

# Pattern Recognition

## Lecture 04(b). Gaussian Classifiers and Practice

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# Review of Gaussian

Recall that when the 2-dimensional Gaussian distribution has a diagonal covariance matrix, i.e.  $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}$  In the exponent,

$x^T \Sigma^{-1} x = a_{11} x_1^2 + a_{22} x_2^2$ . Consider a 2-D Gaussian with mean vector of  $\mu = (0, 0)^T$ , and covariance matrix:

- case 1:  $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- case 2:  $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$
- case 3:  $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

# Gaussian #1

## Question:

1. Which case does it belong to?
2. Which type of correlation do  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  have,  
(i) a positive correlation ; (ii) a negative correlation ; (iii) no correlation

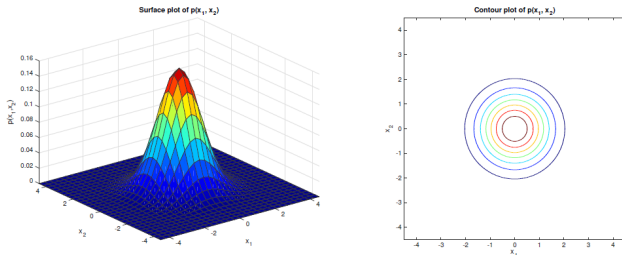


Figure 1: Spherical Gaussian (diagonal covariance, equal variances).

# Gaussian #2

## Question:

1. Which case does it belong to?
2. Which type of correlation do  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  have,  
(i) a positive correlation ; (ii) a negative correlation ; (iii) no correlation

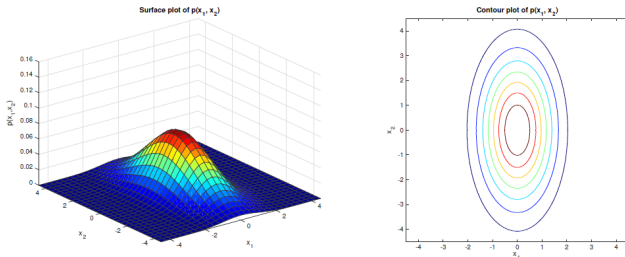


Figure 2: Gaussian with diagonal covariance matrix

## Gaussian #3

## Question:

1. Which case does it belong to?
2. Which type of correlation do  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  have,  
(i) a positive correlation ; (ii) a negative correlation ; (iii) no correlation

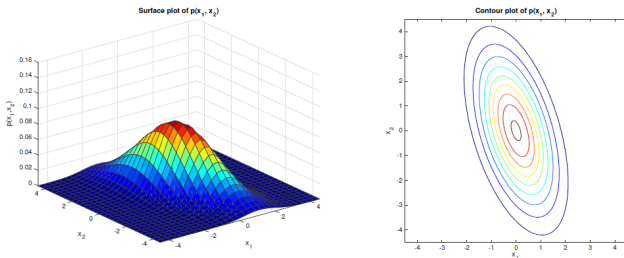


Figure 3: Gaussian with full covariance matrix

# Classification with Bayes' theorem

In the previous lecture, we use **Bayes' theorem** for classification, to relate the probability density function of the data given the class to the posterior probability of the class given the data.

**Recap:** Using Bayes' rule, the posterior probability of category  $\omega_j$  given measurement  $x$  is given by: Probabilities *Bayes rule*.

$$P(\omega_i|x) = \frac{p(x|\omega_i)P(\omega_i)}{p(x)}$$

The *Bayes classification rule* can be stated as

- Decide  $\omega_1$  if  $P(\omega_1|x) > P(\omega_2|x)$ ; or
- Decide  $\omega_1$  if  $p(x|\omega_1)P(\omega_1) > p(x|\omega_2)P(\omega_2)$ ;

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# Gaussian Classifiers

When we consider the **univariate Gaussian** distribution, with a continuous variable  $x$ , whose pdf, given class  $\omega = k$ , is a Gaussian with mean  $\mu_k$  and variance  $\sigma_k^2$ .

Using Bayes' theorem we write:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\omega_k|x) &= \frac{p(x|\omega_k)P(\omega_k)}{p(x)} \propto p(x|\omega_k)P(\omega_k) \\ &\propto \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_k, \sigma_k^2)P(\omega_k) \\ &\propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_k^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu_k)^2}{2\sigma_k^2}\right)P(\omega_k) \end{aligned}$$

# Gaussian Classifiers

**Log likelihoods and log probabilities** When dealing Gaussians, it is often useful to take logs:

$$\begin{aligned}\ln p(x|\mu_k, \sigma_k^2) &= \ln \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_k^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu_k)^2}{2\sigma_k^2}\right) \right] \\ &= -\ln(\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_k^2}) - \frac{(x - \mu_k)^2}{2\sigma_k^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( -\ln(2\pi) - \ln \sigma_k^2 - \frac{(x - \mu_k)^2}{\sigma_k^2} \right)\end{aligned}$$

We can use Bayes' theorem to write log posterior probability  $\ln P(\omega_k|x)$  :

$$\begin{aligned}\ln P(\omega_k|x) &= \ln p(x|\omega_k) + \ln P(\omega_k) + \text{const.} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( -\ln(2\pi) - \ln \sigma_k^2 - \frac{(x - \mu_k)^2}{\sigma_k^2} \right) + \ln P(\omega_k) + \text{const.}\end{aligned}$$

# Gaussian Classifiers

**Log probability ratio** If  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are modelled by Gaussians with means  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ , and variances  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $\sigma_2^2$ , then we can write the log odds(ratio of posterior probabilities) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\ln \frac{P(\omega_1|x)}{P(\omega_2|x)} &= \ln P(\omega_1|x) - \ln P(\omega_2|x) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{(x - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - \frac{(x - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} + \ln \sigma_1^2 - \ln \sigma_2^2 \right) \\ &\quad + \ln P(\omega_1) - \ln P(\omega_2).\end{aligned}$$

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# Exercise

## Example: Univariate Gaussian classifier

There is a problem with two classes,  $S$  and  $T$ . We assume that each class may be modelled by a Gaussian. The mean and the variance of each *pdf* are:  $\mu_S = 10$ ,  $\mu_T = 12$ ,  $\sigma_S^2 = 1$ ,  $\sigma_T^2 = 4$ .

The following unlabelled data points are available:

$$x_a = 10, x_b = 11, x_c = 6$$

**Question:** To which class should each data point be assigned?

- (1) Assume the two classes have equal prior probabilities
- (2) Priors:  $P(S) = 0.3$ ,  $P(T) = 0.7$

## Solutions

(1)  $x_a \rightarrow S$ ;  $x_b \rightarrow S$ ;  $x_c \rightarrow T$

- $x_a = 10$

$$\begin{aligned}\ln \frac{P(S|x=x_a)}{P(T|x=x_a)} &= -\frac{1}{2}((x_a - 10)^2 - \frac{(x_a - 12)^2}{4} - \ln 4) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(0 - 1 - \ln 4) \\ &\approx 1.19 > 0\end{aligned}$$

- $x_b = 11$

$$\ln \frac{P(S|x=x_b)}{P(T|x=x_b)} \approx 0.32 > 0$$

- $x_c = 6$

$$\ln \frac{P(S|x=x_c)}{P(T|x=x_c)} \approx -2.81 < 0$$

## Solutions

(2)  $x_a \rightarrow S$ ;  $x_b \rightarrow T$ ;  $x_c \rightarrow T$

- $x_a = 10$

$$\begin{aligned}\ln \frac{P(S|x=x_a)}{P(T|x=x_a)} &= -\frac{1}{2}((x_a - 10)^2 - \frac{(x_a - 12)^2}{4} - \ln 4) + \ln(3/7) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(0 - 1 - \ln 4) + \ln(3/7) \\ &\approx 0.34 > 0\end{aligned}$$

- $x_b = 11$

$$\ln \frac{P(S|x=x_b)}{P(T|x=x_b)} \approx -0.53 < 0$$

- $x_c = 6$

$$\ln \frac{P(S|x=x_c)}{P(T|x=x_c)} \approx -3.66 < 0$$

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**Example: Multivariate Gaussian Classifier**

We have two-dimensional data from three classes ( $A, B, C$ ). The classes are assumed to have equal prior probabilities.

The training data is in files *trainA.dat*, *trainB.dat*, *trainC.dat*, test data in files *testA.dat*, *testB.dat*, *testC.dat*.

**tasks:**(Lec04\_a\_Exercise.ipynb)

- 1. load and plot the data. How many data points? How many features?
- 2. get the mean and covariance of data in each class
- 3. compute the conditional probabilities of each class given the data
- 4. assign the data in a class that have the maximum posterior probability

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**Task:**(Lec04\_b\_Exercise.ipynb)  
Plot Gaussians with Python

Thank You !  
*Q & A*