

# lecture7-gaussian-discriminant-analysis

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## 1 Lecture 7: Gaussian Discriminant Analysis

### 1.0.1 Applied Machine Learning

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## 2 Announcements

- Assignment 1 is due tonight!
  - Have a look at the clarifications on Canvas Announcements
  - Please submit individually. Write up answers individually, code can be shared across team. Don't need to report who did what.
  - My office hours are after class
- Project proposals will be due by the end of the month
  - You should start forming teams
  - Check out thread on Canvas
  - We will share project ideas
- Use the anonymous Google feedback form to let us know how things are going so far

## 3 Part 1: Revisiting Generative Models

In the previous lecture, we introduced generative modeling and Naive Bayes.

We will start with a review and a motivating problem.

## 4 The Iris Flowers Dataset

As a motivating problem for this lecture, we are going to use the Iris flower dataset ([R. A. Fisher, 1936](#)).

Recall that our task is to classify subspecies of Iris flowers based on their measurements.

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
from sklearn import datasets
```

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# Load the Iris dataset
iris = datasets.load_iris(as_frame=True)

# print part of the dataset
iris_X, iris_y = iris.data, iris.target
pd.concat([iris_X, iris_y], axis=1).head()

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[1]:      sepal length (cm)  sepal width (cm)  petal length (cm)  petal width (cm)  \
0                5.1           3.5           1.4           0.2
1                4.9           3.0           1.4           0.2
2                4.7           3.2           1.3           0.2
3                4.6           3.1           1.5           0.2
4                5.0           3.6           1.4           0.2

      target
0         0
1         0
2         0
3         0
4         0

```

If we only consider the first two feature columns, we can visualize the dataset in 2D.

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[2]: # https://scikit-learn.org/stable/auto_examples/neighbors/plot_classification.
      ↪html
      %matplotlib inline
      from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
      plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [12, 4]

      # create 2d version of dataset
      X = iris_X.to_numpy()[ :, :2]
      x_min, x_max = X[:, 0].min() - .5, X[:, 0].max() + .5
      y_min, y_max = X[:, 1].min() - .5, X[:, 1].max() + .5

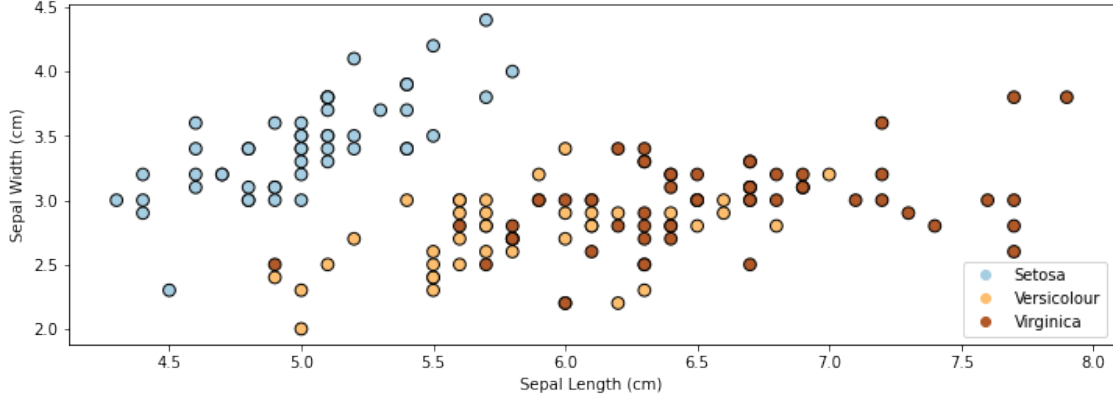
      # Plot also the training points
      p1 = plt.scatter(X[:, 0], X[:, 1], c=iris_y, edgecolor='k', s=60, cmap=plt.cm.
      ↪Paired)
      plt.xlabel('Sepal Length (cm)')
      plt.ylabel('Sepal Width (cm)')
      plt.legend(handles=p1.legend_elements()[0], labels=['Setosa', 'Versicolour',
      ↪'Virginica'], loc='lower right')

```

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[2]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x126fe63c8>

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## 5 Review: Discriminative Models

Most models we have seen so far have been *discriminative*: \* They directly transform  $x$  into a score for each class  $y$  (e.g., via the formula  $y = \sigma(\theta^\top x)$ ) \* They can be interpreted as defining a *conditional* probability  $P_\theta(y|x)$

For example, logistic regression is a binary classification algorithm which uses a model

$$f_\theta : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

of the form

$$f_\theta(x) = \sigma(\theta^\top x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\theta^\top x)},$$

where  $\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z)}$  is the *sigmoid* or *logistic* function.

The logistic model defines (“parameterizes”) a probability distribution  $P_\theta(y|x) : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P_\theta(y = 1|x) &= \sigma(\theta^\top x) \\ P_\theta(y = 0|x) &= 1 - \sigma(\theta^\top x). \end{aligned}$$

Logistic regression optimizes the following objective defined over a binary classification dataset  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (x^{(n)}, y^{(n)})\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\theta) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log P_\theta(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y^{(i)} \cdot \log \sigma(\theta^\top x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \cdot \log(1 - \sigma(\theta^\top x^{(i)})). \end{aligned}$$

This objective is also often called the log-loss, or cross-entropy.

This asks the model to output a large score  $\sigma(\theta^\top x^{(i)})$  (a score that's close to one) if  $y^{(i)} = 1$ , and a score that's small (close to zero) if  $y^{(i)} = 0$ .

Let's train logistic/softmax regression on this dataset.

```
[3]: from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [12, 4]
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
logreg = LogisticRegression(C=1e5)

# Create an instance of Logistic Regression Classifier and fit the data.
X = iris_X.to_numpy()[::2]
# rename class two to class one
Y = iris_y.copy()
logreg.fit(X, Y)
```

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[3]: LogisticRegression(C=100000.0)
```

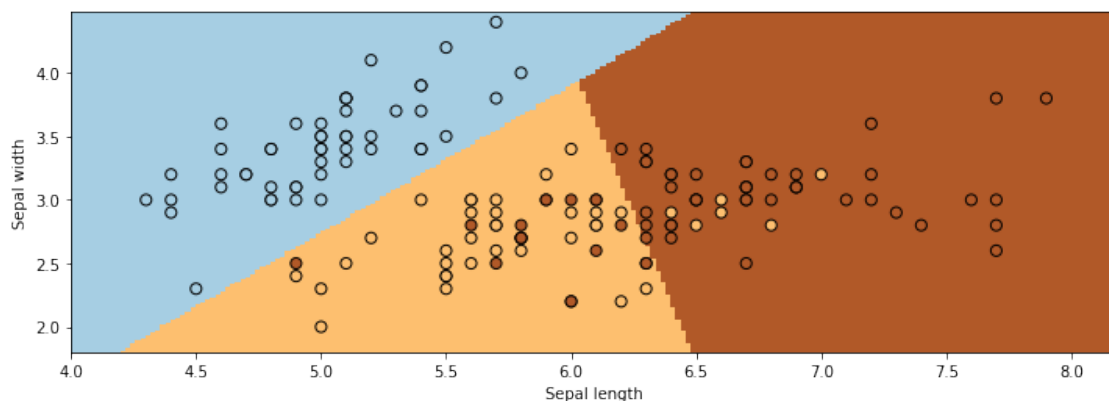
We visualize the regions predicted to be associated with the blue, brown, and yellow classes and the lines between them are the decision boundaries.

```
[4]: xx, yy = np.meshgrid(np.arange(4, 8.2, .02), np.arange(1.8, 4.5, .02))
Z = logreg.predict(np.c_[xx.ravel(), yy.ravel()])

# Put the result into a color plot
Z = Z.reshape(xx.shape)
plt.pcolormesh(xx, yy, Z, cmap=plt.cm.Paired)

# Plot also the training points
plt.scatter(X[:, 0], X[:, 1], c=Y, edgecolors='k', cmap=plt.cm.Paired, s=50)
plt.xlabel('Sepal length')
plt.ylabel('Sepal width')

plt.show()
```



## 6 Review: Maximum Likelihood and OLS

Recall that in ordinary least squares (OLS), we have a linear model of the form

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^d \theta_j \cdot x_j = \theta^\top x.$$

At each training instance  $(x, y)$ , we seek to minimize the squared error

$$(y - \theta^\top x)^2.$$

Let's make our usual linear regression model probabilistic: assume that the targets and the inputs are related by

$$y = \theta^\top x + \epsilon,$$

where  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$  is a random noise term that follows a Gaussian (or “Normal”) distribution.

The density of  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$  is a Gaussian distribution:

$$P(\epsilon; \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{\epsilon^2}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

Plugging  $\epsilon = y - \theta^\top x$  into the above, we get that

$$P(y|x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(y - \theta^\top x)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

This is a Gaussian distribution with mean  $\mu_\theta(x) = \theta^\top x$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ .

Given an input of  $x$ , this model outputs a “mini Bell curve” with width  $\sigma$  around the mean  $\mu(x) = \theta^\top x$ .

Let's now learn the parameters  $\theta$  of

$$P(y|x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(y - \theta^\top x)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

using maximum likelihood.

The log-likelihood of this model at a point  $(x, y)$  equals

$$\log L(\theta) = \log p(y|x; \theta) = \text{const}_1 \cdot (y - \theta^\top x)^2 + \text{const}_2$$

for some constants  $\text{const}_1, \text{const}_2$ . But that's just the least squares objective!

Least squares thus amounts to fitting a Gaussian model  $\mathcal{N}(y; \mu(x), \sigma)$  with a standard deviation  $\sigma$  of one and a mean of  $\mu(x) = \theta^\top x$ .

## 7 Review: Generative Models

Another approach to classification is to use *generative* models.

- A generative approach first builds a model of  $x$  for each class:

$$P_\theta(x|y = k) \text{ for each class } k.$$

$P_\theta(x|y = k)$  *scores* each  $x$  according to how well it matches class  $k$ .

- A class probability  $P_\theta(y = k)$  encoding our prior beliefs

$$P_\theta(y = k) \text{ for each class } k.$$

These are often just the % of each class in the data.

In the context of Iris flower classification, we would fit three models on a labeled corpus:

$$P_\theta(x|y = 0)$$

$$P_\theta(x|y = 1)$$

$$P_\theta(x|y = 2)$$

We would also define priors  $P_\theta(y = 0), P_\theta(y = 1), P_\theta(y = 2)$ .

$P_\theta(x|y = k)$  *scores* each  $x$  based on how much it looks like class  $k$ .

## 8 Probabilistic Interpretations

A *generative* model defines  $P_\theta(x|y)$  and  $P_\theta(y)$ , thus it also defines a distribution of the form  $P_\theta(x, y)$ .

$$\underbrace{P_\theta(x, y) : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow [0, 1]}_{\text{generative model}}$$

$$\underbrace{P_\theta(y|x) : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow [0, 1]}_{\text{discriminative model}}$$

Discriminative models don't define any probability over the  $x$ 's. Generative models do.

We can learn a generative model  $P_\theta(x, y)$  by maximizing the *likelihood*:

$$\max_{\theta} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log P_\theta(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}).$$

This says that we should choose parameters  $\theta$  such that the model  $P_\theta$  assigns a high probability to each training example  $(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$  in the dataset  $\mathcal{D}$ .

## 9 Review: Bernoulli Naive Bayes Model

The *Bernoulli Naive Bayes* model  $P_\theta(x, y)$  is defined for *binary data*  $x \in \{0, 1\}^d$  (e.g., bag-of-words documents).

The  $\theta$  contains prior parameters  $\vec{\phi} = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_K)$  and  $K$  sets of per-class parameters  $\psi_k = (\psi_{1k}, \dots, \psi_{dk})$ .

The probability of the data  $x$  for each class equals

$$P_{\theta}(x|y = k) = \prod_{j=1}^d P(x_j | y = k),$$

where each  $P_{\theta}(x_j | y = k)$  is a Bernoulli( $\psi_{jk}$ ).

The probability over  $y$  is Categorical:  $P_{\theta}(y = k) = \phi_k$ .

## 10 Advantages of Naive Bayes

Naive Bayes is a very important model in machine learning.

- Usually much easier to train: we have closed form solutions for the optimal parameters!
- Can deal with missing values, noisy inputs, and more!

On many classification tasks, Naive Bayes matches the state-of-the-art.

## 11 Downsides of Naive Bayes

Fundamentally, the modeling assumptions of Naive Bayes are incorrect: \* May generate over- or under-confident predictions \* Lower performance when assumptions fail

How do we even apply Naive Bayes to the flower dataset?

$$P(x|y = k) \text{ is undefined when } x \notin \{0, 1\}^d$$

We will look at this problem next.

# Part 2: Gaussian Mixture Models

Next, we will define another generative model: Gaussian mixtures.

## 12 Review: Categorical Distribution

A [Categorical](#) distribution with parameters  $\theta$  is a probability over  $K$  discrete outcomes  $x \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$ :

$$P_{\theta}(x = j) = \theta_j.$$

When  $K = 2$  this is called the [Bernoulli](#).

## 13 Review: Normal (Gaussian) Distribution

A [multivariate normal](#) distribution  $P_{\theta}(x) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with parameters  $\theta = (\mu, \Sigma)$  is a probability over a  $d$ -dimensional  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$P_{\theta}(x; \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d |\Sigma|}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right)$$

In one dimension, this reduces to  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$ .

This what the density of a Normal distribution looks like in 2D:

This is how we can visualize it in a 2D plane:

## 14 A Generative Model for Iris Flowers

To define a generative model for Iris flowers, we need to define three probabilities:

$$P_\theta(x|y=0) \qquad P_\theta(x|y=1) \qquad P_\theta(x|y=2)$$

We also define priors  $P_\theta(y=0), P_\theta(y=1), P_\theta(y=2)$ .

Each model  $P_\theta(x|y=k)$  *scores*  $x$  based on how much it looks like class  $k$ . The inputs  $x$  are vectors of features for the flowers.

How do we choose  $P_\theta(x|y=k)$ ?

## 15 Gaussian Mixture Model

A *Gaussian mixture* model (GMM)  $P_\theta(x, y)$  is defined for *real-valued data*  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

The  $\theta$  contains prior parameters  $\vec{\phi} = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_K)$  and  $K$  sets of per-class Gaussian parameters  $\mu_k, \Sigma_k$ .

The probability of the data  $x$  for each class is a multivariate Gaussian

$$P_\theta(x|y=k) = \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_k, \Sigma_k).$$

The probability over  $y$  is Categorical:  $P_\theta(y=k) = \phi_k$ .

## 16 Why Mixtures of Distributions?

A single distribution (e.g., a Gaussian) can be too simple to fit the data. We can form more complex distributions by *mixing*  $K$  simple ones:

$$P_\theta(x) = \phi_1 P_1(x; \theta_1) + \phi_2 P_2(x; \theta_2) + \dots + \phi_K P_K(x; \theta_K)$$

where the  $\phi_k \in [0, 1]$  are the weights of each distribution.

A mixture of  $K$  Gaussians is a distribution  $P(x)$  of the form:

$$\phi_1 \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_1, \Sigma_1) + \phi_2 \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_2, \Sigma_2) + \dots + \phi_K \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_K, \Sigma_K).$$

Mixtures can express distributions that a single mixture component can't:

Here, we have a mixture of 3 Gaussians.

We can also represent a mixture of distributions by introducing  $y \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$  and a distribution over  $(x, y)$  of the form

$$P_\theta(x, y) = P_\theta(x|y)P_\theta(y)$$



that has two components: \* The distribution  $P_\theta(y = k) = \pi_k$  encodes the mixture weights. \* The distribution  $P_\theta(x|y = k) = P_k(x; \theta_k)$  encodes the  $k$ -th mixed distribution.

This is a mixture of distributions because:

$$\begin{aligned} P_\theta(x) &= \sum_{k=1}^K P_\theta(x|y = k)P_\theta(y = k) \\ &= \pi_1 P_1(x; \theta_1) + \pi_2 P_2(x; \theta_2) + \dots + \pi_K P_K(x; \theta_K) \end{aligned}$$

## 17 GMMs Are Indeed Mixtures

The Gaussian Mixture Model is an example of a mixture of  $K$  distributions with mixing weights  $\phi_k = P(y = k)$ :

$$P_\theta(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K P_\theta(y = k)P_\theta(x|y = k) = \sum_{k=1}^K \phi_k \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

Intuitively, this model defines a story for how the data was generated. To obtain a data point, \* First, we sample a class  $y \sim \text{Categorical}(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_K)$  with class proportions given by the  $\phi_k$ . \* Then, we sample an  $x$  from a Gaussian distribution  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$  specific to that class.

Such a story can be constructed for most generative algorithms and helps understand them.

Mixtures of Gaussians fit more complex distributions than one Gaussian.

Raw data	Single Gaussian	Mixture of Gaussians

## 18 Predictions Out of Gaussian Mixture Models

Given a trained model  $P_\theta(x, z) = P_\theta(x|z)P_\theta(z)$ , we can look at the *posterior* probability

$$P_\theta(z = k | x) = \frac{P_\theta(z = k, x)}{P_\theta(x)} = \frac{P_\theta(x|z = k)P_\theta(z = k)}{\sum_{l=1}^K P_\theta(x|z = l)P_\theta(z = l)}$$

of a point  $x$  belonging to class  $k$ .

# Part 3: Gaussian Discriminant Analysis

Next, we will use GMMs as the basis for a new generative classification algorithm, Gaussian Discriminant Analysis (GDA).

## 19 Review: Gaussian Mixture Model

We may define a model  $P_\theta$  as follows. This will be the basis of an algorithm called Gaussian Discriminant Analysis. \* The distribution over classes is [Categorical](#), denoted  $\text{Categorical}(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_K)$ . Thus,  $P_\theta(y = k) = \phi_k$ . \* The conditional probability  $P(x | y = k)$  of the data under class  $k$  is a [multivariate Gaussian](#)  $\mathcal{N}(x; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)$  with mean and covariance  $\mu_k, \Sigma_k$ .

Thus,  $P_\theta(x, y)$  is a mixture of  $K$  Gaussians:

$$P_\theta(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^K P_\theta(y = k) P_\theta(x|y = k) = \sum_{k=1}^K \phi_k \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

## 20 Review: Maximum Likelihood Learning

We can learn a generative model  $P_\theta(x, y)$  by maximizing the *maximum likelihood*:

$$\max_{\theta} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log P_\theta(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}).$$

This seeks to find parameters  $\theta$  such that the model assigns high probability to the training data.

Let's use maximum likelihood to fit the Gaussian Discriminant model. Note that model parameters  $\theta$  are the union of the parameters of each sub-model:

$$\theta = (\mu_1, \Sigma_1, \phi_1, \dots, \mu_K, \Sigma_K, \phi_K).$$

Mathematically, the components of the model  $P_\theta(x, y)$  are as follows.

$$P_\theta(y) = \frac{\prod_{k=1}^K \phi_k^{\mathbb{I}\{y=y_k\}}}{\sum_{k=1}^K \phi_k}$$

$$P_\theta(x|y = k) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_k)^\top \Sigma_k^{-1} (x - \mu_k)\right)$$

## 21 Optimizing the Log Likelihood

Given a dataset  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , we want to optimize the log-likelihood  $\ell(\theta)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\theta) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log P_\theta(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log P_\theta(x^{(i)}|y^{(i)}) + \sum_{i=1}^n \log P_\theta(y^{(i)}) \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i:y^{(i)}=k} \log P(x^{(i)}|y^{(i)}; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)}_{\text{all the terms that involve } \mu_k, \Sigma_k} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \log P(y^{(i)}; \vec{\phi})}_{\text{all the terms that involve } \vec{\phi}}. \end{aligned}$$

In equality #2, we use the fact that  $P_\theta(x, y) = P_\theta(y)P_\theta(x|y)$ ; in the third one, we change the order of summation.

Each  $\mu_k, \Sigma_k$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$  is found in only the following terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mu_k, \Sigma_k} \sum_{i=1}^n \log P_\theta(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) &= \max_{\mu_k, \Sigma_k} \sum_{l=1}^K \sum_{i:y^{(i)}=l} \log P_\theta(x^{(i)}|y^{(i)}; \mu_l, \Sigma_l) \\ &= \max_{\mu_k, \Sigma_k} \sum_{i:y^{(i)}=k} \log P_\theta(x^{(i)}|y^{(i)}; \mu_k, \Sigma_k). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, optimization over  $\mu_k, \Sigma_k$  can be carried out independently of all the other parameters by just looking at these terms.

Similarly, optimizing for  $\vec{\phi} = (\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_K)$  only involves a few terms:

$$\max_{\vec{\phi}} \sum_{i=1}^n \log P_{\theta}(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}; \theta) = \max_{\vec{\phi}} \sum_{i=1}^n \log P_{\theta}(y^{(i)}; \vec{\phi}).$$

## 22 Learning the Parameters $\phi$

Let's first consider the optimization over  $\vec{\phi} = (\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_K)$ .

$$\max_{\vec{\phi}} \sum_{i=1}^n \log P_{\theta}(y = y^{(i)}; \vec{\phi}).$$

\* We have  $n$  datapoints. Each point has a label  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$ . \* Our model is a categorical and assigns a probability  $\phi_k$  to each outcome  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$ . \* We want to infer  $\phi_k$  assuming our dataset is sampled from the model.

What are the maximum likelihood  $\phi_k$  that are most likely to have generated our data?

Intuitively, the maximum likelihood class probabilities  $\phi$  should just be the class proportions that we see in the data.

Let's calculate this formally. Our objective  $J(\vec{\phi})$  equals

$$\begin{aligned} J(\vec{\phi}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log P_{\theta}(y^{(i)}; \vec{\phi}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log \phi_{y^{(i)}} - n \cdot \log \sum_{k=1}^K \phi_k \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i: y^{(i)}=k} \log \phi_k - n \cdot \log \sum_{k=1}^K \phi_k \end{aligned}$$

Taking the derivative and setting it to zero, we obtain

$$\frac{\phi_k}{\sum_l \phi_l} = \frac{n_k}{n}$$

for each  $k$ , where  $n_k = |\{i : y^{(i)} = k\}|$  is the number of training targets with class  $k$ .

Thus, the optimal  $\phi_k$  is just the proportion of data points with class  $k$  in the training set!

## 23 Learning the Parameters $\mu_k, \Sigma_k$

Next, let's look at the maximum likelihood term

$$\max_{\mu_k, \Sigma_k} \sum_{i: y^{(i)}=k} \log \mathcal{N}(x^{(i)} | \mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

over the Gaussian parameters  $\mu_k, \Sigma_k$ .

- Our dataset are all the points  $x$  for which  $y = k$ .
- We want to learn the mean and variance  $\mu_k, \Sigma_k$  of a normal distribution that generates this data.

What is the maximum likelihood  $\mu_k, \Sigma_k$  in this case?

Computing the derivative and setting it to zero, we obtain closed form solutions:

$$\mu_k = \frac{\sum_{i:y^{(i)}=k} x^{(i)}}{n_k}$$

$$\Sigma_k = \frac{\sum_{i:y^{(i)}=k} (x^{(i)} - \mu_k)(x^{(i)} - \mu_k)^\top}{n_k}$$

These are just the empirical means and covariances of each class.

## 24 Querying the Model

How do we ask the model for predictions? As discussed earlier, we can apply Bayes' rule:

$$\arg \max_y P_\theta(y|x) = \arg \max_y P_\theta(x|y)P(y).$$

Thus, we can estimate the probability of  $x$  and under each  $P_\theta(x|y = k)P(y = k)$  and choose the class that explains the data best.

## 25 Algorithm: Gaussian Discriminant Analysis (GDA)

- **Type:** Supervised learning (multi-class classification)
- **Model family:** Mixtures of Gaussians.
- **Objective function:** Log-likelihood.
- **Optimizer:** Closed form solution.

## 26 Example: Iris Flower Classification

Let's see how this approach can be used in practice on the Iris dataset. \* We will learn the maximum likelihood GDA parameters \* We will compare the outputs to the true predictions.

Let's first start by computing the true parameters on our dataset.

```
[11]: # we can implement these formulas over the Iris dataset
d = 2 # number of features in our toy dataset
K = 3 # number of classes
n = X.shape[0] # size of the dataset

# these are the shapes of the parameters
mus = np.zeros([K,d])
Sigmas = np.zeros([K,d,d])
phis = np.zeros([K])
```

```

# we now compute the parameters
for k in range(3):
    X_k = X[iris_y == k]
    mus[k] = np.mean(X_k, axis=0)
    Sigmas[k] = np.cov(X_k.T)
    phis[k] = X_k.shape[0] / float(n)

# print out the means
print(mus)

```

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[[5.006 3.428]
 [5.936 2.77 ]
 [6.588 2.974]]

```

We can compute predictions using Bayes' rule.

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[16]: # we can implement this in numpy
def gda_predictions(x, mus, Sigmas, phis):
    """This returns class assignments and p(y|x) under the GDA model.

    We compute \arg\max_y p(y|x) as \arg\max_y p(x|y)p(y)
    """

    # adjust shapes
    n, d = x.shape
    x = np.reshape(x, (1, n, d, 1))
    mus = np.reshape(mus, (K, 1, d, 1))
    Sigmas = np.reshape(Sigmas, (K, 1, d, d))

    # compute probabilities
    py = np.tile(phis.reshape((K,1)), (1,n)).reshape([K,n,1,1])
    pxy = (
        np.sqrt(np.abs((2*np.pi)**d*np.linalg.det(Sigmas))).reshape((K,1,1,1))
        * -.5*np.exp(
            np.matmul(np.matmul((x-mus).transpose([0,1,3,2]), np.linalg.
→inv(Sigmas)), x-mus)
        )
    )
    pyx = pxy * py
    return pyx.argmax(axis=0).flatten(), pyx.reshape([K,n])

idx, pyx = gda_predictions(X, mus, Sigmas, phis)
print(idx)

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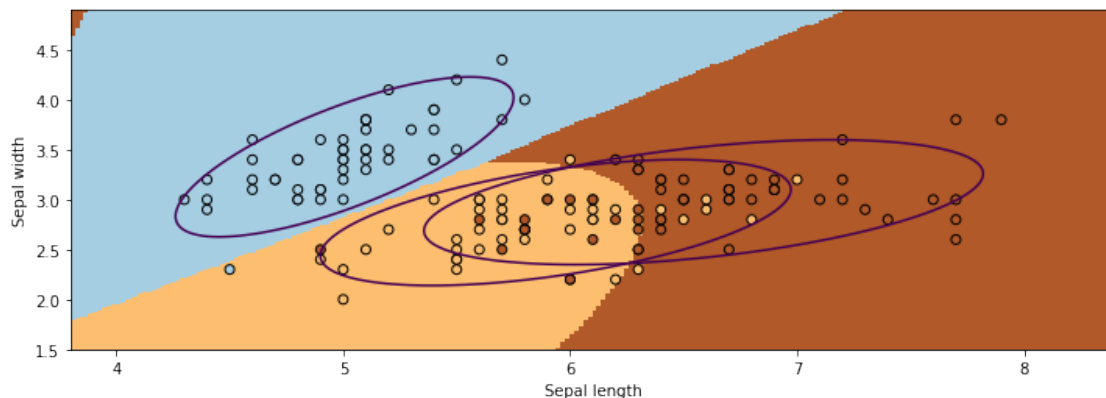
We visualize the decision boundaries like we did earlier.

```
[14]: from matplotlib.colors import LogNorm
xx, yy = np.meshgrid(np.arange(x_min, x_max, .02), np.arange(y_min, y_max, .02))
Z, pyx = gda_predictions(np.c_[xx.ravel(), yy.ravel()], mus, Sigmas, phis)
logpy = np.log(-1./3*pyx)

# Put the result into a color plot
Z = Z.reshape(xx.shape)
contours = np.zeros([K, xx.shape[0], xx.shape[1]])
for k in range(K):
    contours[k] = logpy[k].reshape(xx.shape)
plt.pcolormesh(xx, yy, Z, cmap=plt.cm.Paired)
for k in range(K):
    plt.contour(xx, yy, contours[k], levels=np.logspace(0, 1, 1))

# Plot also the training points
plt.scatter(X[:, 0], X[:, 1], c=iris_y, edgecolors='k', cmap=plt.cm.Paired)
plt.xlabel('Sepal length')
plt.ylabel('Sepal width')

plt.show()
```



## 27 Special Cases of GDA

Many important generative algorithms are special cases of Gaussian Discriminative Analysis \*

- Linear discriminant analysis (LDA): all the covariance matrices  $\Sigma_k$  take the same value. \*
- Gaussian Naive Bayes: all the covariance matrices  $\Sigma_k$  are diagonal. \*
- Quadratic discriminant analysis (QDA): another term for GDA.

## 28 Generative vs. Discriminative Approaches

Pros of discriminative models: \* Often more accurate because they make fewer modeling assumptions.

Pros of generative models: \* Can do more than just prediction: generation, fill-in missing features, etc. \* Can include extra prior knowledge; if prior knowledge is correct, model will be more accurate. \* Often have closed-form solutions, hence are faster to train.

# Part 4: Discriminative vs. Generative Algorithms

We conclude our lectures on generative algorithms by revisiting the question of how they compare to discriminative algorithms.

## 29 Linear Discriminant Analysis

When the covariances  $\Sigma_k$  in GDA are equal, we have an algorithm called Linear Discriminant Analysis or LDA.

The probability of the data  $x$  for each class is a multivariate Gaussian with the same covariance  $\Sigma$ .

$$P_{\theta}(x|y = k) = \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_k, \Sigma).$$

The probability over  $y$  is Categorical:  $P_{\theta}(y = k) = \phi_k$ .

Let's try this algorithm on the Iris flower dataset.

We compute the model parameters similarly to how we did for GDA.

```
[19]: # we can implement these formulas over the Iris dataset
d = 2 # number of features in our toy dataset
K = 3 # number of classes
n = X.shape[0] # size of the dataset

# these are the shapes of the parameters
mus = np.zeros([K,d])
Sigmas = np.zeros([K,d,d])
phis = np.zeros([K])

# we now compute the parameters
for k in range(3):
    X_k = X[iris_y == k]
    mus[k] = np.mean(X_k, axis=0)
    Sigmas[k] = np.cov(X_k.T) # this is now X.T instead of X_k.T
    phis[k] = X_k.shape[0] / float(n)

# print out the means
print(mus)
```

```
[[5.006 3.428]
 [5.936 2.77 ]
 [6.588 2.974]]
```

We can compute predictions using Bayes' rule.

```
[20]: # we can implement this in numpy
def gda_predictions(x, mus, Sigmas, phis):
    """This returns class assignments and p(y/x) under the GDA model.

    We compute \arg\max_y p(y/x) as \arg\max_y p(x/y)p(y)
    """

    # adjust shapes
    n, d = x.shape
    x = np.reshape(x, (1, n, d, 1))
    mus = np.reshape(mus, (K, 1, d, 1))
    Sigmas = np.reshape(Sigmas, (K, 1, d, d))

    # compute probabilities
    py = np.tile(phis.reshape((K,1)), (1,n)).reshape([K,n,1,1])
    pxy = (
        np.sqrt(np.abs((2*np.pi)**d*np.linalg.det(Sigmas))).reshape((K,1,1,1))
        * -.5*np.exp(
            np.matmul(np.matmul((x-mus).transpose([0,1,3,2]), np.linalg.
→inv(Sigmas)), x-mus)
        )
    )
    pyx = pxy * py
    return pyx.argmax(axis=0).flatten(), pyx.reshape([K,n])

idx, pyx = gda_predictions(X, mus, Sigmas, phis)
print(idx)
```

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```

We visualize predictions like we did earlier.

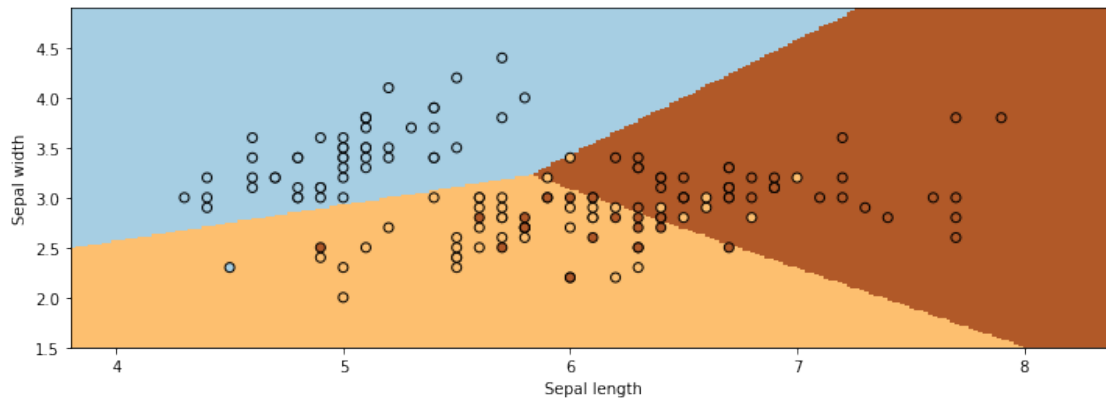
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[22]: from matplotlib.colors import LogNorm
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Z, pyx = gda_predictions(np.c_[xx.ravel(), yy.ravel()], mus, Sigmas, phis)
logpy = np.log(-1./3*pyx)

# Put the result into a color plot
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```



```
# Plot also the training points
plt.scatter(X[:, 0], X[:, 1], c=iris_y, edgecolors='k', cmap=plt.cm.Paired)
plt.xlabel('Sepal length')
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plt.show()
```



Linear Discriminant Analysis outputs decision boundaries that are linear, just like Logistic/Softmax Regression.

Softmax or Logistic regression also produce linear boundaries. In fact, both types of algorithms make use of the same model class.

What is their difference then?

### 30 What Is the LDA Model Class?

We can derive a formula for  $P_{\theta}(y|x)$  in a Bernoulli Naive Bayes or LDA model when  $K = 2$ :

$$P_{\theta}(y|x) = \frac{P_{\theta}(x|y)P_{\theta}(y)}{\sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}} P_{\theta}(x|y')P_{\theta}(y')} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\gamma^{\top} x)}$$

for some set of parameters  $\gamma$  (whose expression can be derived from  $\theta$ ).

This is the same form as Logistic Regression! Does it mean that the two sets of algorithms are equivalent?

No! They assume the same model class  $\mathcal{M}$ , they use a different objective  $J$  to select a model in  $\mathcal{M}$ .

### 31 LDA vs. Logistic Regression

What are the differences between LDA/NB and logistic regression?

- Bernoulli Naive Bayes or LDA assumes a logistic form for  $P(y|x)$ . But the converse is not true: logistic regression does not assume a NB or LDA model for  $P(x, y)$ .
- Generative models make stronger modeling assumptions. If these assumptions hold true, the generative models will perform better.
- But if they don't, logistic regression will be more robust to outliers and model misspecification, and achieve higher accuracy.

## 32 Discriminative Approaches

Discriminative algorithms are deservedly very popular. \* Most state-of-the-art algorithms for classification are discriminative (including neural nets, boosting, SVMs, etc.) \* They are often more accurate because they make fewer modeling assumptions.

## 33 Other Useful Features of Generative Models

Generative models can also do things that discriminative models can't do. \* **Generation:** we can sample  $x \sim p(x|y)$  to generate new data (images, audio). \* **Missing value imputation:** if  $x_j$  is missing, we infer it using  $p(x|y)$ . \* **Outlier detection:** we may detect via  $p(x')$  if  $x'$  is an outlier. \* **Scalability:** Simple formulas for maximum likelihood parameters.

## 34 Generative Approaches

But generative algorithms also have many advantages: \* Can do more than just prediction: generation, fill-in missing features, etc. \* Can include extra prior knowledge; if prior knowledge is correct, model will be more accurate. \* Often have closed-form solutions, hence are faster to train.