## Neural Networks (CSC372)

Unit 2: Rosenblatt's Perceptron

(3 Hrs.)

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## Learning Objectives

- Understand the structure and working of Rosenblatt's Perceptron
- Explain the Perceptron Convergence Theorem
- Compare Perceptron with Bayes Classifier
- Apply the Batch Perceptron Algorithm for classification tasks

## Before going to Rosenblatt's Perceptron

- In the formative years of neural networks (1943–1958), several researchers stand out for their pioneering contributions:
  - McCulloch and Pitts (1943) for introducing the idea of neural networks as computing machines.
  - Hebb(1949) for postulating the first rule for self-organized learning.
  - Rosenblatt (1958) for proposing the perceptron as the first model for learning with a teacher (i.e., supervised learning).

## Introduction to Perceptron

- Developed by Frank Rosenblatt (1958)
- Inspired by the biological neuron
- Simplest form of neural Network
- Used for binary classification tasks
- Processes input via weighted sum and activation function

#### **Assumptions**

- 1.Binary classification  $(i.e.y_i \in \{-1, +1\})$
- 2.Data is linearly separable

## **Perceptron Model**

• Rosenblatt's perceptron is built around a nonlinear neuron, namely, the *McCulloch*— *Pitts model* of a neuron.

Input vector: 
$$x = [x_1, x_2, ..., x_m]$$
  
Weight vector:  $w = [w_1, w_2, ..., w_m]$   
Output:  $y = \varphi(w \cdot x + b)$ 

#### **Perceptron Goal:**

Classify input vector (x1,x2,...,xm) into two classes:

- If output y=+1, assign to class **c1**
- If output y=-1, assign to class **c2**

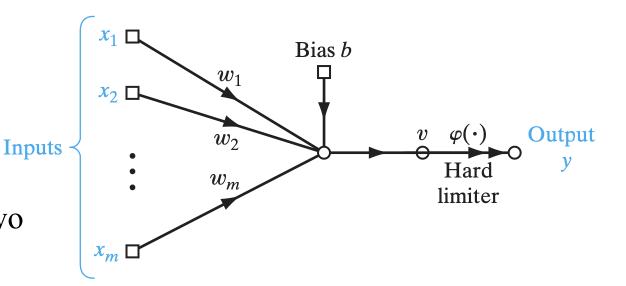


FIG 2.1: Signal-flow graph of the perceptron.

Learning rule: Adjust weights to minimize classification error

## Classifier

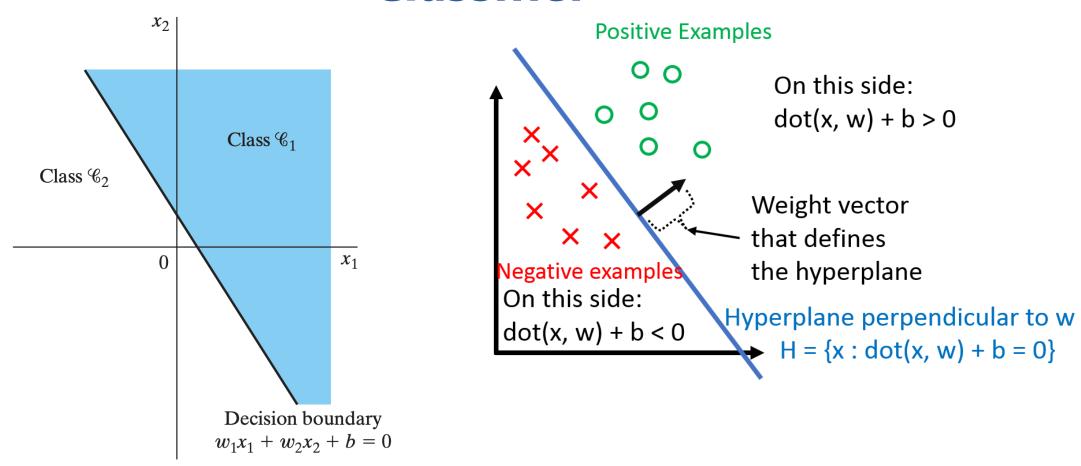


FIG 2.2: Illustration of the hyperplane (in this example, a straight line) as decision boundary for a two-dimensional, two-class pattern-classification problem.

• From the model, we find that the hard limiter input, or induced local field, of the neuron is,

$$y_i = v = \sum_{i=1}^m w_i x_i + b$$

 $\boldsymbol{b}$  is the bias term (without the bias term, the hyperplane that  $\boldsymbol{w}$  defines would always have to go through the origin). Dealing with  $\boldsymbol{b}$  can be a pain, so we 'absorb' it into the feature vector  $\boldsymbol{w}$  by adding one additional constant dimension.

• Under this convention,

$$x_i$$
 becomes  $\begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $w$  becomes  $\begin{bmatrix} w \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ 

• We can verify that

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \top \begin{bmatrix} w \\ b \end{bmatrix} = w^{\mathsf{T}} x_i + b$$

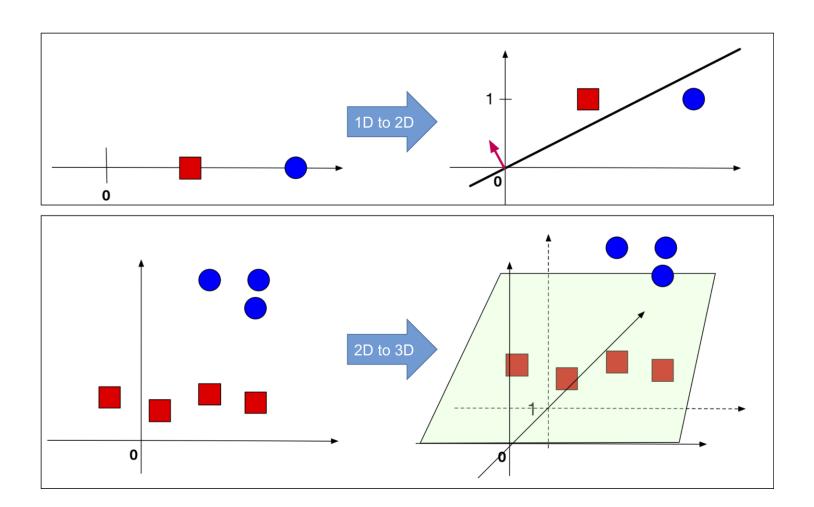
Using this, we can simplify the above formulation of f(xi) to

$$f(xi) = \varphi(w^{\mathsf{T}}x)$$

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**Observation:** Note that  $y_i(w^Tx_i) > 0 \Leftrightarrow x_i$  is classified correctly

where 'classified correctly' means that  $x^i$  is on the correct side of the hyperplane defined by w. Also, note that the left side depends on  $y_i \in \{-1, +1\}$  (it wouldn't work if, for example  $y_i \in \{0, +1\}$ ).

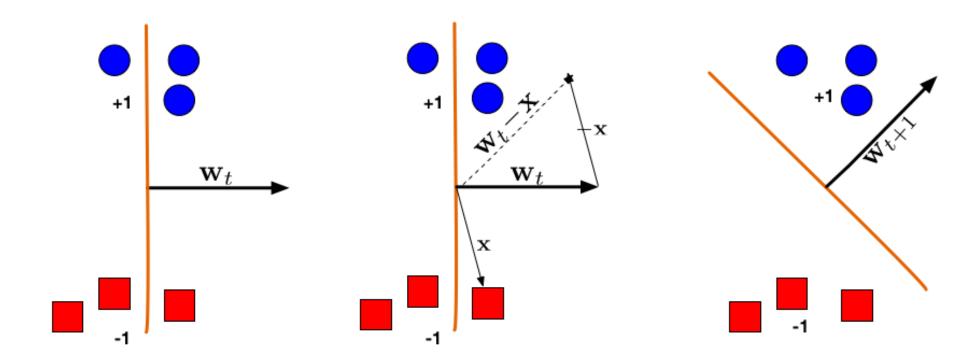


(Left:) The original data is 1-dimensional (top row) or 2-dimensional (bottom row). There is no hyperplane that passes through the origin and separates the red and blue points. (Right:) After a constant dimension was added to all data points such a hyperplane exists.

## Perceptron Algorithm

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Initalize \vec{w} = \vec{0}
 while True do
    m = 0
                                         //count the miss classifications, m
    for (x_i, y_i) \in D do
                                         //loop over each (data, label) pair in the dataset, D
             if yi(\overrightarrow{w}^T.\overrightarrow{x_i}) \ge 0 then //if the pair (xi, yi) is misclassified
                      \vec{w} \leftarrow \vec{w} + y\vec{x} //update the weight vector
                       m \leftarrow m + 1
              end if
    end for
    if m = 0 then
                                         //if the recent w gives 0 misclassifications
              break
                                         //break out the while loop
    end if
end while
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#### **Geometric Intuition**



The hyperplane defined by  $\mathbf{w_t}$  misclassifies one red (-1) and one blue (+1) point.

The red point x is chosen and used for an update. Because its label is -1 we need to **subtract** x from  $w_t$ .

Fig: lustration of a Perceptron update.

The updated hyperplane  $\mathbf{w_t} + \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{w_t} - \mathbf{x}$  separates the two classes and the Perceptron algorithm has converged.

## **Perceptron Convergence Theorem**

- Proves that perceptron learning algorithm converges in finite steps
- Assumes data is linearly separable
- Guarantees finding a solution (if it exists)
- Let us assume,  $\exists w^*$  such that  $y_i(w^{*Tx}) > 0 \ \forall (xi, yi) \in D$
- The bias b(n) is treated as a synaptic weight driven by a fixed input equal to 1. Thus, Input dimension is (m+1) by 1 given as,

$$\mathbf{x}(n) = [+1, x_1(n), x_2(n), ..., x_m(n)]^T$$

where n denotes the time step in applying the algorithm. Correspondingly, we define the (m + 1) - by - 1 weight vector as,

$$\mathbf{w}(n) = [b, w_1(n), w_2(n), ..., w_m(n)]^T$$

#### Accordingly, the linear combiner output is written in the compact form

$$egin{aligned} v(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^m w_i(n) x_i(n) \ &= \mathbf{w}^T(n) \mathbf{x}(n) \end{aligned}$$

Adjust the weight vector  $\mathbf{w}$  in such a way that the two classes C1 and C2 are linearly separable. i.e.

 $w^T X > 0$  for every input vector x belonging to class C1  $w^T X < 0$  for every input vector x belonging to class C2

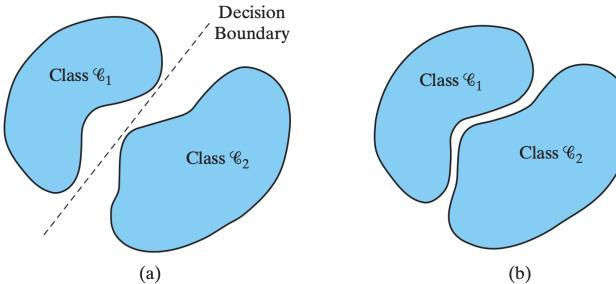


Fig: (a) A pair of linearly separable patterns. (b) A pair of non-linearly separable patterns.

Now, suppose that we rescale each data point and the w\* such that  $||w|^*|| = 1$  and  $||x_i|| \le 1 \ \forall xi \in D$ 

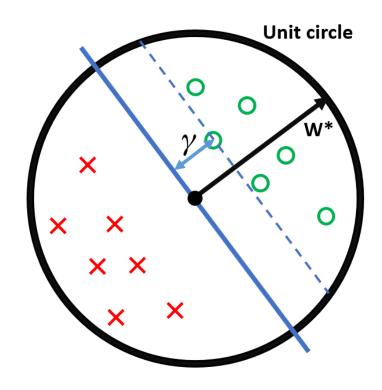
Let us define the <u>margin</u>  $\gamma$  <u>of the hyperplane</u>  $w^*$  as  $\gamma = min(xi, yi) \in D|w^{*Tx}|$ 

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To summarize our setup:

- All inputs  $x_i$  live within the unit sphere.
- There exists a separating hyperplane defined by w\*, with  $\|\mathbf{w}\|^*=1$  (i.e.  $\mathbf{w}*$  lies exactly on the unit sphere).
- $\gamma$  is the distance from this hyperplane (blue) to the closest data point.
- **Theorem:** If all of the above holds, then the Perceptron algorithm makes  $1/\gamma 2$ at most mistakes.

Or "For any finite set of linearly separable labeled examples, the Perceptron Learning Algorithm (PLA) will terminate after a finite number of iterations."



#### **Proof:**

Keeping what we defined above, consider the effect of an update (w becomes w + yx) on the two terms  $w^Tw^*$  and  $w^Tw$ . We will use two facts:

- $y(x^Tw) \le 0$ : This holds because x is misclassified by w otherwise we wouldn't make the update.
- $v(x^Tw^*) > 0$ : This holds because  $w^*$  is a separating hyperplane and classifies all points correctly.

1. Consider the effect of an update on 
$$\mathbf{w}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{w}^{*}$$
:
$$(\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{y}\mathbf{x})^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{w}^{*} = \mathbf{w}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{w}^{*} + \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{w}^{*}) \geq \mathbf{w}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{w}^{*} + \mathbf{y}$$

The inequality follows from the fact that, for w\*, the distance from the hyperplane defined by  $w^*$  to x must be at least  $\gamma$  (i. e.  $\gamma(x^T w^*) = |x^T w^*| \ge \gamma$ ).

This means that for each update,  $w^Tw^*$  grows by at least  $\gamma$ .

2. Consider the effect of an update on  $w^Tw$ :

$$(w + yx)^{\mathsf{T}}(w + yx) = w^{\mathsf{T}}w + 2y(w^{\mathsf{T}}x) + y^{2}(x^{\mathsf{T}}x) \le w^{\mathsf{T}}w + 1$$

The inequality follows from the fact that

- $2y(w^Tx) < 0$  as we had to make an update, meaning x was misclassified
- $0 \le y^2(x^Tx) \le 1$  as  $y^2=1$  and all  $x^Tx \le 1$  (because  $||x|| \le 1$ ). This means that for each update,  $w^Tw$  grows by at most 1.

3. Now we know that after M updates the following two inequalities must hold:

1) 
$$\mathbf{w}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{w}^{*} \geq M \mathbf{\gamma}$$

2) 
$$w^{\mathsf{T}}w \leq M$$
.

We can then complete the proof:

$$M\gamma \leq w^{\top}w^{*}$$
 By (1)

$$= \| w \| \cos(\theta) \qquad \text{by definition of inner-product, where } \theta \text{ is the angle between } w \text{ and } w^{*}.$$

$$\leq ||w|| \qquad \text{by definition of } \cos, \text{ we must have } \cos(\theta) \leq 1.$$

$$= \sqrt{w^{\top}w} \qquad \text{by definition of } \|w\|$$

$$\leq \sqrt{M} \qquad \text{By (2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow M\gamma \leq \sqrt{M}$$

$$\Rightarrow M^{2}\gamma^{2} \leq M$$

$$\Rightarrow M \leq 1/\gamma^{2}$$

And hence, the number of updates M is bounded from above by a constant.

### **Limitations of Perceptron**

- Fails to solve non-linearly separable problems (e.g., XOR)
- Can only classify linearly separable datasets
- Motivated development of multilayer perceptron

# RELATION BETWEEN THE PERCEPTRON AND BAYES CLASSIFIER FOR A GAUSSIAN ENVIRONMENT

- The perceptron bears a certain relationship to a classical pattern classifier known as the Bayes classifier.
- When the environment is Gaussian, the Bayes classifier reduces to a linear classifier.

 $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{H}$ 

 $\mathcal{C}_{j} = Ci = \mathcal{C}_{j}$ 

#### **Bayes Classifier**

- Bayes classifier, or Bayes hypothesis testing procedure
  - minimize the average risk, denoted by  $\Re$ .

• For a two-class problem, represented by classes C1 and C2, the average risk is defined by Van Trees (1968) as,

$$\Re = c_{11}p_1 \int_{\mathcal{H}_1} p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_1) d\mathbf{x} + c_{22}p_2 \int_{\mathcal{H}_2} p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_2) d\mathbf{x} \qquad \text{Correctly classified} 
+ c_{21}p_1 \int_{\mathcal{H}_2} p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_1) d\mathbf{x} + c_{12}p_2 \int_{\mathcal{H}_1} p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_2) d\mathbf{x} \qquad \text{missclassified}$$
(1.23)
$$missclassified$$

Where,

 $p_i$  - prior probability that the observation vector corresponds to an object in class C1, with i=1,2, and

$$p_1 + p_2 = 1$$

 $C_{ij}$  cost of deciding in favor of class  $C_i$  represented by subspace  $H_i$  when class  $C_i$  is true (i.e., observation vector  $\mathbf{x}$  corresponds to an object in class  $C_1$ ), with i, j = 1, 2

 $p_x(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_i)$  conditional probability density function (pdf) of the random vector  $\mathbf{X}$ , given that the observation vector  $\mathbf{x}$  corresponds to an object in class  $\mathcal{C}_1$ , with i = 1, 2.

- To minimize the risk,
  - each observation vector  $\mathbf{x}$  must be assigned in the overall observation space  $\mathcal{H}$  to either  $\mathcal{H}1$  or  $\mathcal{H}2$ . Thus,

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}1 + \mathcal{H}2 \dots \dots (1.24)$$

we may rewrite Eq. (1.23) in the equivalent form

$$\Re = c_{11} p_1 \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_1) d\mathbf{x} + c_{22} p_2 \int_{\mathcal{X} - \mathcal{X}_1} p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_2) d\mathbf{x} 
+ c_{21} p_1 \int_{\mathcal{X} - \mathcal{X}_1} p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_1) \mathbf{x} + c_{12} p_2 \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_2) d\mathbf{x}$$
(1.25)

where  $c_{11} < c_{21}$  and  $c_{22} < c_{12}$ . We now observe the fact that

$$\int_{\mathcal{Y}} p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathscr{C}_1) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathscr{C}_2) d\mathbf{x} = 1$$
 (1.26)

Hence, Eq. (1.25) reduces to

$$\Re = c_{21}p_1 + c_{22}p_2 
+ \int_{\Re_1} [p_2(c_{12} - c_{22}) \ p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathscr{C}_2) - p_1(c_{21} - c_{11}) \ p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathscr{C}_1)] d\mathbf{x}$$
(1.27)

The first two terms on the right-hand side of Eq. (1.27) represent a fixed cost. Since the requirement is to minimize the average risk  $\Re$ , we may therefore deduce the following strategy from Eq.(1.27) for optimum classification:

- 1. Assign any value of  $\mathbf{x}$  to class  $\mathcal{C}\mathbf{1}$  if the expression inside the square brackets is -ve, because this will reduce the overall risk  $\Re$ .
- 2. Assign any value of  $\mathbf{x}$  to class  $\mathbf{C2}$  if the expression is  $+\mathbf{ve}$ , because this will increase the overall risk if included in class  $\mathbf{C1}$ .
- 3. If the expression is  $\mathbf{0}$ , it doesn't affect the risk, so those values of  $\mathbf{x}$  can be assigned to either class. Here, we choose to assign them to **class**  $\mathbf{C2}$ .

On this basis, we may now formulate the Bayes classifier as follows:

If the condition

$$p_1(c_{21}-c_{11}) p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathscr{C}_1) > p_2(c_{12}-c_{22}) p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathscr{C}_2)$$

holds, assign the observation vector **x** to subspace  $\mathcal{X}_1$  (i.e., class  $\mathcal{C}_1$ ). Otherwise assign **x** to  $\mathcal{X}_2$  (i.e., class  $\mathcal{C}_2$ ).

To simplify matters, define

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathscr{C}_1)}{p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathscr{C}_2)}$$
(1.28)

and

$$\xi = \frac{p_2(c_{12} - c_{22})}{p_1(c_{21} - c_{11})} \tag{1.29}$$

The quantity  $\Lambda(\mathbf{x})$ , the ratio of two conditional probability density functions, is called the *likelihood* ratio.

The quantity  $\xi$  is called the *threshold* of the test.

Note that both  $\xi(x)$  and  $\Lambda(x)$  are always positive.

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#### Bayes classifier by stating the following

If, for an observation vector  $\mathbf{x}$ , the likelihood ratio  $\mathbf{\Lambda}(\mathbf{x})$  is greater than the threshold  $\boldsymbol{\xi}$ , assign  $\mathbf{x}$  to class  $\mathbf{C1}$ . Otherwise, assign it to class  $\mathbf{C2}$ .

The data processing involved in designing the Bayes classifier is confined entirely to the computation of the likelihood ratio  $\Lambda(x)$ .

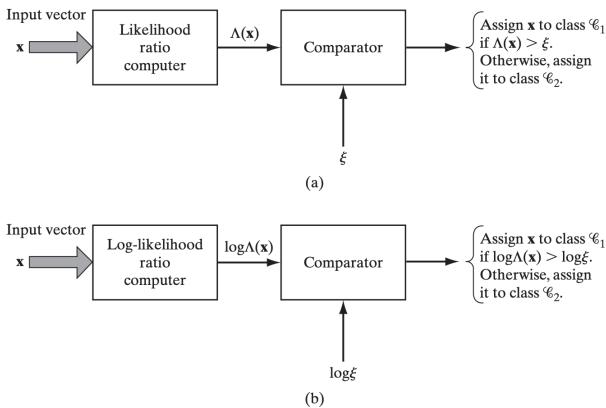


Fig: Two equivalent implementations of the Bayes classifier: (a) Likelihood ratio test, (b) Log-likelihood ratio test.

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### Bayes Classifier for a Gaussian Distribution

- Consider a case of a two-class problem, for which the underlying distribution is Gaussian.
- The random vector **X** has a mean value that depends on whether it belongs to class c1 or class c2, but the covariance matrix of **X** is the same for both classes.

Class 
$$\mathscr{C}_1$$
:  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}_1$ 

$$\mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)^T] = \mathbf{C}$$
Class  $\mathscr{C}_2$ :  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}_2$ 

$$\mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^T] = \mathbf{C}$$

The covariance matrix C is nondiagonal, which means that the samples drawn from classes c1 and c2 are correlated. It is assumed that C is nonsingular, so that its inverse matrix  $C^{-1}$  exists.

• The conditional probability density function of **X** as the multivariate Gaussian distribution

$$p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathscr{C}_i) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{m/2}(\det(\mathbf{C}))^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)^T \mathbf{C}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)\right), \quad i = 1, 2 \quad (1.30)$$

where m is the dimensionality of the observation vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .

The two classes C1 and C2 are equiprobable:

$$p_1 = p_2 = \frac{1}{2} \tag{1.31}$$

Misclassifications carry the same cost, and no cost is incurred on correct classifications:

$$c_{21} = c_{12}$$
 and  $c_{11} = c_{22} = 0$  (1.32)

• By substituting Eq. (1.30) into (1.28) and taking the natural logarithm, we get (after simplifications)

$$\log \Lambda(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)$$

$$= (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_2^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)$$
(1.33)

• By substituting Eqs. (1.31) and (1.32) into Eq. (1.29) and taking the natural logarithm, we get

$$\log \xi = 0 \tag{1.34}$$

Equations (1.33) and (1.34) state that the Bayes classifier for the problem at hand is a *linear classifier*, as described by the relation

$$y = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b \tag{1.35}$$

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Where,

$$\mathbf{y} = \log \Lambda(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{C}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)$$

$$b = \frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_2^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)$$

$$(1.36)$$

$$(1.37)$$

On the basis of Eq. (1.35), we may now describe the log-likelihood ratio test for our two-class problem as follows:

If the output y of the linear combiner (including the bias b) is positive, assign the observation vector  $\mathbf{x}$  to class C1. Otherwise, assign it to class C2.

#### $\mu 1$ and $\mu 2$ the covariance matrix C.

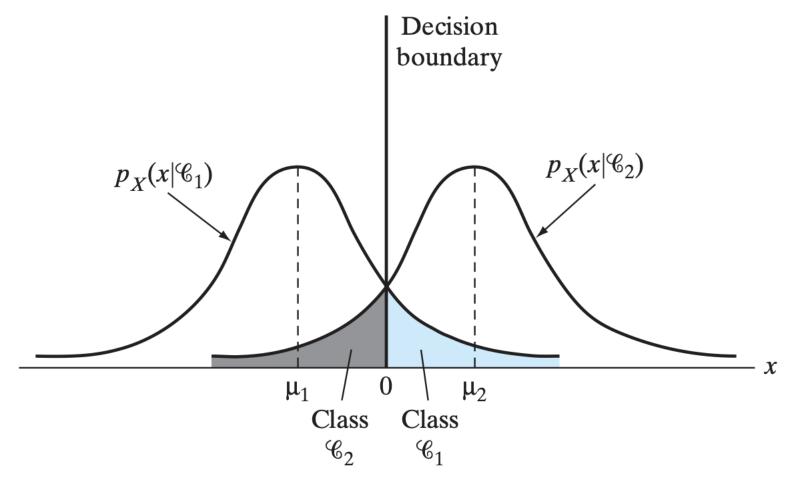


Fig: Two overlapping, one-dimensional Gaussian distributions.

## Perceptron vs. Bayes Classifier

#### Bayes Classifier

- Minimizes classification error probability, regardless of overlap between class distributions.
- Decision boundary lies where class distributions intersect (e.g., Gaussians).
- Parametric: Assumes specific distribution form (e.g., Gaussian), limiting applicability.
- Fixed design; can be made adaptive but requires more storage and computation.

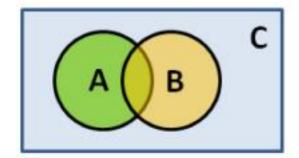
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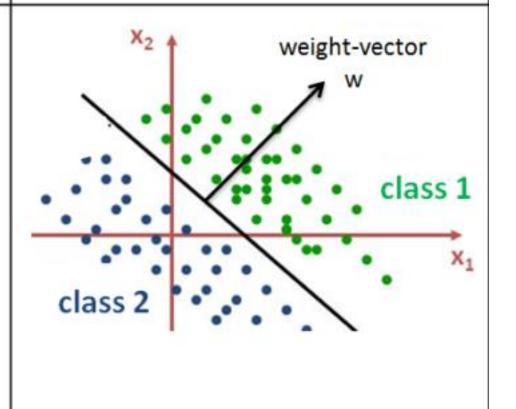
- Nonparametric: Makes no assumptions about input distribution.
- Focuses on classification errors, especially in overlapping regions.
- Performs well with nonlinear or non-Gaussian input distributions.
- Adaptive and simple: Requires only storage for weights and bias.

# Statistical Approach (Naive Bayes)

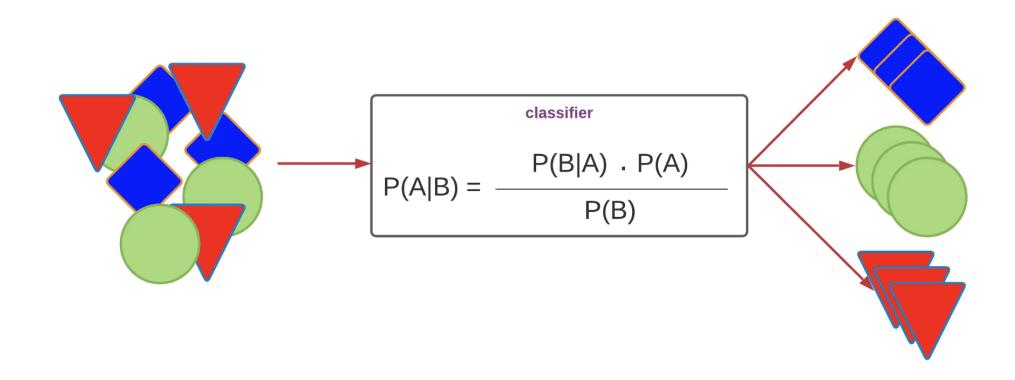
#### Geometrical Approach (Perceptron, SVM)

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$





#### **Naive Bayes Classifier**



#### THE BATCH PERCEPTRON ALGORITHM

- 1. Introduces the generalized form of a perceptron cost function.
- 2. Uses the cost function to formulate a batch version of the perceptron convergence algorithm.

we define the perceptron cost function as

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}(n) \in \mathcal{X}} (-\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}(n) d(n))$$
 (1.39)

where  $\mathcal{H}$  is the set of samples x misclassified by a perceptron using w as its weight vector.

- If all the samples are classified correctly, then the set  $\mathcal{H}$  is empty, in which case the cost function  $J(\mathbf{w})$  is zero.
- In any event, the nice feature of the cost function J(w) is that it is differentiable with respect to the weight vector w.

Differentiating  $J(\mathbf{w})$  with respect to  $\mathbf{w}$  yields the gradient vector,

$$\nabla J(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}(n) \in \mathcal{X}} (-\mathbf{x}(n)d(n))$$
 (1.40)

where the *gradient operator* 

$$\nabla = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial w_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial w_2}, ..., \frac{\partial}{\partial w_m} \right]^T \tag{1.41}$$

In the *method of steepest descent*, the adjustment to the weight vector  $\mathbf{w}$  at each time-step of the algorithm is applied in a direction *opposite* to the gradient vector  $\nabla J(\mathbf{w})$ . Accordingly, the algorithm takes the form

$$\mathbf{w}(n+1) = \mathbf{w}(n) - \eta(n)\nabla J(\mathbf{w})$$

$$= \mathbf{w}(n) + \eta(n) \sum_{\mathbf{x}(n) \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbf{x}(n)d(n)$$
(1.42)

which includes the single-sample correction version of the perceptron convergence algorithm as a special case.

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## **Applications and Experiment**

- Simple pattern classification
- Handwritten digit recognition (basic)
- Basis for further neural network models

## Summary

- Perceptron is a foundational model for neural networks
- Perceptron convergence theorem ensures learning under linear separability
- Limitations led to the evolution of deep networks

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