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- Our basic goal remains the same: train a model to correctly predict classes for new examples.

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• We will use w_{y_i} to refer to the column of W corresponding to the correct label for x_i .

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• In other words, we want $w_c^{\top} x_i$ to be largest for the correct label $c = y_i$.

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• Keep this in mind when deriving the gradient.



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- Recall that we denote the normal distribution by $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
- Recall that the p.d.f for the normal distribution is:

$$p(x) = rac{1}{\sqrt{2\sigma^2\pi}}\exp(-rac{(\mu-x)^2}{2\sigma^2})$$

- Assume $y_i|x_i, w \sim N(w^T x_i, 1)$ and $w \sim N(0, 1)$.
- We can show that MAP estimation yields L₂ regularized least squares regression under these assumptions!

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