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Let Θ be a Bernoulli random variable that indicates which one of two hypotheses is true, and let $\mathbf{P}(\Theta = 1) = p$. Under the hypothesis $\Theta = 0$, the random variable \mathbf{X} has a normal distribution with mean 0, and variance 1. Under the alternative hypothesis $\Theta = 1$, \mathbf{X} has a normal distribution with mean 2 and variance 1.

Consider the MAP rule for deciding between the two hypotheses, given that $\mathbf{X} = x$.

1. Suppose for this part of the problem that $p = 2/3$. The MAP rule can choose in favor of the hypothesis $\Theta = 1$ if and only if $x \geq c_1$. Find the value of c_1 .

$c_1 =$

✖ Answer: 0.6534

2. For this part, assume again that $p = 2/3$. Find the conditional probability of error for the MAP decision rule, given that the hypothesis $\Theta = 0$ is true.

$\mathbf{P}(\text{error}|\Theta = 0) =$

✖ Answer: 0.2578

3. Find the overall (unconditional) probability of error associated with the MAP rule for $p = 1/2$.

✖ Answer: 0.1587

You may want to consult to standard normal table.

Normal Table

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Solution:

1. For $0 < p < 1$, we can choose in favor of the hypothesis $\Theta = 1$ if and only if

$$f_{\mathbf{X}|\Theta}(x | 1)p_{\Theta}(1) \geq f_{\mathbf{X}|\Theta}(x|0)p_{\Theta}(0)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x-2)^2\right) \cdot p \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x^2\right) \cdot (1-p)$$

$$\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{(x-2)^2}{2} \geq \ln \frac{1-p}{p}$$

$$x \geq 1 + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1-p}{p}.$$

For $p = 2/3$, this threshold corresponds to $c_1 = 1 - (\ln 2)/2 \approx 0.6534$.

2. Under the hypothesis $\Theta = 0$, an error occurs if we decide $\Theta = 1$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(\text{error} \mid \Theta = 0) &= \mathbf{P}(X \geq c_1 \mid \Theta = 0) \\ &= 1 - \mathbf{P}(X < c_1 \mid \Theta = 0) \\ &\approx 1 - \Phi(0.65) \\ &\approx 0.2578, \end{aligned}$$

since under $\Theta = 0$, X is a standard normal random variable.

3. With $p = 1/2$, the threshold becomes 1. Therefore, we decide $\Theta = 1$, whenever $x \geq 1$, and decide $\Theta = 0$, whenever $x < 1$. f

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(\text{error}) &= \mathbf{P}(\text{error} \mid \Theta = 0)p_{\Theta}(0) + \mathbf{P}(\text{error} \mid \Theta = 1)p_{\Theta}(1) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(X \geq 1 \mid \Theta = 0)\frac{1}{2} + \mathbf{P}(X < 1 \mid \Theta = 1)\frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1 - \Phi(1)}{2} + \frac{\mathbf{P}(X - 2 < -1 \mid \Theta = 1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{1 - \Phi(1)}{2} + \frac{1 - \Phi(1)}{2} \\ &= 1 - \Phi(1) \\ &\approx 1 - 0.8413 = 0.1587. \end{aligned}$$

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