

# TD2

## Part I

### Q1

A: « A person is old »

B: « A person suffers from Alzheimer's disease »

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

$$\frac{P(A|B)}{P(B|A)} = \frac{P(A)}{P(B)} \gg 1 \text{ because } P(A) > P(B)$$

Then  $P(A|B) > P(B|A)$

## Part II

### Q2

Our subject is to report with a cursor the location from which we perceived the flash to emanate. So, if we performed many times trials, we can get the likelihood function like:

$$P(X|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i|\theta)$$

Where  $\theta = s$ . According to the theory of Bayesian, we should find the  $P(s|X)$  which is equal to:

$$\hat{\theta}_{MAP} = \underset{x}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(X|\theta)P(\theta)$$

From the slide, we know that the prior function and likelihood function follow the normal distribution. Our aim is to find a prior that would give rise to a posterior with two local maxima. Besides, we know that  $P(s|X)$  also follows a normal distribution. We assume that this condition is unchanged. If our prior function follows the Mixture Gaussian Distribution (GMM), that's:

$$P(s) = \pi_1 G(\mu_1, \sigma_{s1}) + \pi_2 G(\mu_2, \sigma_{s2})$$

Where the  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are the probability of the corresponding Gaussian distribution. So, if we assume that  $\mu_1 = 1/3$  and  $\mu_2 = 2/3$ , we will get  $P(s|X)$  that satisfied:

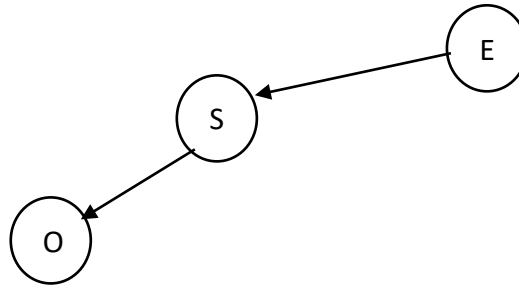
$$P(s|x) \propto P(X|s)P(s) = \pi_1 K_1 G(\mu_{p1}, \sigma_{p1}) + \pi_2 K_2 G(\mu_{p2}, \sigma_{p2})$$
$$K_1 > 0, K_2 > 0$$

In summary, the prior function that we found is:

$$P(s) = \pi_1 G(1/3, \sigma_{s1}) + \pi_2 G(2/3, \sigma_{s2})$$

### Q3

E: Easter  
O: October  
S: Stimulus: all the animals



### Q4

From the class, we know that  $P(s|x_A, x_V) \propto P(x_A|s)P(x_V|s)$ . So firstly, we calculate  $P(x_A|s)P(x_V|s)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(x_A|s)P(x_V|s) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_A^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(s-\mu_A)^2}{2\sigma_A^2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_V^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(s-\mu_V)^2}{2\sigma_V^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\sigma_A^2\sigma_V^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(s-\mu_A)^2}{2\sigma_A^2} - \frac{(s-\mu_V)^2}{2\sigma_V^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

We can see clearly that  $P(s|x_A, x_V)$  will also be a Gaussian distribution. As a distribution, it needs to be integrated to 1 and change the constant multiple of the existing part. Therefore, we only focus on the index part to obtain  $\mu_{combined}$  and  $\sigma_{combined}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(s-\mu_A)^2}{2\sigma_A^2} + \frac{(s-\mu_V)^2}{2\sigma_V^2} &= \frac{(\sigma_A^2 + \sigma_V^2)s^2 - (2\mu_A\sigma_V^2 + 2\mu_V\sigma_A^2)s + (\mu_A^2\sigma_V^2 + \mu_V^2\sigma_A^2)}{2\sigma_A^2\sigma_V^2} \\ &= \frac{s^2 - \frac{2\mu_A\sigma_V^2 + 2\mu_V\sigma_A^2}{\sigma_A^2 + \sigma_V^2}s + \frac{\mu_A^2\sigma_V^2 + \mu_V^2\sigma_A^2}{\sigma_A^2 + \sigma_V^2}}{\frac{2\sigma_A^2\sigma_V^2}{\sigma_A^2 + \sigma_V^2}} = \frac{(s - \mu_{combined})^2 + C}{2\sigma_{combined}^2} \end{aligned}$$

So, we can get:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{combined} &= \frac{\mu_A\sigma_V^2 + \mu_V\sigma_A^2}{\sigma_A^2 + \sigma_V^2} = \frac{\frac{\mu_A}{\sigma_A^2} + \frac{\mu_V}{\sigma_V^2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma_A^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_V^2}} \\ \sigma_{combined} &= \frac{2\sigma_A^2\sigma_V^2}{\sigma_A^2 + \sigma_V^2} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sigma_A^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_V^2}} \end{aligned}$$

### Q5

a)

Measurement  $x_A$  and  $x_V$  are centered in the stimulus  $s$ . The expectation of the estimator is:

$$E(\hat{s}) = E(\omega x_A + (1 - \omega)x_V) = \omega E(x_A) + (1 - \omega)E(x_V) = \omega s + (1 - \omega)s = s$$

So, it's an unbiased estimator.

b)

Measurement  $x_A$  and  $x_V$  are independent, so the variance of the estimator is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{s}) &= \text{Var}(\omega x_A + (1 - \omega)x_V) = \omega^2 \text{Var}(x_A) + (1 - \omega)^2 \text{Var}(x_V) \\ &= \omega^2 \sigma_A^2 + (1 - \omega)^2 \sigma_V^2 \end{aligned}$$

This is a quadratic function, its minimal is obtained at

$$\omega = \frac{\sigma_V^2}{\sigma_A^2 + \sigma_V^2}$$

This value makes sense because it's the proportion of one variance and the sum of two variances so that the ratio of the coefficients is the inverse of the variances:

$$\frac{\omega}{1 - \omega} = \frac{\sigma_V^2}{\sigma_A^2}$$

c)

In that case, the conclusion in a) breaks down. The expectation of the estimator is:

$$E(\hat{s}) = E(\omega_A x_A + \omega_V x_V) = \omega_A E(x_A) + \omega_V E(x_V) = \omega_A s + \omega_V s = (\omega_A + \omega_V) s$$

It's no longer unbiased unless  $\omega_A + \omega_V = 1$ .

The conclusion in b) also breaks down. The variance of the estimator is:

$$\text{Var}(\hat{s}) = \text{Var}(\omega_A x_A + \omega_V x_V) = \omega_A^2 \text{Var}(x_A) + \omega_V^2 \text{Var}(x_V) = \omega_A^2 \sigma_A^2 + \omega_V^2 \sigma_V^2$$

We can't clarify its minimum value unless we know the relationship between  $\omega_A$  and  $\omega_V$ .

## Q6

$L_t$  : true length of the upper horizontal line

$L_r$  : length on the retina

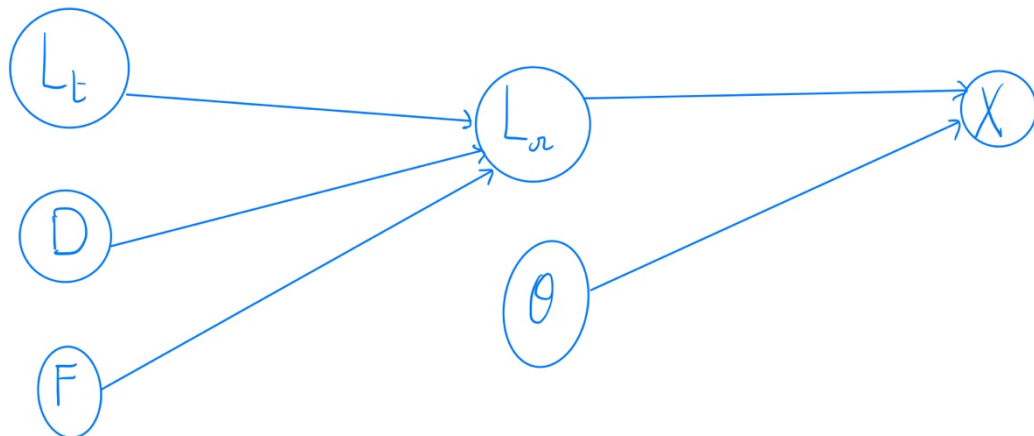
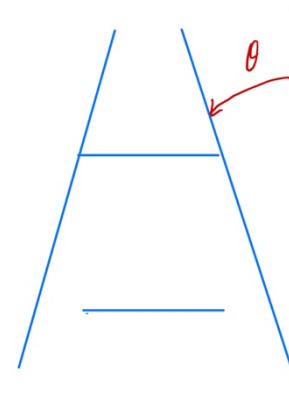
$Y$  : Vertical position

$D$  : Distance of the line from the observer

$F$  : true field of view

$\theta$  : Context

$X$  : Perceived length of the upper line



## Part III

$$\begin{aligned} D_N &= \log \left( \frac{p(x = \textit{left} | d_1 \dots d_n)}{P(x = \textit{Right} | d_1 \dots d_n)} \right) \\ &= \log \left( \frac{p(x = \textit{left} | d_1 \dots d_n) p(d_n | x = \textit{left})}{P(x = \textit{Right} | d_1 \dots d_n) p(d_n | x = \textit{Right})} \right) \\ &= D_{N-1} + \log \left( \frac{p(d_n | x = \textit{left})}{P(d_n | x = \textit{Right})} \right) \end{aligned}$$