

QTM 347 Machine Learning

Lecture 5: LDA and QDA

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Suggested reading: ISL Chapter 4



Lecture plan

- LDA and QDA



Generative vs discriminative methods

- Generative methods
 1. Model the joint probability $p(x, y)$
 2. Assume some distribution for conditional distribution of X given $Y = k$,
 $P(X = x|Y = k)$
 3. Bayes theorem is applied to obtain $P(Y = k|X = x)$ and classify
 - E.g., linear discriminant analysis (LDA), quadratic discriminant analysis (QDA)
- Discriminative methods
 - Directly model $P(Y = k|X = x)$ and classify
 - E.g., logistic regression



Example: An iris data set

- Perhaps the best known database in the pattern recognition literature
- Predict class of iris plant
- There are three classes



Iris Versicolor



Iris Setosa



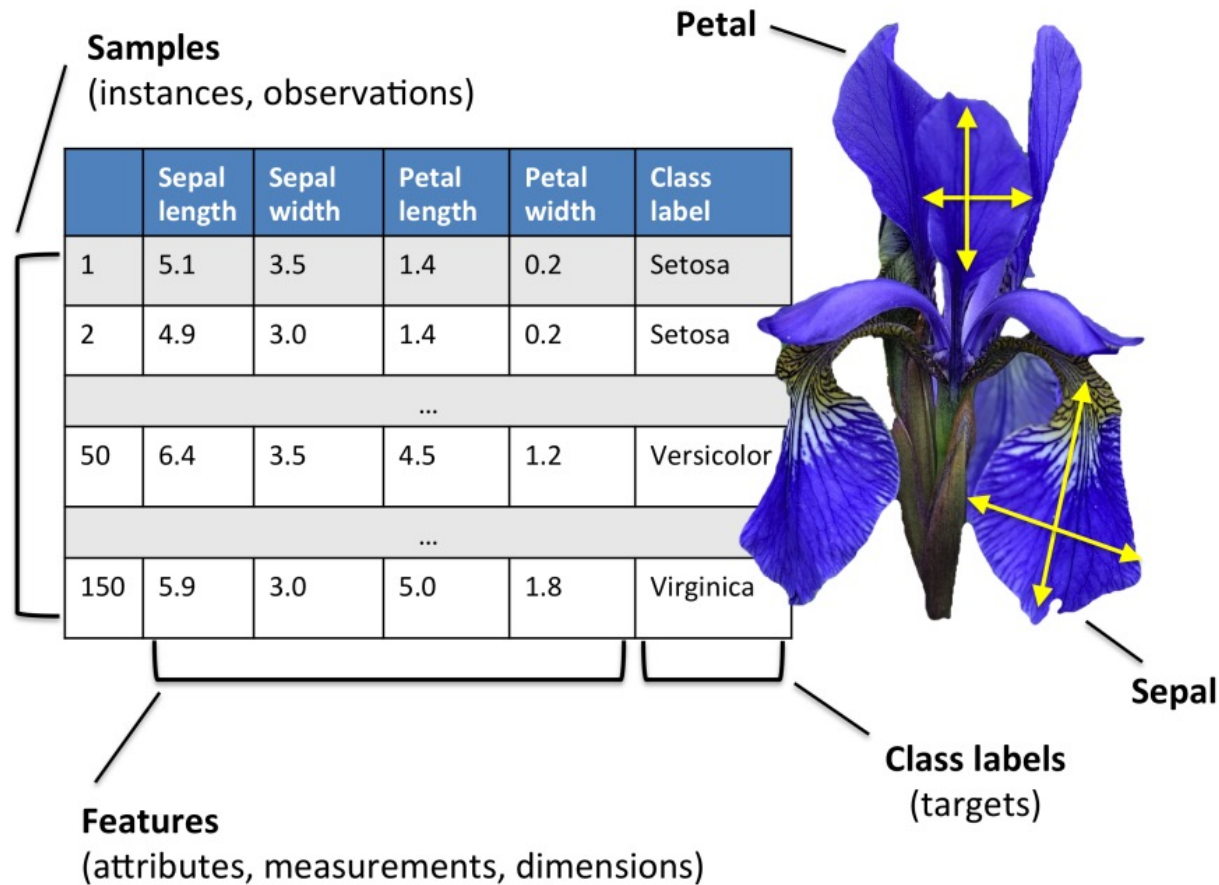
Iris Virginica

Sepal and petal of iris



Example: An iris data set

- 50 samples from each of three class of *Iris* (*versicolor*, *setosa*, *virginica*)
- Four features: sepal length, sepal width, petal length, petal width



Estimating $\pi_k = P(Y = k)$

- The fraction of training samples of class k

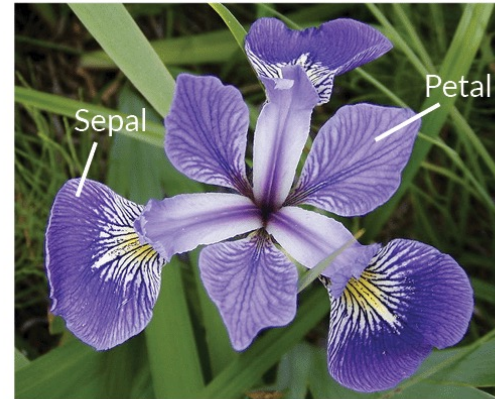
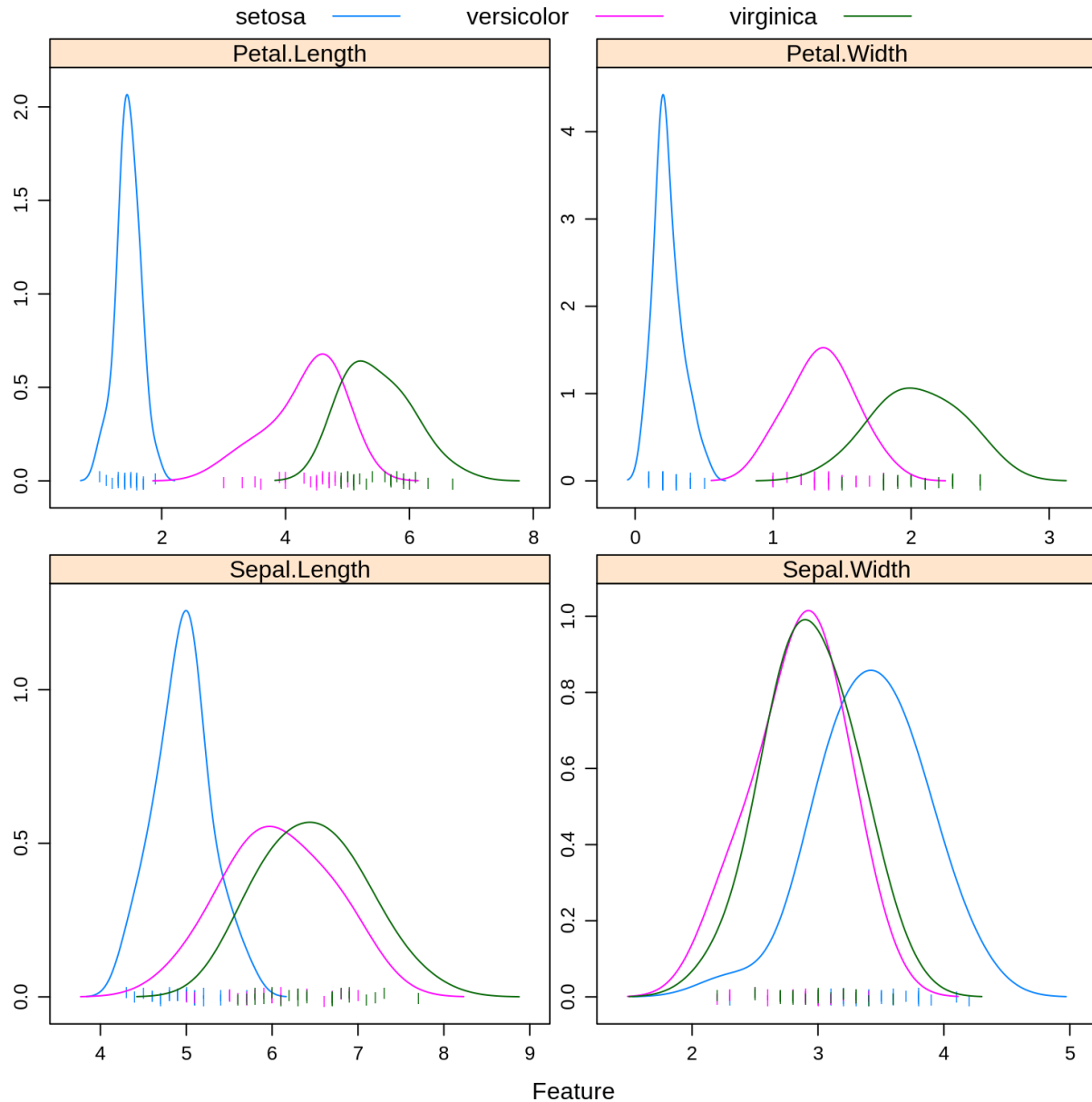
$$\hat{\pi}_k = \hat{P}(Y = k) = \frac{\#\{i: y_i = k\}}{n}$$

- Iris data: 50 samples from each of three class of *Iris* (*versicolor*, *setosa*, *virginica*). Then

$$\hat{\pi}_{setosa} = \hat{\pi}_{versicolor} = \hat{\pi}_{virginica} = \frac{50}{50 + 50 + 50} = \frac{1}{3}$$



Distribution of features



Iris Versicolor



Iris Setosa



Iris Virginica

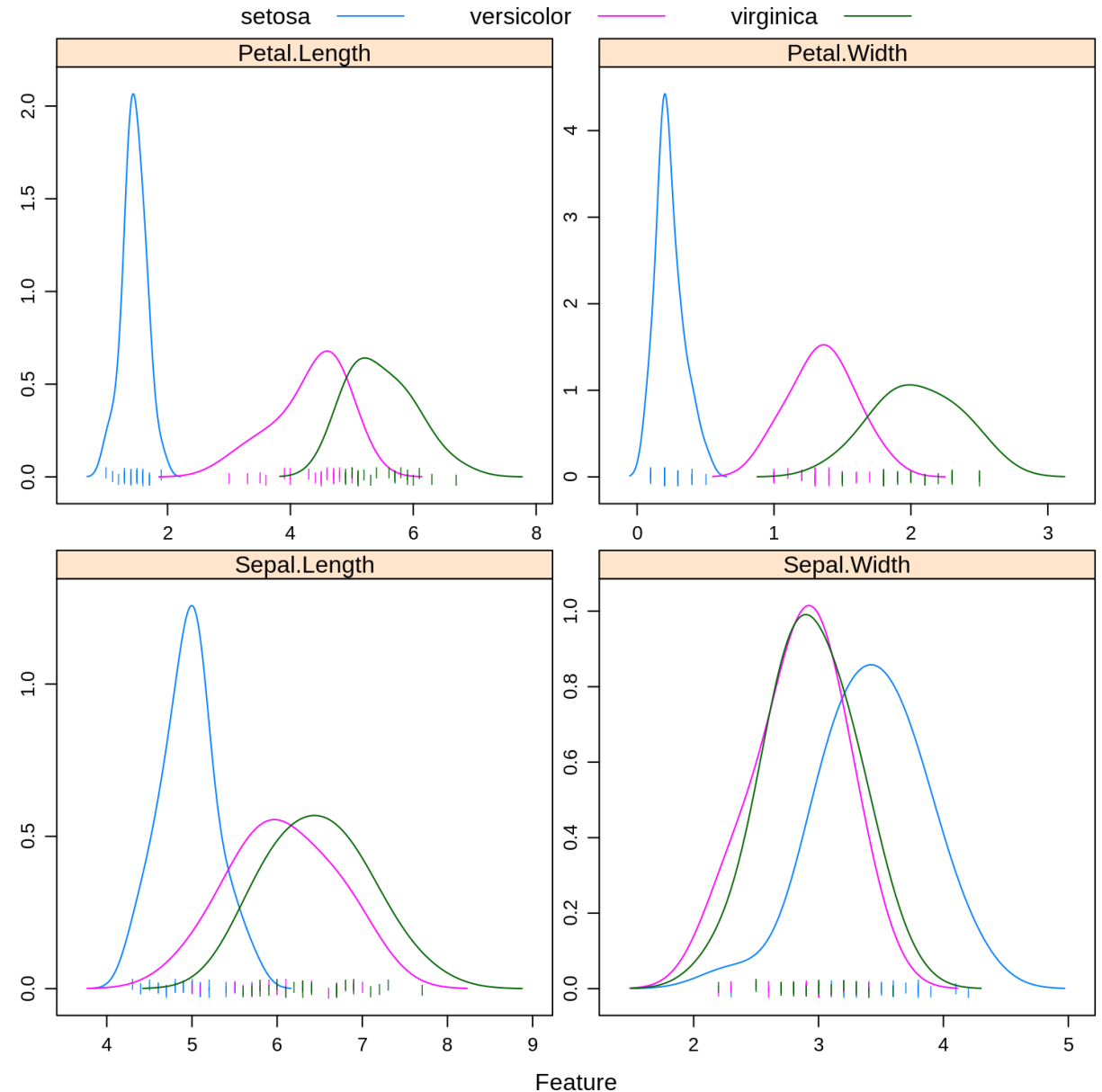
Linear discriminant analysis

- Model $P(X = x \mid Y = k)$

- $X = \begin{bmatrix} \text{sepal length} \\ \text{sepal width} \\ \text{petal length} \\ \text{petal width} \end{bmatrix}$

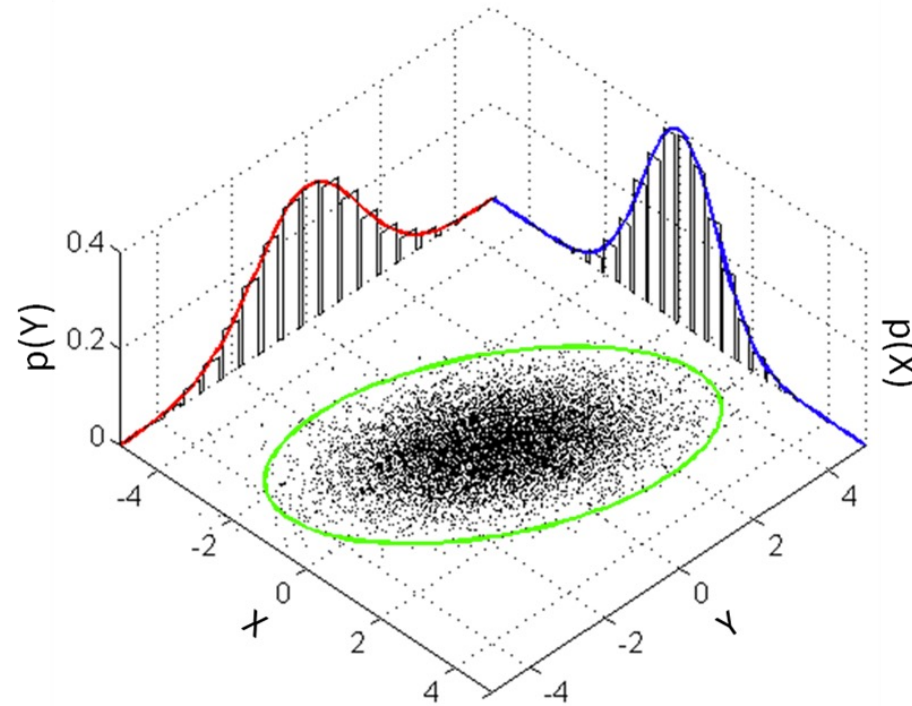
- $Y \in \{\text{versicolor}, \text{setosa}, \text{virginica}\}$

by a *Multivariate Normal Distribution* $N(\mu_k, \Sigma)$
with mean μ_k , covariance matrix Σ



Multivariate normal distribution

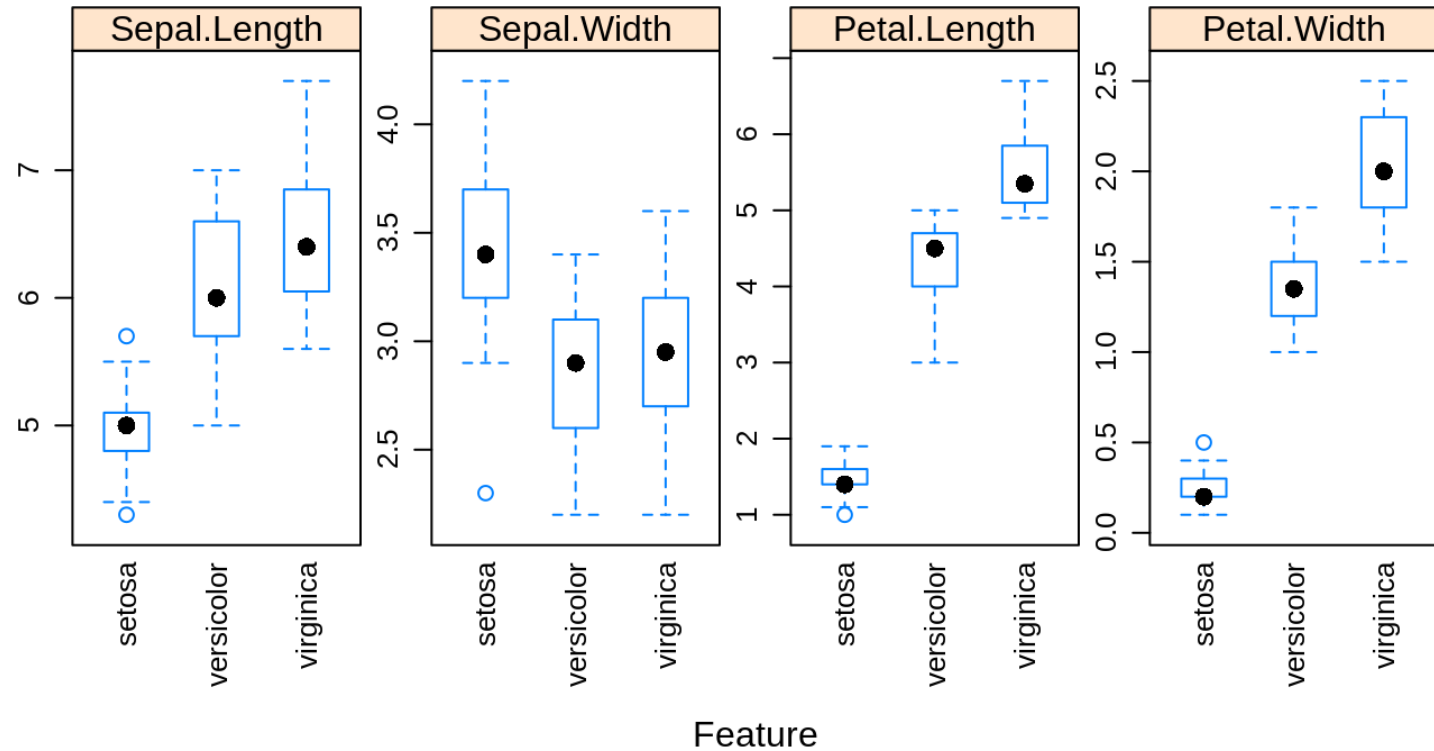
- Illustration of a **two-dimensional multivariate normal distribution**
 - Centered at zero
 - Projection to every dimension (**blue** and **red**) is still a Gaussian



μ_k in Linear discriminant analysis

- $\mu_{setosa} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{setosa sepal length} \\ \text{setosa sepal width} \\ \text{setosa petal length} \\ \text{setosa petal width} \end{bmatrix}$

- Bar represents average value
- Black dots of setosa in the box plots

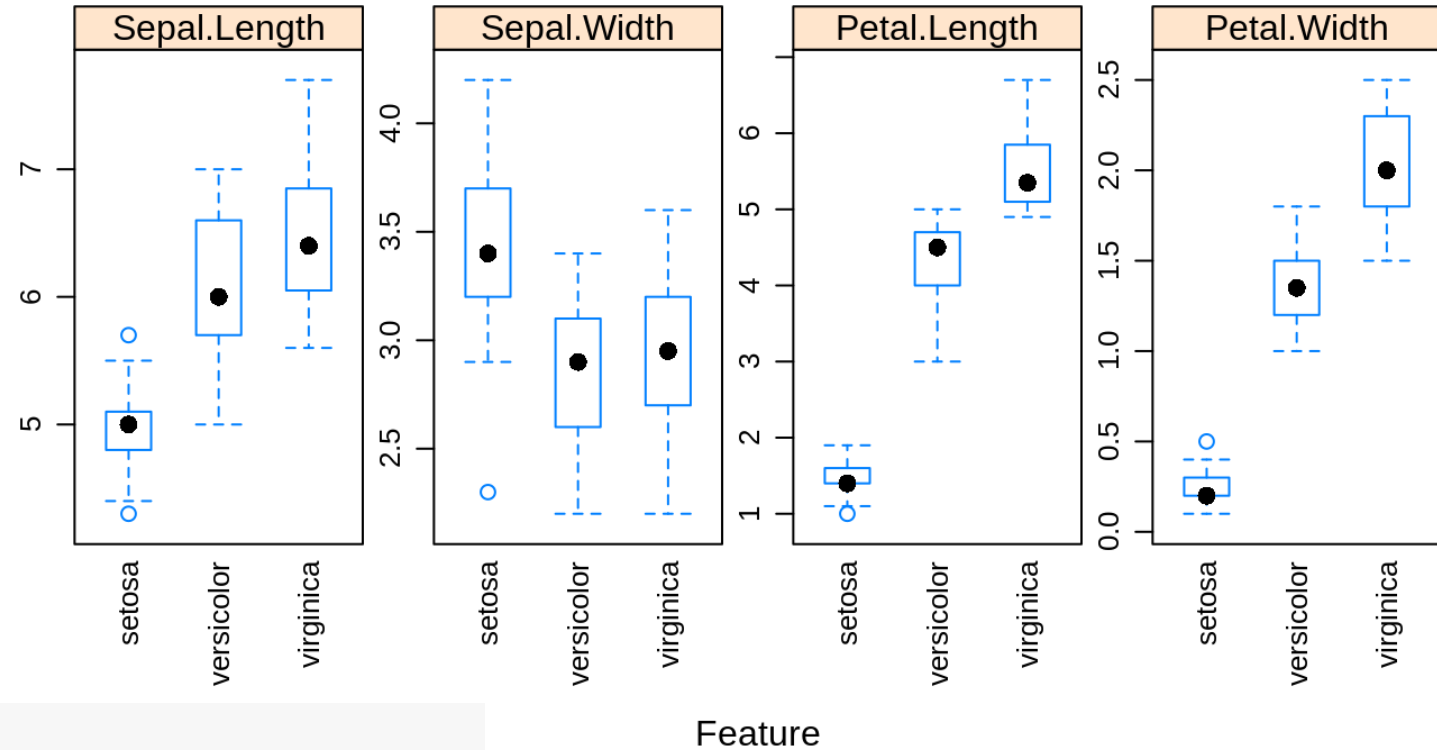


Estimating the center μ_k

- Estimate the **center** of each class μ_k :

$$\hat{\mu}_k = \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{i:y_i=k} x_i$$

where $n_k = \#\{i: y_i = k\}$

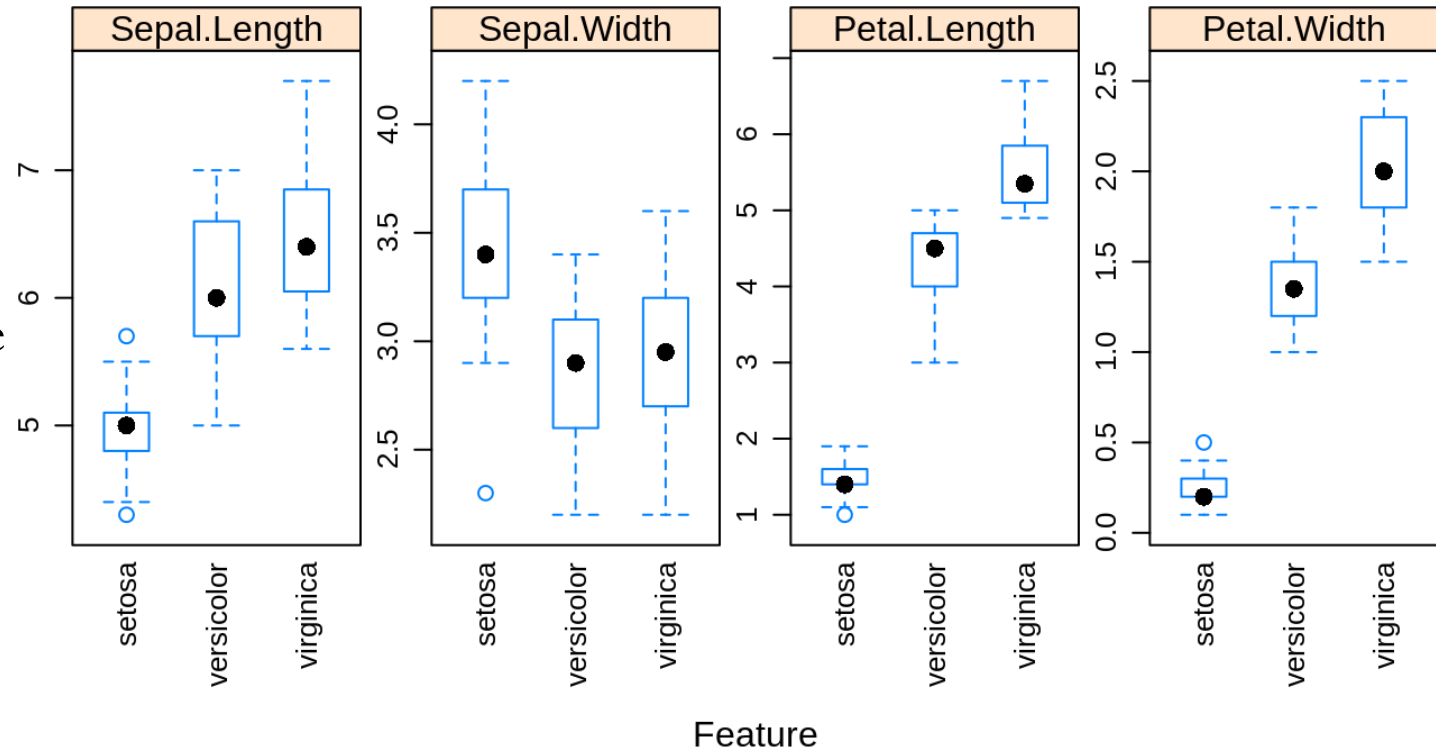


Group means:

##	Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width
## setosa	4.958621	3.420690	1.458621	0.237931
## versicolor	6.063636	2.845455	4.318182	1.354545
## virginica	6.479167	2.937500	5.479167	2.045833

Σ in Linear discriminant analysis

- Σ is the same for *versicolor*, *setosa*, *virginica*
 - Diagonal entries equal to variance of each feature for all classes
 - Proportional to the width of the box plots
 - Off-diagonal entries equal to covariance between two features for all classes
- What if Σ should be different for different class?



Quadratic discriminant analysis

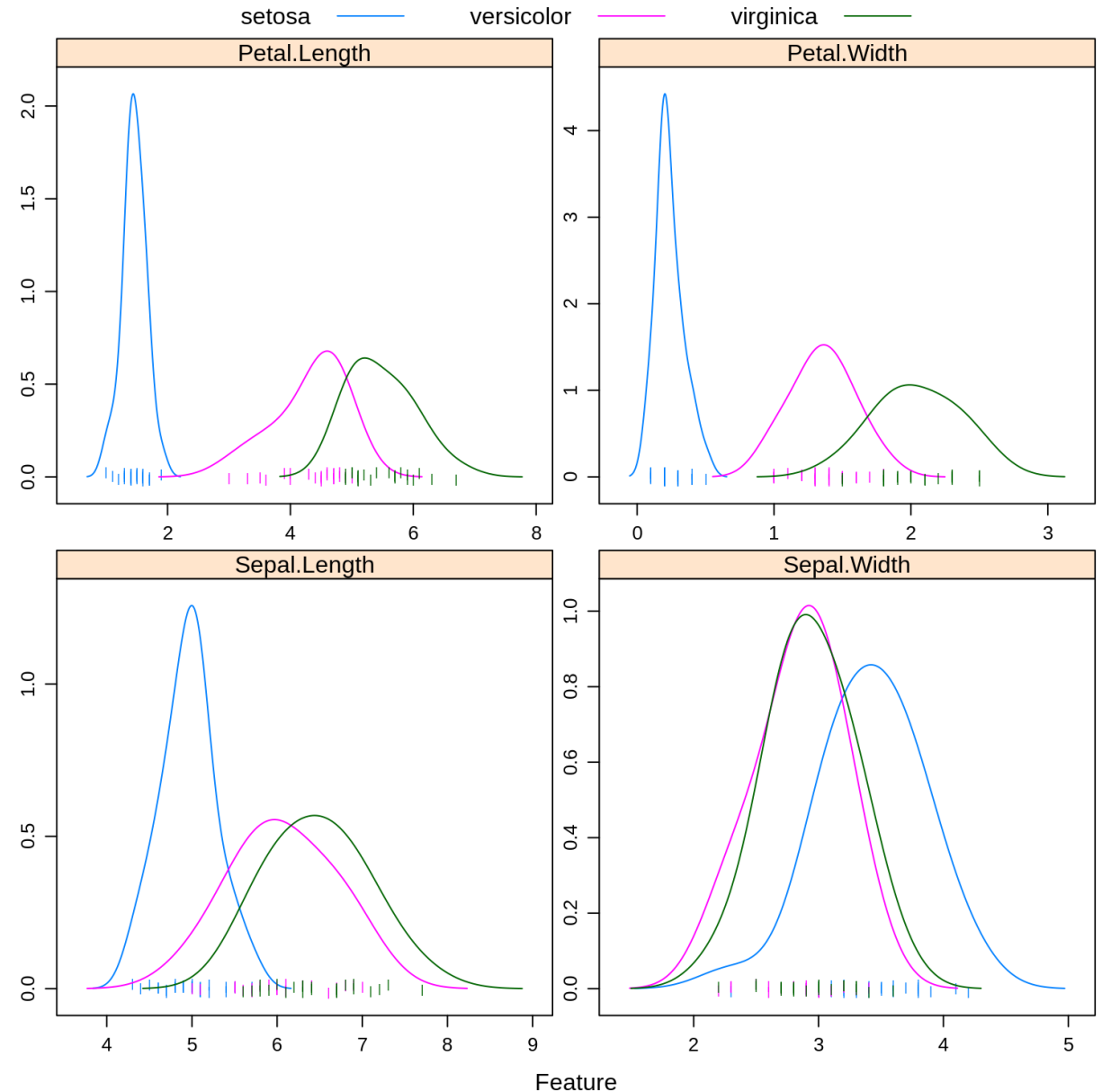
- Model $P(X = x | Y = k)$

- $X = \begin{bmatrix} \text{sepal length} \\ \text{sepal width} \\ \text{petal length} \\ \text{petal width} \end{bmatrix}$

- $Y \in \{\text{versicolor}, \text{setosa}, \text{virginica}\}$

by a *Multivariate Normal Distribution*

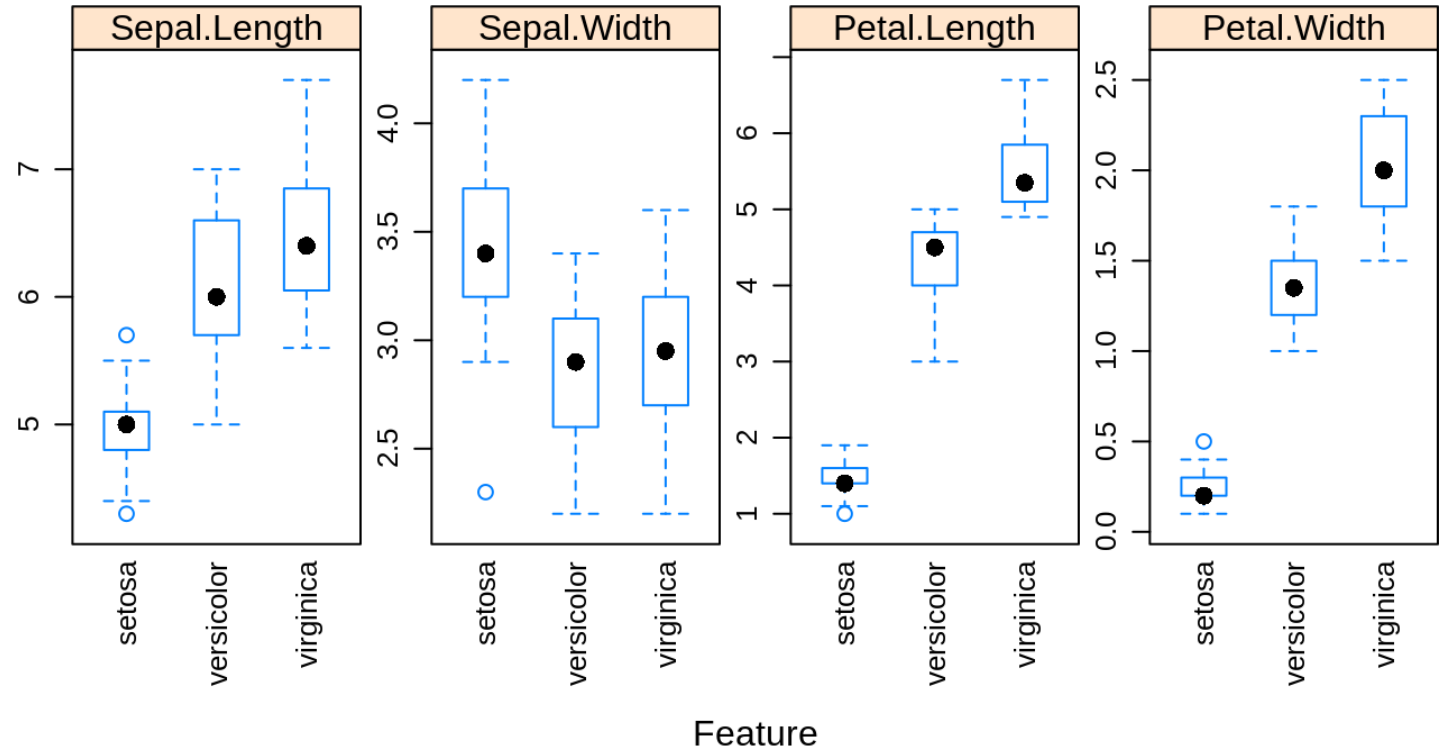
$N(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$ with mean μ_k , covariance matrix Σ_k



Σ_k in Quadratic discriminant analysis

- Σ_{setosa}

- Diagonal entries equal to variance of each feature for setosa
- Off-diagonal entries equal to covariance between two features for setosa



Estimating the covariance Σ_k in QDA

- Estimate the covariance Σ_k

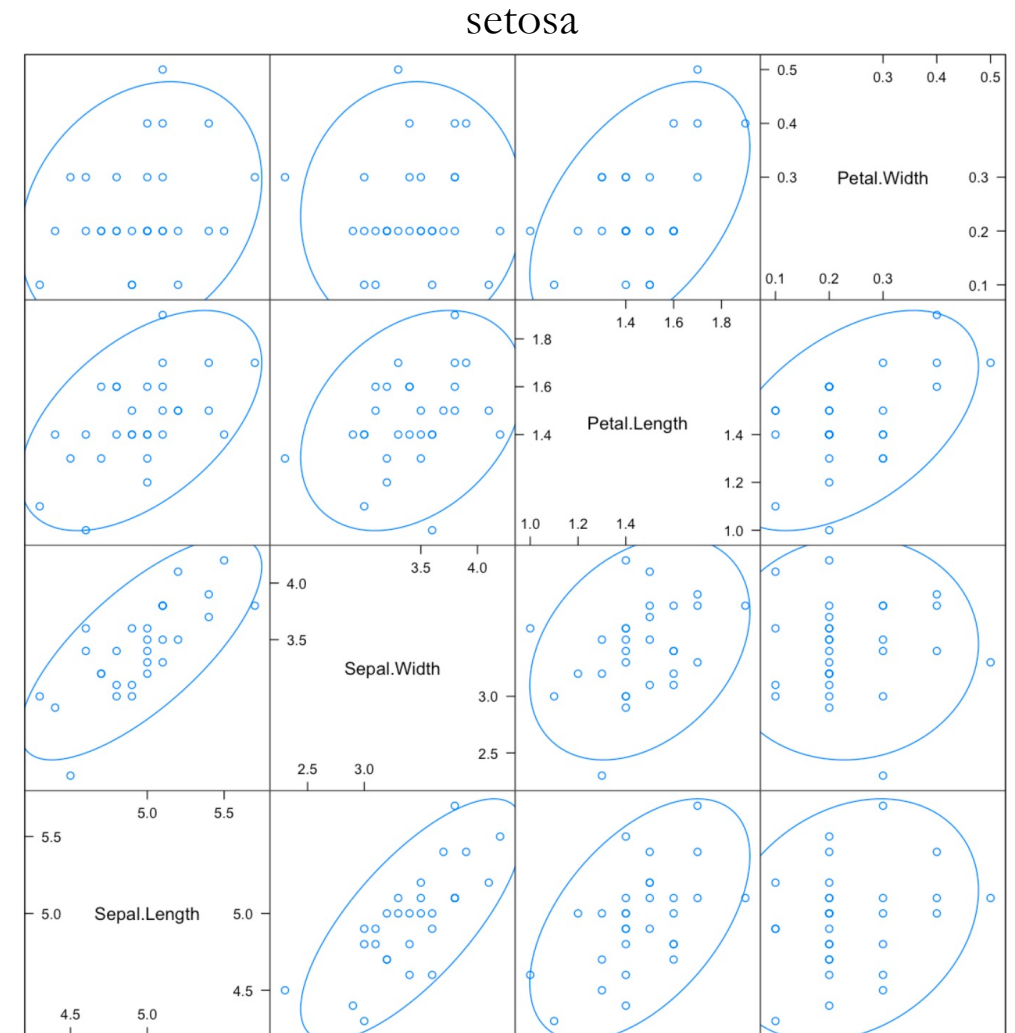
$$\hat{\Sigma}_k = \frac{1}{n_k - 1} \sum_{i:y_i=k} (x_i - \hat{\mu}_k) \cdot (x_i - \hat{\mu}_k)^\top$$

where $n_k = \#\{i: y_i = k\}$

- Example: Σ_{setosa}

```
iris_trn_setosa <- iris_trn[iris_trn$Species == "setosa",]  
cov(iris_trn_setosa[,c(1:4)])
```

```
##           Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width  
## Sepal.Length 0.103226601 0.095172414 0.031798030 0.007697044  
## Sepal.Width  0.095172414 0.160985222 0.025172414 0.001687192  
## Petal.Length 0.031798030 0.025172414 0.035369458 0.009125616  
## Petal.Width  0.007697044 0.001687192 0.009125616 0.009581281
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Scatter Plot Matrix

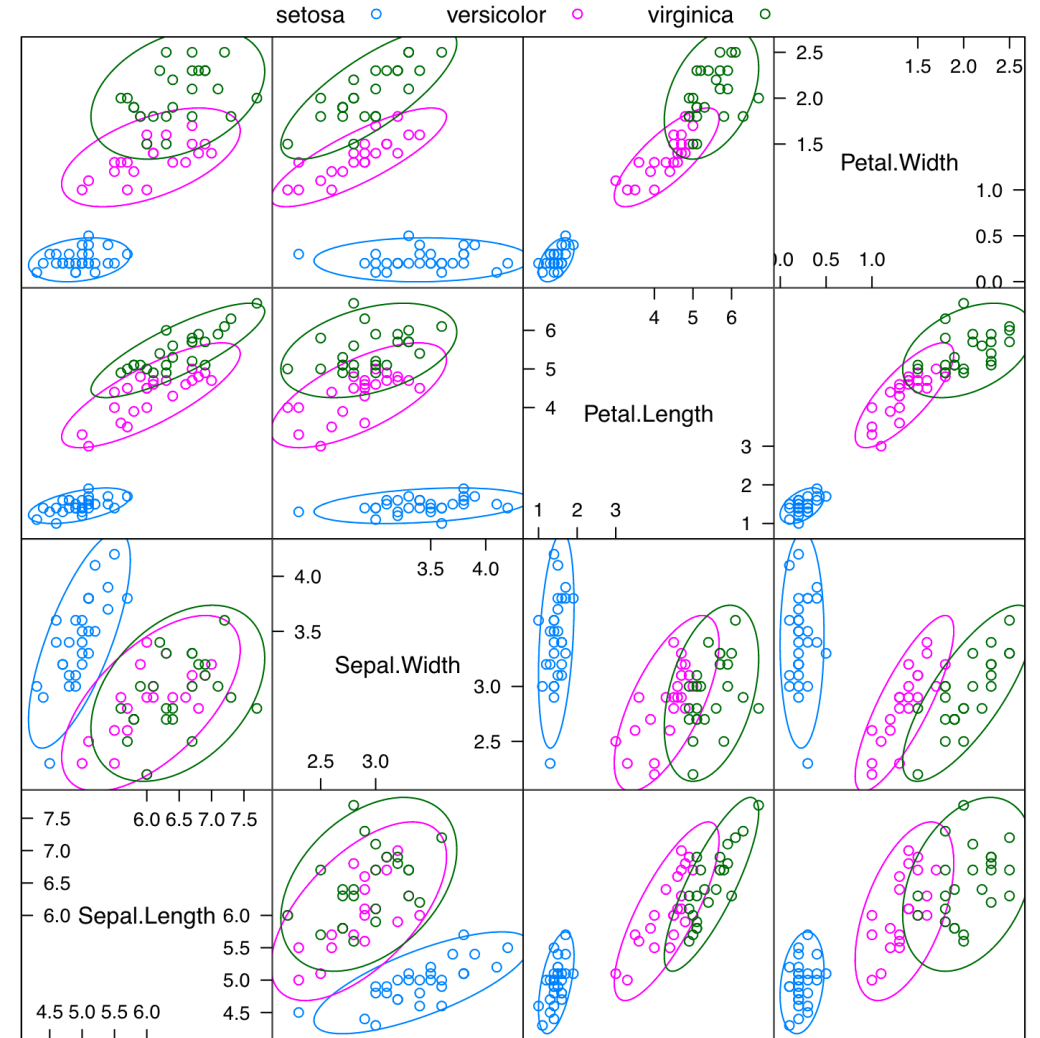
Estimating the covariance Σ in LDA

- Estimate the covariance Σ

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{n_k - 1}{n - K} \cdot \hat{\Sigma}_k$$

where $n_k = \#\{i: y_i = k\}$

- Example:
$$\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{n_{setosa} - 1}{n - 3} \cdot \hat{\Sigma}_{setosa} + \frac{n_{versicolor} - 1}{n - 3} \cdot \hat{\Sigma}_{versicolor} + \frac{n_{virginica} - 1}{n - 3} \cdot \hat{\Sigma}_{virginica}$$



Scatter Plot Matrix

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- We estimate $\hat{P}(X = x|Y = k)$ as $N(\hat{\mu}_k, \hat{\Sigma})$ and $\hat{P}(Y = k) = \hat{\pi}_k$
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Summary of QDA

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Comparison between LDA and QDA

- **Decision boundary:** the set of points in which 2 classes do just as well
 - LDA has *linear* decision boundary
 - QDA has *quadratic* decision boundary
- **Bias-variance tradeoff**
 - LDA is less flexible but has a smaller variance. Small sample size n : LDA
 - QDA requires more parameters. Large sample size n : QDA

