

Homework 1

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1 Problem 1

1.1 a

Since:

$$P(error|x) = \begin{cases} P(\omega_2|x) & \text{if } x > \theta \\ P(\omega_1|x) & \text{if } x \leq \theta \end{cases}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} P(error) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p(error, x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\theta} p(\omega_1, x) dx + \int_{\theta}^{+\infty} p(\omega_2, x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\theta} p(x|\omega_1)P(\omega_1) dx + \int_{\theta}^{+\infty} p(x|\omega_2)P(\omega_2) dx \\ &= P(\omega_1) \int_{-\infty}^{\theta} p(x|\omega_1) dx + P(\omega_2) \int_{\theta}^{+\infty} p(x|\omega_2) dx \end{aligned}$$

1.2 b

Since x is defined on $(-\infty, +\infty)$, if $P(error)$ has minimum, $P'(error)$ must be 0.

$$\begin{aligned} P'(error) &= [P(\omega_1) \int_{-\infty}^{\theta} p(x|\omega_1) dx + P(\omega_2) \int_{\theta}^{+\infty} p(x|\omega_2) dx]' \\ &= P(\omega_1) [\int_{-\infty}^{\theta} p(x|\omega_1) dx]' - P(\omega_2) [\int_{+\infty}^{\theta} p(x|\omega_2) dx]' \\ &= P(\omega_1)p(\theta|\omega_1) - P(\omega_2)p(\theta|\omega_2) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We can get:

$$P(\omega_1)p(\theta|\omega_1) = P(\omega_2)p(\theta|\omega_2)$$

1.3 c

No. $P'(error) = 0$ for specific x only guarantees that x is an stagnation point. It can be a local maximum, a local minimum or just nothing. And there may be multiple θ that satisfy the equation.

1.4 d

Suppose:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\omega_1) &= P(\omega_2) = \frac{1}{2} \\ P(x|\omega_1) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(x+1)^2/2} \\ P(x|\omega_2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(x-1)^2/2} \end{aligned}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} P(error) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\theta} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(x+1)^2/2} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\theta} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(x-1)^2/2} dx \\ P'(error) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} (e^{-(\theta+1)^2/2} + e^{-(\theta-1)^2/2}) \\ P''(error) &= \frac{-\theta}{\sqrt{2\pi}} (e^{-(\theta+1)^2/2} + e^{-(\theta-1)^2/2}) \end{aligned}$$

So, $P(\omega_1)p(\theta|\omega_1) = P(\omega_2)p(\theta|\omega_2)$ ($P'(error) = 0$) iff $\theta = 0$. And $P''(error) < 0, \forall \theta \in R$, which means that $P'(error) < 0, \forall \theta \in (-\infty, 0)$ and $P'(error) > 0, \forall \theta \in (0, +\infty)$. So that when $\theta = 0, P(error)$ gets its global maximum.

2 Problem 3

2.1 a

Suppose $\mu_1 \leq \mu_2$:

From the probability function we can get that:

$$\begin{cases} p(x|\omega_1) \geq p(x|\omega_2), & \text{if } x \leq \frac{\mu_2 + \mu_1}{2} \\ p(x|\omega_1) < p(x|\omega_2), & \text{if } x > \frac{\mu_2 + \mu_1}{2} \end{cases}$$

So, we decide ω_1 if $x \leq (\mu_2 + \mu_1)/2$, otherwise decide ω_2 , which minimize P_e . Then the probability of error would be:

$$\begin{aligned} P_e &= \int_{-\infty}^t p(\omega_2, x) dx + \int_t^{+\infty} p(\omega_1, x) dx \quad (t = \frac{\mu_2 + \mu_1}{2}) \\ &= P(\omega_2) \int_{-\infty}^t p(x|\omega_2) dx + P(\omega_1) \int_t^{+\infty} p(x|\omega_1) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \left(\int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\frac{(x-\mu_2)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx + \int_t^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \right) \\ \text{Let } u_2 &= \frac{x - \mu_2}{\sigma}, u_1 = \frac{x - \mu_1}{\sigma} : \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{2}} e^{-\frac{u_2^2}{2}} du_2 + \int_{\frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1}{2}}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{u_1^2}{2}} du_1 \right) \\ \text{Let } u &= u_1 = -u_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\int_{\frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1}{2}}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} du + \int_{\frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1}{2}}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} du \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_a^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} du \quad (a = \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1}{\sigma}) \end{aligned}$$

When $\mu_1 > \mu_2$, the process is similar, we can get:

$$P_e = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_a^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} du \quad (a = \frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{\sigma})$$

Above all, the equation $P_e = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_a^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} du \quad (a = \frac{|\mu_1 - \mu_2|}{\sigma})$ can be proven.

2.2 b

Since:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} e^{-a^2/2} &= 0 \\ \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}a} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We can get:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} P_e &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_a^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} dt \\ &\leq \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}a} e^{-a^2/2} \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} e^{-a^2/2} \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}a} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

3 Problem 4

3.1 a

Since these samples are independent, the joint probability density function is:

$$\begin{aligned} P(x_1\omega_1, x_2\omega_3, x_3\omega_3, x_4\omega_2) &= P(x_1\omega_1)P(x_2\omega_3)P(x_3\omega_3)P(x_4\omega_2) \\ &= P(x_1|\omega_1)P(x_2|\omega_3)P(x_3|\omega_3)P(x_4|\omega_2)P(\omega_1)P(\omega_2)P(\omega_3)^2 \\ &= z(\frac{0.6}{1})z(\frac{0.1-1}{1})z(\frac{0.9-1}{1})z(\frac{1.1-1}{1})\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{4}(\frac{1}{4})^2 \end{aligned}$$

3.2 b

3.3 c

4 Problem 5