

- [1] (a) Consider the following 4 objects, whose measurements on a single feature variable are

Object	O_1	O_2	O_3	O_4
Feature value	2	1	5	8

Using Ward's method, obtain a hierarchical clustering of the objects and draw the dendrogram indicating the mergers and the ESS value at each level of merger.

- (b) Let Π_1 and Π_2 be 2 p -dimensional populations $\Pi_i \sim N_p(\mu_i, \Sigma)$; $i=1,2$; $\mu_i \in \mathbb{R}^p$, $\Sigma > 0$.

- (i) Find the relationship between the Bhattacharya distance (between Π_1 and Π_2),

$$J_B = -\log\left(\int \dots \int (f(x|\Pi_1)f(x|\Pi_2))^{1/2} dx\right),$$

and the Mahalanobis square distance $\Delta^2 = (\mu_1 - \mu_2)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mu_1 - \mu_2)$.

- (ii) Suppose $p(\Pi_1) = 1/3$ and $p(\Pi_2) = 2/3$. Prove or disprove: "The TPM corresponding to Fisher Linear Discriminant function based classifier is given by $\Phi(-\Delta/2)$, where $\Phi(\cdot)$ denotes the distribution function of a standard normal distribution".

24 (8+8+8) marks

- [2] (a) Let (X_1, \dots, X_n) be random sample from a population having a mixture normal density

$$p(x) = \sum_{j=1}^g \pi_j p(x|\theta_j),$$

where, $p(x|\theta_j)$ is the density of $N(\mu_j, \sigma_j^2)$, $\theta_j = (\mu_j, \sigma_j)$ $j=1, \dots, g$. Formulate the maximum likelihood estimation of the parameters involved in the E-M framework and derive the E-M algorithm update equations for π_j and θ_j and hence outline the density estimation procedure based on a given set of observations.

- (b) Present a detailed formulation of a basic SVM model for classification of a 2-class, linearly separable problem. Sketch the feature space (for a 2-dimensional feature vector), indicating clearly the separating hyperplane, the canonical hyperplanes, the margin and the support vectors under the SVM setup.

16 (10+6) Marks

- [3] Consider a 2-class (Π_1 and Π_2) classification problem where the class conditional densities are given by:

$$f(x|\Pi_1) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad f(x|\Pi_2) = \begin{cases} 0.5, & 0.5 \leq x \leq 2.5, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The prior probabilities of the 2 classes are $p(\Pi_1) = 0.25$ and $p(\Pi_2) = 0.75$.

- (i) Find the Bayes classification rule and the corresponding total probability of misclassification.
(ii) Find the ECM of the ECM minimizing classification rule if the prior probabilities are $p(\Pi_1) = 0.25$ and $p(\Pi_2) = 0.75$ and the misclassification costs are $C(2|1) = 1$ and $C(1|2) = 0.5$.

10 marks

- [4] Consider the 3 bivariate populations, Π_1, Π_2 and Π_3 with the following joint probability mass functions:

	Π_1		Π_2		Π_3	
	x_1		x_1		x_1	
x_2	1	2	1	2	1	2
1	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.25	0.25
2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.25	0.25

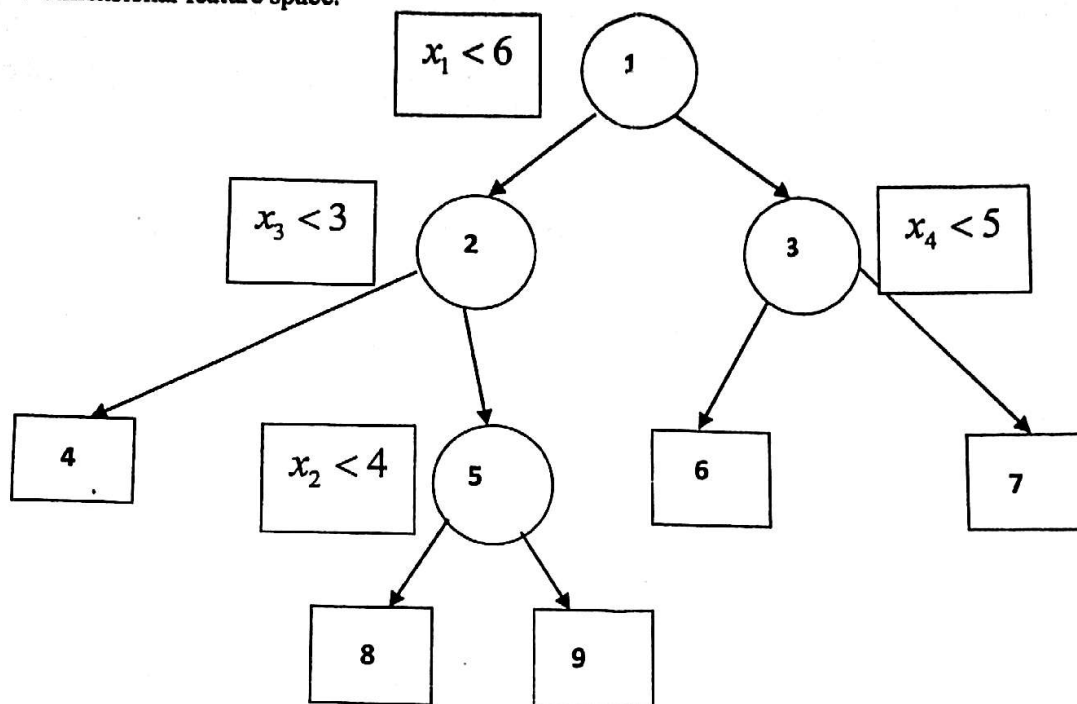
The prior probabilities of the 3 populations are assumed to be equal and the misclassification costs are given by $C(1|i) = 1, i=2,3$; $C(2|i) = 2, i=1,3$ and $C(3|i) = 3, i=1,2$.

- (a) Find the ECM minimizing classification partition.
(b) Find the misclassification rate of the rule obtained in (a) for the following pre-classified examples:

$$\ell = \{((1,2), \Pi_1), ((1,1), \Pi_1), ((1,1), \Pi_1), ((1,1), \Pi_3), ((2,2), \Pi_2), ((2,1), \Pi_3), ((1,2), \Pi_3), ((2,2), \Pi_3)\}$$

12 (10+2) marks

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[4] (a) Design the architecture of a single hidden layer neural network model for a C -class (Π_1, \dots, Π_C) classification problem, indicating clearly the input and output at each of the processing units. Discuss how such a classifier operates.
- (b) Consider a neural network model with NO hidden layers for a 2-class classification problem with L -dimensional feature vector. Find the relationship between the ANN classifier model and a 2-class logistic discrimination model. 12 (6+6) marks
- [6] Consider the following classification tree T for a 2-class (Π_1, Π_2) problem obtained from a learning sample of size 100 with 4-dimensional feature space.



For the constructed classification tree,

t	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N(t)$	100	60	40	10	50	16	24	20	30
$N_2(t)$	60	40	20	0	40	16	4	15	25

$N(t)$: # of training patterns reaching node t and $N_2(t)$: # of training patterns with label π_2 reaching node t .

- (a) Assign class labels to the terminal nodes.
- (b) Classify the feature vector $(3, 21, 9, 1)$ using the above tree.
- (c) Find the node impurities of the terminal nodes.
- (d) Find a measure of tree impurity.
- (e) Find the strength of all the internal nodes.
- (f) Under a weakest link pruning approach, obtain the first pruned subtree, T_1 .
- (g) Which of the two trees, T_1 or T , is preferable if the cost of complexity per node, α , is 0.01.

24 (2+2+2+3+8+3+4) Marks

[Use misclassification error at node t as it's impurity measure wherever required, i.e.

$$\text{Imp}(t) = \left(\sum_{x_i \in U(t)} I(y_i \neq j^*(t)) \right) / N(t), \text{ where } j^*(t) = \arg \max_i \hat{p}(\pi_i | t)$$