

**Pattern Discrimination: (1) feature extraction**, mapping between raw data space and the feature space, (2) **classification**, mapping between feature space and interpretation space. We do classification based on similarity (distance between feature spaces). **Stages of RP system** include measurement/sensing, raw data preprocessing (optional), feature extraction, feature preprocessing (optional), feature selection/reduction (optional), classification, postprocessing; performance evaluation (testing.) **Main concerns:** difficult to know if we have a sufficiently large and representative dataset; should be discriminative and not redundant, there should be an adequate parameter search for any method chosen; evaluate model with different feature/parameter sets, for robustness; consider complexity vs performance trade-off. **Precision:** TP/TP+FP, **Acc** = TP+TF/all, **Recall/Sensitivity** = TP/TP+FN, **Specificity** = TF/TF+FP, **F1** = 2\*Prec\*Recall/(Prec+Recall)

**Decision functions:** maps between feature space and interpretation space, splits IS into decision regions, if we apply a monotonic function to it we get exact same classification; also decision function can be a linear combination of transformations to features. This is helpful to turn complex non-linear problems into linearly separable problems in higher dimension or transformed spaces. Polynomial d(x) requires setting (k+d)! / (k! d!) parameters, with d=n\_features and k=max\_pol\_degree.

**Multi-class classification:** divide into binary problems. Can be **absolute separation** (one-vs-all, we develop C classifiers, classifier i tells us whether sample belongs to i or not, and then we make hierarchical decisions) or **pairwise separation** (one-vs-one, we develop (c! / (2!(n-2)!)) classifiers, each tells us what class in that pair the point most likely belongs to, final decision through majority voting.

**Covariance Matrix:** indicates how variables vary and co-vary. It's symmetric. It's related to the **Mahalanobis distance**: adjusts to many cluster shapes, ie, data distribution, it's *scale invariant* (e. circle -> ellipsis). The mahalanobis distance surface between class 1 and 2 is linear if C1=C2 and quadratic otherwise. **PCA:** find a reduced set of new variables with less redundancy, minimizing loss. Project data into directions (eigenvectors of C) that maximize variance. The eigenvalues represent the variance along those directions. **Steps:** standardize data [(f-m)/s], compute C, find eigenvalues y such that |y I - C| = 0 and then eigenvalue matrix such that C V = y V. Project data according to important PCs. **Kaiser Criterion:** keep eigenvectors with eigenvalues > 1; **Scree test:** discard eigenvalues after plot stabilizes (subjective.). PCA is **unsupervised** (doesn't need labels) which can be good but also means we can cut features because they don't contribute to variance but they actually contribute to overall discrimination. Also PCs are linear transformations, so they struggle with non-linear relationships. PCs have no physical/semantic meaning.

**Visualization:** graphical inspection of features helps see their discriminative power. Histograms let us know where data is located (mean/median), how spread it is (std/quartiles), whether it's symmetric or skewed and whether there are outliers. We should do a distribution model assessment to know whether we can apply parametric tests to it. **Kolmogorov-Smirnov (K-S):** quantifies the difference between the empirical cumulative distribution function (CDF) of the data and the theoretical CDF of a normal standard distribution. The null hypothesis states that the data is drawn from a normal distribution. **Shapiro-Wilk** is the same but for n<25. **Techniques to avoid overfitting:** Cross-validation, regularization to constrain complexity, pruning (in decision trees, ensemble methods (bagging/random forest) **Kruskal-Wallis:** non-parametric statistical test to assess features discriminative power. Formula: (1) sort feature values; (2) assign ordinal rank; (3) compute the H statistics: as high as H is, the more discriminative the feature. **H0:** samples from different classes are drawn from the same population (no discriminative power.) **Feature Redundancy:** use correlation matrix. **Dimensionality Ratio problem:** d = n / l, where n is the number of samples and d number of dimensions. If we have low n, we have poor representation of problem, however, with too many dimensions we can overfit data. This is the **curse of dimensionality**: there exists a critical feature dimension (CFD) above which performance degrades (we can't just add more dimensions while keeping the number of training samples the same). In geometric pov, if we have d features each divided in m buckets, then we have m^d hypercubes dividing space - grows exponentially w d and can lead to very sparse space, representing the problem poorly. CFD not theoretically ascertainable. **MDC:** consider class means as class prototypes (representatives) and assign to each new sample the class of the nearest prototype. **Euclidean MDC:** the decision function forms hyperplanes perpendicular to the segment linking the means and passing at half-distance.

**Fisher LDA:** goal is to separate samples of diff classes by placing them in a space maximizing between-class separability and minimizing within-class variability. We can use this for dimensionality reduction and linear classifier (Fisher LDA). LDA assumes implicitly that the C of each class is equal, because the same within-class scatter matrix is used for all the classes considered. We find the vector w and project data according to that direction, then use euclidean MDC. LDA reduces data to at most C-1 dimensions, and it has

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**Performance Evaluation.** Confusion Matrix with TP, TN, FP, FN. Accuracy = (TP+TN)/(TP+TN+FP+FN). Sensitivity/Recall = TP/(TP+FN). Specificity = TN/(TN+FP). Precision = TP/(TP+FP). F1-score = 2/(Precision-Recall)/(Precision+Recall). Macro averaging computes metrics per class and averages them (class-balanced); Micro averaging computes metrics globally and is dominated by majority classes (=> accuracy). For class imbalance: Binary -> use Recall, Specificity, F1 or Balanced Accuracy; Multiclass -> use BACC/BACcw. **Decision Trees.** Classification through recursive if-then rules; each root-to-leaf path is a conjunction, the full tree is a disjunction. Advantages: interpretable, fast, handles mixed data. Disadvantages: greedy search, high variance, sensitive to data changes. **Entropy and Information Gain (ID3).** Entropy measures class heterogeneity:  $H(S) = -\sum p \log_2 p$ . Information Gain:  $Gain(S,A) = H(S) - \sum (|S_i|/|S|)H(S_i)$ . ID3 selects the feature with highest IG recursively until entropy is zero. IG is biased toward features with many values and sensitive to noise and class imbalance. **CART.** Uses Gini impurity  $G = 1 - \sum p^2$ , binary splits only, supports classification and regression. Overfitting controlled by pruning, depth limits, minimum samples per leaf, cross-validation or Random Forests. **Naïve Bayes.** Assumes conditional independence between features given the class. Likelihood Ratio Test:  $p(x_i|\omega_i)/p(x_i|\omega_{-i}) > P(\omega_i)/P(\omega_{-i}) \Rightarrow$  choose  $\omega_i$ . Capital P denotes discrete probabilities, lowercase p denotes probability density functions; p(x) is the evidence. **Bias-Variance Decomposition.** Total error = bias + variance. High bias -> underfitting; high variance -> overfitting. Overfitting corresponds to very low training error and high testing error, often due to high model complexity (high VC dimension). **Feature Selection Additions.** ROC/AUC can be used to assess individual feature relevance; higher AUC implies better discriminative power. Regularization as embedded selection: LASSO (L1) forces irrelevant feature weights to zero; Ridge (L2) shrinks weights to reduce variance. **Distance Metrics.** A valid metric satisfies non-negativity, identity, symmetry and triangle inequality. A norm also satisfies  $d(ax,ay)=|a|d(x,y)$ . **k-NN Theory.** As

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class Node:
    def __init__(self, f=None, t=None, l=None, r=None, v=None):
        self.f, self.t, self.l, self.r, self.v = f, t, l, r, v

def _gini(y):
    if len(y) == 0: return 0
    p = np.bincount(y) / len(y)
    return 1 - np.sum(p**2)

def _fit_tree(X, y, depth=0, max_d=5):
    if depth == max_d or len(np.unique(y)) == 1:
        return Node(v=Counter(y).most_common(1)[0][0])
    # Random Subspace: Select sqrt(D) features
    n_feat = X.shape[1]
    # feats = np.random.choice(n_feat, int(np.sqrt(n_feat)), replace=False)
    best = {'g': float('inf'), 'f': None, 't': None}
    for f in feats:
        thresholds = np.unique(X[:, f])
        for t in thresholds:
            mask = X[:, f] <= t
            if np.sum(mask) == 0 or np.sum(~mask) == 0: continue

            # Weighted Gini Impurity
            g = (len(y[mask]) * _gini(y[mask]) + len(y[~mask]) * _gini(y[~mask])) / len(y)
            if g < best['g']: best = {'g': g, 'f': f, 't': t}

    if best['f'] is None: return Node(v=Counter(y).most_common(1)[0][0])
    mask = X[:, best['f']] <= best['t']
    return Node(f=best['f'], t=best['t'],
                l=_fit_tree(X[mask], y[mask], depth+1, max_d),
                r=_fit_tree(X[~mask], y[~mask], depth+1, max_d))

def _predict(n, x):
    return n.v if n.v is not None else _predict(n.l if x[n.f] <= n.t else n.r, x)
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def rf_training(Xtr, Ttr):
    # Xtr is D x P, Transpose to P x D for processing
    X, y = Xtr.T, Ttr.flatten().astype(int)
    trees = []
    # Bagging: Train 10 trees on bootstrap samples
    for _ in range(10):
        idx = np.random.choice(len(y), len(y), replace=True)
        trees.append(_fit_tree(X[idx], y[idx]))
    return {'trees': trees}

def rf_testing(Xte, Tte, model):
    X, y = Xte.T, Tte.flatten().astype(int)
    # Majority Voting
    preds = [_predict(t, x) for x in X for t in model['trees']]
    preds = np.array(preds).reshape(len(X), len(model['trees']))
    out = np.array([Counter(row).most_common(1)[0][0] for row in preds])
    # Metrics (1=Pos, 2=Neg)
    TP = np.sum((out == 1) & (y == 1))
    TN = np.sum((out == 2) & (y == 2))
    ss = TP / np.sum(y == 1) if np.sum(y == 1) else 0.0
    sp = TN / np.sum(y == 2) if np.sum(y == 2) else 0.0
    return out, ss, sp
```

```
def agg_clustering_avg(dist_matrix, labels) -> list(list[Any]):
    D = np.array(dist_matrix, dtype=float)
    np.fill_diagonal(D, np.inf)
    clusters = labels[:]
    sizes = [1] * len(labels)
    history = [list(clusters)]
    while len(clusters) > 1:
        # 1. Find the closest pair of clusters
        i, j = np.unravel_index(np.argmin(D), D.shape)
        if i > j: i, j = j, i # Ensure i < j for consistent deletion
        # 2. Update Distances (Average Linkage: Weighted average)
        # Formula: d(iu, k) = (n_i * d(i, k) + n_j * d(j, k)) / (n_i + n_j)
        n_i, n_j = sizes[i], sizes[j]
        D[i, :] = (n_i * D[i, :] + n_j * D[j, :]) / (n_i + n_j)
        D[:, i] = D[:, i] # Maintain symmetry
        D[i, i] = np.inf # Reset diagonal
        # 3. Merge Labels and Sizes
        clusters[i] = f'{clusters[i]} {clusters[j]}'
        sizes[i] += sizes[j]
        # 4. Remove cluster j (delete row and column)
        D = np.delete(np.delete(D, j, 0), j, 1)
        clusters.pop(j)
        sizes.pop(j)
        history.append(list(clusters))
    return history
# --- Test Case ---
dists = [
    [0, 754, 564, 138],
    [754, 0, 219, 869],
    [564, 219, 0, 669],
    [138, 869, 669, 0]
]
lbls = ['Milano', 'Napoli', 'Rome', 'Torino']
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N->∞, k->∞ and k/N->0, k-NN approaches the Optimal Bayes classifier. Small k yields low bias and high variance (overfitting).

**Find C for SVM:**

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X = np.asarray(Xtr)
y = np.asarray(Ttr)
mean_f1 = []
std_f1 = []
skf = StratifiedKFold(n_splits=n_runs, shuffle=True)
for C in Cs:
    f1_scores = []
    for train_idx, test_idx in skf.split(X, y):
        X_train, X_val = X[train_idx], X[test_idx]
        y_train, y_val = y[train_idx], y[test_idx]
        clf = LinearSVC(C=C, max_iter=5000, dual=False)
        clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
        y_pred = clf.predict(X_val)
        f1 = f1_score(y_val, y_pred, pos_label=1)
        f1_scores.append(f1)
    mean_f1.append(np.mean(f1_scores))
    std_f1.append(np.std(f1_scores, ddof=1))
return np.array(mean_f1), np.array(std_f1)

preds[j] = 1 if d1 < d2 else 2
else: # 'mah'
    invC = model['inv_cov']
    for j in range(Nte):
        x = Xte[:, j], diff1 = x - mu1, diff2 = x - mu2
        d1 = diff1 @ invC @ diff1
        d2 = diff2 @ invC @ diff2
        preds[j] = 1 if d1 < d2 else 2
tp, tn, fp, fn = get_confusion(preds, Tte, pos_label=1)
if tp + fp == 0 or tp + fn == 0: f1 = 0.0
else:
    precision = tp / (tp + fp), recall = tp / (tp + fn)
    if precision + recall == 0: f1 = 0.0
    else:
        f1 = 2 * precision * recall / (precision + recall)
return f1
```

```
Train MDC, can be euc or mah
def min_dist_training(Xtr, Ttr, metric='euc', eps=1e-6):
    Xtr = np.asarray(Xtr)
    Ttr = np.asarray(Ttr)
    D, Ntr = Xtr.shape
    # separar as duas classes
    mask1 = (Ttr == 1)
    mask2 = (Ttr == 2)
    # calcular médias (vetores de dimensão D)
    mu1 = Xtr[:, mask1].mean(axis=1)
    mu2 = Xtr[:, mask2].mean(axis=1)
    model = {'mu1': mu1, 'mu2': mu2, 'metric': metric}
    if metric == 'mah':
        # covariâncias amostrais com regularização eps¹
        X1 = Xtr[:, mask1]
        X2 = Xtr[:, mask2]
        # np.cov com rowvar=True: linhas=variáveis, colunas=amostras
        cov1 = np.cov(X1, rowvar=True) + eps*np.eye(D)
        cov2 = np.cov(X2, rowvar=True) + eps*np.eye(D)
        n1 = X1.shape[1]
        n2 = X2.shape[1]
        # covariância pooled (estimador de máxima verossimilhança ou amostral)
        pooled = ((n1-1)*cov1 + (n2-1)*cov2) / (n1 + n2 - 2)
        inv_cov = np.linalg.pinv(pooled)
        model['inv_cov'] = inv_cov
    return model
```

**TRAIN LDA FISHER**

```
def train(self, X_train, Y_train):
    X_train = np.asarray(X_train)
    Y_train = np.asarray(Y_train)
    # Compute class means and scatter matrices
    class0 = X_train[Y_train == 0]
    class1 = X_train[Y_train == 1]
    self.m0 = np.mean(class0, axis=0)
    self.m1 = np.mean(class1, axis=0)
    # Compute within-class scatter matrix Sw
    S0 = np.cov(class0, rowvar=False)
    S1 = np.cov(class1, rowvar=False)
    Sw = S0 + S1
    # Compute LDA projection vector
    self.projection_vector = np.linalg.pinv(Sw).dot(self.m1 - self.m0)
    self.m0_proj = np.dot(self.m0, self.projection_vector)
    self.m1_proj = np.dot(self.m1, self.projection_vector)
```

**Test Bayes**

```
y = np.asarray(Tte)
n, d = X.shape
m = model
# função inline de pdf multivariada Gaussiana
def pdf(x, mu, invC, detC):
    diff = x - mu
    return np.exp(-0.5*(diff @ invC @ diff)) / np.sqrt((2*np.pi)**d * detC)
# calcular posteriores para todas amostras de uma vez
# mas pdf é por ponto; fazemos em loop curto
out = np.empty(n, dtype=int)
for i in range(n):
    xi = X[i]
    p1 = pdf(xi, m['mu1'], m['inv1'], m['det1']) * m['prior1']
    p2 = pdf(xi, m['mu2'], m['inv2'], m['det2']) * m['prior2']
```

**Train Bayes for 1 and 2 labels**

```
X = np.asarray(Xtr)
y = np.asarray(Ttr)
```

```
def adaboost_training(Xtr, Ttr) -> dict[str, list[Any]]:
    # Transpose D x P -> P x D. Map labels: 1->1, 2->-1
    X, y = Xtr.T, np.where(Ttr.flatten() == 1, 1, -1)
    n_samples, n_features = X.shape
    # Initialize weights uniformly
    w = np.full(n_samples, 1 / n_samples)
    models = []
    # Train 50 Decision Stumps (Weak Learners)
    for _ in range(50):
        stump = {'err': float('inf'), 'alpha': 0}
        # Greedy search for best feature/threshold minimizing weighted error
        for f in range(n_features):
            thresh = np.unique(X[:, f])
            for t in thresh:
                p = 1 # Polarity
                preds = np.ones(n_samples)
                preds[X[:, f] < t] = -1
                # Calculate weighted error
                err = np.sum(w[preds != y])
                # Invert polarity if error > 0.5
                if err > 0.5:
                    p, err = -1, 1 - err
                if err < stump['err']:
                    stump.update({'f': f, 't': t, 'p': p, 'err': err})
        # Calculate Alpha (Vote Power)
        EPS = 1e-10
        stump['alpha'] = 0.5 * np.log((1 - stump['err'] + EPS) / (stump['err'] + EPS))
        # Update Weights: Increase weight of misclassified samples
        preds = stump['p'] * np.where(X[:, stump['f']] < stump['t'], -1, 1)
        w *= np.exp(-stump['alpha'] * y * preds)
        w /= np.sum(w) # Normalize
        models.append(stump)
    return {'models': models}
```

```
def adaboost_testing(Xte, Tte, model) -> tuple[NDAarray[Any], An
X, y = Xte.T, Tte.flatten()
# Aggregate predictions: sign(sum(alpha * prediction))
final_preds = np.zeros(len(X))
for m in model['models']:
    pred = m['p'] * np.where(X[:, m['f']] < m['t'], -1, 1)
    final_preds += m['alpha'] * pred
out = np.where(np.sign(final_preds) >= 0, 1, 2)
TP = np.sum((out == 1) & (y == 1))
TN = np.sum((out == 2) & (y == 2))
ss = TP / np.sum(y == 1) if np.sum(y == 1) else 0.0
sp = TN / np.sum(y == 2) if np.sum(y == 2) else 0.0
```

```
description = pd.read_excel(file_name, sheet_name="Description")
data = pd.read_excel(file_name, sheet_name="Data")
```

```
# -----
# Extract features and labels
# Assume last two columns are Appar1 and Appar5
X = data.iloc[:, :-2].values
appar1 = data['Appar1'].values
# Binary labels: bad prognosis if Appar1 <= 6
y = (appar1 <= 6).astype(int)
# -----
# (b) Feature ranking using AUC
# -----
auc_scores = []
for i in range(X.shape[1]):
    auc = roc_auc_score(y, X[:, i])
    auc_scores.append(auc)
auc_scores = np.array(auc_scores)
```

**KNN PDF**

```
def knn_pdf(data, k, eps=1e-8):
    x = np.asarray(data).ravel()
    n = x.size
    pdf = np.empty(n, dtype=float)
    for i in range(n):
        xi = x[i]
        # obtém índices e distâncias dos k vizinhos mais próximos a xi
        idxs, dists = knn1d_search(x, xi, k)
        # A distância r ao k-ésimo vizinho é:
        if len(dists) < k:
            # se houver menos pontos que k, usamos a maior distância disponível
            r = np.max(dists) if dists.size>0 else eps
        else:
            # supondo dists ordenadas ou não: garantimos pegar o k-ésimo menor
            # se não estiver ordenado:
            r = np.partition(dists, k-1)[k-1]
    if r < eps:
```