

Machine Learning 1 EX 05

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1. Analytic Fisher

a) calculate the derivative of $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{w})$:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \frac{2\mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{w} (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_w \mathbf{w}) - 2\mathbf{S}_w \mathbf{w} (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{w})}{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_w \mathbf{w} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_w \mathbf{w}}$$

set this to 0, we get:

$$\mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{w} (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_w \mathbf{w}) - \mathbf{S}_w \mathbf{w} (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{w}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{w} (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_w \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{S}_w \mathbf{w} (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{w})$$

$$\mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{S}_w \mathbf{w} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_w \mathbf{w}}$$

$\frac{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_w \mathbf{w}}$ is a scalar, set it to λ . Then this can be written as:

$$\mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{w} = \lambda \mathbf{S}_w \mathbf{w} \quad (1)$$

So the vector \mathbf{w} that maximizes the objective $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{w})$ is also a solution of eigenvalue problem.



b) If \mathbf{S}_w is invertible, equation (1) turns to:

$$\mathbf{S}_w^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{w}) = \lambda \mathbf{w}$$

As $\mathbf{S}_B = (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)(\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)^T$, matrix \mathbf{S}_B is an outer product of a vector, it has several properties:

\mathbf{S}_B has rank 1:

$$\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2 = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)^T \triangleq \mathbf{a}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_B = (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)(\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)^T = (a_1 \mathbf{a}^T, a_2 \mathbf{a}^T, \dots, a_n \mathbf{a}^T)^T$$

$$\mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{w} = (a_1 \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{w}, a_2 \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{w}, \dots, a_n \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{w})^T = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{w} (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)^T = (\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{w}) \mathbf{a}$$

So $\mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{w}$ is always in the same direction as $(\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)$

Since $\|\mathbf{w}\|$ is not important, we just need the direction. Finally we get:



$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{S}_w^{-1} (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2) \quad (2)$$

2. Fisher and Bayes

a)

$$\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Sigma_w = \Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 \triangleq \Sigma$$

According to equation(2) from Exercise 1, \mathbf{w}^* that maximizes $\mathbf{J}_{\text{Fisher}}(\mathbf{w})$ is:

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$$

According to the assumption:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_1) &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \Sigma), p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_2) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \Sigma) \\ \Rightarrow p(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}|\omega_1) &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}^T \mu_1, \mathbf{w}^T \Sigma \mathbf{w}), p(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}|\omega_2) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}^T \mu_2, \mathbf{w}^T \Sigma \mathbf{w}) \end{aligned}$$


Now we know the distributions of $p(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}|\omega_1)$ and $p(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}|\omega_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J}_{\text{Bayes}}(\mathbf{w}) &= \int \min\{P(\omega_1|\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}), P(\omega_2|\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})\} p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{R}_1} P(\omega_2|\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\mathbf{R}_2} P(\omega_1|\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

\mathbf{R}_i is the region where a Bayes classifier decides class ω_i $i = 1, 2$

Apply Bayes formula:

$$P(\omega_i|\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}|\omega_i) \mathbb{P}(\omega_i)}{P(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})}$$

In this way, $\mathbf{J}_{\text{Bayes}}(\mathbf{w})$ can be written as a function of \mathbf{w} , calculate the derivative and set it to 0, we get the same answer as \mathbf{w}^* . 

b) When these two distributions have different shape, Fisher-method may have a different solution from Bayes-method.

