)})$$

Just evaluate a Gaussian at  $x_j$

## M-step

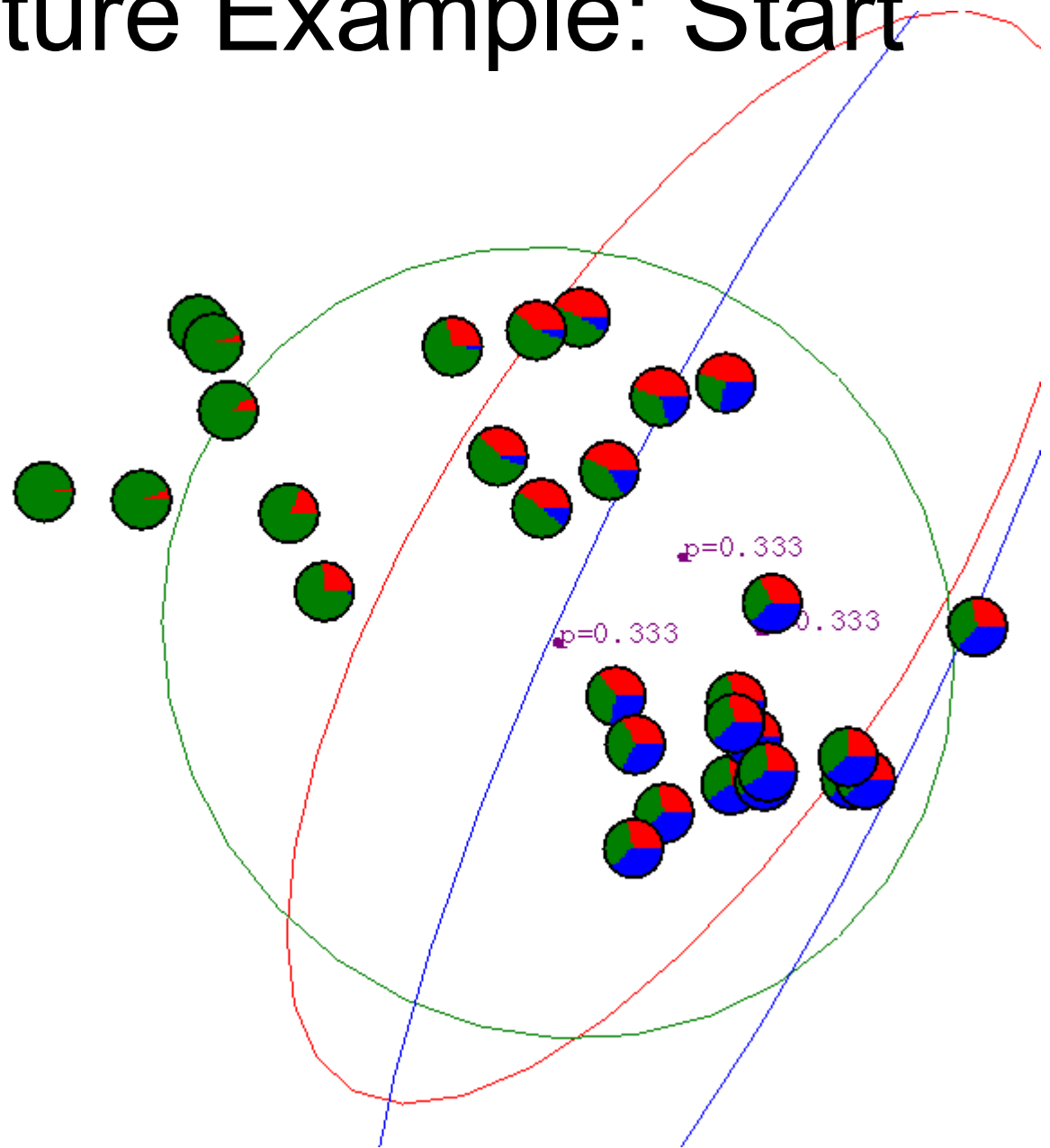
Compute Max. like  $\mu$  given our data's class membership distributions

$$\mu_i^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_j P(y = i | x_j, \lambda_t) x_j}{\sum_j P(y = i | x_j, \lambda_t)} \quad \Sigma_i^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_j P(y = i | x_j, \lambda_t) [x_j - \mu_i^{(t+1)}][x_j - \mu_i^{(t+1)}]^T}{\sum_j P(y = i | x_j, \lambda_t)}$$

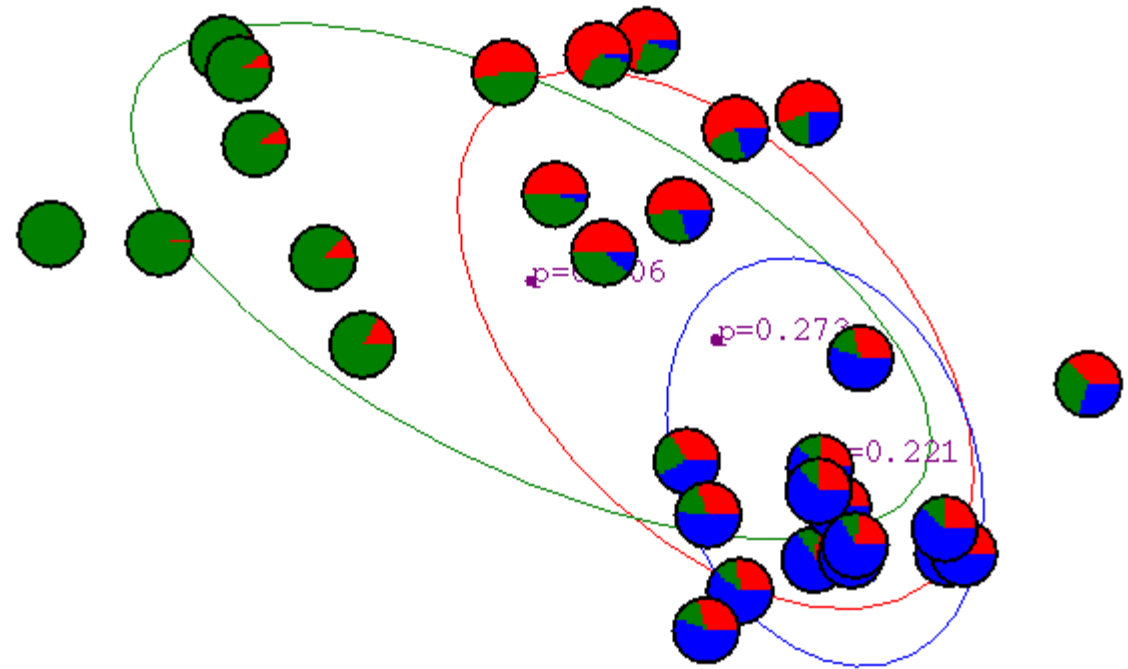
$$p_i^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_j P(y = i | x_j, \lambda_t)}{m}$$

$m = \text{\#records}$

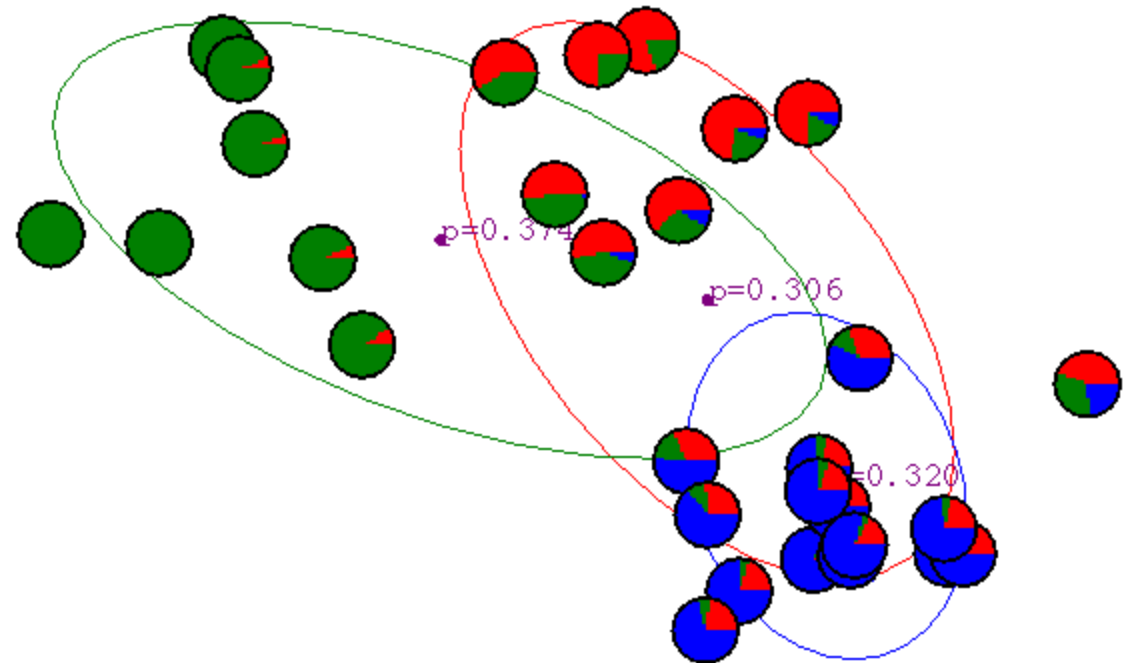
# Gaussian Mixture Example: Start



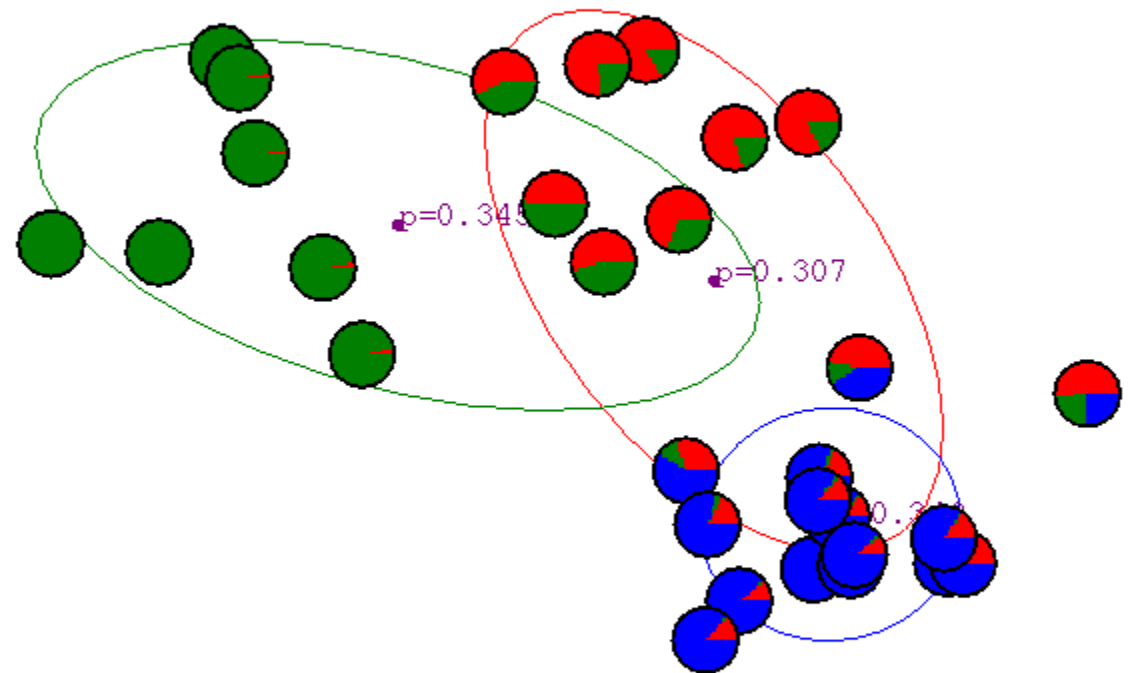
# After first iteration



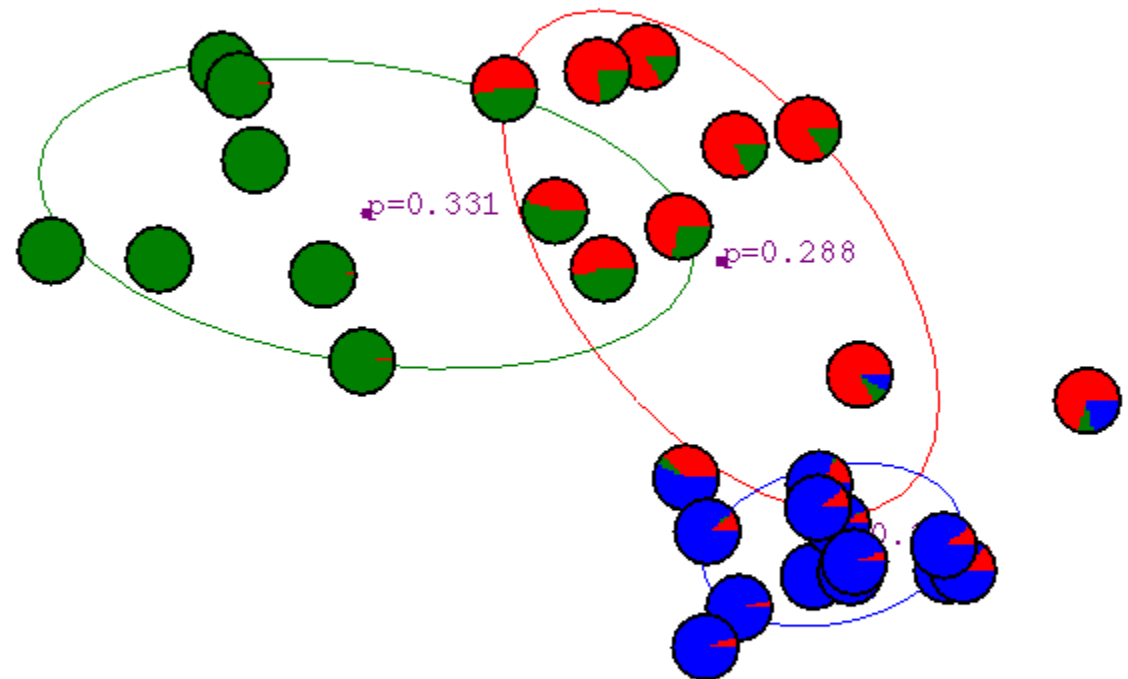
# After 2nd iteration



# After 3rd iteration

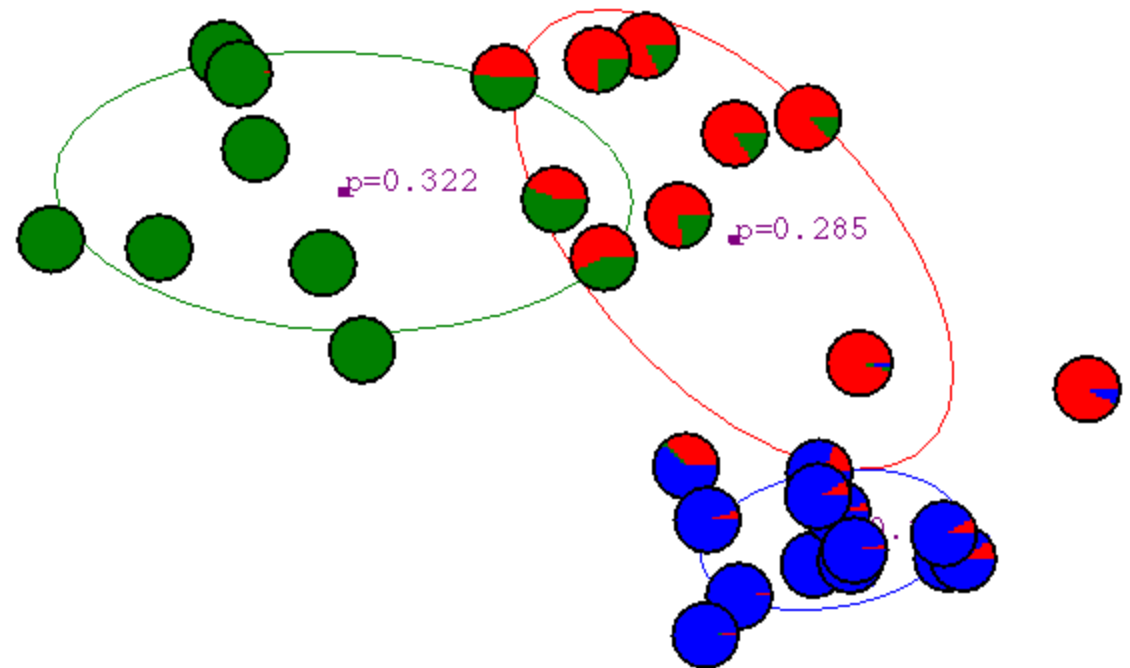


# After 4th iteration

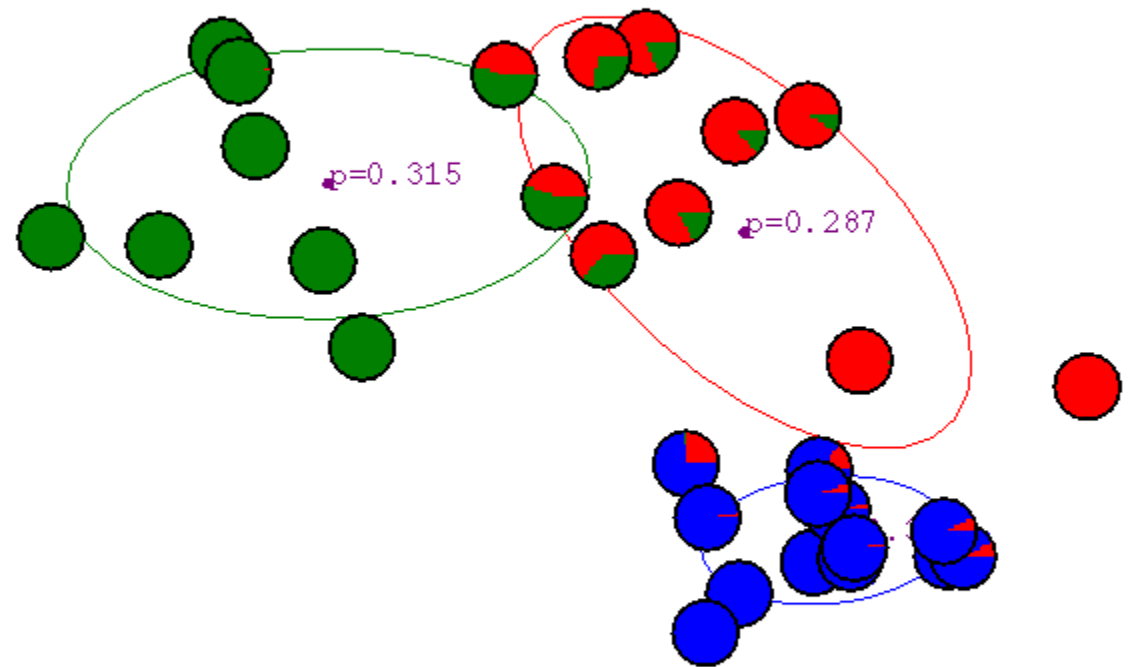




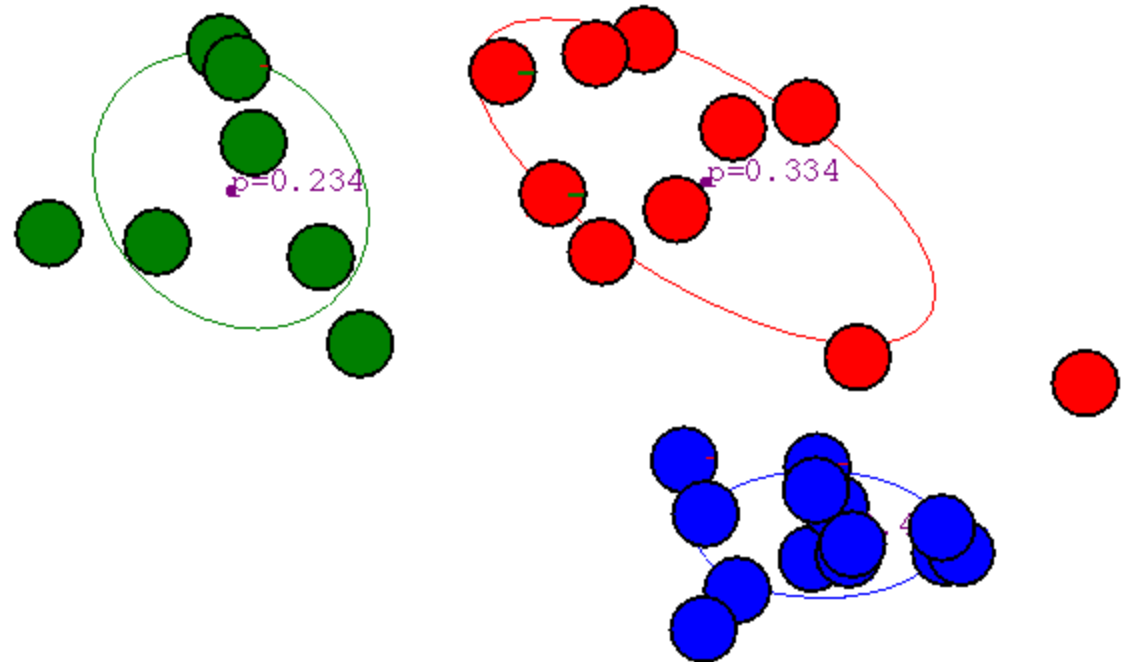
# After 5th iteration



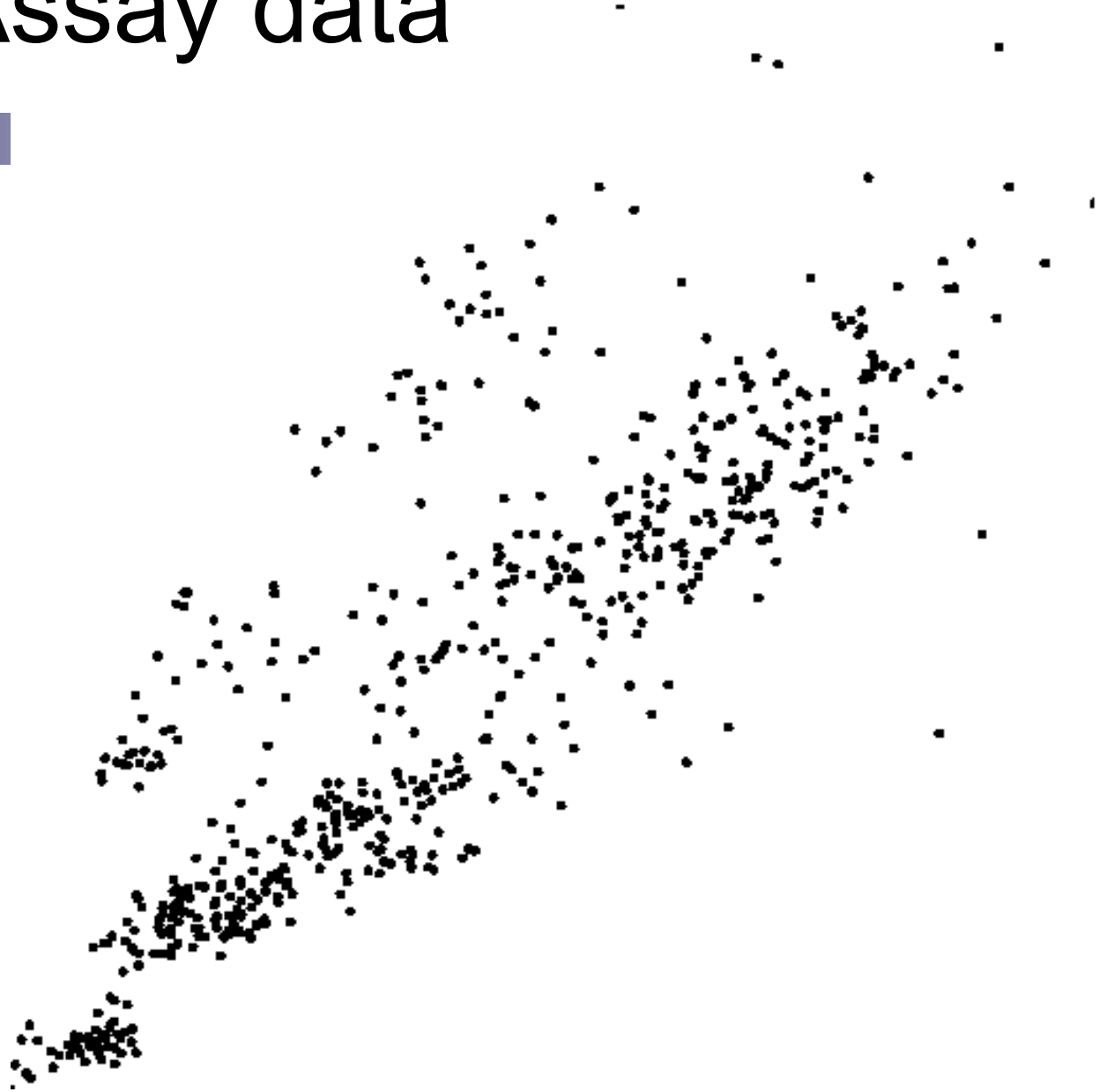
# After 6th iteration



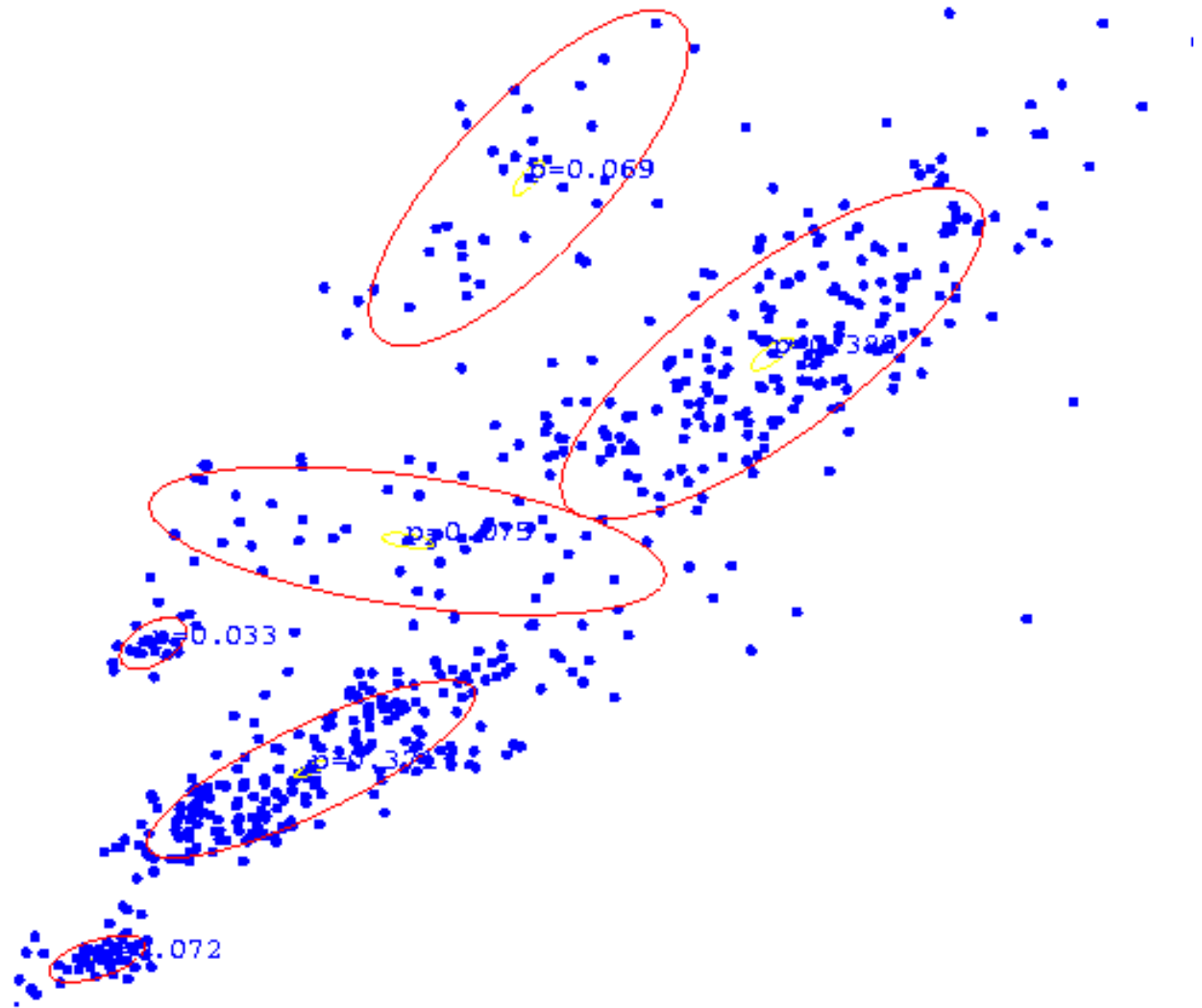
# After 20th iteration



# Some Bio Assay data

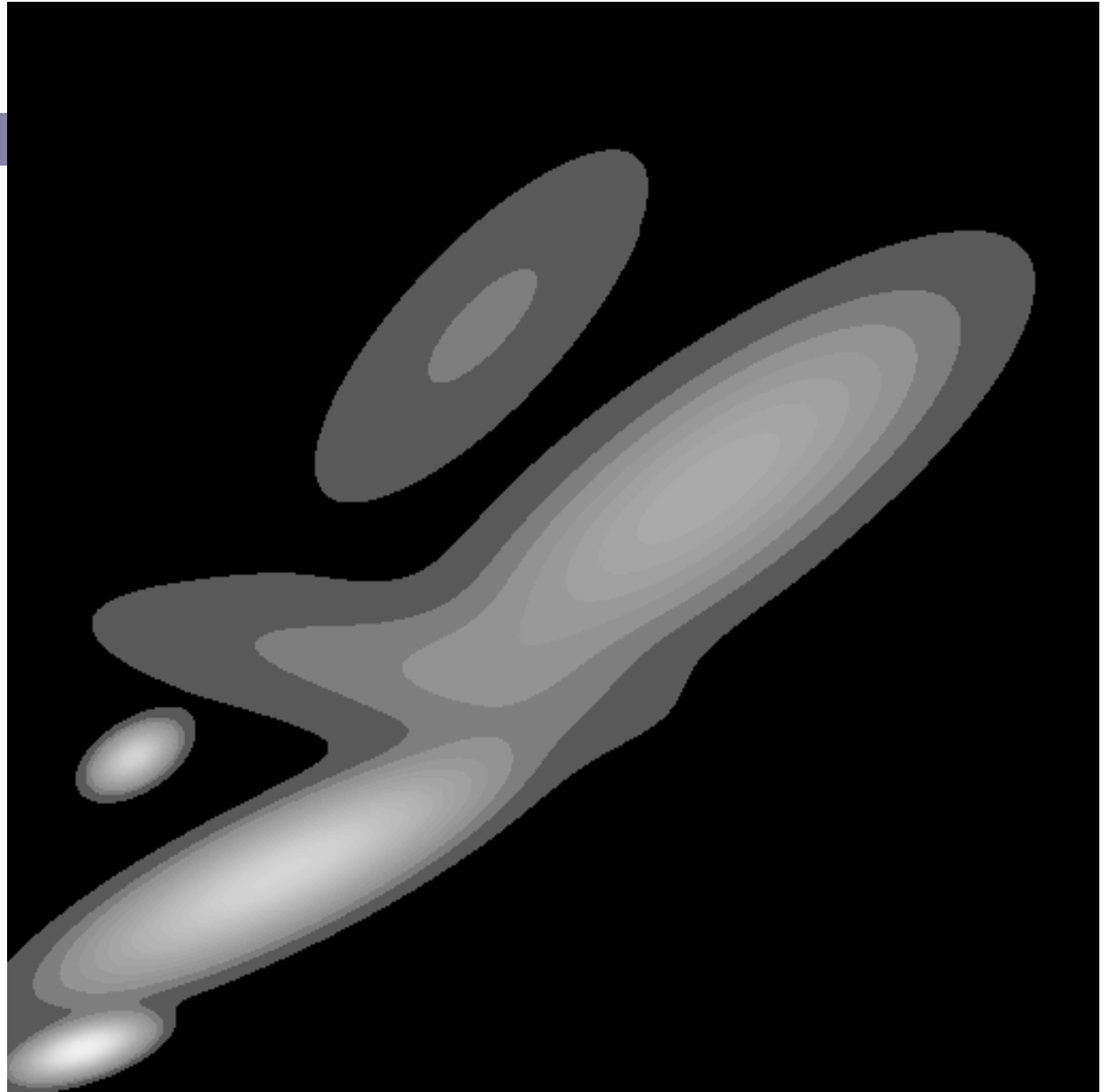


# GMM clustering of the assay data





# Resulting Density Estimator

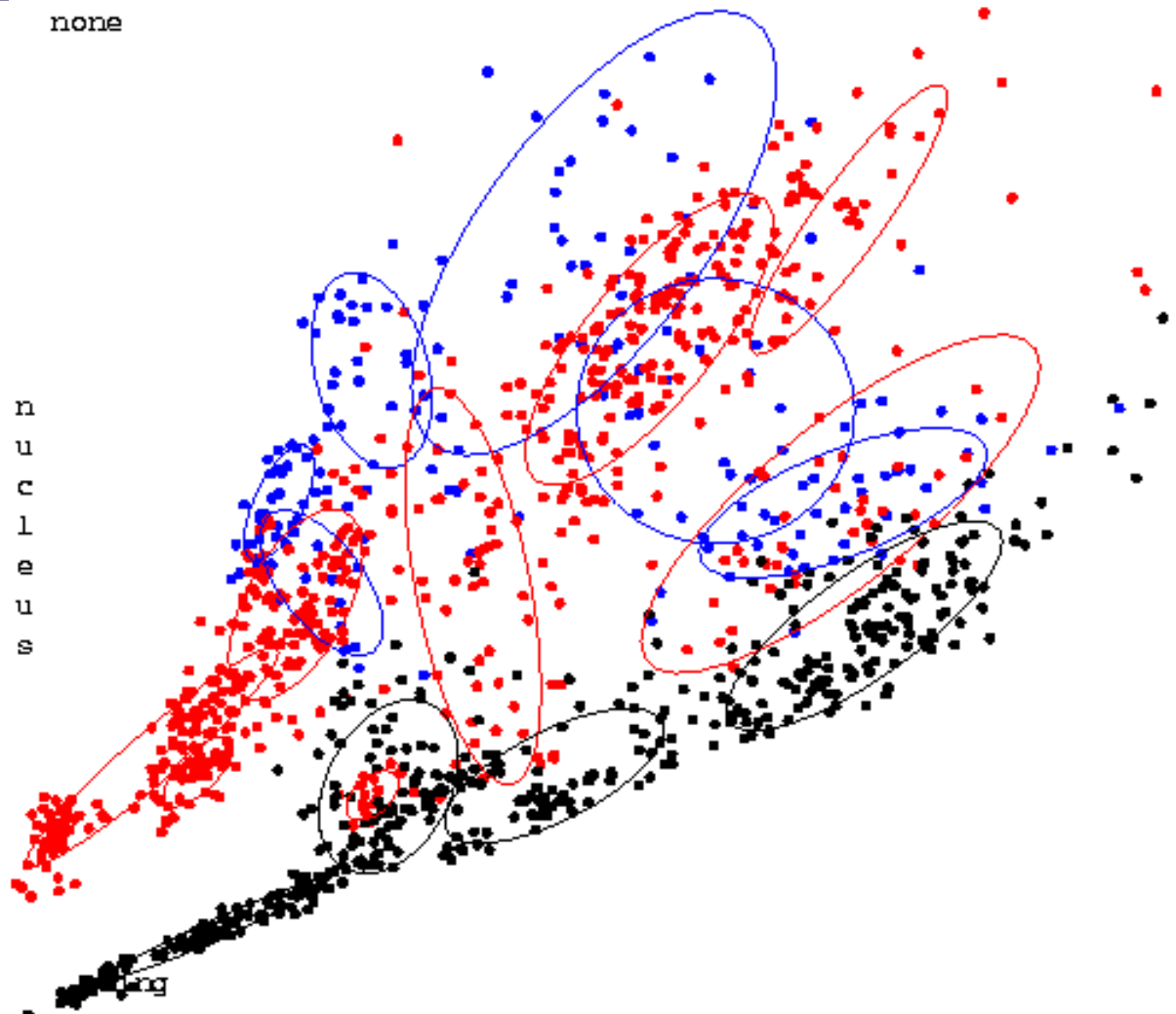




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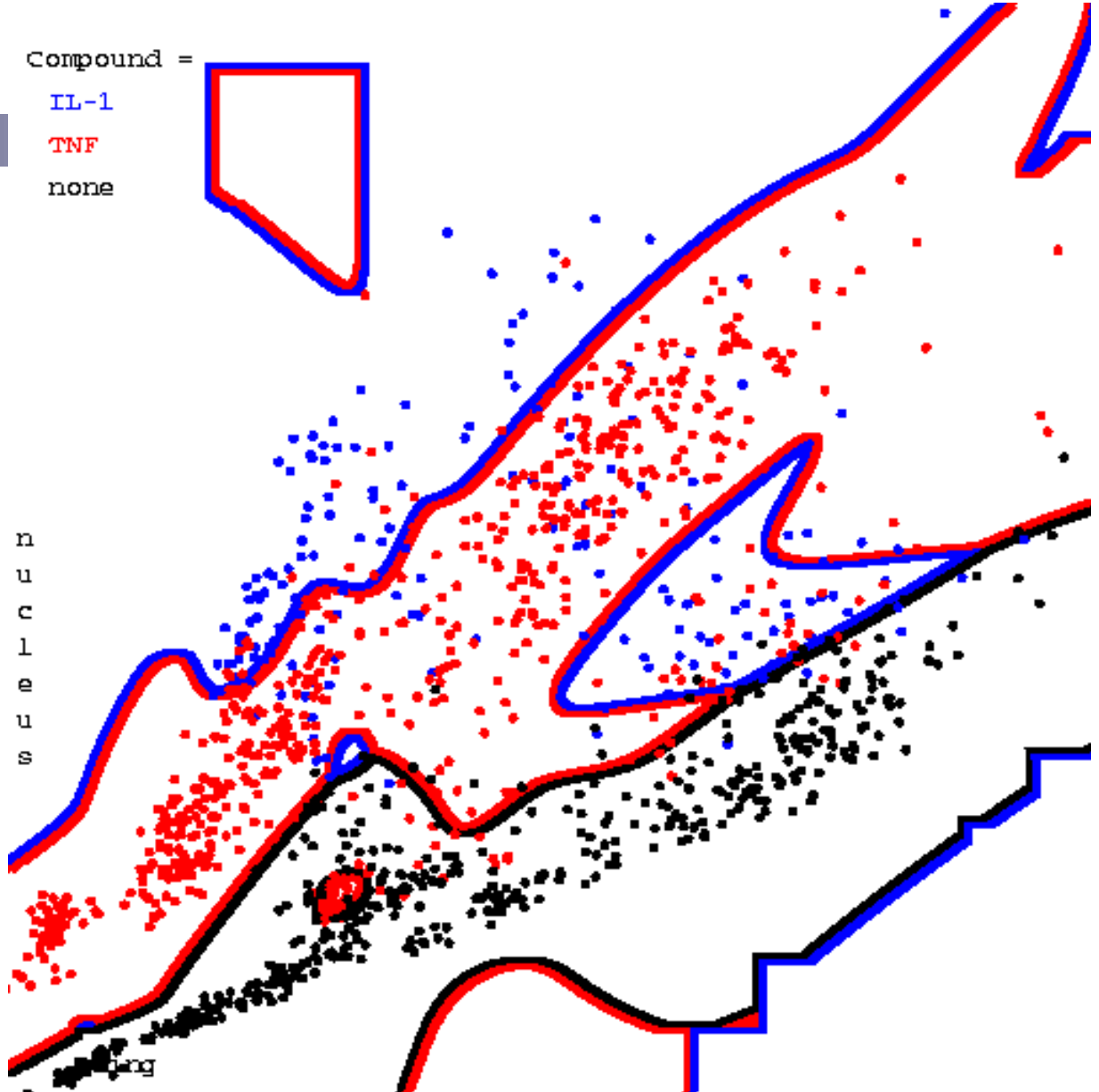
# Three classes of assay

(each learned with  
it's own mixture  
model)






# Resulting Bayes Classifier



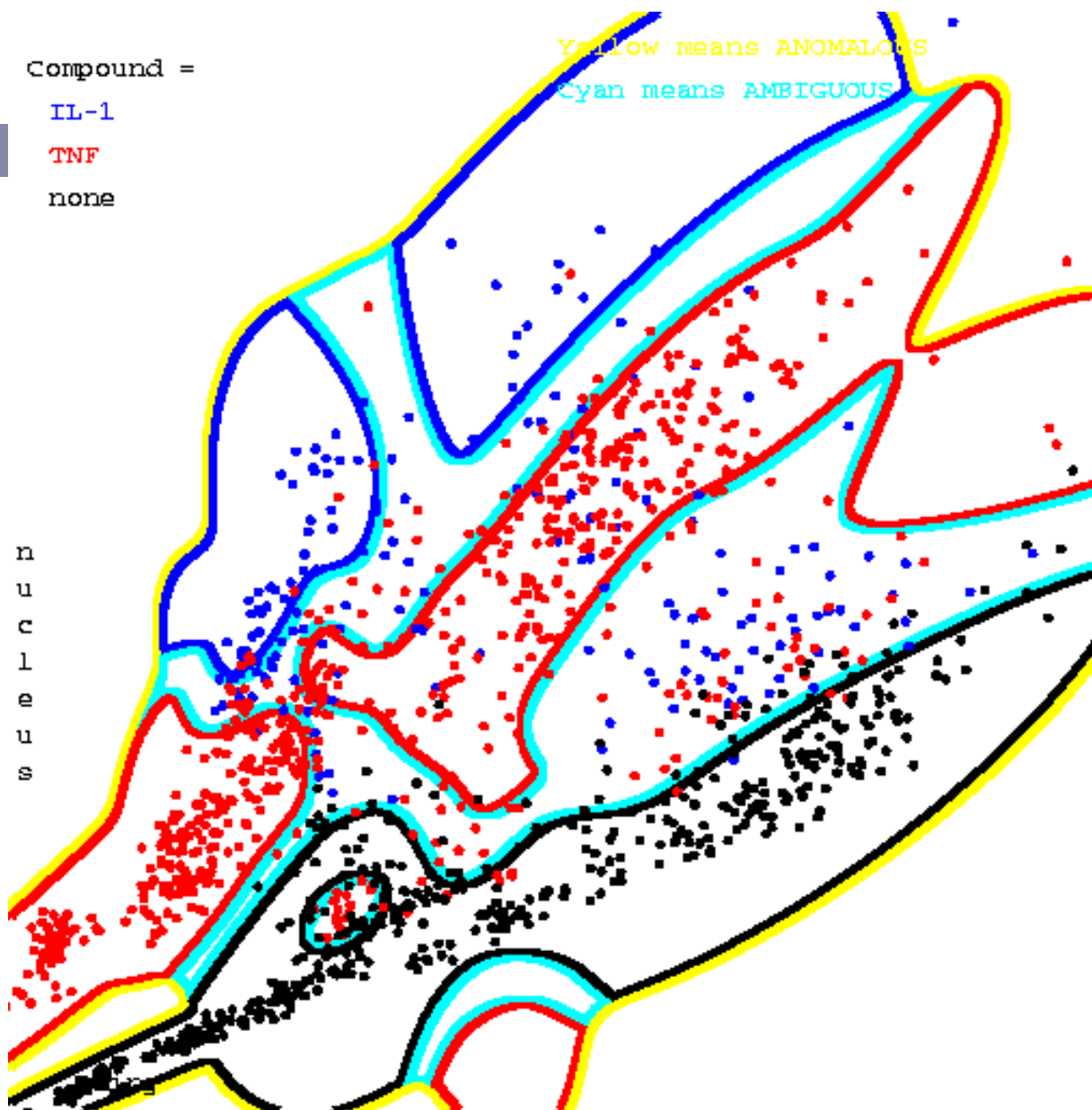




Resulting Bayes  
Classifier, using  
posterior  
probabilities to  
alert about  
ambiguity and  
anomalousness

Yellow means  
anomalous

Cyan means  
ambiguous



# What you should know



- K-means for clustering:
  - algorithm
  - converges because it's coordinate ascent
- EM for mixture of Gaussians:
  - How to “learn” maximum likelihood parameters (locally max. like.) in the case of unlabeled data
- Be happy with this kind of probabilistic analysis
- Understand the two examples of E.M. given in these notes
- Remember, E.M. can get stuck in local minima, and empirically it DOES

# Acknowledgements



- K-means & Gaussian mixture models presentation contains material from excellent tutorial by Andrew Moore:
  - <http://www.autonlab.org/tutorials/>
- K-means Applet:
  - [http://www.elet.polimi.it/upload/matteucc/Clustering/tutorial\\_html/AppletKM.html](http://www.elet.polimi.it/upload/matteucc/Clustering/tutorial_html/AppletKM.html)
- Gaussian mixture models Applet:
  - <http://www.neurosci.aist.go.jp/%7Eakaho/MixtureEM.html>