

**Homework 2**  
**CS534 Machine Learning, Fall 2016**

This homework explores linear classification methods.

**Problem 1 - The multivariate normal (10 points)**

Consider a dataset containing samples  $X \in \mathbb{R}^p$  generated from two multivariate normals with means  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  and equal covariance  $\Sigma$ . Suppose there are  $N_1$  samples generated from class  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \Sigma)$ , and  $N_2$  samples generated from class  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \Sigma)$ . Starting from  $P(G = 2|X), P(G = 1|X)$ , show that if a sample is more likely to have come from class  $g = 2$  then

$$x^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_2 - \mu_1) > \frac{1}{2}(\mu_2 + \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_2 - \mu_1) - \log(N_2/N_1)$$

## Problem 2 - Linear discriminant analysis (10 points)

The dataset for this problem contains samples  $X \in \mathbb{R}^2$  from two classes

$$X^{(1)} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right), \quad X^{(2)} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right).$$

Generate these samples using your solution to Homework 1.2.

### 2.a. Linear discriminant

The linear discriminant function  $\delta_k(x)$  is defined as

$$\delta_k(x) = x^T \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \hat{\mu}_k - \frac{1}{2} \mu_k^T \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \hat{\mu}_k + \log \pi_k,$$

where  $\pi_k$  is the *prior probability* of class  $k$ .

Generate a scatter plot of training samples for  $|\{X^{(k)}\}| = 10$ , color coding class, and superimpose the following on this plot

- LDA decision boundary  $\{x | \delta(x) = 0\}$
- Theoretical Bayes decision boundary:  $\{x | f_{X^{(1)}} = f_{X^{(2)}}\}$
- Empirical Bayes decision boundary:  $\{x | \hat{f}_{X^{(1)}} = \hat{f}_{X^{(2)}}\}$  (using sample mean, covariance from  $|\{X^{(k)}\}| = 10$ )

### 2.b. Linear discriminant - large sample

Repeat 2.a. with  $|\{X^{(k)}\}| = 1000$ .

**Problem 3 - Quadratic discriminant analysis.**

Repeat problem 2 using the quadratic discriminant

$$\delta_k(x) = -\frac{1}{2}\log|\hat{\Sigma}_k| - \frac{1}{2}(x - \hat{\mu}_k)^T \hat{\Sigma}_k^{-1}(x - \hat{\mu}_k) + \log\pi_k.$$