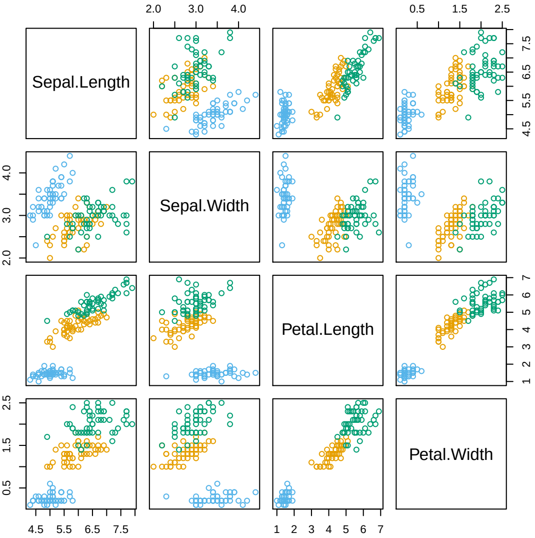
Fisher's Iris Data

4 variables
3 species
50 samples/class

- Setosa
- Versicolor
- Virginica

LDA classifies all but 3 of the 150 training samples correctly.



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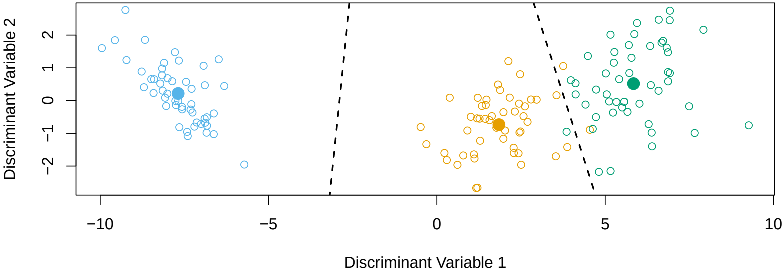

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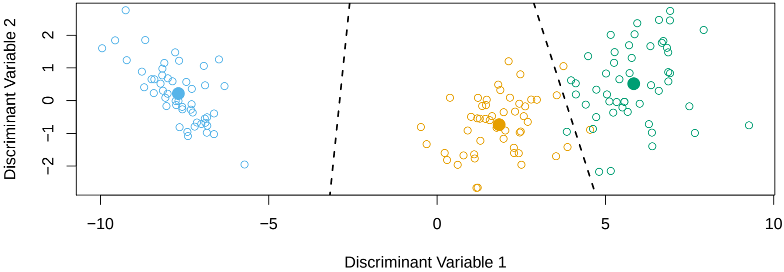

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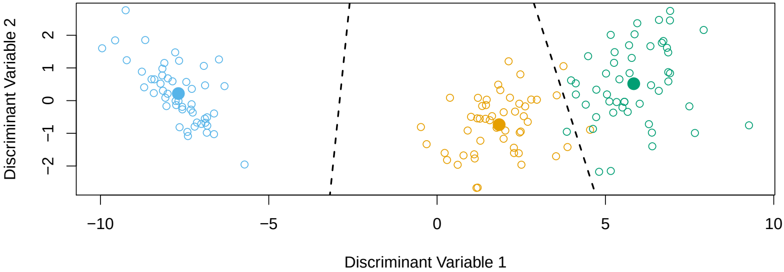

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Types of errors

False positive rate: The fraction of negative examples that are classified as positive — 0.2% in example.

False negative rate: The fraction of positive examples that are classified as negative — 75.7% in example.

We produced this table by classifying to class `Yes` if

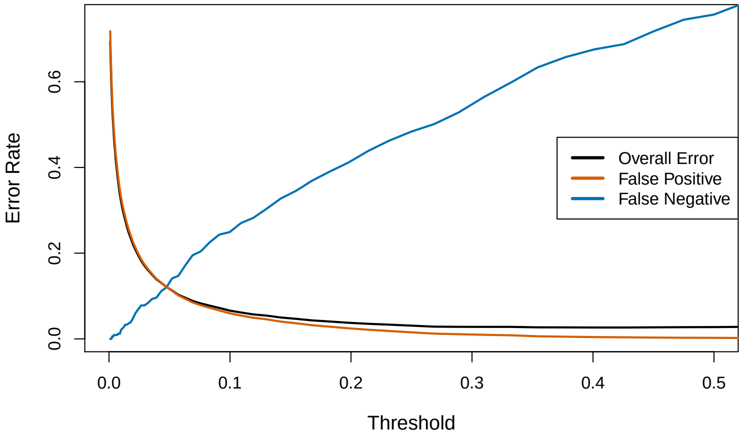
$$\widehat{\Pr}(\texttt{Default} = \texttt{Yes} | \texttt{Balance}, \texttt{Student}) \geq 0.5$$

We can change the two error rates by changing the threshold from 0.5 to some other value in $[0, 1]$:

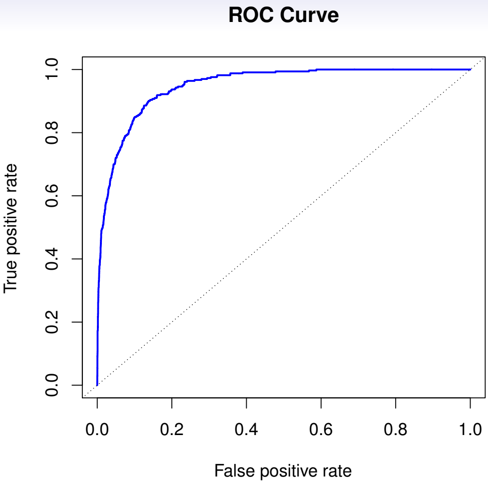
$$\widehat{\Pr}(\texttt{Default} = \texttt{Yes} | \texttt{Balance}, \texttt{Student}) \geq \textit{threshold},$$

and vary *threshold*.

Varying the *threshold*



In order to reduce the false negative rate, we may want to reduce the threshold to 0.1 or less.



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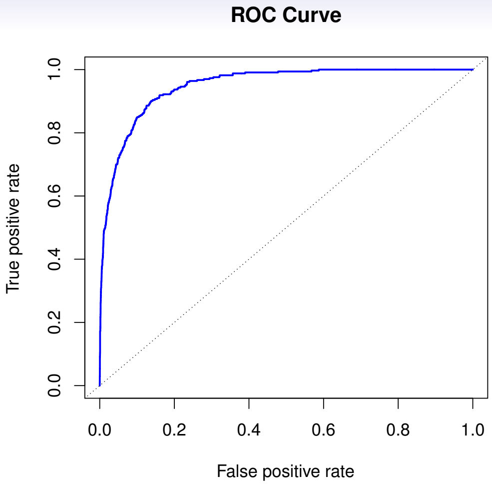

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Sometimes we use the AUC or *area under the curve* to summarize the overall performance. Higher AUC is good.

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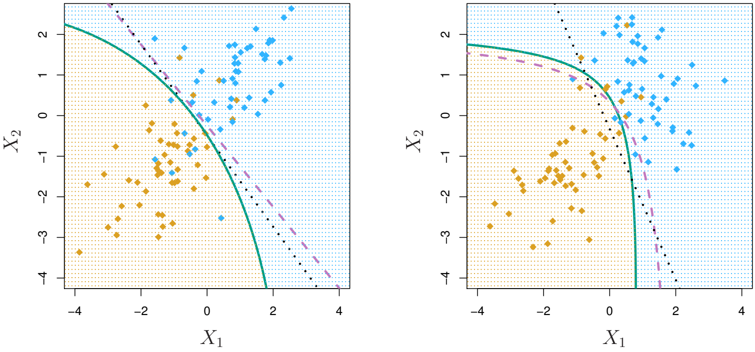

$$\delta_k(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_k)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1}(x-\mu_k) + \log \pi_k$$

Because the $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k$ are different, the quadratic terms matter.

Naive Bayes

Assumes features are independent in each class.
Useful when p is large, and so multivariate methods like QDA and even LDA break down.

- Gaussian naive Bayes assumes each $\mathbf{\Sigma}_k$ is diagonal:

$$\delta_k(x) \propto \log\left[\pi_k \prod_{j=1}^{p} f_{kj}(x_j)\right] = -\frac{1}{2}\sum_{j=1}^{p}\frac{(x_j-\mu_{kj})^2}{\sigma_{kj}^2} + \log\pi_k$$

- can use for *mixed* feature vectors (qualitative and quantitative). If X_j is qualitative, replace $f_{kj}(x_j)$ with probability mass function (histogram) over discrete categories.

Despite strong assumptions, naive Bayes often produces good classification results.

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Footnote: logistic regression can also fit quadratic boundaries like QDA, by explicitly including quadratic terms in the model.

Summary

- Logistic regression is very popular for classification, especially when $K = 2$.
- LDA is useful when n is small, or the classes are well separated, and Gaussian assumptions are reasonable. Also when $K > 2$.
- Naive Bayes is useful when p is very large.
- See Section 4.5 for some comparisons of logistic regression, LDA and KNN.