

## Exercise Sheet 2

### Ex 1

1(a) The decision boundary occurs where  $g_A(x) = g_B(x)$ .  
We will find the locus of such  $x$ .

Note:  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) \Rightarrow p(X=x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu))$

$$\Rightarrow \log p(x=x) = \frac{p}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} (x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu).$$

$$g_A(x) = g_B(x) \Leftrightarrow \log p(x|y=A) + \log \pi_A = \log p(x|y=B) + \log \pi_B$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \log p(x|y=A) - \log p(x|y=B) + \log \frac{\pi_A}{\pi_B} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \log |\Sigma_B| - \frac{1}{2} \log |\Sigma_A| + \frac{1}{2} (x-\mu_B)^T \Sigma_B^{-1} (x-\mu_B)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} (x-\mu_A)^T \Sigma_A^{-1} (x-\mu_A) + \log \frac{\pi_A}{\pi_B} = 0 \quad (*)$$

Simplify one part of (\*):

$$(x-\mu_B)^T \Sigma_B^{-1} (x-\mu_B) - (x-\mu_A)^T \Sigma_A^{-1} (x-\mu_A)$$

$$= x^T (\Sigma_B^{-1} - \Sigma_A^{-1}) x - \mu_B^T \Sigma_B^{-1} x + \mu_B^T \Sigma_B^{-1} \mu_B - x^T \Sigma_A^{-1} \mu_B$$

$$+ \mu_A^T \Sigma_A^{-1} x - \mu_A^T \Sigma_A^{-1} \mu_A + x^T \Sigma_A^{-1} \mu_A \quad (**)$$

Note that  $x^T \Sigma_A^{-1} \mu_A$  is a scalar, and  $\Sigma_A^{-1}$  is symmetric  $\Rightarrow \Sigma_A^{-1}$  is symmetric [ $\Sigma_A^{-1} = \Sigma_A^{-1T}$ ]  
and  $c^T = c$  for any scalar  $c$ . Thus

And equiv. for

$$x^T \Sigma_A^{-1} \mu_A = (x^T \Sigma_A^{-1} \mu_A)^T = \mu_A^T \Sigma_A^{-1} x.$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q(x) &= x^T (\bar{\Sigma}_B^{-1} - \bar{\Sigma}_A^{-1}) x - 2 \mu_B^T \bar{\Sigma}_B^{-1} x \\ &\quad + 2 \mu_A^T \bar{\Sigma}_A^{-1} x + \mu_B^T \bar{\Sigma}_B^{-1} \mu_B - \mu_A^T \bar{\Sigma}_A^{-1} \mu_A \end{aligned}$$

Substituting into (\*):

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} x^T (\bar{\Sigma}_B^{-1} - \bar{\Sigma}_A^{-1}) x \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} (\mu_A^T \bar{\Sigma}_A^{-1} - \mu_B^T \bar{\Sigma}_B^{-1}) x \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} (\mu_B^T \bar{\Sigma}_B^{-1} \mu_B) - \frac{1}{2} \mu_A^T \bar{\Sigma}_A^{-1} \mu_A + \frac{1}{2} \log |\bar{\Sigma}_B| - \frac{1}{2} \log |\bar{\Sigma}_A| \\ &+ \log \frac{\pi_A}{\pi_B} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\boxed{\Lambda = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\Sigma}_B^{-1} - \bar{\Sigma}_A^{-1})}$$

$$\underline{w}^T = \mu_A^T \bar{\Sigma}_A^{-1} - \mu_B^T \bar{\Sigma}_B^{-1} \Rightarrow \boxed{w = \bar{\Sigma}_A^{-1} \mu_A - \bar{\Sigma}_B^{-1} \mu_B}$$

$$\boxed{b = \frac{1}{2} [\mu_B^T \bar{\Sigma}_B^{-1} \mu_B - \mu_A^T \bar{\Sigma}_A^{-1} \mu_A + \log |\bar{\Sigma}_B| - \log |\bar{\Sigma}_A|] + \log \frac{\pi_A}{\pi_B}}$$

Brief explanation:

Here, linear is used to mean affine, i.e. linear up to a translating constant (in this case  $b$ ). A linear function  $f$  satisfies  $f(\lambda x) = \lambda f(x)$ . If  $f(x) = \underline{w}^T x$ , then  $f(\lambda x) = \underline{w}^T (\lambda x) = \lambda \underline{w}^T x = \lambda f(x)$ , i.e. linearity fulfilled. However for a component  $c(x) = x^T \Lambda x$  (i.e. a quadratic term)  $c(\lambda x) = (\lambda x)^T \Lambda (\lambda x) = \lambda^2 x^T \Lambda x = \lambda^2 c(x)$ , i.e. quadratic scaling, not linear.

b) In this case, we have

$$\Lambda = \frac{1}{2}(\Sigma^{-1} - \Sigma^{-1}) = 0$$

$$\underline{w} = \Sigma^{-1} \mu_A - \Sigma^{-1} \mu_B = \Sigma^{-1} (\mu_A - \mu_B)$$

$$b = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \mu_B^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_B - \mu_A^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_A + 2 \log |\Sigma| + \log \frac{\pi_A}{\pi_B} \right]$$

In particular,  $\Lambda = 0$ , so we recover

$$\underline{w}^T \underline{x} + b = 0,$$

as desired.

2.  $\rightarrow$  See notebook