

6 Discriminant analysis

Exercise 6.1. Let $\mu^* \in \mathbb{R}^d$, Σ^* be a symmetric positive definite matrix and $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ be a i.i.d. samples with distribution $N(\mu^*, \Sigma^*)$. We assume $n \geq d$.

- (1) Show that $\hat{\mu}_n = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is the Maximum Likelihood Estimator (MLE) of μ^* .
- (2) Recall that for any square matrices \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} ,

$$\nabla \psi_1(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{B}^\top \text{ and } \nabla \psi_2(\mathbf{A}) = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^\top, \quad (30)$$

where $\psi_1(\mathbf{A}) = \text{Trace}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B})$ and $\psi_2(\mathbf{A}) = \log \det \mathbf{A}$, assuming that \mathbf{A} is invertible. Show that

$$\hat{\Sigma}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \hat{\mu})(X_i - \hat{\mu})^\top$$

is the MLE of Σ^* .

Exercise 6.2. Let (X, Y) be a pair of random variables valued in $\mathbb{R}^d \times \{0, 1\}$, such that

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{P}(Y = 1) = \pi \in (0, 1) \\ X|Y = 0 \sim N(\mu_0, \Sigma_0) \\ X|Y = 1 \sim N(\mu_1, \Sigma_1), \end{cases}$$

with $\mu_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\mu_1 \in \mathbb{R}^d$, Σ_0 and Σ_1 two symmetric positive definite matrices of size $d \times d$.

- (1) What is the joint distribution of (X, Y) (the density of which is denoted $p(x, y)$)? What is the distribution of X ?
- (2) For all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, give an expression of $\eta(x) = \mathbb{E}[Y|X = x]$.
- (3) Let $\mathcal{C}^* : x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mapsto \mathbb{1}_{\eta(x) \geq 1/2}$ be the Bayes classifier and assume that $\Sigma_0 = \Sigma_1 = \Sigma$. Show that, $\mathcal{C}^*(x) = 1$ if and only $w^\top x + b \geq 0$, where

$$\begin{aligned} w &= \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_0) \\ b &= \frac{1}{2}(\mu_0^\top \Sigma^{-1} \mu_0 - \mu_1^\top \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1) + \log \left(\frac{\pi}{1 - \pi} \right). \end{aligned}$$

- (4) Show that, $\mathcal{C}^*(x) = 1$ if and only

$$(\mu_1 - \mu_0)^\top \Sigma^{-1} \left(x - \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_0}{2} \right) \geq \log \left(\frac{\pi}{1 - \pi} \right),$$

and interpret this result geometrically.

- (5) In this question only, we assume that $\pi = \frac{1}{2}$. Prove that

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{C}^*(X) = 1 | Y = 0) = \Phi \left(-\frac{\sqrt{(\mu_1 - \mu_0)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (\mu_1 - \mu_0)}}{2} \right),$$

where Φ is the cumulative distribution function of $N(0, 1)$.

Deduce the value of $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{C}^*(X) \neq Y)$.

(6) Using Exercise 6.1, give the MLEs of the unknown parameters.

(7) Show that, when $\Sigma_0^* \neq \Sigma_1^*$, $\mathcal{C}^*(x) = 1$ if and only if $\frac{1}{2}x^\top Qx + w^\top x + b \geq 0$, where

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \Sigma_0^{-1} - \Sigma_1^{-1} \\ w &= \Sigma_1^{-1}\mu_1 - \Sigma_0^{-1}\mu_0 \\ b &= \frac{1}{2}(\mu_0^\top \Sigma_0^{-1}\mu_0 - \mu_1^\top \Sigma_1^{-1}\mu_1) - \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\det(\Sigma_1)}{\det(\Sigma_0)} \right) + \log \left(\frac{\pi}{1-\pi} \right). \end{aligned}$$

What is the shape of the decision boundary in this case?

Exercise 6.3. Let (X, Y) be a pair of random variables with values in $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \{0, 1\}$, such that

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{P}(Y = 1) = \pi \in (0, 1) \\ X^{(1)}|Y = 0 \sim N(\mu_0, \sigma_0^2) \text{ is independent from } X^{(2)}|Y = 0 \sim \mathbf{Ber}(p_0) \\ X^{(1)}|Y = 1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2) \text{ is independent from } X^{(2)}|Y = 1 \sim \mathbf{Ber}(p_1), \end{cases}$$

with $\sigma_0 > 0$, $\sigma_1 > 0$, $p_0 \in (0, 1)$, $p_1 \in (0, 1)$, $\mu_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\mu_1 \in \mathbb{R}$.

1. What is the joint distribution of (X, Y) (the density of which is denoted $p(x, y)$)?
2. Let $\mathcal{C}^* : x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mapsto \mathbf{1}_{\eta(x) \geq 1/2}$ be the Bayes classifier. Show that, $\mathcal{C}^*(x) = 1$ if and only if $\left(\frac{1}{2\sigma_0^2} - \frac{1}{2\sigma_1^2}\right)x^{(1)^2} + w^\top x + b \geq 0$, where

$$\begin{aligned} w &= \left[\left(\frac{\mu_1}{\sigma_1^2} - \frac{\mu_0}{\sigma_0^2} \right), \log \left(\frac{p_1(1-p_0)}{p_0(1-p_1)} \right) \right] \\ b &= \frac{\mu_0^2}{2\sigma_0^2} - \frac{\mu_1^2}{2\sigma_1^2} + \log \left(\frac{\pi}{1-\pi} \right) + \log \left(\frac{\sigma_0}{\sigma_1} \right) + \log \left(\frac{1-p_1}{1-p_0} \right). \end{aligned}$$