

CPSC 440/540 Machine Learning – Sample Assignments

1 Hypothesis Testing

We have a dataset generated from two Gaussian distributions with different means but the same variances.

1.1 Neyman-Pearson

Assume $p_0(x) = p(X|H = 0)$ and $p_1(x) = p(X|H = 1)$ are given by two hypothesis that

$$H_0 : X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \sigma^2)$$

$$H_1 : X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma^2)$$

where $\mu_0 < \mu_1$

- First, construct a general form of Neyman-Pearson detector.

Hint: Use log likelihood ratio test with Neyman-Pearson hypothesis testing to build the detector.

Answer:

We have a general form of Neyman-Pearson detector based on log likelihood ratio test

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \log(\ell(x)) \geq \eta \\ 0, & \text{if } \log(\ell(x)) < \eta \end{cases}$$

Now perform LLRT

$$\begin{aligned} \log(\ell(x)) &= \log\left(\frac{p_1(x)}{p_0(x)}\right) \\ &= \frac{-(x - \mu_1)^2 + (x - \mu_0)^2}{2\sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

If $\log(\ell(x)) \geq \eta$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (x - \mu_0)^2 - (x - \mu_1)^2 &\geq 2\sigma^2\eta \\ -2\mu_0x + \mu_0^2 + 2\mu_1x - \mu_1^2 &\geq 2\sigma^2\eta \\ x &\geq \frac{2\sigma^2\eta + \mu_1^2 - \mu_0^2}{2\mu_1 - 2\mu_0} \end{aligned}$$

The general form of Neyman-Person detector is

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \geq \frac{2\sigma^2\eta + \mu_1^2 - \mu_0^2}{2\mu_1 - 2\mu_0} \\ 0, & \text{if } x < \frac{2\sigma^2\eta + \mu_1^2 - \mu_0^2}{2\mu_1 - 2\mu_0} \end{cases}$$

- What are the threshold x^* , and log likelihood ratio threshold η of the Neyman-Pearson test given p-value is 0.05?

Hint: What is the false alarm rate when knowing p-value?

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_F(\delta) &= \int_{\delta(x)=1} p(x|H=0)dx \\
 &= \int_{x^*}^{\infty} p(x|H=0)dx \\
 &= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{x^* - \mu_0}{\sigma}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^* &= \sigma\Phi^{-1}(1 - P_F(\delta)) + \mu_0 \\
 &= \sigma\Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha) + \mu_0 \\
 &= \sigma\Phi^{-1}(0.95) + \mu_0 \\
 &= 1.64\sigma + \mu_0
 \end{aligned}$$

, where 1.64 is gotten from lookup table.

Rearrange the values in the equation

$$x^* = \frac{2\sigma^2\eta + \mu_1^2 - \mu_0^2}{2\mu_1 - 2\mu_0}$$

We can also get

$$\eta = \frac{(1.64\sigma + \mu_0) * (2\mu_1 - 2\mu_0) - \mu_1^2 + \mu_0^2}{2 * \sigma^2}$$

- Plot the ROC curve multiple Neyman-Pearson detectors. [Optional Open Coding Question]

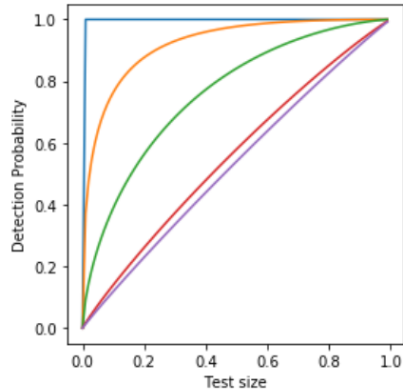
Hint: Represent the detection rate with false alarm rate from 0 to 1.

Answer: Refer to the ROC curve plot in slides.

Students can specify μ and σ by themselves, and once they are specified, steps for a plot include to include,

- 1) Use threshold x^* to represent P_F ;
- 2) Use threshold x^* to represent P_D ;
- 3) Substitute the x^* in P_D formula with P_F ;
- 4) Given different P_F from 0 - 1 (using np.linspace), get P_D for plotting.

The plot should be similar to the plot in the textbook Figure 3.1



1.2 Bayesian

Assume we have the same hypothesis that can represent the distributions $p_0(x) = p(X|H = 0)$ and $p_1(x) = p(X|H = 1)$ provided in last question

$$H_0 : X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \sigma^2)$$

$$H_1 : X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma^2)$$

where $\mu_0 < \mu_1$

- Construct a bayesian detector given priors and costs are uniform.

Answer: With uniform priors, this can be degenerated to a MLE problem. The deduction from minimizing risk can be found in slides.

When $p_1(x) \geq p_0(x)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) &\geq \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_0}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) \\ -\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma}\right)^2 &\geq -\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_0}{\sigma}\right)^2 \\ \left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma}\right)^2 &\leq \left(\frac{x-\mu_0}{\sigma}\right)^2 \\ -2\mu_1x + \mu_1^2 &\leq -2\mu_0x + \mu_0^2 \\ x &\geq \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_0}{2} \end{aligned}$$

The general form of the detector is

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \geq \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_0}{2} \\ 0, & \text{if } x < \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_0}{2} \end{cases}$$

- Construct a bayesian detector with prior θ for H_1 and uniform costs

Answer: With uniform costs, this can be degenerated to a MAP problem. The deduction from minimizing risk can be found in slides.

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(x) &= \arg \max_i p(H = i|x) \\ &= \arg \max_i \frac{p(x|H = i)\pi_i}{p(x)} \\ &= \arg \max_i p(x|H = i)\pi_i \end{aligned}$$

When $p_1(x)\pi_1 \geq p_0(x)\pi_0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)\theta &\geq \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_0}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)(1-\theta) \\ \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_0}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) &\geq \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \\ -\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_0}{\sigma}\right)^2 &\geq \log\left(\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}\right) \\ -(x-\mu_1)^2 + (x-\mu_0)^2 &\geq 2\sigma^2 \log\left(\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
2\mu_1 x - \mu_1^2 - 2\mu_0 x + \mu_0^2 &\geq 2\sigma^2 \log\left(\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}\right) \\
x &\geq \frac{2\sigma^2 \log\left(\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}\right) + \mu_1^2 - \mu_0^2}{(2\mu_1 - 2\mu_0)} \\
x &\geq \frac{\sigma^2}{\mu_1 - \mu_0} \log\left(\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}\right) + \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_0}{2} \\
\delta(x) &= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \geq \frac{\sigma^2}{\mu_1 - \mu_0} \log\left(\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}\right) + \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_0}{2} \\ 0, & \text{if } x < \frac{\sigma^2}{\mu_1 - \mu_0} \log\left(\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}\right) + \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_0}{2} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

1.3 Compare Detection with Learning

We have a test dataset with 1000 samples in code/test.data.pkl.

- Now we know that $\mu_0 = -1$, $\mu_1 = 1$, $\sigma = 1$. Give the Neyman-Pearson detector with significance level $\alpha = 0.05$, and a uniform cost bayes-optimum detector with prior for H_1 , $\theta = 0.6$. Put them into python class NP and Bayes in the provided code. What are their losses on the test data? ¹

Answer:

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1 class NP:
2     def __init__(self, alpha=0.05, mu0=-1, mu1=1, sigma=1):
3         self.threshold = None
4         self.alpha = alpha
5         self.mu0 = mu0
6         self.mu1 = mu1
7         self.sigma = sigma
8         self.fit()
9
10    def fit(self):
11        self.threshold = self.sigma * norm.ppf(1 - self.alpha) + self.mu0
12
13    def predict(self, Xtest):
14        return Xtest >= self.threshold
15
16 class Bayes:
17     def __init__(self, theta=0.6, mu0=-1, mu1=1, sigma=1):
18         self.threshold = None
19         self.theta = theta
20         self.mu0 = mu0
21         self.mu1 = mu1
22         self.sigma = sigma
23         self.fit()
24
25    def fit(self):
26        self.threshold = self.sigma ** 2 / (self.mu1 - self.mu0) * math.log((1 -
27        ↪ self.theta) / self.theta) + (self.mu1 + self.mu0) / 2
28
29    def predict(self, Xtest):
30        return Xtest >= self.threshold

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¹The solution code provided is the general form, it would be the same as doing the hand calculation. Either one would be fine

Plug the values into

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \geq 1.64\sigma + \mu_0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x < 1.64\sigma + \mu_0 \end{cases}$$

$$1.64\sigma + \mu_0 = 0.64$$

We get the Neyman-Pearson detector

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \geq 0.64 \\ 0, & \text{if } x < 0.64 \end{cases}$$

Plug the values into

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \geq \frac{\sigma^2}{\mu_1 - \mu_0} \log\left(\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}\right) + \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_0}{2} \\ 0, & \text{if } x < \frac{\sigma^2}{\mu_1 - \mu_0} \log\left(\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}\right) + \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_0}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{\mu_1 - \mu_0} \log\left(\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}\right) + \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_0}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \log(0.4/0.6) = \frac{1}{2} * (-0.4) = -0.2$$

We get the Bayes-optimum detector

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \geq -0.2 \\ 0, & \text{if } x < -0.2 \end{cases}$$

Use them to make predictions on the given test data will get:

Neyman-Pearson detector test error: 25.4%

Bayes-Optimum detector test error: 17.3%

- Now we assume that we don't know the probability distribution, but instead have the training data in code/train.data.pkl. Construct a popular machine learning model LDA, using scikit-learn. Attach the code in the file. What is its the accuracy on test data?

Answer:

```
1 class LDA:
2     def __init__(self, X=None, y=None):
3         self.clf = LinearDiscriminantAnalysis()
4         if X is not None and y is not None:
5             self.fit(X, y)
6
7     def fit(self, X, y):
8         if len(X.shape) == 1:
9             X = X[:, np.newaxis]
10        self.X = X
11        self.y = y
12        self.clf.fit(self.X, self.y)
13
14    def predict(self, Xtest):
15        if len(Xtest.shape) == 1:
16            Xtest = Xtest.to_numpy()[:, np.newaxis]
17        return self.clf.predict(Xtest)
18
19
20 @handle("classifier")
21 def detector():
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22     x, y = load_dataset('train_data', "x", "y")
23     model = LDA(x.to_numpy(), y.to_numpy())
24     print(f"LDA test error: {eval_model(model, 'test_data'):.1%}")

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LDA test error: 17.3%

- Compare with three models you have just built [Optional Open Discussion Question]

Answer: It would be valid as long as students can give reasonings on some of the aspects below

1) While all of them give a binary and discrete prediction, the first two detectors built with hypothesis testing use distributions based on acquisition of domain knowledge, while the last classifier is learned from data;

2) Discuss on the performance of different datasets: when the priors used are the same as the test data distribution, Bayes-optimum gives the same test error as LDA. This means that even when data are not available, using hypothesis testing with good assumption can give a relatively good result.

3) Tweak the parameters, or generate more data with the provided code, then compare the models. For example, give a different significance value for Neyman Pearson detector or give a different prior for Bayes-optimum detector, and see the performance.

2 Short Questions

Sample short questions include:

1. What is the difference between binary hypothesis testing and multiple hypothesis testing?

Answer: Binary hypothesis testing only tests whether one hypothesis is true or not, while multiple hypothesis testing tests multiple hypothesis simultaneously.

2. What is the likelihood ratio test?

Answer: The likelihood ratio test is used to determine whether the more complex model, which includes additional parameters or variables, provides a significantly better fit to the data than the simpler model.

3. What is the significance level (alpha) in hypothesis testing? How does it relate to the probability of committing a Type I error?

Answer: It is the false alarm probability, and it would be the same as the Type 1 error.

4. How to convert a general form Neyman-Pearson detector into a general form Bayes-optimum detector?

Answer: Replace the likelihood ratio (resp. LLR) thresholds η by the ratio of the prior probabilities $\frac{\pi_0}{\pi_1}$ (More in slides).

5. Differentiate between Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) and Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) detectors in the context of hypothesis testing.

Answer: MLE detectors have a uniform prior, while MAP detectors have different priors for different hypothesis.