



CS 454

Introduction to Machine Learning and Artificial Neural Networks

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## **Homework #1**

Parametric Classification

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## Part 1

1. I calculated the priors, mean, standard deviation using the training dataset using formulas. These variables are calculated once using the training dataset and used also in the testing dataset. Results are shown below.

```
PS C:\Users\abdul\source\CS454> & C:/Users/abdul/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python39/python.exe c:/Users/abdul/source/main.py
Priors      : 0.3333333333333333 0.3333333333333333 0.3333333333333333
Averages    : 24.48 34.12 49.44
Std dev.    : 1.992385504865963 4.1358916813669095 5.091797325110258
```

Figure 1

2. Then, assuming that the data follows Gaussian distribution, I used the Gaussian distribution formula to calculate the likelihood of an instance to be in a class for each class. In other words,  $P(X = x_i | C = 1)$ ,  $P(X = x_i | C = 2)$  and  $P(X = x_i | C = 3)$  are calculated for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 150$  where  $x_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  instance in the dataset. Results for the first five instances are shown below.

```
PS C:\Users\abdul\source\CS454> & C:/Users/abdul/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python39/python.exe c:/Users/abdul/source/main.py
Likelihoods [:5]
[0.19450609952109907, 0.04355790019882406, 0.14967591498900223, 0.08998158135579994, 0.04204847229238516]
[0.004833259363706552, 0.0006297653163912096, 0.014038990858896434, 0.021917966106191084, 0.03227569383782517]
[2.9747607451003595e-07, 1.3171401742376461e-08, 1.9599431638633926e-06, 4.748020843991977e-06, 1.106702023310843e-05]
```

Figure 2

3. In the last step, posteriors are calculated using prior, likelihood and marginal probabilities. Results for the first five instances are shown below.

```
PS C:\Users\abdul\source\CS454> & C:/Users/abdul/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python39/python.exe c:/Users/abdul/source/main.py
Posteriors [:5]
[0.975752156254195, 0.9857476448975879, 0.9142363816078697, 0.8040940784940842, 0.5656600579604737]
[0.02424635143825334, 0.014252057023804348, 0.08575164685117516, 0.19586349220663365, 0.43419106216434367]
[1.4923075515465512e-06, 2.980786077446889e-07, 1.1971540955131012e-05, 4.2429299282084083e-05, 0.00014887987518261264]
```

Figure 3

Above outputs can be printed to the console by running *main.py*. Resulting plots showing the instances, likelihoods and posterior probabilities are shown below. These plots are drawn in another python program, *plot.py*.

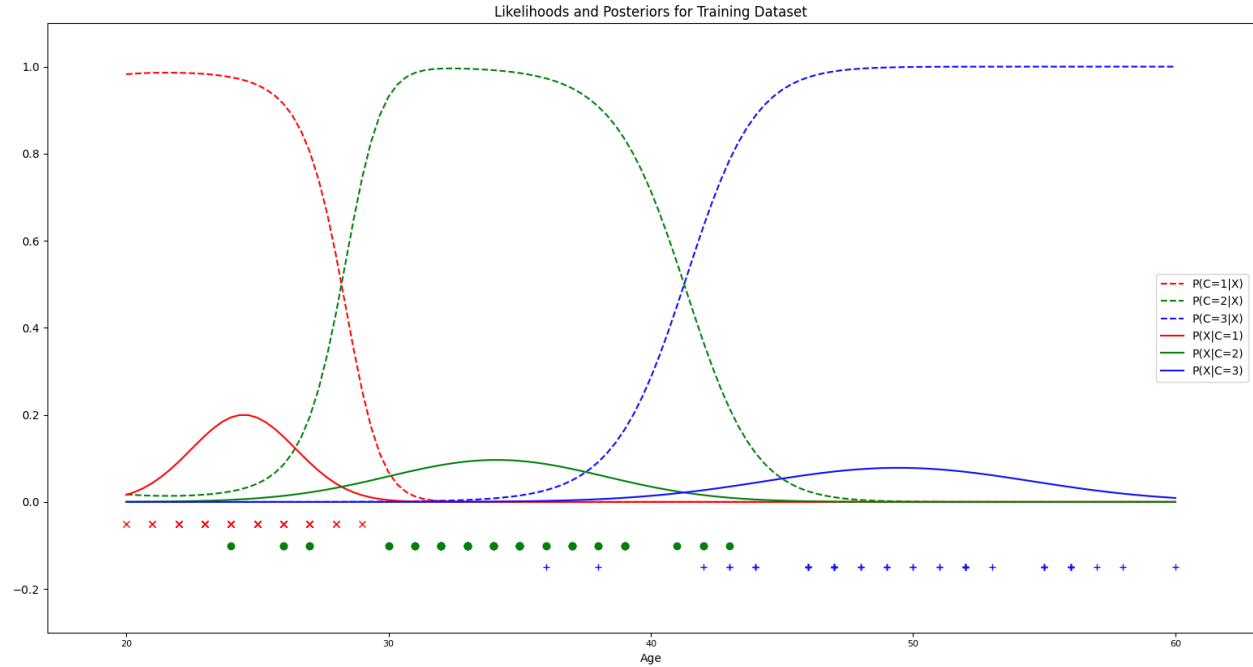


Figure 4

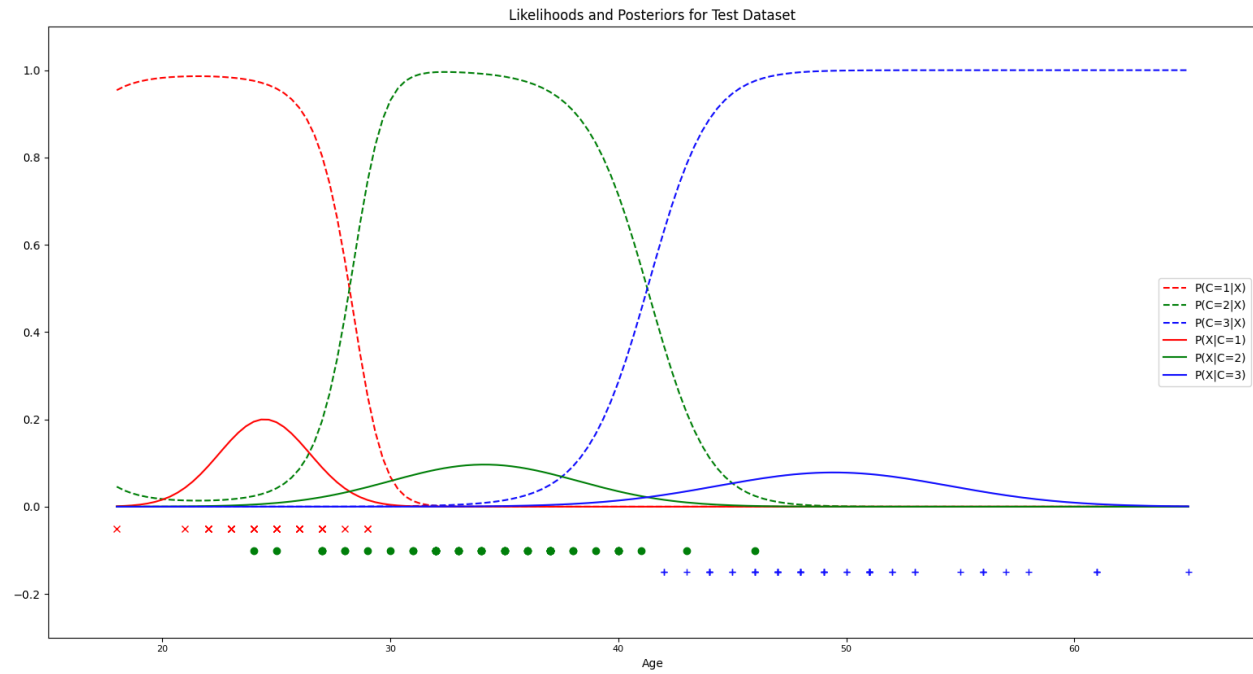


Figure 5

From the graphs, we can see that posterior probabilities are always between zero and one, and summation of the posterior probabilities are equal to one. There are 2 intersections on each graph. These points show the assignments of the instances to the classes. In other words, instances to the left of the first intersection are assigned to class one, instances between two intersections are assigned to class 2 and others are assigned to class 3, assuming that rejection does not occur.

## Part 2

Now we have the posteriors, we can use them to assign an instance to the class with the highest posterior.

- a) In case of zero/one loss, we just look at the highest posterior and assign the class. Confusion matrices below show the number of correspondences and discrepancies between actual classes and assigned classes.

0-1 Loss		Actual		
Training		C1	C2	C3
Action	C1	49	5	0
	C2	1	42	2
	C3	0	3	48

Figure 6

0-1 Loss		Actual		
Test		C1	C2	C3
Action	C1	48	7	0
	C2	2	41	0
	C3	0	2	50

Figure 7

- b) If we can reject predicting a class for an instance, we should calculate the threshold for decision first.

$$R_1 = 0 \times P(C = 1|X) + 4 \times P(C = 2|X) + 4 \times P(C = 3|X) = 4 (P(C = 2|X) + P(C = 3|X))$$

$$R_1 = 4 (1 - P(C = 1|X))$$

$$R_2 = 4 \times P(C = 1|X) + 0 \times P(C = 2|X) + 4 \times P(C = 3|X) = 4 (P(C = 1|X) + P(C = 3|X))$$

$$R_2 = 4 (1 - P(C = 2|X))$$

$$R_3 = 4 \times P(C = 1|X) + 4 \times P(C = 2|X) + 0 \times P(C = 3|X) = 4 (P(C = 1|X) + P(C = 2|X))$$

$$R_3 = 4 (1 - P(C = 3|X))$$

$$R_4 = 1 \times P(C = 1|X) + 1 \times P(C = 2|X) + 1 \times P(C = 3|X) = 1$$

To assign an instance to C1,  $R_1 < R_2$ ,  $R_1 < R_3$ , and  $R_1 < R_4$  must hold true. Then,

$$R_1 < R_2: 4(1 - P(C = 1|X)) < 4(1 - P(C = 2|X))$$

$$: P(C = 1|X) > P(C = 2|X)$$

$$R_1 < R_3: 4(1 - P(C = 1|X)) < 4(1 - P(C = 3|X))$$

$$: P(C = 1|X) > P(C = 3|X)$$

$$R_1 < R_4: 4(1 - P(C = 1|X)) < 1$$

$$: P(C = 1|X) > 3/4$$

Similar equations can be written for other cases (i.e. assigning an instance to C2). However, it is important to note that since the sum of posteriors must be equal to one, if one of them is greater than  $\frac{3}{4}$  then other posteriors are guaranteed to be less than  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Therefore, we can assign an instance to a class if the posterior is greater than  $\frac{3}{4}$ . If none of the posteriors are greater than  $\frac{3}{4}$ , we reject.

Confusion matrices below show the number of correspondences and discrepancies between actual classes and assigned classes.

Reject Training		Actual		
		C1	C2	C3
Action	C1	47	5	0
	C2	0	41	2
	C3	0	1	47
	Reject	3	3	1

Figure 8

Reject Test		Actual		
		C1	C2	C3
Action	C1	47	5	0
	C2	0	35	0
	C3	0	2	48
	Reject	3	8	2

Figure 9

## Explanations

1. *We assumed that the distributions of the samples (instances, observations) are Gaussian. When you plot the instances together with the likelihood functions does it seem to fit that distribution?*

Yes. We can observe from Figure 4 and 5 that we can fit a model to predictions. Likelihood distributions curves are pretty much similar to bell-shaped curves which is a typical curve for Gaussian distribution.

2. *You may have observed that the model made misclassifications during prediction. What can be the cause of that?*

Because in all cases, we have some outliers who don't obey the generalization. In Figure 4 and 5, we can see that some instances from different classes collide. However, since the posterior of one class is greater than the other, all of the instances are assigned to the same class. Therefore, some of them are misclassified. If the instances of the classes were completely discrete, then the number of misclassifications would be very low. However, we have collisions in our data.

3. *You may have observed some rejected instances during classification in Part 2.b of the homework. Why are those instances rejected?*

In Part 2.b, we are looking for some *confidence* to take a specific action, i.e. decision threshold. I calculated the decision threshold and it is  $\frac{3}{4}$ . If an instance is rejected, that means none of the posteriors are greater than  $\frac{3}{4}$  and we are not confident enough to put that instance to a class. When we are not confident enough, we are trying to avoid having much larger costs by simply rejecting it.

## What I learned

- Before the homework, I falsely thought that marginal probability was equal to one. I learned that, instead, the sum of the posteriors is equal to one.
- From confusion matrices, if the threshold for decision is high, then we reject more cases. On the other hand, it lowers the possibility of misclassification.