

Chapter 4 - Linear Models for Classification

2. Probabilistic Generative Models

model class-conditional densities $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k)$ and class priors $p(\mathcal{C}_k)$, then use them to compute posterior probabilities $p(\mathcal{C}_k|\mathbf{x})$ through Bayes' theorem

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathcal{C}_k|\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k)p(\mathcal{C}_k)}{\sum_j p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_j)p(\mathcal{C}_j)} \\ &= \frac{\exp(a_k)}{\sum_j \exp(a_j)} \end{aligned}$$

$$a_k = \ln p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k)p(\mathcal{C}_k)$$

2.1. Continuous inputs

assumption: class-conditional densities - Gaussian

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k) \right\}$$

$$a_k(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_k^T \mathbf{x} + w_{k0}$$

$$\mathbf{w}_k = \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k$$

$$w_{k0} = -\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^T \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k + \ln p(\mathcal{C}_k)$$

2.2. Maximum likelihood solution

maximisation with respect to $p(\mathcal{C}_k) = N_k / N$

maximisation with respect to $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k = \Sigma(\mathbf{x}_i) / N_k$

maximisation with respect to $\mathbf{S} = \Sigma(N_i * \mathbf{S}_i) / N$