

## **Discriminant Analysis**

Build a boundary based statistical model to predict a categorical outcome (classify) as a function of multiple continuous preditor variables.

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- 1. From an open JMP data table, select Analyze > **Multivariate Methods > Discriminant.**
- 2. Select one or more continuous variables from **Select** Columns, and click Y, Covariates (continuous variables have blue triangles).
- 3. Click on a categorical variable from **Select Columns**, and click X, Categories (nominal variables have red bars, ordinal variables have green bars).
- 4. Click OK.

By default, JMP displays the Canonical Plot and **Discriminant Scores.** 

- The Canonical Plot shows the points and multivariate least-squares means on the first two canonical variables that best separate the groups.
- The **Biplot Rays** on the Canonical Plot indicate the directions of the predictors in the canonical space.
- The **Discriminant Scores** report shows information used to classify each row in the data table.
- The Score Summaries report provides a summary of the misclassifications and tables that tabulates the number and percent of correctly and incorrectly classified cases.

## Tips:

- JMP provides Stepwise Variable Selection and three Discriminant Methods (Linear, Quadratic and Regularized).
- Click on the **red triangle** to select Stepwise Variable Selection, change the discriminant method, show canonical details, specify prior probabilities, save results, customize plots or select other options.
- If a validation column is specified in the model dialog, the Score Summaries table will include counts and misclassification rates for the training, validation (and test) partitions.

Iris.jmp (Help > Sample Data Folder)







