CS171 PS1

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We will assume a binary classification problem with classes A and B with prior probabilities of p_A and p_B , and that the width or variance of the class-conditional distributions, σ , is the same for both classes. Thus, if μ_A is the center of $p(x \mid y = A)$ and μ_B is the same for y = B,

$$p(x \mid y = A) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu_A)^T(x - \mu_A)} \qquad p(y = A) = p_A$$

$$p(x \mid y = B) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu_B)^T(x - \mu_B)} \qquad p(y = B) = p_B$$

• If these are the true distributions, what is the Bayes-optimal decision rule?

if
$$p(x, y = A) > p(x, y = B)$$

return A

else

return B

$$\begin{cases} p(x, y = A) = p(y = A) \ p(x \mid y = A) = p_A \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu_A)^T (x - \mu_A)} \\ p(x, y = B) = p(y = B) \ p(x \mid y = B) = p_B \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu_B)^T (x - \mu_B)} \end{cases}$$

• Demonstrate that this implies a linear decision boundary between the two classes.

The expression is if p(x, y = A) > p(x, y = B), so the boundary is p(x, y = A) = p(x, y = B)

$$\Rightarrow p_{A} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}}(x-\mu_{A})^{T}(x-\mu_{A})} = p_{B} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}}(x-\mu_{B})^{T}(x-\mu_{B})}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}}(x-\mu_{A})^{T}(x-\mu_{A})} = \frac{p_{B}}{p_{A}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}}(x-\mu_{B})^{T}(x-\mu_{B})}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}}(x-\mu_{A})^{T}(x-\mu_{A}) = \ln \frac{p_{B}}{p_{A}} - \frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}}(x-\mu_{B})^{T}(x-\mu_{B})$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-\mu_{A})^{T}(x-\mu_{A}) - (x-\mu_{B})^{T}(x-\mu_{B}) = -2\sigma^{2} \ln \frac{p_{B}}{p_{A}}$$

Which is a linear function since it can always reduce to a 2-variable (x_1, x_2) function as next question showed.

• Draw the decision boundary for the four 2d cases below.

(a)
$$p_A = p_B = 0.5, \mu_A = [0 \ 0]^T, \mu_B = [1 \ 2]^T, \sigma = 1$$

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)^T \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) - \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right)^T \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1^2 + x_2^2) - ((x_1 - 1)^2 + (x_2 - 2)^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x_1 + 4x_2 = 5$$







