

# Worksheet on “Multivariate Normal and Bayes Classifier”

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1. (a) Consider a continuous random variable  $X$  and a discrete random variable  $Y$ . Let
  - $P_Y(Y = 1) = 0.5$  and  $P_Y(Y = -1) = 0.5$ , and
  - $(X|Y = 1) \sim \text{Unif}(1, 2)$  and  $(X|Y = -1) \sim \text{Unif}(-2, -1)$ .Draw the plots for  $P(Y = 1|X = x)$  and  $P(Y = -1|X = x)$  given the above assumptions.
- (b) Consider the following setting:
  - $P_Y(Y = 1) = 0.7$  and  $P_Y(Y = -1) = 0.3$
  - $(X|Y = 1) \sim \text{Unif}(-1, 3)$  and  $(X|Y = -1) \sim \text{Unif}(-2, 0)$
  1. Compute  $P(Y = 1|X = x)$  for different possible values of  $x$ .
  2. Draw the plot for  $P(Y = 1|X = x)$ .
2. In this question, you are required to verify if the following probability mass function over its respective support  $S$  follows the following properties:
  1.  $P(X = x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in S$ , and
  2.  $\sum_{x \in S} P(X = x) = 1$ .

In addition, find the expectation,  $\mathbb{E}(X)$  and variance,  $\text{Var}(X)$  in the following case: A discrete random variable  $X$  is said to have a Poisson distribution, with parameter  $\lambda > 0$  over the support  $S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  if it has the following probability mass function:

$$P(X = x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$

Hint:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a^n}{n!} = e^a$

3. Consider a multivariate normal  $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$  where  $X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $d = 2$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ . Then, the density is defined as:  $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)\sqrt{|\Sigma|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu)\right)$ .
  - (a) If  $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\Sigma^{-1} = \frac{1}{1 - \rho^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\rho \\ -\rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . What are the legal values for  $\rho$ ?
  - (b) If  $\rho = 0.5$  and  $X_1 \sim N(0, 1)$ , what is the distribution for  $X_2|X_1 = 4$ ?
  - (c) If  $\rho = 0.5$  and  $X_2 \sim N(0, 1)$ , what is the distribution for  $X_1|X_2 = 3$ ?
  - (d) Consider the following scatter plot from a multivariate normal with  $\rho = 0.5$ . Draw the corresponding contour plot and mark the lines depicting the means of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ .
  - (e) If  $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , what is the distribution of  $X_2|X_1 = x_1$  and  $X_1|X_2 = x_2$ ?

