

ComS 573 Machine Learning

Problem Set 1

Note: Please do not hesitate to contact the instructor or the TA if you have difficulty understanding or getting started with solving any of the problems.

1. (20 pts.) Consider a two category classification problem with one dimensional feature x . Assume that the priors are $P(\omega_1) = 1/3$ and $P(\omega_2) = 2/3$, and that the class-conditional distributions have normal densities $p(x|\omega_1) \sim N(1, 1)$ and $p(x|\omega_2) \sim N(3, 1)$, where

$$N(\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma})^2}$$

- (a) Derive the Bayes decision rule for minimum-error-rate classification.
 - (b) Let $\lambda_{ij} = \lambda(\alpha_i|\omega_j)$ be the loss incurred for deciding ω_i when the true category is ω_j . Assume $\lambda_{11} = 0$, $\lambda_{12} = 2$, $\lambda_{21} = 1$, $\lambda_{22} = 0$. Derive the Bayes decision rule for the minimum risk classification.
2. (20 pts.) Consider the Binary Independence Model for text document. Given a vocabulary $V : (w_1, \dots, w_d)$ of all English words (and tokens), assume that a text document is represented as a vector of binary features $\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d)^t$ such that x_i is 1 if the word w_i appears in the document, and x_i is 0 otherwise. We want to classify text documents into c categories. Let $P(\omega_j)$ be the prior probability for the class ω_j for $j = 1, \dots, c$. Assume that the components of \vec{x} are statistically independent given the category (Naive Bayes model), i.e.,

$$P(\vec{x}|\omega_j) = \prod_{i=1}^d P(x_i|\omega_j).$$

Assume we could estimate the following probability from the training data

$$p_{ij} = P(x_i = 1|\omega_j) \quad i = 1, \dots, d, \quad j = 1, \dots, c.$$

Show that the minimum probability of error is achieved by the following decision rule: Decide ω_k if $g_k(\vec{x}) \geq g_j(\vec{x})$ for all $j \neq k$, where the discriminant function is given in the form of

$$g_j(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^d c_{ij}x_i + b_j.$$

Give the expressions of c_{ij} and b_j .

Problem 1:

a)

We have, $P(\omega_1) = \frac{1}{3}$ & $P(\omega_2) = \frac{2}{3}$ and, $P(x|\omega_1) \sim N(1, 1)$ & $P(x|\omega_2) \sim N(3, 1)$

$$\text{Posterior dist}^n, P(\omega_i|x) = \frac{P(x|\omega_i) P(\omega_i)}{P(x)} \quad i=1, 2$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\omega_i|x) \propto P(x|\omega_i) P(\omega_i)$$

Bayes decision rule can be written as -

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} P(\omega_1|x) > P(\omega_2|x) & \Rightarrow \omega_1 \text{ class} \\ \text{otherwise} & \Rightarrow \omega_2 \text{ class.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So, } P(\omega_1|x) > P(\omega_2|x)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(x|\omega_1) P(\omega_1) > P(x|\omega_2) P(\omega_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(x|\omega_1) > 2 P(x|\omega_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2\right] > 2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x-3)^2\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 > \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2}(x-3)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-3)^2 - (x-1)^2 > \ln 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 6x + 9 - x^2 + 2x - 1 > \ln 4$$

$$\Rightarrow -4x + 8 > \ln 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x < -\frac{\ln 2}{2} + 2$$

$$\text{So, } x < 2 - \frac{\ln 2}{2}$$

Thus, Bayes decision rule is,

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \text{if } x < 2 - \frac{\ln 2}{2} & \Rightarrow \omega_1 \text{ class} \\ \text{otherwise} & \Rightarrow \omega_2 \text{ class.} \end{cases}$$

b) We have, $\lambda_{11} = 0$, $\lambda_{12} = 2$, $\lambda_{21} = 1$ & $\lambda_{22} = 0$

Risk function can be written as—

$$R(\alpha_1 | x) = \lambda_{11} P(\omega_1 | x) + \lambda_{12} P(\omega_2 | x) \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\text{and } R(\alpha_2 | x) = \lambda_{21} P(\omega_1 | x) + \lambda_{22} P(\omega_2 | x) \quad \text{--- ②}$$

From ① \Rightarrow

$$R(\alpha_1 | x) = 2 P(\omega_2 | x)$$

and from ② $R(\alpha_2 | x) = P(\omega_1 | x)$

Bayes decision rule based on minimum risk classification,

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} R(\alpha_1 | x) < R(\alpha_2 | x) & \Rightarrow \omega_1 \text{ class} \\ \text{otherwise} & \Rightarrow \omega_2 \text{ class.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So, } R(\alpha_1 | x) < R(\alpha_2 | x)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 P(\omega_2 | x) < P(\omega_1 | x)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x-3)^2\right] < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow -4x + 8 > 4 \ln 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x < 2 - \ln(2)$$

Thus, Bayes decision rule for the minimum risk classification.

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \text{if } x < 2 - \ln(2) & \Rightarrow \omega_1 \text{ class.} \\ \text{otherwise} & \Rightarrow \omega_2 \text{ class.} \end{cases}$$

Problem 2:

Based on the given information, we can write the decision rule as—

$$\begin{aligned} P(\omega_k | x) &\geq P(\omega_j | x) \quad \forall j \neq k. \\ \Rightarrow P(x | \omega_k) P(\omega_k) &\geq P(x | \omega_j) P(\omega_j) \\ \Rightarrow \left[\prod_{i=1}^d P_{ik}^{x_i} (1 - P_{ik})^{1-x_i} \right] P(\omega_k) &\geq \left[\prod_{i=1}^d P_{ij}^{x_i} (1 - P_{ij})^{1-x_i} \right] P(\omega_j) \end{aligned}$$

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$$P(x | \omega_k) = \prod_{i=1}^d P(x_i | \omega_j) \quad \text{since independent}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^d \left[x_i \ln P_{ik} + (1 - x_i) \ln (1 - P_{ik}) \right] + \ln P(\omega_k) \geq$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^d \left[x_i \ln P_{ij} + (1 - x_i) \ln (1 - P_{ij}) \right] + \ln P(\omega_j)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^d x_i \ln P_{ik} + \sum_{i=1}^d \ln (1 - P_{ik}) - \sum_{i=1}^d x_i \ln (1 - P_{ik}) + \ln P(\omega_k) \geq$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^d x_i \ln P_{ij} + \sum_{i=1}^d \ln (1 - P_{ij}) - \sum_{i=1}^d x_i \ln (1 - P_{ij}) + \ln P(\omega_j)$$

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$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^d x_i \ln \frac{p_{ik}}{1-p_{ik}} + \sum_{i=1}^d \ln(1-p_{ik}) + \ln P(w_k) \geq \sum_{i=1}^d x_i \ln \frac{p_{ij}}{1-p_{ij}} + \sum_{i=1}^d \ln(1-p_{ij}) + \ln P(w_j)$$

$$\text{Let, } c_{ij} = \ln \left(\frac{p_{ij}}{1-p_{ij}} \right) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } b_j = \sum_{i=1}^d \ln(1-p_{ij}) + \ln P(w_j) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{So, } \sum_{i=1}^d x_i c_{ik} + b_k \geq \sum_{i=1}^d x_i c_{ij} + b_j$$

$$\Rightarrow g_k(x) \geq g_j(x)$$

$$\text{So, } g_j(x) = \sum c_{ij} x_i + b_j$$

where c_{ij} and b_j are given in eq (1) & (2) respectively.

$$\text{Thus, } c_{ij} = \ln \left(\frac{p_{ij}}{1-p_{ij}} \right)$$

$$\text{and } b_j = \sum_{i=1}^d \ln(1-p_{ij}) + \ln P(w_j)$$