

## Bayesian classifier based on maximum-likelihood estimation

According to Bayesian decision theory, the discriminant function should be:

$$g_i(x) = \ln p(x|w_i) + \ln p(w_i) \quad (1)$$

We assume that data approximately satisfy Gaussian distribution. Thus, according to the multi-dimension Gaussian distribution:

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} |\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^t \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu)\right] \quad (2)$$

We have to obtain the two parameters- mean ( $\mu$ ) and covariance ( $\Sigma$ ).

The maximum-likelihood estimation of mean and covariance for multivariate Gaussian function is:

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \quad (3)$$

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (x_k - \hat{\mu})(x_k - \hat{\mu})^t \quad (4)$$

From the four formulas above, finally we get the discriminant function with Gaussian distribution:

$$g_i(x) = x^t W_i x + w_i^t x + w_{i0} \quad (5)$$

$$W_i = -\frac{1}{2} \mu_i^t \Sigma_i^{-1} \quad (6)$$

$$w_i = \Sigma_i^{-1} \mu_i \quad (7)$$

$$w_{i0} = -\frac{1}{2} \mu_i^t \Sigma_i^{-1} \mu_i - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_i| + \ln p(w_i) \quad (8)$$