

# Multimedia Security and Privacy

## TP3: Elements of Detection Theory

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## 1 Elements of Detection Theory

Pattern classification is the process of assigning a class label to a physical object, process, or event based on measurement data. Bayesian decision theory is a statistical approach to pattern classification. Using probability it allows to quantify the performance (and costs) that are associated with various classification decisions.

### Gaussian Random Variables

**Definition 1.1.** The probability density function (PDF)  $f_X(x)$  of a Gaussian random variable  $X$  with  $(\mu, \sigma)$  is defined as:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

**Theorem 1.1.** For a Gaussian random variable  $X$  also denoted as  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$ :

$$E[X] = \mu, \quad \text{Var}[X] = \sigma^2$$

**Theorem 1.2.** If  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$ , and  $Y = \alpha X + b$ , then  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\alpha\mu + b, \alpha\sigma)$

**Definition 1.2.** The standard normal cumulative density function (CDF) of  $N$ , where  $N \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ :

$$\Phi(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^n e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} du$$

**Theorem 1.3.** If  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$ , the CDF of  $X$  is:

$$F_X(x) = \Phi\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

and the probability that  $X$  is in the interval  $(a, b]$  is:

$$P[a < X \leq b] = \Phi\left(\frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

This means that we can use this theorem to transform values of some Gaussian random variable  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$  to the standard normal  $N \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  for which the  $\Phi(n)$  values can be looked up. E.g, for a sample  $x$  of  $X$  the corresponding value  $n$  of  $N$  is:

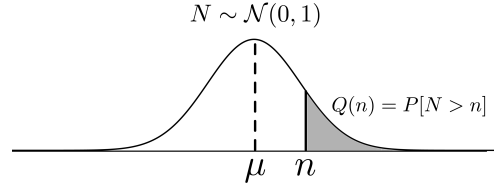
$$n = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

**Theorem 1.4.**

$$\Phi(-n) = 1 - \Phi(n)$$

**Example 1.1.** Let  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(61, 10)$ , what is  $P[X \leq 46]$  ?

$$P[X \leq 46] = F_X(46) = \Phi\left(\frac{46-61}{10}\right) = \Phi(-1.5) = 1 - \Phi(1.5) \approx 1 - 0.933 = 0.067$$



**Figure 1** –  $Q$ -function illustration for  $Q(n)$ .

**Example 1.2.** Let  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(61, 10)$ , what is  $P[51 < X \leq 71]$  ?

Noting that the standard normal  $N = \frac{X-61}{10}$  and the event  $\{51 < X \leq 71\}$  corresponds to the event  $\{(51 - 61)/10 < N \leq (71 - 61)/10\}$  or  $\{-1 < N \leq 1\}$ :

$$P[-1 < N \leq 1] = \Phi(1) - \Phi(-1) = \Phi(1) - (1 - \Phi(1)) = 2\Phi(1) - 1 \approx 0.683$$

**Definition 1.3.** The standard normal complementary CDF:

$$Q(N) = P[N > n] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_n^\infty e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} du = 1 - \Phi(n)$$

See Figure 1.

### Exercise 1

Let  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  and  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 3)$ . What is:

- $P[-2 < Y \leq 1]$
- $P[Y > 5.5]$
- $P[-2 < X \leq 2]$
- $P[X > 1.5]$

### Exercise 2

Let  $X$  denote the peak temperature in Geneva, in June, as measured in Celsius, for which holds:  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(27, 9)$ . What is:

- $P[X > 35]$
- $P[X \leq 5]$
- $P[20 < X \leq 40]$

### Exercise 3

Let  $X$  be a Gaussian random variable, for which  $E[X] = 0$  and  $P[|X| \leq 10] = 0.3$ . What is  $\sigma_X$ ? Note that tables for  $\Phi$  can be found online, or can be determined by using the (inverse) Cumulative Distribution Function, present in Python (`scipy.stats.norm`) or Matlab.

**Exercise 4**

Next to the  $Q$ -function, the communications field uses the *complementary error function* (ERFC) for the tail probabilities of Gaussian random variables. It is defined as:

$$\operatorname{erfc}(n) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_n^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$$

Prove that:

$$Q(n) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{n}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \quad (1)$$

**Hint**

- Formulate for yourself, what the difference is between the Python (`scipy.special`) or Matlab `erf`, `erfc`, `normcdf` and the  $Q(\cdot)$  functions.

**Definition 1.4.** Integral substitution.

The substitution method for integrals is defined as follows:

$$\int_{\varphi(b)}^{\varphi(a)} f(x) dx = \int_b^a f\{\varphi(z)\} \varphi'(z) dz. \quad (2)$$

Where  $\varphi$  is a bijective differentiable function,  $x = \varphi(z)$  and  $dx = \varphi'(z) dz$

**Example**

For example let:

$$\int (2x^7 - 5)^3 \cdot 28x^6 dx \quad \text{Define:} \quad (3)$$

$$z = 2x^7 - 5$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = 14x^6$$

$$x^6 dx = \frac{1}{14} dz$$

Hence,

$$\int (2x^7 - 5)^3 \cdot 28x^6 dx = \frac{28}{14} \int z^3 dz = 2 \cdot \frac{z^4}{4} = \frac{1}{2} (2x^7 - 5)^4 + C \quad (4)$$

For example let:

$$\int_0^2 x \cos(x^2 + 1) dx \quad \text{Define:} \quad (5)$$

$$u = x^2 + 1$$

$$du = 2x dx$$

$$dx = \frac{1}{2} \frac{du}{x}$$

Hence,

$$\int_{x=0}^{x=2} x \cos(x^2 + 1) dx = \int_{u=1}^{u=5} x \cos(u) \frac{1}{2} \frac{du}{x} \quad (6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{u=1}^{u=5} \cos(u) du \quad (7)$$

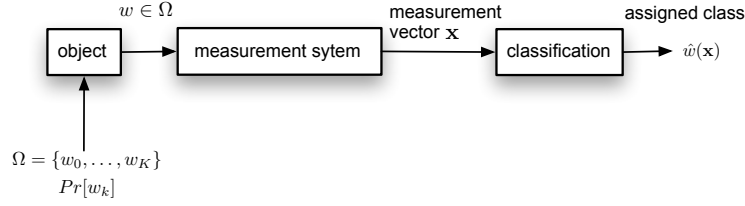


Figure 2 – Statistical pattern classification framework

## 2 Bayesian Two-class Classification

The starting point is a stochastic experiment as seen in Figure 2 where the objects are categorised by a set  $\Omega = \{w_0, \dots, w_K\}$  of  $K$  classes. The probability of having an object of class  $k$  in the real world,  $P(w_k)$ , is called the *prior probability*. It represents the gathered knowledge we have about this class of object prior to taking any measurements. Further more, we stipulate that classes are exclusive and that no other classes are in play:

$$\sum_{k=0}^K P(w_k) = 1 \quad (8)$$

The measurement system produces a *measurement vector*  $\mathbf{x}$  with some dimension. Objects from different classes should produce different measurements, but those from identical classes will also differ. The reason is two-fold. Imagine you are classifying between cats and dogs based on weight. Obviously not all cats weigh the same. In addition, the measurements can be subject to noise due to the measurement device itself. All these variations are modelled by the probability density function  $p(\mathbf{x})$ . The conditional probability mass function  $p(\mathbf{x}|w_k)$  models the density of the measurements giving that they originate from objects of class  $w_k$ . Since we assume that the classes are mutual exclusive, the unconditional density  $p(\mathbf{x})$  becomes:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=0}^K p(\mathbf{x} | w_k) P(w_k) \quad (9)$$

This leaves one last probability, the *posterior probability*  $P(w_k | \mathbf{x})$ . It denotes the probability that an object belongs to class  $w_k$  given measurement vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .

Following Bayes' theorem:

$$P(w_k | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x} | w_k) P(w_k)}{p(\mathbf{x})} \quad (10)$$

Informally, one can read this as:

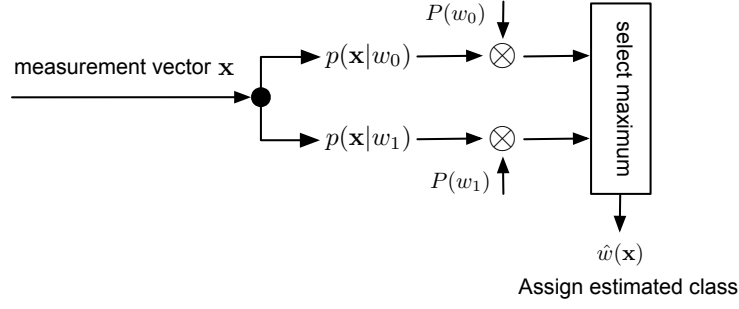
$$\text{posterior} = \frac{\text{likelihood} \times \text{priors}}{\text{evidence or scale factor}} \quad (11)$$

We will take a small side-step and have a look at the probability of error while classifying between to classes,  $w_0$  and  $w_1$  based on measurement vector  $\mathbf{x}$ :

The probability of an error can be simply expressed:

$$p(\text{error} | \mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} p(w_0 | \mathbf{x}) & \text{if we choose class } w_1 \\ p(w_1 | \mathbf{x}) & \text{if we choose class } w_0 \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

Now, there will be scenario's in which some errors might be modelled as more serious than others, but for now we will use what is known as a *uniform cost function*. This means that there is a unit cost for an error, and zero cost in the case there is no error.



**Figure 3** – Bayes decision function with uniform cost function or MAP classification.

Minimizing the *uniform cost function* is equivalent to maximizing the *posterior probability*  $P(w_k | \mathbf{x})$ . Using Bayes' rule:

$$P(w_k | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x} | w_k)P(w_k)}{p(\mathbf{x})} \quad (13)$$

becomes the so called *Maximum A Posteriori* (MAP) classifier when:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{w}_{MAP}(\mathbf{x}) &= \operatorname{argmax} P(w_k | \mathbf{x}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax} p(\mathbf{x} | w_k)P(w_k) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Visually, one can see how this method works in Figure 3. For every measurement vector  $\mathbf{x}$  and all classes  $k$ , one evaluates  $p(\mathbf{x} | w_k) \times P(w_k)$ . The classifier then selects the maximum result and returns the estimated class  $\hat{w}(\mathbf{x})$ .

In the special 2-class case, the MAP classifier simply tests:

$$p(\mathbf{x} | w_0)P(w_0) > p(\mathbf{x} | w_1)P(w_1) \begin{cases} \text{true} & \rightarrow \text{decide } w_0 \\ \text{false} & \rightarrow \text{decide } w_1 \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

Refactoring:

$$p(\mathbf{x} | w_0)P(w_0) \geq p(\mathbf{x} | w_1)P(w_1) \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{p(\mathbf{x} | w_0)}{p(\mathbf{x} | w_1)} \geq \frac{P(w_1)}{P(w_0)} \quad (17)$$

Now, if we look at  $p(\mathbf{x} | w_k)P(w_k)$  as a function of  $w_k$ :

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x} | w_0)}{p(\mathbf{x} | w_1)} \quad (18)$$

$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x})$  is called the *likelihood function* of  $w_k$  or the *likelihood ratio*.

Now, deciding between class  $w_0$  and  $w_1$  in the 2-class MAP case becomes:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) \underset{w_1}{\overset{w_0}{\geq}} \frac{P(w_1)}{P(w_0)} \quad (19)$$

If the measurement vectors are Gaussian, e.g.  $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \sigma \mathbf{I})$  it is custom to use the *log likelihood function*:

$$\ln(\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x})) \underset{w_1}{\overset{w_0}{\geq}} \ln\left(\frac{P(w_1)}{P(w_0)}\right) \quad (20)$$

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) \underset{w_1}{\overset{w_0}{\geq}} T, \quad T = \ln\left(\frac{P(w_1)}{P(w_0)}\right) \quad (21)$$

## Detection

In the case of Bayes two-class classification, with classes  $w_0$  and  $w_1$  imagine the following scenario. A burglar alarm, based on an infrared measuring device, classifies between two options:  $w_0$  : no event and  $w_1$  : burglar present. We will call these two options hypothesis:

$$\begin{cases} H_0 : & \text{no event} \\ H_1 : & \text{event} \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

Clearly, there are four different outcomes:

	$w = w_0$	$w = w_1$
$\hat{w}(\mathbf{x}) = w_0$	True negative	Mis or False negative
$\hat{w}(\mathbf{x}) = w_1$	False Alarm	Hit or True positive

Then the probabilities of *miss*,  $p_m$  and *false alarm*,  $p_f$  are defined as:

$$p_m = P(\hat{w}_0 | w_1) \quad (23)$$

$$p_f = P(\hat{w}_1 | w_0) \quad (24)$$

Then, given  $T$  as threshold:

$$p_m = P(\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) > T | w_1) = \int_T^\infty p(\Lambda | w_1) d\Lambda \quad (25)$$

$$p_f = P(\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) < T | w_0) = \int_{-\infty}^T p(\Lambda | w_0) d\Lambda \quad (26)$$

**Definition 2.1.** The total probability of error,  $p_{err}$

The maximum a posteriori probability (MAP) test **minimizes** the total probability of error of a binary hypothesis test,  $p_{err}$ .

$$p_{err} = P(\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) > T | w_1)P(w_1) + P(\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) < T | w_0)P(w_0) \quad (27)$$

It should be clear that pending the probabilistic nature of hypotheses  $H_0$  and  $H_1$  there is no value  $T$  for which error-less classification is possible, as shown in Figure 4. For any  $T$  the system will thus exhibit false positives and misses. The standard tool to show how  $T$ ,  $p_m$ , and  $p_f$  interact is the *Receiver Operator Characteristic* or ROC curve, which is shown in Figure 4.

## Reformulation and Examples

We will now slightly reformulate the MAP framework to a signal processing context, and present a number of examples. The principles remain identical, except that instead of classifying between classes  $w_0$  and  $w_1$  we will let a detector decide between two hypotheses  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ .

In this binary hypothesis test, there are two hypothetical probability models,  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ , and two possible conclusions. The detector either decides that  $H_0$  is the true model, or  $H_1$ . The *a priori* probabilities for these hypotheses are  $P[H_0]$  and  $P[H_1]$ . The binary hypothesis test divides the sample space  $S = \{H_0, H_1\}$  into two mutually exclusive, collectively exhaustive sets  $A_0$  and  $A_1$ . If the detector outputs  $s \in A_0$ , it will accept  $H_0$ , otherwise, it will accept  $H_1$ . If the detector output is based on some stochastic random variable  $X$ , the corresponding probability models are the conditional mass functions (discrete case)  $P_{X|H_0}(x)$  and  $P_{X|H_1}(x)$  and in the continuous case they are the probability density functions  $f_{X|H_0}(x)$  and  $f_{X|H_1}(x)$ .

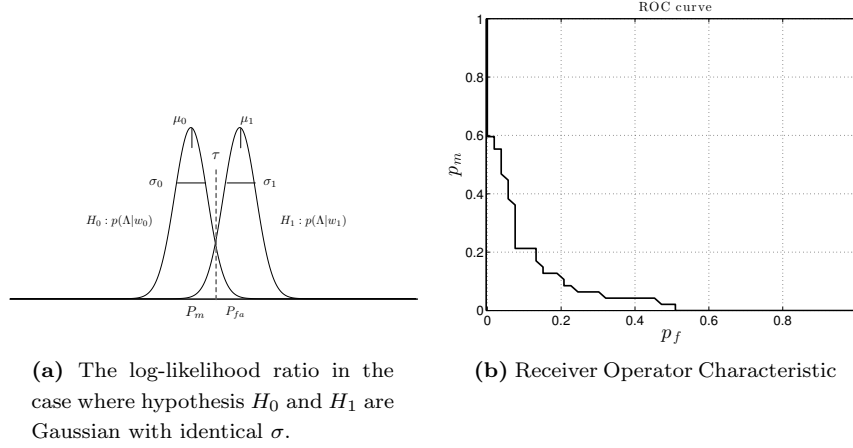


Figure 4 – Bayes two-class classification.

**Definition 2.2.** The probability of error,  $p_{err}$

The maximum a posteriori probability (MAP) test **minimizes** the total probability of error of a binary hypothesis test,  $p_{err}$ :

$$p_{err} = P(A_1 | H_0)P(H_0) + P(A_0 | H_1)P(H_1) \quad (28)$$

**Theorem 2.1.** The Maximum a posteriori probability (MAP) binary hypothesis test:

Given a binary hypothesis test, with outcome  $s$ , the following rule leads to the lowest  $p_{err}$  value:

$$s \in A_0, \text{ if } P[H_0 | s] \geq P[H_1 | s] \quad (29)$$

$$s \in A_1, \text{ if } P[H_1 | s] > P[H_0 | s] \quad (30)$$

**Theorem 2.2.** For an experiment that produces a discrete random variable  $X$ , the MAP hypothesis test is:

$$x_i \in A_0, \text{ if } \frac{P_{X|H_0}(x_i)}{P_{X|H_1}(x_i)} \geq \frac{P[H_1]}{P[H_0]} \quad (31)$$

**Theorem 2.3.** For an experiment that produces a continuous random variable  $X$ , the MAP hypothesis test is:

$$x_i \in A_0, \text{ if } \frac{f_{X|H_0}(x_i)}{f_{X|H_1}(x_i)} \geq \frac{P[H_1]}{P[H_0]} \quad (32)$$

## Examples binary hypothesis testing

We will now go through the Bayesian two-class classification or binary hypothesis testing from a signal processing (radar) viewpoint, with a number of examples.

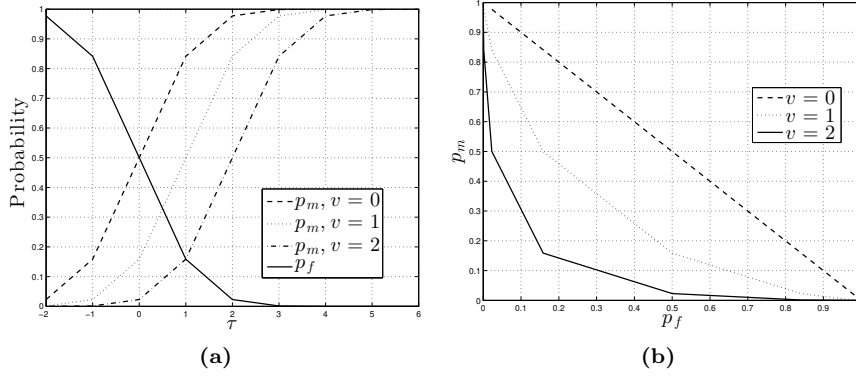
**Example 2.1.** Let  $X$  denote the received signal for a radar detection system. This system continuously checks the following hypothesis:

$$\begin{cases} H_0 : & \text{No target} \\ H_1 : & \text{Target} \end{cases} \quad (33)$$

These two hypotheses are based on  $X$ , which is also called the *sufficient statistic* as follows:

$$\begin{cases} H_0 : & X = N \\ H_1 : & X = v + N \end{cases} \quad (34)$$





**Figure 5** – (a) shows the  $p_m$  and  $p_f$  versus the value of  $\tau$  for example 2.1. (b) shows the corresponding ROC graph.

where,  $N \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  denotes the noise of the system and  $v \geq 0$ . Note the absence of any information about the a priori probabilities  $P(H_0)$  and  $P(H_1)$ ! We can now define the acceptance sets in which a result must lie to accept one of the hypotheses. A result in set  $A_0 = \{X \leq \tau\}$  lets the detector decide for  $H_0$ , or no target present. Alternative, results in set  $A_1 = \{X > \tau\}$  let the system chose  $H_1$ .

It should be obvious that the probability of miss,  $p_m$ , and probability of false alarm,  $p_f$ , of this system are dependent on  $v$  and the chosen threshold  $\tau$ .

Observe that under  $H_0$ ,  $X$  behaves as  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  yet under  $H_1$ ,  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(v, 1)$ . Therefore:

$$p_m = P[A_0 | H_1] = P[X \leq \tau | H_1] = \Phi(\tau - v) \quad (35)$$

$$p_f = P[A_1 | H_0] = P[X > \tau | H_0] = 1 - \Phi(\tau) \quad (36)$$

Shown in Figure 5a and 5b are  $p_m$  and  $p_f$  as functions of  $\tau$  for different values  $v \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Note that  $p_f$  does not depend on  $v$ . The ROC curve shows that for  $v = 0$  the received signal is identical whether or not a target is present, and that as  $v$  increases in value, the detector starts performing better.

**Example 2.2.** Let a communications system transmit either a 0 with probability  $p$  or a 1 with probability  $1 - p$ .

$$\begin{cases} H_0 : & 0 \text{ received} \\ H_1 : & 1 \text{ received} \end{cases} \quad (37)$$

The detector receives a signal modelled with random variable  $X$ :

$$\begin{cases} H_0 : & X = -v + N \\ H_1 : & X = v + N \end{cases} \quad (38)$$

where,  $N \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  denotes the noise of the system and voltage  $v \geq 0$  is the information component. Given  $X$  what is the minimum probability of error rule for deciding whether a 0 or a 1 was sent?

Observe that when a 0 is transmitted,  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(-v, \sigma)$  and when a 1 is transmitted,  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(v, \sigma)$ . With hypothesis  $H_i$  denoting that the send bit was  $i$  the following likelihood functions can be derived:

$$f_{X|H_0}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x+v)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (39)$$

$$f_{X|H_1}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-v)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (40)$$

Recall from the beginning that the probability that a 1 is send is defined as  $1 - p$  and hence  $P[H_0] = p$  and  $P[H_1] = 1 - p$ . Defining the region  $A_0$  a result must lie in to accept  $H_0$  and  $A_1$  for  $H_1$ , the continuous

likelihood ratio test, or MAP hypothesis test becomes:

$$x \in A_0, \text{ if } \frac{f_{x|H_0}(x)}{f_{x|H_1}(x)} \geq \frac{P[H_1]}{P[H_0]} \quad (41)$$

Thus, in this example:

$$x \in A_0, \text{ if } \frac{e^{-\frac{(x+v)^2}{2\sigma^2}}}{e^{-\frac{(x-v)^2}{2\sigma^2}}} \geq \frac{1-p}{p} \quad (42)$$

$$x \in A_1, \text{ otherwise} \quad (43)$$

Taking the logarithm and refractoring yields:

$$x \in A_0, \text{ if } x \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{2v} \ln \left( \frac{1-p}{p} \right) \quad (44)$$

$$x \in A_0, \text{ if } x \leq \tau \quad (45)$$

Note that if  $p = 0.5$ , the threshold  $\tau = 0$  and the detector decision is only based on evidence in the signal and not on prior information, which is now information-less. In this case, the detector reverts to a *Maximum Likelihood* classifier using only the information in the signal.

Once  $p \neq 0.5$ , the prior information as modelled with  $P[H_0]$  and  $P[H_1]$  will cause the decision threshold for the minimum probability of error to shift. The influence of the priors also depends on the signal-to-noise voltage ratio  $\frac{\sigma^2}{2v}$ . The higher this ratio, the more reliable the information in the signal and thus it will have more influence on the detector in comparison to the priors.

### 3 Neyman-Pearson Test

As stated, the MAP test minimizes the the probability of accepting a wrong hypothesis. However, it requires knowledge about the a priori probabilities  $P[H_i]$ . There are situations in which these a priori probabilities are hard or impossible to obtain. An alternate approach is to first specify an acceptable level for either the probability of miss or false alarm. This idea is the basis for the Neyman-Pearson test.

Neyman-Pearson minimizes  $p_m$  subject to the constraint  $p_f = \alpha$ . As

$$p_f = P[A_1 | H_0] \quad (46)$$

$$p_m = P[A_0 | H_1] \quad (47)$$

are conditional probabilities the test does not require the a priori probabilities  $P[H_0]$  and  $P[H_1]$ .

**Definition 3.1.** The Continuous Neyman-Pearson binary hypothesis test. Let sufficient statistic  $\mathbf{X}$  a continuous random vector, the rule that minimizes  $p_m$  constraint to  $p_f = \alpha$  is:

$$\mathbf{x} \in A_0, \text{ if } \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{f_{\mathbf{x}|H_0}(\mathbf{x})}{f_{\mathbf{x}|H_1}(\mathbf{x})} \geq \gamma \quad (48)$$

$$\mathbf{x} \in A_1, \text{ otherwise,} \quad (49)$$

where for  $\gamma$  holds:  $\int_{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) < \gamma} f_{\mathbf{x}|H_0}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \alpha$ .

**Definition 3.2.** The Discrete Neyman-Pearson binary hypothesis test. Let sufficient statistic  $\mathbf{X}$  a discrete random vector, the rule that minimizes  $p_m$  constraint to  $p_f \leq \alpha$  is:

$$\mathbf{x} \in A_0, \text{ if } \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{P_{\mathbf{x}|H_0}(\mathbf{x})}{P_{\mathbf{x}|H_1}(\mathbf{x})} \geq \gamma \quad (50)$$

$$\mathbf{x} \in A_1, \text{ otherwise,} \quad (51)$$

where  $\gamma$  is the largest value for which holds:  $\sum_{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) < \gamma} P_{\mathbf{x}|H_0}(\mathbf{x}) \leq \alpha$ .

**Example 3.1.** The previous example 2.1 is also the result of a Neyman-Pearson test. In this example we will show that the Neyman-Pearson test is a threshold test with acceptance set  $A_0 = \{X \leq \tau\}$  where  $\tau$  is related to  $p_f = \alpha$  in the following fashion.

Given  $H_0$ ,  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  and given  $H_1$ ,  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(v, 1)$ . Following definition 3.1, the Neyman-Pearson test is:

$$X \in A_0 \text{ if } \mathcal{L} = \frac{f_{X|H_0}(x)}{f_{X|H_1}(x)} = \frac{e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}}{e^{-\frac{(x-v)^2}{2\sigma^2}}} \geq \gamma \quad (52)$$

$$X \in A_1 \text{ otherwise} \quad (53)$$

Taking the logarithms:

$$X \in A_0 \text{ if } x \leq \tau = \frac{v}{2} - \frac{1}{v} \ln \gamma \quad (54)$$

$$X \in A_1 \text{ otherwise} \quad (55)$$

The choice of *gamma* has a one-to-one correspondence with the choice of  $\tau$ . Moreover,  $\mathcal{L} \geq \gamma$ , if and only if,  $x \leq \tau$ . In terms of  $\tau$ , the  $p_f$  becomes:

$$p_f = P[\mathcal{L} \leq \gamma | H_0] = P[X \geq \tau | H_0] = Q(\tau). \quad (56)$$

Then, one can choose  $\tau$  such that  $Q(\tau) = \alpha$ .

### Exercise 5

Let there be two hypotheses,  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ :

$$\begin{cases} H_0 : & X = Z \\ H_1 : & X = \mu_1 + Z \end{cases}$$

where  $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  and  $\mu_1 = 1$ .

- Determine the separation threshold  $\tau$  following the MAP hypothesis, or likelihood ratio test.
- Determine the probability of correct detection  $p_d$ .  $p_d = 1 - p_m$ .

### Exercise 6

Let there be two hypotheses,  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ :

$$\begin{cases} H_0 : & X = Z \\ H_1 : & X = \mu_1 + Z \end{cases}$$

where  $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  and  $\mu_1 = \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

- Derive the general formula's for the Probability of Miss,  $p_m$ , the Probability of correct detection,  $p_d$ , and the Probability of False Alarm,  $p_f$ .
- Implement and visualize the Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve for the binary hypothesis test for the above given hypotheses,  $H_0$  and  $H_1$  for each different value of  $\mu_1 = \{0, 1, 2\}$ .
- Formulate the influence of the mean  $\mu_1$  on the separation result,  $p_d$  and  $p_f$ .

**Exercise 7**

A binary communication system transmits a signal  $X$ , which follows the *Bernoulli* distribution with  $p = 0.5$ , i.e  $X \sim \mathcal{B}(p)$  and:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} p & x = 1 \\ (1-p) & x = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (57)$$

The receiver observes  $Y$ :

$$Y = VX + W \quad (58)$$

where  $V \perp W \perp X$ , and  $V, W$  are *exponential* random variables for which  $\lambda = 1$ :

$$f_V(x) = f_W(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (59)$$

Given the observation  $Y$ , the detector must guess whether  $X = 0$  or  $X = 1$  was transmitted.

- Formulate hypotheses  $H_0$  and  $H_1$  the detector must decide between.
- Use the binary hypothesis likelihood ratio test to determine the rule that minimises  $p_{err}$ , the probability of a decoding error.
- Determine  $p_{err}$  for the optimum decision rule.

**Hint**

**Theorem 3.1.** If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are *i.i.d* exponential random variables, then  $W = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$  has the *Erlang* probability density function:

$$f_W(w) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda^n w^{n-1} e^{-\lambda w}}{(n-1)!} & w \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (60)$$