

## Assignment Sheet - III

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### Problem 1 [2 points]

Consider a case where we have learned a conditional probability distribution  $P(y|\mathbf{x})$ . Suppose there are only two classes, and let  $p_0 = P(Y = 0|\mathbf{x})$  and  $p_1 = P(Y = 1|\mathbf{x})$ . Consider the loss matrix below:

predicted label $\hat{y}$	true label $y$	
	0	1
0	0	$\lambda_{01}$
1	$\lambda_{10}$	0

- i. Show that the decision  $\hat{y}$  that minimizes the expected loss is equivalent to setting a probability threshold  $\theta$  and predicting  $\hat{y} = 0$  if  $p_1 < \theta$  and  $\hat{y} = 1$  if  $p_1 \geq \theta$ . Express  $\theta$  as a function of  $\lambda_{01}$  and  $\lambda_{10}$ . [1pt]
- ii. Derive the loss matrix where the threshold is 0.1. [1pt]

### Problem 2 [5 points]

Consider the generation of  $M = 1000$  sets of training points that are generated according to the following regression model:

$$y = g(x) + \eta = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.6 & 0.5 & -0.8 & 0.2 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \\ x^4 \\ x^5 \end{bmatrix} + \eta$$

i.e. the function  $g(x)$  is a fifth-order polynomial and  $\eta$  is a Gaussian random variable of zero mean and variance  $\sigma^2 = 0.3$ . The training sets are generated as follows. First, The  $x$ -axis is sampled at  $N = 10$  equidistant points  $x_n, n = 1, \dots, N$  in the interval  $[-1, 1]$ . Then each training set  $D_i$  is created as

$$D_i = \{(g(x_n) + \eta_{n,i}, x_n) : n = 1, 2, \dots, N\}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, M$$

where  $\eta_{n,i}$  denotes different noise samples, drawn i.i.d. from a white noise process. In other words, all training points have the same  $x$ -coordinate but different  $y$ -coordinates due to the different values of the noise. We will make two attempts to fit the noisy data. The first setup is with a high-order polynomial of degree equal to 10 and a second setup adopts a second-order polynomial.

- i. Take one of the generated training set  $D_i$  and perform the fitting with each one of the two setups. Plot the results together in the same graph along with the "unknown" (original  $g$ ) function. Try to make a clear and conclusive plot by selecting the appropriate plotting ranges for the  $x$ - and  $y$ - axis. [1.0pt]
- ii. Perform the above experiment  $M = 1000$  times, each with a different data set  $D_i$ . Select and plot 10 only out of 1000 fitting curves (for visibility reason), for the high- and low-order polynomials, respectively. [1.0pt]
- iii. Show the corresponding curves which result from averaging over the 1000 performed experiments, together with the graph of the "unknown" (original  $g$ ) function. Comment on the results. [1.0pt]
- iv. Play with the number of training points, the degree of the involved polynomials, and the noise variance  $\sigma^2$  in the regression model. Comment on the results. [2.0pt]

### Problem 3 [3 points]

This problem deals with Bayesian regression, based on the model developed in the sections (1.2.6) and (3.3.1-3.3.2) of the PRML textbook, as well as, at the relevant lab session.

Let us start. Data are generated based on the following nonlinear model:

$$y_n = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_n + \theta_2 x_n^2 + \theta_3 x_n^3 + \theta_5 x_n^5 + \eta_n \quad \text{with} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

where  $\eta_n$  are i.i.d noise samples drawn from a zero mean Gaussian with variance  $\sigma_\eta^2$ . The parameter values used to generate the data were equal to :  $\theta_0 = 0.2, \theta_1 = -1, \theta_2 = 0.9, \theta_3 = 0.7, \theta_5 = -0.2$ . Samples  $x_n$  are equidistant points in the interval  $[0, 2]$ . Create the output samples  $y_n$ , according to the above non-linear model where the noise variance is set equal to  $\sigma_\eta^2 = 0.05$

- i. For the regression consider the aforementioned 5<sup>th</sup>-order polynomial model structure to construct the design matrix  $\Phi$  and let the parameters of the Gaussian prior be  $\Theta_0 = [0.2, -1, 0.9, 0.7, -0.2]$  and  $\Sigma_\theta = 0.1I$ . Compute the covariance matrix and the mean of the posterior Gaussian distribution, assuming a training set size of  $N = 20$ . Then, select randomly  $K = 20$  test-set points  $x_k$  in the interval  $[0, 2]$ . Make sure that you use different seeds for the test and training sets in the random generator. Compute the predictions for the mean values,  $\mu_y$ , and the associated variances,  $\sigma_y^2$ . Plot the graph of the true function together with the predicted mean values,  $\mu_y$ , and show the confidence intervals on these predictions by using the error-bar function from Matplotlib<sup>1</sup> package. Repeat the experiment again, using a training set of  $N = 500$  points, and try different values of  $\sigma_\eta^2$ , to notice the change on the estimated confidence intervals. [1.5pt]
- ii. Repeat the previous experiment using a randomly chosen value for the prior's mean  $\Theta_0$  and different values on the parameters, for example  $\sigma_\eta^2 = 0.05$  or  $\sigma_\eta^2 = 0.15$ ,  $\sigma_\theta^2 = 0.1$  or  $\sigma_\theta^2 = 2$  and  $N = 500$  or  $N = 20$ . Comment on the results [1.5pt]

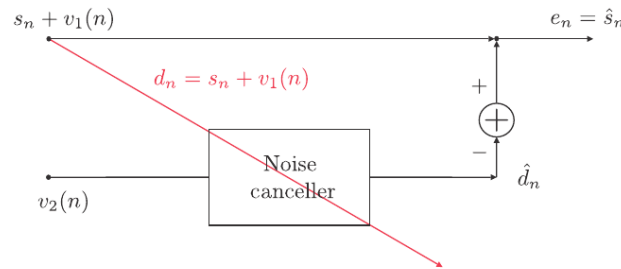


Figure 1: Block diagram for the noise canceller. Using as desired response the contaminated signal, the output of the optimal filter is an estimate of the noise component

#### Problem 4 [5 points]

Consider the noise cancellation task shown in Figure 1. Write the necessary code to solve the problem using PYTHON following the below steps:

1. Create 5000 data samples of the signal  $s_n = \cos(w_0 n)$ , for  $w_0 = 2 \times 10^{-3}\pi$  [0.5pt]
2. Create 5000 data samples of the AR process  $v_1(n) = a_1 \cdot v_1(n-1) + \eta_n$  (initializing at zero), where  $\eta_n$  represents zero mean Gaussian noise with variance  $\sigma_\eta^2 = 0.0025$  and  $a_1 = 0.8$  [0.5pt]
3. Add the two sequences (i.e.  $d_n = s_n + v_1(n)$ ) and plot the result. This represents the contaminated signal. [0.5pt]
4. Create 5000 data samples of the AR process  $v_2(n) = a_2 v_2(n-1) + \eta_n$  (initializing at zero), where  $\eta_n$  represents the same noise sequence and  $a_2 = 0.75$ . [0.5pt]
5. Solve for the optimum (in the MSE sense)  $\mathbf{w} = [w_0, w_1]^T$ . Create the sequence of the restored signal  $\hat{s}_n = d_n - w_0 v_2(n) - w_1 v_2(n-1)$  and plot the result. [1.0pt]
6. Repeat steps (ii)-(v) using  $a_2 = 0.9, 0.8, 0.7, 0.6, 0.5, 0.3$ . Comment on the results. [1.0pt]
7. Repeat steps (ii)-(v) using  $\sigma_\eta^2 = 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2, 0.5$  for  $a_2 = 0.9, 0.8, 0.7, 0.6, 0.5, 0.3$ . Comment on the results. [1.0pt]

<sup>1</sup><https://matplotlib.org/>