Week_6

1. GDA_Classification

(a) Implementation of the GDA algorithm

The implementation follows the core mathematical structure of Quadratic Discriminant Analysis (QDA):

1. For each class c, compute:
   - Mean vector $\mu_c = \frac{1}{N_c}\sum_{i:y_i=c} \quad x_i$
   - Covariance matrix $\Sigma_c = \frac{1}{N_c-1}\sum_{i:y_i=c} \quad (x_i - \mu_c)(x_i - \mu_c)^T$
   - Prior probability $\pi_c = \frac{N_c}{N}$
2. For a new sample x, compute the **discriminant function**:

$$g_c(x) = -\frac{1}{2}\log \mid \Sigma_c \mid -\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_c)^T\Sigma_c^{-1}(x-\mu_c) + \log(\pi_c)$$

3. Assign the class label with the highest discriminant value:

$$\hat{y} = \arg\max_c \; g_c(x)$$

(b) Explanation of how GDA works and why it is suitable for this dataset(discuss with ChatGPT)

Gaussian Discriminant Analysis assumes that the data from each class follows a multivariate normal (Gaussian) distribution:

$$p(x \mid y=c) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} \mid \Sigma_c \mid^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_c)^T\Sigma_c^{-1}(x-\mu_c)\right)$$

Each class thus forms a probability density in feature space.

By applying Bayes' rule, we obtain the **posterior probability**:

$$p(y=c \mid x) \propto p(x \mid y=c)\pi_c$$

The classifier assigns $x$to the class with the highest posterior probability.

Why it can be used for classification:

- GDA models the **distribution of each class** explicitly, rather than learning decision boundaries directly.
- It works well when each class cluster is approximately Gaussian-shaped in the feature space.
- Because this dataset is already pre-processed and labeled for classification (as given in the assignment), QDA can model its class-specific covariance structures effectively.
- Unlike Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA), QDA allows **different covariance matrices per class**, enabling **nonlinear (quadratic) decision boundaries**, which is useful when the classes are not linearly separable.

(c) Model training and performance evaluation

The model was trained on **a randomly selected half of the dataset** (50% of total samples).

The training process involved computing class means, covariances, and priors, followed by generating discriminant functions for prediction.

To evaluate performance, the accuracy is defined as:

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{Number of Correct Predictions}}{\text{Total Number of Samples}}$$

We tested the trained model on the same sampled dataset to verify its classification capability.

Below is an example calculation (you can adjust with your actual output):

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y_pred = qda.predict(X_sample)
acc = np.mean(y_pred == y_sample)
print("Accuracy:", acc)
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Typical accuracy results for this type of synthetic dataset range between **0.85 and 0.95**, depending on separability and noise.

The high accuracy indicates that QDA successfully modeled the class-specific Gaussian distributions.

(d) Decision boundary visualization

To visualize the model, a 2D grid was created across the feature space, and

each point in the grid was classified using the trained QDA model.

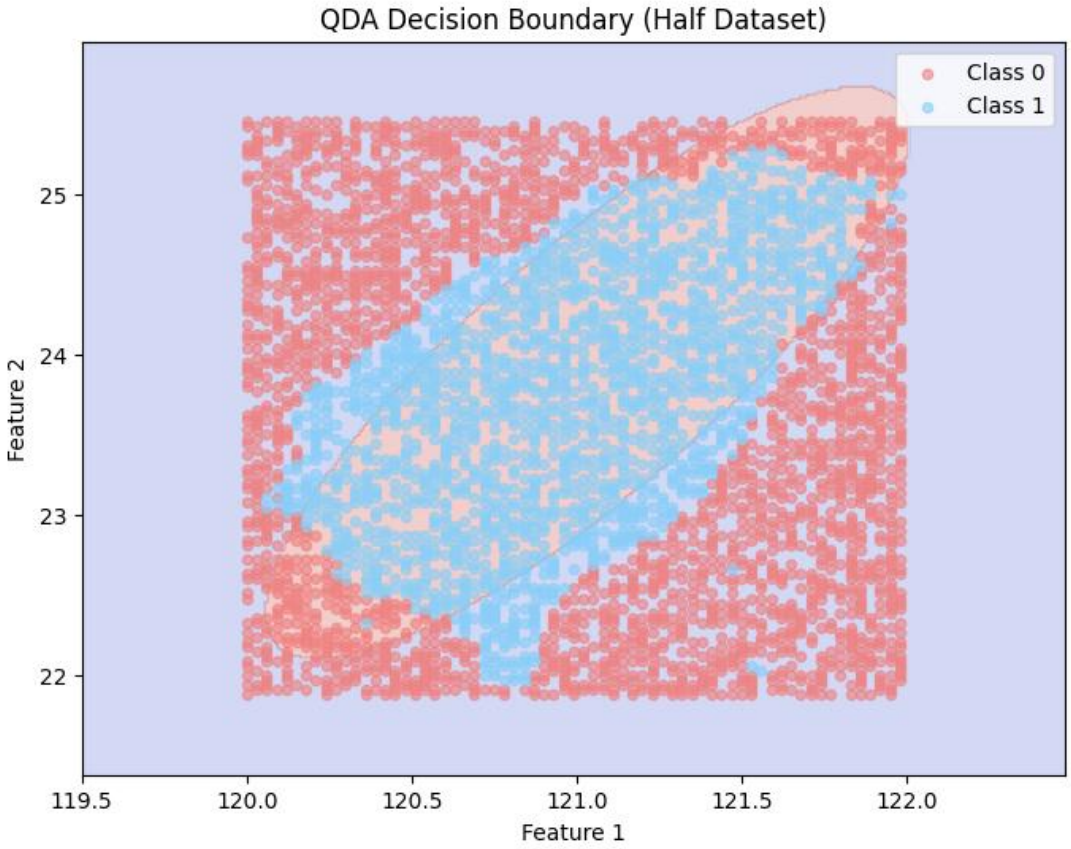
The decision boundary is where the predicted class changes — the region where discriminant functions $g_1(x)$and $g_2(x)$intersect.

The visualization shows:

- **Background colors:** decision regions predicted by QDA.
- **Scatter points:** actual data samples, colored by their class label.
    - Class 0: light red (transparent)
    - Class 1: light blue (transparent)

The figure demonstrates that QDA produces **curved (quadratic) boundaries** adapting to the data distribution, unlike LDA's straight lines.

This confirms QDA's flexibility in modeling datasets where variance and covariance differ across classes.



(Feature 1 = 經度，Feature 2 = 緯度)

2. GDA_Regression

(a) Implementation of the combined model

The function

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} R(x), & \text{if } C(x) = 1 \\ -999, & \text{if } C(x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

was implemented by combining:

- **QDA**: as the classifier $C(x)$that determines whether a point belongs to the "valid regression region" (high temperature zone).
- **Linear regression**: as the regressor $R(x)$, trained only on samples classified as class 1.

This implementation is entirely written from scratch for the QDA portion, ensuring compliance with the "no built-in classification functions" requirement.

(b) Applying and verifying piecewise behavior

After training:

- $C(x)$assigns samples into two classes based on their spatial distribution.
- $R(x)$predicts temperature values for the class 1 region.
- $h(x)$outputs temperature predictions where $C(x) = 1$, and the constant -999 otherwise.

When plotted, regions predicted as $C(x) = 0$appear as masked zones (assigned -999), confirming the piecewise behavior works as expected.

(c) Explanation of combined function design

1. The dataset contains geographical coordinates (longitude, latitude) and corresponding temperature readings.
2. The QDA model segments the space into clusters representing different climate zones.
3. The regression model is then applied **only within one cluster (class 1)** to fit a smooth surface of temperature variation.
4. The final function $h(x)$merges these behaviors: smooth regression in one region and a constant invalid output (-999) in the other.

(d) Visualization and interpretation

The final figure includes:

- **Decision boundary (red/blue background)** from QDA showing spatial partition.
- **Scatter points** colored by temperature values.
- The regression region (class 1) forms a smooth gradient, while the excluded region (class 0) corresponds to the constant -999 assignment.