INTRODUCTION

The goal of the project is the development of a classifier able to verify the correctness of an identity claim based on biometric characteristics of a subject, in details through spoken utterance. The task is to compare an unknown utterance with those belonging to the claimed identity and check if they are similar or not.

The problem can be cast as a binary problem over pairs of utterances. Given a pair of utterances the classifier should decide if the unknown one and the claimed identity one correspond to the same speaker (label 1) or different speaker (label 1).

In this use case the utterances are represented in terms of speaker embeddings. The embeddings are 5-dimensional, continuous-valued vectors, and features have no specific physical interpretation.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DATASET

Each sample of the dataset is composed of a pair of embeddings for a total dimension of 10.

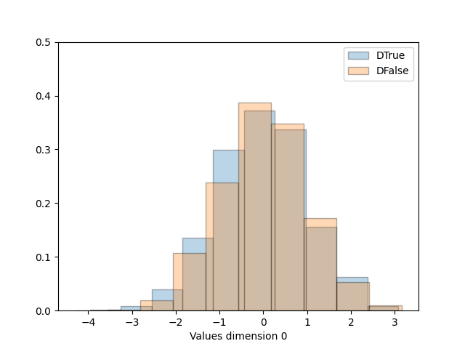
The training dataset is composed of 3500 samples: 43% belong to label 1 and 57% to class 0.

The test dataset instead is composed of 7500 samples in total: 33% belong to label 1 and 67% to class 0.

Both datasets are slightly imbalanced, with the different speaker class (label 0) having slightly more samples. Pairs belong to either the male or female gender, which is not provided by the datasets.

DATASET FEATURES ANALYSIS

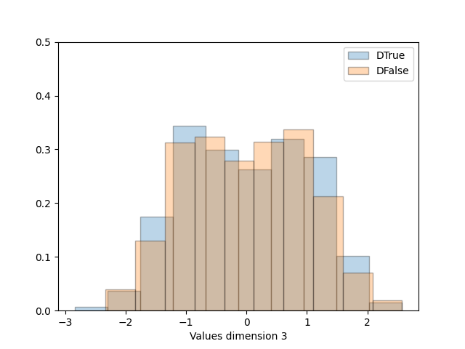
For the analysis of the dataset (which has been normalized first using z-score) is crucial to plot the distribution of the features over histograms. For each feature has been made a distinction between samples belonging to different classes.

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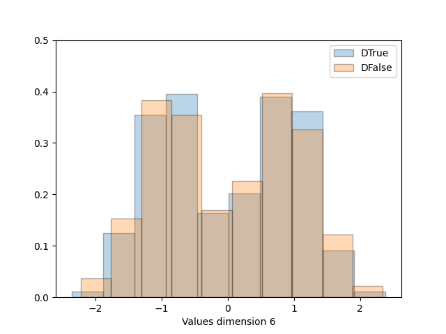
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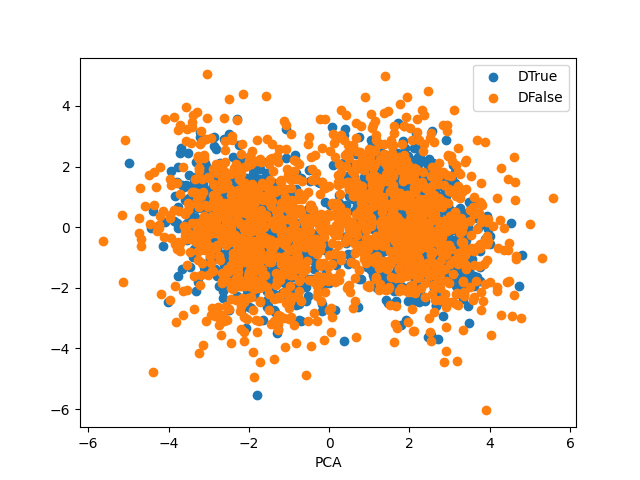
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Figure

All feature distributions follow a gaussian one with an exception for feature 1, 3, 6, 8. These last reflect a gaussian with 2 components due to the presence of both genders, male and female.

To have a general view over our dataset it has been applied a PCA transformation with 2 dimensions on the left and a LDA transformation on the right. In the PCA graph is evident the presence of two clusters for both the class and in the LDA graph the distribution of the single feature of both classes overlap. These two clusters can be explained by the presence of spoken utterance belonging to the male and female gender. With these results is expected that the data cannot be well separated linearly so a non-linear model should perform better in the classification task.

A graph of a number of objects

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Figure Figure

DATASET FEATURES CORRELATION ANALYSIS

The graphs below represent the correlation between each feature of the training dataset.

Each Heat Map shows the absolute value of the Pearson Correlation Coefficient. On the left it has been performed on the whole dataset and on the right the graph of the Explained Variance.

A graph of a crossword puzzle

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Figure Figure

Looking at figure 13 features 2-7 and 4-9 are the highest correlated. For what concern the others one there is a slight correlation such as also no correlation between some of them. Figure 14 tell us that removing two dimensions will keep very high the variance of the dataset so without loosing a lot of information which is crucial during the training phase of our classifier.

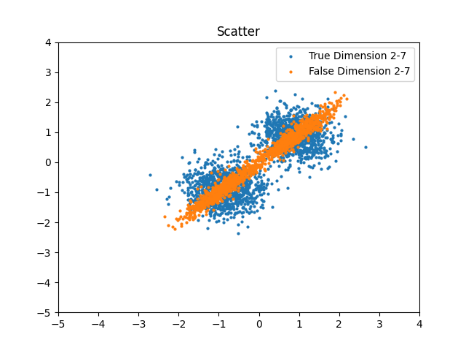
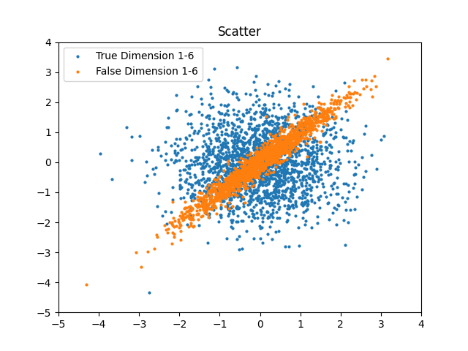
Below there are the heatmap of the Pearson correlation coefficient of the dataset features belonging respectfully on the left to the label 0 (False) and on the right to the label 1 (True). They are pretty similar with exception for features (1-6), (2-7), (3-8), (4-9), (5-10) which are more correlated in the False samples compared to the True samples. The higher correlation can be seen clearly in the scatter plot immediately below the heatmaps.

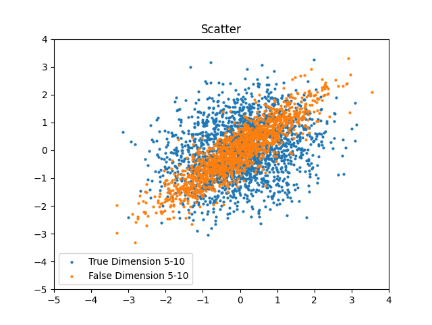
A close-up of a graph

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With these data we can deduce that an MVG classifier should perform better.

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TRAINING PROTOCOL

For the training phase it has been used the K-fold cross validation with 5 folds.

The target application working point given by the project is defined by the triple (πT = 0.1, Cf n = 1, Cf p = 1). During this phase two others application working points have been used: (πT = 0.5, Cf n = 1, Cf p = 1) and (πT = 0.9, Cf n = 1, Cf p = 1).

The performance of the different classifiers is measured in terms of Detection Cost Function (DCF). The classifier with the best performance will be the one with the lowest DCF.

GAUSSIAN CLASSIFIER

In this section the classifier has been trained with several gaussian models: MVG (Multi Variate Gaussian), NB (Naïve Bayes), TC (Tied Covariance) and TNB (Tied Naïve Bayes). The first table shows the performance of the dataset in terms of minimum DCF without pre-processing. The following ones show the performances when a pre-process technique has been applied. If applied the type of pre-process technique is described at the top of the table.

RAW Z-Score

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| **Model** | πT=0.1 | πT=0.5 | πT=0.9 | πT=0.1 | πT=0.5 | πT=0.9 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MVG | 0.255 | 0.078 | 0.140 | 0.253 | 0.078 | 0.140 |  |
| NB | 0.998 | 0.960 | 0.996 | 0.999 | 0.960 | 0.996 |  |
| TC | 1.000 | 0.937 | 0.990 | 0.999 | 0.937 | 0.990 |  |
| TNB | 0.996 | 0.963 | 0.999 | 0.998 | 0.963 | 0.999 |  |
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As expected from the previous consideration in the Dataset Feature Analysis, since the Tied Covariance model uses a linear separation surface for the classification task it performs bad. The same is for the Tied Naïve Bayes model.

Naïve Bayes applied on the dataset without pre-processing performs bad. This model assumes the independence between the features by diagonalizing the covariance matrix, but we have seen from the heatmaps a strong correlation among some attributes especially in the samples belonging to the False label (label 0).

MVG is the one performing better among all because it uses a quadratic separation rule and the features’ distribution fit well into a gaussian.

RAW PCA 8 Z-Score PCA 8

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| **Model** | πT=0.1 | πT=0.5 | πT=0.9 | πT=0.1 | πT=0.5 | πT=0.9 |  |
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| MVG | 0.256 | 0.078 | 0.148 | 0.308 | 0.099 | 0.184 |  |
| NB | 0.998 | 0.946 | 0.992 | 1.000 | 0.946 | 0.992 |  |
| TC | 1.000 | 0.919 | 0.981 | 1.000 | 0.919 | 0.981 |  |
| TNB | 0.990 | 0.953 | 0.998 | 0.992 | 0.953 | 0.998 |  |
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RAW PCA 9 Z-Score PCA 9

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| **Model** | πT=0.1 | πT=0.5 | πT=0.9 | πT=0.1 | πT=0.5 | πT=0.9 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MVG | 0.257 | 0.080 | 0.141 | 0.308 | 0.098 | 0.170 |  |
| NB | 0.998 | 0.946 | 0.992 | 1.000 | 0.946 | 0.992 |  |
| TC | 1.000 | 0.919 | 0.981 | 1.000 | 0.919 | 0.981 |  |
| TNB | 0.990 | 0.953 | 0.998 | 0.992 | 0.953 | 0.998 |  |
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We have applied PCA as pre-processing method on all the gaussian classifiers. We performed the classification task reducing by a maximum of 2 the number of the database-s dimension and it ends up that working with 8 directions has the best result.

The MVG classifier keeps its good performances.

Naïve Bayes has a significant improvement. One of the effects of PCA is to decorrelate features, so the model assumption (independence among the features) holds well.

Tied Covariance and Naïve Tied Covariance continue to have bad performances for the same reason explained above.

In all the results obtained the Z-Score normalization gives equal and slightly worst results.