

1.15

$Z = \{0, 1\}$ where 0 indicates that the student didn't understand the topic and 1 that they did.

The probability function p_Z tells us how likely it is for any given student to have understood the topic or not without further any information on the student.

$$p_Z(0) = p_0 \quad p_Z(1) = p_1$$

Since the points are Gaussian distributed we get $X = \mathbb{R}$.

$p_{X|Z}$ is the probability of any given student to score a certain number of points given they either understood the topic or not.

Since the points are Gaussian distributed we also get the probability of any x

in X simply by calculating the formula for a Gaussian at point x with the mean depending on whether the student has understood the topic or not.

$$p_{X|Z}(x \in X|0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu_0)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$p_{X|Z}(x \in X|1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu_1)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Where μ_0 is the mean for students who have not understood the topic and μ_1 for those who did.

1.16

$$\begin{aligned} p_{Z|X}(1|x) &= p_{X|Z}(x|1) \cdot \frac{p_Z(1)}{p_X(x)} \\ &= \frac{p_{X|Z}(x|1) \cdot p_Z(1)}{p_{X|Z}(x|0) \cdot p_Z(0) + p_{X|Z}(x|1) \cdot p_Z(1)} \\ &= \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot p_1}{\exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu_0)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot p_0 + \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) p_1} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{(x-\mu_1)^2 - (x-\mu_0)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot \frac{p_0}{p_1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{2x\mu_0 - 2x\mu_1 + \mu_1^2 - \mu_0^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot \frac{p_0}{p_1}} \end{aligned}$$

1.17

$$\begin{aligned}
-\ln(x_i) &= -\ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)\right) \\
&= -\ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma}\right) - \ln\left(\exp\left(-\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)\right) \\
&= -\ln(1) + \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma) + \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \\
&= \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma) + \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \\
-\sum_{i=1}^m \ln(x_i) &= \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\ln(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma) + \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\
&= m \cdot \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma) + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

To optimize in relation to μ one must derivative in relation to μ and then equal that to zero. We don't need to check the second derivative since we can assume $\ln()$ to be convex.

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{d}{d\mu} \left(-\sum_{i=1}^m \ln(x_i) \right) = 0 \\
&\Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{d\mu} \left(m \cdot \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma) + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2} \right) = 0 \\
&\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^m \mu - x_i = 0 \\
&\Leftrightarrow m\mu = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i \\
&\Leftrightarrow \mu = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m x_i
\end{aligned}$$

Same for σ

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(-\sum_{i=1}^m \ln(x_i) \right) = 0 \\
&\Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(m \cdot (\ln(\sqrt{2\pi}) + \ln(\sigma)) + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2} \right) = 0 \\
&\Leftrightarrow \frac{m}{\sigma} - \frac{2}{\sigma^3} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2} = 0 \\
&\Leftrightarrow \frac{m}{\sigma} = \frac{1}{\sigma^3} \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i - \mu)^2 \\
&\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i - \mu)^2
\end{aligned}$$