

**Problem 1 (8.1, Binary minimum cost detection) Score: \_\_\_\_\_.** (a) Consider a binary hypothesis testing problem with a priori probabilities  $p_0, p_1$  and likelihoods  $f_{V|U}(v|i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1$ . Let  $C_{ij}$  be the cost of deciding on hypothesis  $j$  when  $i$  is correct. Conditional on a observation  $V = v$ , find the expected cost (over  $U = 0, 1$ ) of making the decision  $\tilde{U} = j$  for  $j = 0, 1$ . Show that the decision of minimum expected cost is given by

$$\tilde{U}_{\min\text{cost}} = \arg \min_j [C_{0j}p_{U|V}(0|v) + C_{1j}p_{U|V}(1|v)]$$

(b) Show that the min cost decision above can be expressed as the following threshold test:

$$\Lambda(v) = \frac{f_{V|U}(v|0)}{f_{V|U}(v, 1)} \underset{\tilde{U}=1}{\overset{\tilde{U}=0}{\geq}} \frac{p_1(C_{10} - C_{11})}{p_0(C_{01} - C_{00})} = \eta.$$

(c) Interpret the result above as saying that the only difference between a MAP test and a minimum cost test is an adjustment of the threshold to take account of the cost. i.e., a large cost of an error of one type equivalent to having a large a priori probability for that hypothesis.

**Solution:** (a) The expected cost of making the decision  $\tilde{U} = 0$  is

$$E[\text{cost of making decision } \tilde{U} = 0] = C_{00}p_{U|V}(0|v) + C_{10}p_{U|V}(1|v). \quad (1)$$

The expected cost of making the decision  $\tilde{U} = 1$  is

$$E[\text{cost of making decision } \tilde{U} = 1] = C_{01}p_{U|V}(0|v) + C_{11}p_{U|V}(1|v) \quad (2)$$

In general, the expected cost of making decision  $\tilde{U} = j$  is

$$\begin{aligned} E[\text{cost of making decision } \tilde{U} = j] &= \begin{cases} C_{00}p_{U|V}(0|v) + C_{10}p_{U|V}(1|v), & j = 0; \\ C_{01}p_{U|V}(0|v) + C_{11}p_{U|V}(1|v), & j = 1, \end{cases} \\ &= C_{0j}p_{U|V}(0|v) + C_{1j}p_{U|V}(1|v). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

To give minimum expected cost, the decision should be

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{U}_{\min\text{cost}} &= \arg \min_j \{E[\text{cost of making decision } \tilde{U} = j]\} \\ &= \arg \min_j [C_{0j}p_{U|V}(0|v) + C_{1j}p_{U|V}(1|v)]. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

(b) The min cost decision can be expressed as

$$C_{00}p_{U|V}(0|v) + C_{10}p_{U|V}(1|v) \underset{\tilde{U}=1}{\overset{\tilde{U}=0}{\geq}} C_{01}p_{U|V}(0|v) + C_{11}p_{U|V}(1|v), \quad (5)$$

$$\implies (C_{00} - C_{01})p_{U|V}(0|v) \underset{\tilde{U}=1}{\overset{\tilde{U}=0}{\geq}} (C_{11} - C_{10})p_{U|V}(1|v). \quad (6)$$

where according to Bayes' theorem

$$p_{U|V}(0|v) = \frac{p_0 f_{V|U}(v|0)}{P_V(v)}, \quad (7)$$

$$p_{U|V}(1|v) = \frac{p_1 f_{V|U}(v|1)}{P_V(v)}. \quad (8)$$

Therefore, the min cost decision can be expressed as

$$(C_{00} - C_{01}) \frac{p_0 f_{V|U}(v|0)}{P_V(v)} \underset{\tilde{U}=1}{\overset{\tilde{U}=0}{\geq}} (C_{11} - C_{10}) \frac{p_1 f_{V|U}(v|1)}{P_V(v)}, \quad (9)$$

$$\implies \Lambda(v) = \frac{f_{V|U}(v|0)}{f_{V|U}(v|1)} \underset{\tilde{U}=1}{\overset{\tilde{U}=0}{\geq}} \frac{p_1(C_{10} - C_{11})}{p_0(C_{01} - C_{00})} = \eta. \quad (10)$$

(c) The MAP rule is

$$\hat{U}(v) = \arg \max_j [p_{U|V}(j|v)], \quad (11)$$

$$\implies p_{U|V}(0|v) \underset{\tilde{U}=1}{\overset{\tilde{U}=0}{\geq}} p_{U|V}(1|v), \quad (12)$$

$$\implies \frac{p_0 f_{V|U}(v|0)}{P_V(v)} \underset{\tilde{U}=1}{\overset{\tilde{U}=0}{\geq}} \frac{p_1 f_{V|U}(v|1)}{P_V(v)}, \quad (13)$$

$$\implies \Lambda(v) = \frac{f_{V|U}(v|0)}{f_{V|U}(v|1)} \underset{\tilde{U}=1}{\overset{\tilde{U}=0}{\geq}} \frac{p_1}{p_0}, \quad (14)$$

which can be regarded as a special case of the min cost decision rule that  $C_{10} - C_{11} = C_{01} - C_{00}$ . Therefore, the only difference between a MAP test and a minimum cost test is an adjustment of the threshold to take account of the cost, i.e., a large cost of an error of one type equivalent to having a large a priori probability for that hypothesis.

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**Problem 2 Score:** \_\_\_\_\_. Consider the following two equiprobable hypothesis:

$$U = 0 \quad : \quad V_1 = a \cos \Theta + Z_1, \quad V_2 = a \sin \Theta + Z_2,$$

$$U = 1 \quad : \quad V_1 = -a \cos \Theta + Z_1, \quad V_2 = -a \sin \Theta + Z_2.$$

$Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are iid  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ , and  $\Theta$  takes on the values  $\{-\pi/4, 0, \pi/4\}$  each with probability  $1/3$ .

Find the ML decision rule when  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are observed.

*Hint:* Sketch the possible values of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  for  $\mathbf{Z} = 0$  given each hypothesis. Then, without doing any calculations try to come up with a good intuitive decision rule. Then try to verify that it is optimal.

**Solution:** If  $\mathbf{Z} = 0$ , then possible value of  $(V_1, V_2)$  are shown as the points in figure 1.

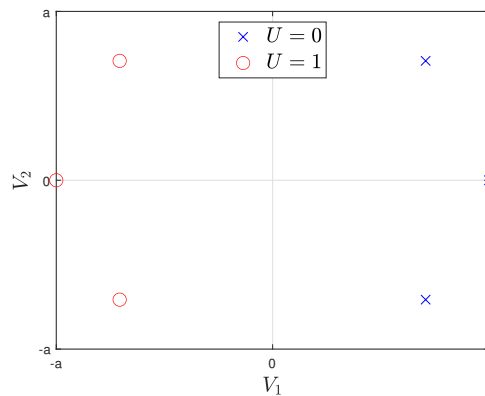


Figure 1: Possible value of  $(V_1, V_2)$  if  $\mathbf{Z} = 0$ .

According to figure 1, guess that the ML decision rule is

$$V_1 \underset{\hat{U}=1}{\overset{\hat{U}=0}{\gtrless}} 0. \quad (15)$$

Now we prove that the above rule is optimal: The joint pdf of  $(V_1, V_2)$  conditional on  $U = 0$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f_{(V_1, V_2)|U}((v_1, v_2)|U=0) &= \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{(v_1 - \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{(v_2 + \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{(v_1 - a)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{v_2^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{(v_1 - \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{(v_2 - \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{6\pi\sigma^2} \left\{ \exp\left[-\frac{(v_1 - \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2 + (v_2 + \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] + \exp\left[-\frac{(v_1 - a)^2 + v_2^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] + \exp\left[-\frac{(v_1 - \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2 + (v_2 - \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Similarly, the joint pdf of  $(V_1, V_2)$  conditional on  $U = 1$  is

$$f_{(V_1, V_2)|U}((v_1, v_2)|U=1) = \frac{1}{6\pi\sigma^2} \left\{ \exp\left[-\frac{(v_1 + \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2 + (v_2 + \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] + \exp\left[-\frac{(v_1 + a)^2 + v_2^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] + \exp\left[-\frac{(v_1 + \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2 + (v_2 - \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \right\}. \quad (17)$$

ML decision rule is

$$\frac{f_{(V_1, V_2)|U}((v_1, v_2)|0)}{f_{(V_1, V_2)|U}((v_1, v_2)|1)} \underset{\hat{U}=1}{\overset{\hat{U}=0}{\gtrless}} 1, \quad (18)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\exp\left[-\frac{(v_1 - \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2 + (v_2 + \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] + \exp\left[-\frac{(v_1 - a)^2 + v_2^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] + \exp\left[-\frac{(v_1 - \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2 + (v_2 - \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]}{\exp\left[-\frac{(v_1 + \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2 + (v_2 + \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] + \exp\left[-\frac{(v_1 + a)^2 + v_2^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] + \exp\left[-\frac{(v_1 + \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2 + (v_2 - \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]} \underset{\hat{U}=1}{\overset{\hat{U}=0}{\gtrless}} 1, \quad (19)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\exp\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}av_1 - \sqrt{2}av_2}{2\sigma^2}\right] + \exp\left[\frac{2av_1}{2\sigma^2}\right] + \exp\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}av_1 + \sqrt{2}av_2}{2\sigma^2}\right]}{\exp\left[\frac{-\sqrt{2}av_1 - \sqrt{2}av_2}{2\sigma^2}\right] + \exp\left[\frac{-2av_1}{2\sigma^2}\right] + \exp\left[\frac{-\sqrt{2}av_1 + \sqrt{2}av_2}{2\sigma^2}\right]} \underset{\hat{U}=1}{\overset{\hat{U}=0}{\gtrless}} 1, \quad (20)$$

$$\Rightarrow \exp\left[\frac{2\sqrt{2}av_1}{2\sigma^2}\right] \frac{\exp\left[\frac{-\sqrt{2}av_2}{2\sigma^2}\right] + \exp\left[\frac{(2-\sqrt{2})av_1}{2\sigma^2}\right] + \exp\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}av_2}{2\sigma^2}\right]}{\exp\left[\frac{-\sqrt{2}av_2}{2\sigma^2}\right] + \exp\left[\frac{(-2+\sqrt{2})av_1}{2\sigma^2}\right] + \exp\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}av_2}{2\sigma^2}\right]} \underset{\hat{U}=1}{\overset{\hat{U}=0}{\gtrless}} 1, \quad (21)$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 \underset{\hat{U}=1}{\overset{\hat{U}=0}{\gtrless}} 0. \quad (22)$$

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