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Exercise 5 solutions: Bayesian classification

1. Effect of unequal variances (2 *bonus* points): The task was related to two normal probability distributions

$$p(x|\omega_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu_i}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 \right] \quad (1)$$

with **equal** a priori probabilities $P(\omega_1) = P(\omega_2)$ and with **unequal** standard deviations (STDs) $\sigma_1 = 1$ and $\sigma_2 = 2$. The purpose was to determine a minimum-error classifier for the setting where $\mu_1 = 3$ and $\mu_2 = 6$.

Discriminant function $g_i(x)$ is the a posteriori probability $P(\omega_i|x)$. Thus, using Bayes formula

$$g_i(x) = P(\omega_i|x) = \frac{p(x|\omega_i)P(\omega_i)}{p(x)}$$

After taking natural logarithm, standard logarithm rules can be used to refine the result

$$\begin{aligned} g'_i(x) &= \ln P(\omega_i|x) = \ln \left[\frac{p(x|\omega_i)P(\omega_i)}{p(x)} \right] = \ln p(x|\omega_i) + \ln P(\omega_i) - \ln p(x) \\ &= \ln \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu_i}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 \right] \right\} + \ln P(\omega_i) - \ln p(x) \\ &= \ln \left\{ \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu_i}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 \right] \right\} - \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i) + \ln P(\omega_i) - \ln p(x) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu_i}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 - \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i) + \ln P(\omega_i) - \ln p(x) \end{aligned}$$

When the discriminant functions are set equal and unnecessary terms are removed:

$$\begin{aligned} g'_1(x) &= g'_2(x) \\ -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 + \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1) &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 + \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_2) \\ -\frac{1}{2\sigma_1^2} (x^2 - 2\mu_1x + \mu_1^2) + \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1) &= -\frac{1}{2\sigma_2^2} (x^2 - 2\mu_2x + \mu_2^2) + \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_2) \\ \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} x^2 - \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} x^2 + \frac{2\mu_1x}{\sigma_1^2} - \frac{2\mu_2x}{\sigma_2^2} + \frac{\mu_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} - \frac{\mu_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} + 2 \ln \left(\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \right) &= 0 \\ \left(\frac{\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2} \right) x^2 + 2 \left(\frac{\mu_1 \sigma_2^2 - \mu_2 \sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2} \right) x + \frac{\mu_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} - \frac{\mu_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} + 2 \ln \left(\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \right) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This is a polynomial equation of quadratic form, and we can use the given values, $\mu_1 = 3$, $\mu_2 = 6$,

$\sigma_1 = 1$ and $\sigma_2 = 2$, to get the coefficients a, b, c for the common solution for such an equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}, \quad \text{where} \\
 a &= \frac{\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2} = -\frac{3}{4} \\
 b &= 2 \left(\frac{\mu_1 \sigma_2^2 - \mu_2 \sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2} \right) = 3 \\
 c &= \frac{\mu_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} - \frac{\mu_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} + 2 \ln \left(\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \right) \approx 1.386 \\
 x &\approx \begin{cases} -0.418 \\ 4.42 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

An example visualisation of the case is given in Fig. 1.

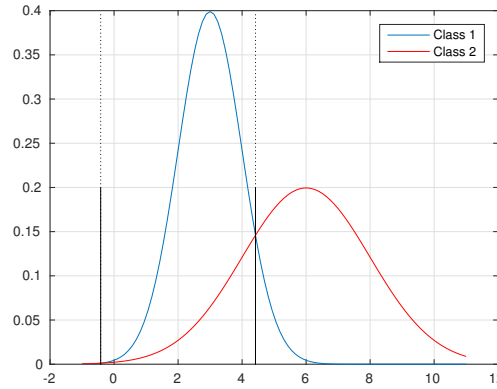


Figure 1: The classes, and the decision boundaries determined by using the symbolically and manually determined solutions.

2. Classification in two dimensions with unequal covariances (2 points): The following three class classification problem was considered. Each class is normally distributed with unequal covariance matrix and equal a priori probabilities.

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P(\omega_1) = P(\omega_2) = P(\omega_3) \quad .$$

$$|\Sigma_1| = 1 \quad \Sigma_1^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\Sigma_2| = 4 \quad \Sigma_2^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\Sigma_3| = 1 \quad \Sigma_3^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Discriminant function is

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)^T \Sigma_i^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i) - \left(\frac{d}{2}\right) \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_i| \quad ,$$

where d is dimensionality of samples, in this case $d = 2$. Term $\left(\frac{d}{2}\right) \ln(2\pi)$ is a constant term and can be ignored.

Discriminant function for the first class is

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(\mathbf{x}) &= -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_1| \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - 3 \\ x_2 - 6 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - 3 \\ x_2 - 6 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \ln 1 \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (x_1 - 3 \quad x_2 - 6) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - 3 \\ x_2 - 6 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (2x_1 - 6 \quad \frac{1}{2}x_2 - 3) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - 3 \\ x_2 - 6 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left[(2x_1 - 6)(x_1 - 3) + \left(\frac{1}{2}x_2 - 3\right)(x_2 - 6) \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left[2x_1^2 - 6x_1 - 6x_1 + 18 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 - 3x_2 - 3x_2 + 18 \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left[2x_1^2 - 12x_1 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 - 6x_2 + 36 \right] \\ &= -x_1^2 + 6x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_2^2 + 3x_2 - 18 \quad . \end{aligned}$$

Discriminant function for the second class is

$$\begin{aligned}
g_2(\mathbf{x}) &= -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^T \Sigma_2^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_2| \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - 3 \\ x_2 + 2 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - 3 \\ x_2 + 2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \ln 4 \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} (x_1 - 3 \quad x_2 + 2) \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - 3 \\ x_2 + 2 \end{pmatrix} - \ln 2 \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}x_1 - \frac{3}{2} \quad \frac{1}{2}x_2 + 1 \right) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - 3 \\ x_2 + 2 \end{pmatrix} - \ln 2 \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}x_1 - \frac{3}{2} \right) (x_1 - 3) + \left(\frac{1}{2}x_2 + 1 \right) (x_2 + 2) \right] - \ln 2 \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2}x_1^2 - \frac{3}{2}x_1 - \frac{3}{2}x_1 + \frac{9}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 + x_2 + x_2 + 2 \right] - \ln 2 \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2}x_1^2 - 3x_1 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 + 2x_2 + \frac{13}{2} \right] - \ln 2 \\
&= -\frac{1}{4}x_1^2 + \frac{3}{2}x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_2^2 - x_2 - \frac{13}{4} - \ln 2 \quad .
\end{aligned}$$

Discriminant function for the third class is

$$\begin{aligned}
g_3(\mathbf{x}) &= -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_3)^T \Sigma_3^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_3) - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_3| \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - 11 \\ x_2 + 2 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - 11 \\ x_2 + 2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \ln 1 \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} (x_1 - 11 \quad x_2 + 2) \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - 11 \\ x_2 + 2 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}x_1 - \frac{11}{2} \quad 2x_2 + 4 \right) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - 11 \\ x_2 + 2 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}x_1 - \frac{11}{2} \right) (x_1 - 11) + (2x_2 + 4) (x_2 + 2) \right] \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2}x_1^2 - \frac{11}{2}x_1 - \frac{11}{2}x_1 + \frac{121}{2} + 2x_2^2 + 4x_2 + 4x_2 + 8 \right] \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2}x_1^2 - 11x_1 + 2x_2^2 + 8x_2 + \frac{137}{2} \right] \\
&= -\frac{1}{4}x_1^2 + \frac{11}{2}x_1 - x_2^2 - 4x_2 - \frac{137}{4} \quad .
\end{aligned}$$

Decision boundary between the first and second class is defined by equation

$$\begin{aligned}
g_1(\mathbf{x}) &= g_2(\mathbf{x}) \\
-x_1^2 + 6x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_2^2 + 3x_2 - 18 &= -\frac{1}{4}x_1^2 + \frac{3}{2}x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_2^2 - x_2 - \frac{13}{4} - \ln 2 \\
-x_1^2 + \frac{1}{4}x_1^2 - \frac{1}{4}x_2^2 + \frac{1}{4}x_2^2 &= -6x_1 - 3x_2 + \frac{3}{2}x_1 - x_2 + 18 - \frac{13}{4} - \ln 2 \\
-\frac{3}{4}x_1^2 &= -\frac{9}{2}x_1 - 4x_2 + 18 - \frac{13}{4} - \ln 2 \\
4x_2 &= \frac{3}{4}x_1^2 - \frac{9}{2}x_1 + 18 - \frac{13}{4} - \ln 2 \\
x_2 &= \frac{3}{16}x_1^2 - \frac{9}{8}x_1 + \frac{59}{16} - \frac{\ln 2}{4} \quad .
\end{aligned}$$

Decision boundary between the first and second class is parabola which opens to the direction of positive x_2 -axis.

Decision boundary between the second and third class is defined by equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_2(\mathbf{x}) &= g_3(\mathbf{x}) \\
 -\frac{1}{4}x_1^2 + \frac{3}{2}x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_2^2 - x_2 - \frac{13}{4} - \ln 2 &= -\frac{1}{4}x_1^2 + \frac{11}{2}x_1 - x_2^2 - 4x_2 - \frac{137}{4} \\
 \frac{3}{2}x_1 - \frac{11}{2}x_1 &= \frac{1}{4}x_2^2 - x_2^2 + x_2 - 4x_2 + \frac{13}{4} + \ln 2 - \frac{137}{4} \\
 -\frac{8}{2}x_1 &= -\frac{3}{4}x_2^2 - 3x_2 - \frac{124}{4} + \ln 2 \\
 x_1 &= \frac{3}{16}x_2^2 + \frac{3}{4}x_2 + \frac{31}{4} - \frac{\ln 2}{4} .
 \end{aligned}$$

Decision boundary between the second and third class is parabola which opens to the direction of positive x_1 -axis.

Decision boundary between the first and third class is defined by equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_1(\mathbf{x}) &= g_3(\mathbf{x}) \\
 -x_1^2 + 6x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_2^2 + 3x_2 - 18 &= -\frac{1}{4}x_1^2 + \frac{11}{2}x_1 - x_2^2 - 4x_2 - \frac{137}{4} \\
 -x_1^2 + \frac{1}{4}x_1^2 + 6x_1 - \frac{11}{2}x_1 &= \frac{1}{4}x_2^2 - x_2^2 - 3x_2 - 4x_2 + 18 - \frac{137}{4} \\
 -\frac{3}{4}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_1 &= -\frac{3}{4}x_2^2 - 7x_2 + 18 - \frac{137}{4} \\
 3x_1^2 - 2x_1 &= 3x_2^2 + 28x_2 + 65 .
 \end{aligned}$$

We can write this equation as a second degree polynomial of x_2 :

$$3x_2^2 + 28x_2 - 3x_1^2 + 2x_1 + 65 = 0$$

From this equation x_2 can be solved using standard formula for second degree polynomials:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_2 &= \frac{-28 \pm \sqrt{28^2 - 4 \cdot 3 \cdot (-3x_1^2 + 2x_1 + 65)}}{2 \cdot 3} \\
 &= \frac{-28 \pm \sqrt{784 + 36x_1^2 - 24x_1 - 780}}{6} \\
 &= \frac{-28 \pm \sqrt{36x_1^2 - 24x_1 + 4}}{6} \\
 &= \frac{-28 \pm \sqrt{(6x_1 - 2)^2}}{6} \\
 &= \frac{-28 \pm (6x_1 - 2)}{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

We have solutions

$$\begin{cases} x_{21} = \frac{-28+(6x_1-2)}{6} = x_1 - 5 \\ x_{21} = \frac{-28-(6x_1-2)}{6} = -x_1 - \frac{13}{3} \end{cases} .$$

The decision boundary between the second and third class consist of two divergent lines.

The class centers, classes and decision boundaries are illustrated in Fig. [?].

3. Statistical classifier with normal distribution (2 points): not published.

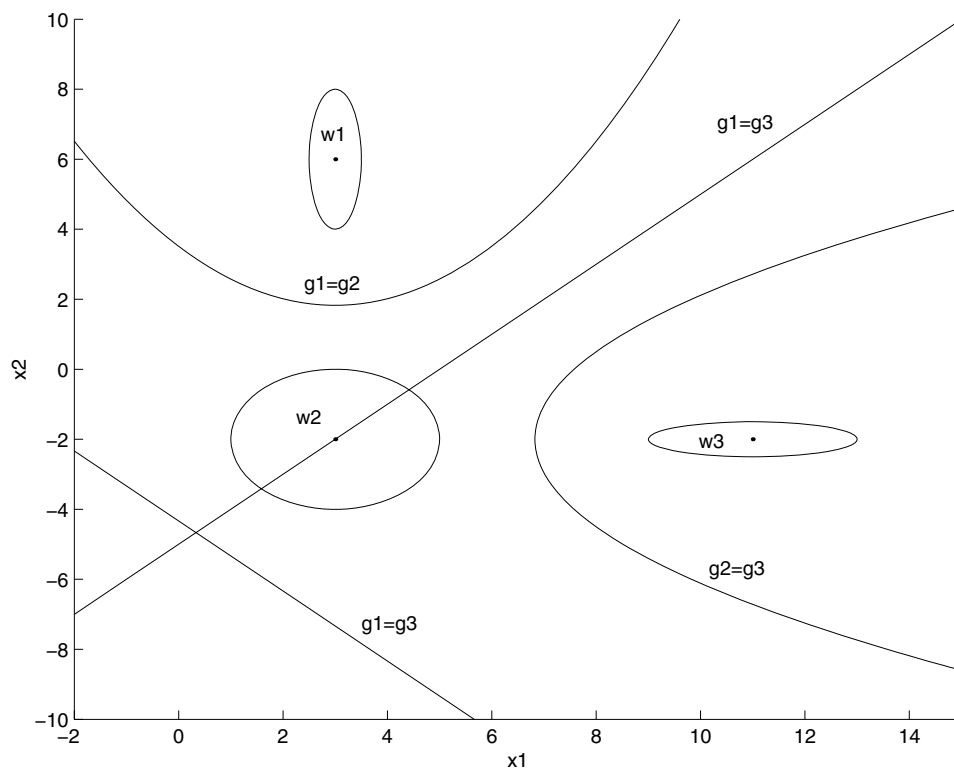


Figure 2: Class centers, classes and decision boundaries in the case of three given classes.