# Chapter 4: Bayesian Learning

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Since, P(x) is independent of C<sub>k</sub> and we are looking for a class k that maximized P(C<sub>k</sub>|x), we can drop P(x). (Alternatively, consider P(C<sub>k</sub>|x)/P(C<sub>l</sub>|x)).

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• For each **x**, the class  $C_k$  that maximizes  $p(C_i|\mathbf{x})$  among different  $C_i$ , is chosen as the predicted class of **x**.

#### Consider the following dataset:

Person	height (feet)	weight (lbs)	foot size(inches)
male	6	180	12
male	5.92 (5'11")	190	11
male	5.58 (5'7")	170	12
male	5.92 (5'11")	165	10
female	5	100	6
female	5.5 (5'6")	150	8
female	5.42 (5'5")	130	7
female	5.75 (5'9")	150	9

Use the Naive Bayes Classifier with Gaussian distribution to predict the gender of a person whose height, weight and foot size are, respectively, 6, 130, 8.

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Figure: Credit: Google ML