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Problem Set 2

Problems 1-2 correspond to "The generative approach to classification"

Problem 1

1/1 point (graded)

Which of the following accurately describes the generative approach to classification, in the case where there are just two labels?

☐ Fit a model to the boundary between the two classes.

☒ Fit a probability distribution to each class separately.



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Problem 2

1/1 point (graded)

In a generative model with k classes, the class probabilities are (π_1, \dots, π_k) (summing to 1) and the individual class distributions are $(P_1(x), \dots, P_k(x))$. In order to classify a new point x , we should pick the label j that maximizes which of the following quantities?

☐ π_j

☐ $P_j(x)$

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☐ $\pi_j + P_j(x)$

☒ $\pi_j P_j(x)$



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Problems 3-8 correspond to "Probability review I: probability spaces, events, conditioning"

Problem 3

3/3 points (graded)

What is the size of the sample space in each of the following experiments?

a) A fair coin is tossed.



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Answer

Correct: The possible outcomes are 0 and 1.

b) A fair die is rolled.



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Answer

Correct: The possible outcomes are 1,2,3,4,5,6.

c) A fair coin is tossed ten times in a row.



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Correct:

For each of the coins, there are two possible outcomes. For all ten coins together, there are $(2 \times 2 \times \cdots \times 2 = 1024)$ outcomes.

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Problem 5

3/3 points (graded)

Two fair dice are rolled. What is the probability that:

a) Their sum is 10, given that the first roll is a 6?

0.166666



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Answer

Correct:

If the first roll is a 6, the second needs to be a 4, which happens with probability $1/6$.

b) Their sum is 10, given that the first roll is an even number?

0.11



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Answer

Correct:

The probability that the sum is 10 *given that* the first roll is even is, by the basic conditioning formula, equal to $\Pr(\text{sum is 10 AND first roll is even})$ divided by $\Pr(\text{first roll is even})$. Let's compute these two separately. $\Pr(\text{sum is 10 AND first roll is even})$ correspond to just two possible outcomes, (4,6) and (6,4); the probability that one of these occurs is $2/36 = 1/18$. Meanwhile, $\Pr(\text{first roll is even})$ is $1/2$. Now divide.

c) They have the same value?

0.1666666



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Answer

Correct:

Whatever the first roll is, the probability that the second roll is exactly that number is

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Problem 6

0/1 point (graded)

A certain genetic disease occurs in 5% of men but just 1% of women. Let's say there are an equal number of men and women in the world. A person is picked at random and found to possess the disease. What is the probability, given this information, that the person is male?



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Problem 7

2 points possible (graded)

The TryMe smartphone company has three factories making its phones. They are all fairly unreliable: 10% of the phones from factory 1 are defective, 20% of the phones from factory 2 are defective, and 24% of the phones from factory 3 are defective. The factories do not produce the same numbers of phones: factory 1 produces $\backslash(1/2\backslash)$ of TryMe's phones, while factories 2 and 3 each produce $\backslash(1/4\backslash)$.

a) What is the probability that a TryMe phone chosen at random is defective?

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b) Given that a TryMe phone is defective, what is the probability that it came from factory 1?

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Problem 8

0/1 point (graded)

Here are some statistics collected by a doctor about patients who walk into her office.

• 25% of the patients have the flu.

• Among patients with the flu, 75% have a fever.

• Among patients who don't have the flu, 50% have a fever.

A new person walks into the doctor's office and turns out to have a fever. What is the probability that he has the flu?



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Problems 9-12 correspond to "Generative modeling in one dimension"

Problem 9

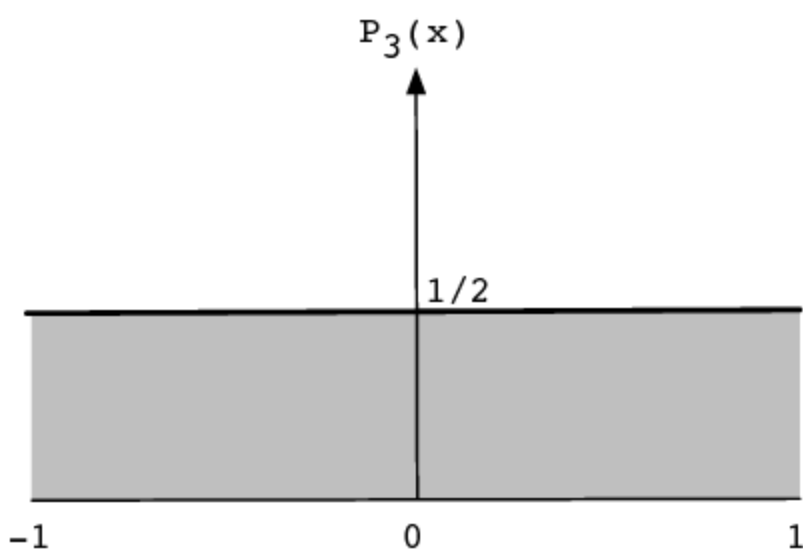
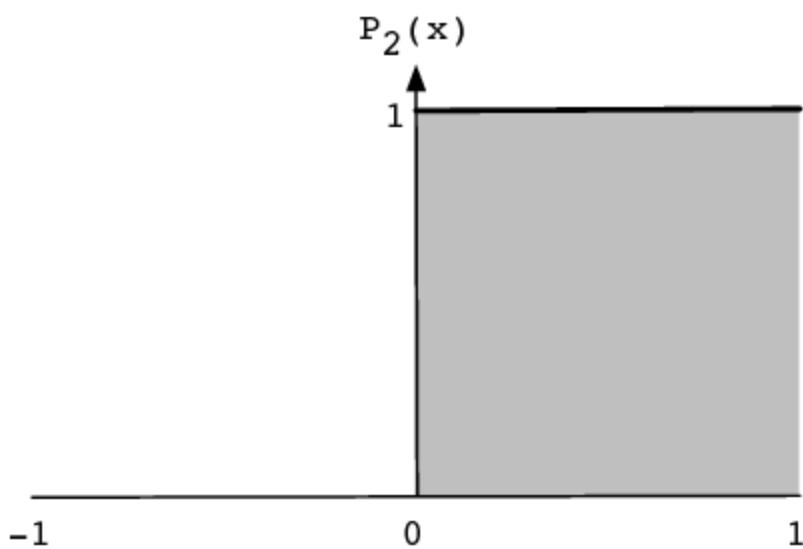
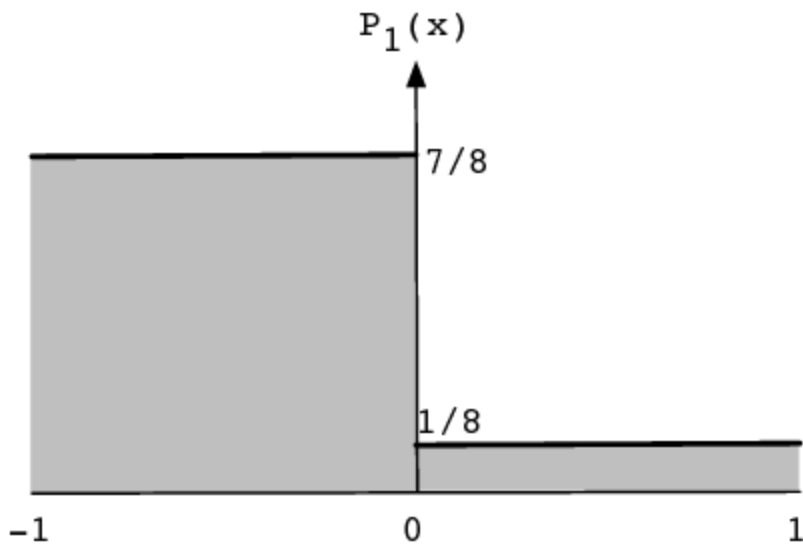
2/2 points (graded)

Suppose we have one-dimensional data points lying in $X = [-1, 1]$, that have associated labels in $Y = \{1, 2, 3\}$. The individual classes have weights

$$\pi_1 = \frac{1}{3}, \pi_2 = \frac{1}{6}, \pi_3 = \frac{1}{2}$$

and densities P_1, P_2, P_3 as shown below. (For instance, P_1 is the density of the points whose label is 1; in particular, this means that P_1 integrates to 1.)

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Based on this information, what labels should be assigned to the following points?

a) $\backslash(-1/2\backslash)$



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b) $\sqrt{1/2}$

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 $\sqrt{1}$ 

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Problem 10

2/2 points (graded)

A set of 100 data points in \mathbb{R} have mean of 20 and standard deviation of 10. We want to fit a Gaussian $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ to this data. What μ and σ^2 should we pick?

a) $\mu =$

20

 $\sqrt{1}$ b) $\sigma^2 =$

100

 $\sqrt{1}$ 

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Problem 11

1/1 point (graded)

A generative approach is used for a binary classification problem and it turns out that the resulting classifier predicts $+$ at $\{\mathbf{x}\}$ points \mathbf{x} in the input space. What can we conclude for sure? Check all that apply.

There are no $-$ points in the training set.

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☐ The $(+)$ points are spread out over the space, while the $(-)$ points are concentrated in a small region.

☒ There are fewer $(-)$ points than $(+)$ points in the training set.

☐ The density of $(+)$ points is greater than the density of $(-)$ points everywhere in the space.

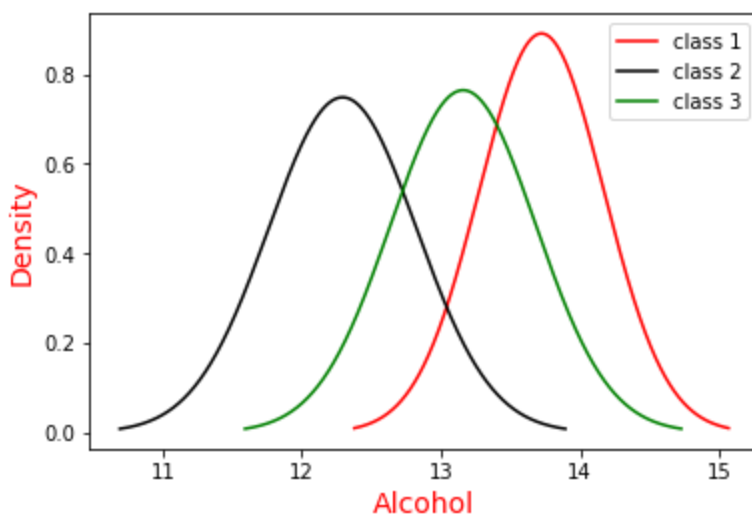


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Problem 12

5/5 points (graded)

For the winery example from lecture, the densities obtained are reproduced here:



The class probabilities are $(\pi_1 = 0.33, \pi_2 = 0.39, \pi_3 = 0.28)$. What labels would be assigned to the following points?

a) 12.0

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$(-)$

b) 12.5

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c) 13.0

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d) 13.5

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e) 14.0

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Problems 13-15 correspond to "Probability review II: random variables, expected value, and variance"

Problem 13

4 points possible (graded)

A fair die is rolled twice. Let $\backslash(X_1\backslash)$ and $\backslash(X_2\backslash)$ denote the outcomes, and define random variable $\backslash(X\backslash)$ to be the minimum of $\backslash(X_1\backslash)$ and $\backslash(X_2\backslash)$.

a) How many possible values are there for $\backslash(X\backslash)$?

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b) What is the probability that $X = 1$?

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c) What is $E(X)$?

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d) What is $\text{var}(X)$?

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Problem 14

1/2 points (graded)

In a series of ten independent experiments, a random variable X takes on values

$[1, 1, 2, 5, 0, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1]$

a) Give an estimate of $E(X)$.



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b) Give an estimate of $\text{var}(X)$.



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Problem 15

1/1 point (graded)

Which of the following random variables has $\text{Var}(X) = 0$? Check all that apply.

☐ X takes on values -1 and 1 with equal probability.

☒ X always takes on value 1.

☐ X is always equal to X^2 .

☒ X is always zero.



Problems 16-18 correspond to "Probability review III: modeling dependence"

Problem 16

4/4 points (graded)

In each of the following cases, say whether X and Y are dependent or independent.

a) Randomly pick a card from a pack of 52 cards. Define X to be 1 if the card is a Jack, and 0 otherwise. Define Y to be 1 if the card is a spade, and 0 otherwise.

☐ dependent

☒ independent



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b) Randomly pick two cards from a pack of 52 cards. \mathbb{X} is 1 if the first card is a spade, and 0 otherwise. \mathbb{Y} is 1 if the second card is a spade, and 0 otherwise.

☒ dependent

☐ independent



c) Toss a coin ten times. \mathbb{X} is the number of heads and \mathbb{Y} is the number of tails.

☒ dependent

☐ independent



d) Roll a fair die. \mathbb{X} is 1 if the outcome is even, and 0 otherwise. \mathbb{Y} is 1 if the outcome is ≥ 3 , and zero otherwise.

☐ dependent

☒ independent



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Problem 17

2 points possible (graded)

Random variables \mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y} take on values in the range $\{-1, 0, 1\}$ and have the following joint distribution.

$\mathbb{X} \backslash \mathbb{Y}$	-1	0	1
-1	0	0	$1/3$
0	$1/3$	0	0
1	0	$1/3$	0

a) What is the covariance between \mathbb{X} and \mathbb{Y} ?

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b) What is the correlation between $\backslash(X\backslash)$ and $\backslash(Y\backslash)$?

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Problem 18

2/2 points (graded)

Random variables $\backslash(X,Y\backslash)$ take on values in the range $\backslash(\{-1,0,1\}\backslash)$ and have the following joint distribution.

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a) Are $\backslash(X\backslash)$ and $\backslash(Y\backslash)$ independent?

☒ dependent☐ independent

b) Are $\backslash(X\backslash)$ and $\backslash(Y\backslash)$ uncorrelated?

☐ correlated☒ uncorrelated

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Problems 19-20 correspond to "Two-dimensional generative modeling with the bivariate Gaussian"

Problem 19

2/2 points (graded)

Each of the following scenarios describes a joint distribution $((x, y))$. In each case, give the parameters of the (unique) bivariate Gaussian that satisfies these properties.

a) (x) has mean 2 and standard deviation 1, (y) has mean 2 and standard deviation 0.5, and the correlation between (x) and (y) is (-0.5) .

☐ $(\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix})$, $(\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix})$

☐ $(\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix})$, $(\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix})$

☒ $(\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix})$, $(\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix})$



b) (x) has mean 1 and standard deviation (1) , and (y) is equal to (x) .

☐ $(\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix})$, $(\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix})$

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Problem 20

3/3 points (graded)

Here are four possible shapes of Gaussian distributions:



For each of the following Gaussians $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$, indicate which of these shapes (1,2,3,4) is the best approximation.

a) $\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$



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b) $\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$



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c) $\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -0.75 \\ -0.75 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$



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