

# Naive Bayes

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# Outline

- Review elements of probability theory
- Discuss Naive Bayes theory and motivation
- Implement Naive Bayes in R

## Section 1

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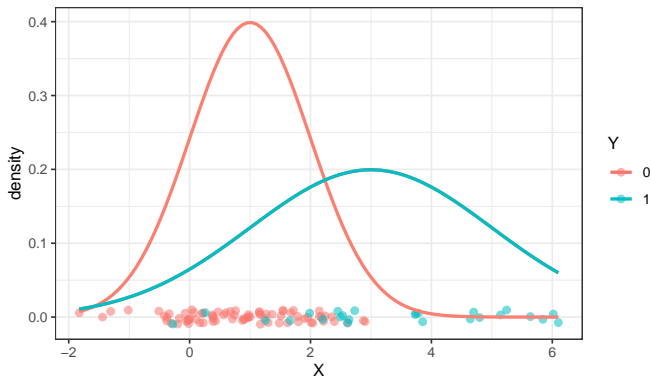
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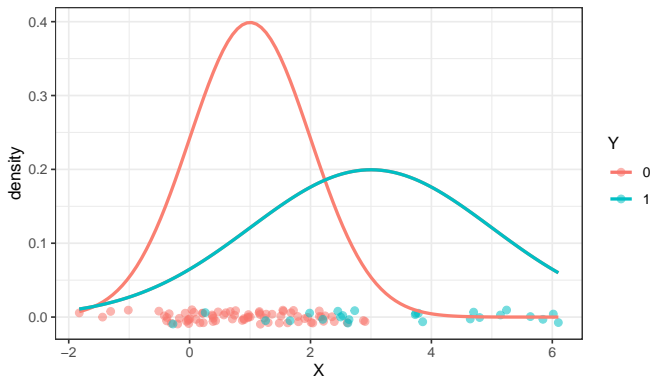
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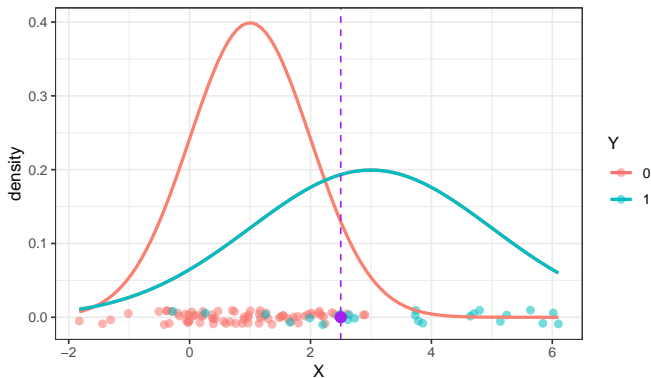
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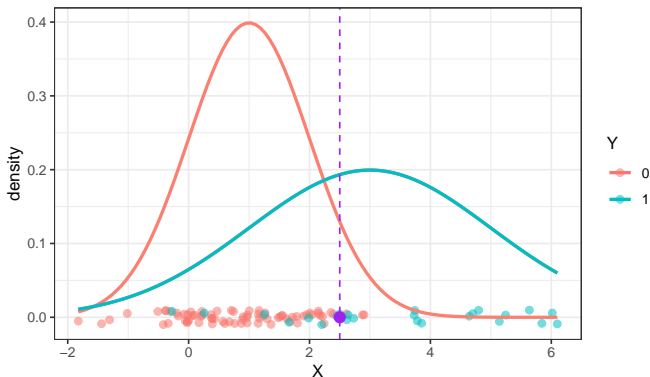
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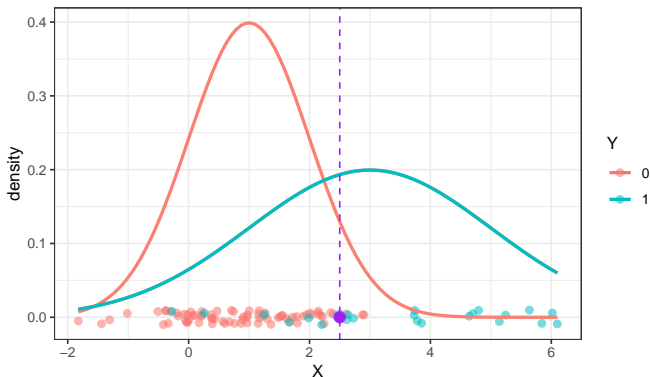
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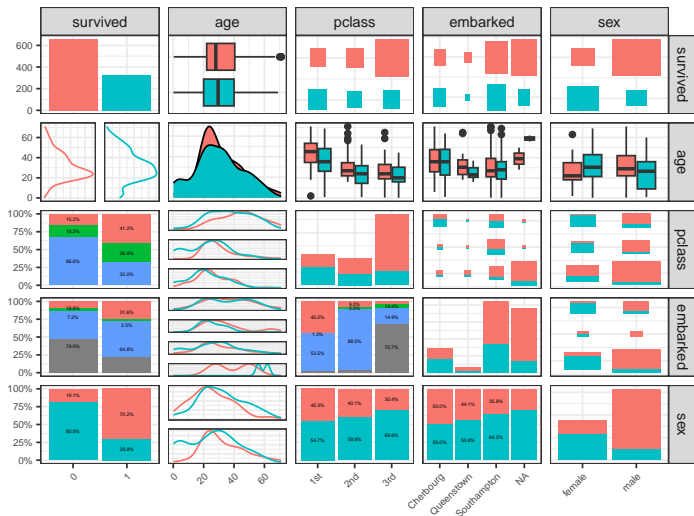
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- And break our data into test/training sets:

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Titanic_train <- training(Titanic_split)
Titanic_test  <- testing(Titanic_split)
```

# Data Visualization

```
library(GGally)
Titanic_train %>% select(survived, age, pclass, embarked, sex) %>% ggpairs(aes(color = survived))
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# Exploratory Analysis

- What trends are apparent among variables?
- Does it seem like predictors are independent, given values of the response?

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nb_results <- data.frame(obs = Titanic_test$survived, preds = my_preds, probs = my_probs)
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# Model Assessment

Compute accuracy, sensitivity and specificity:

```
library(yardstick)
my_metrics <- metric_set(accuracy, sensitivity, specificity)
my_metrics(nb_results, truth = obs, estimate = preds)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 3
##   .metric      .estimator .estimate
##   <chr>        <chr>         <dbl>
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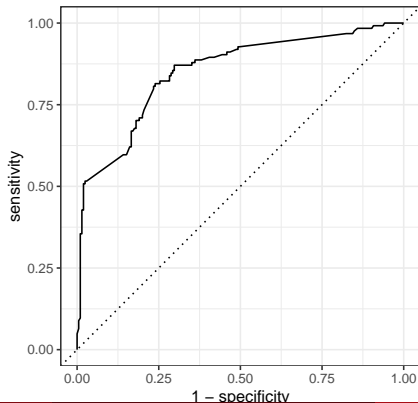
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