

**Homework 3**

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- 3.1. Show that maximization of the class separation criterion given by  $m_2 - m_1 = w^T(m_2 - m_1)$  with respect to  $w$ , using a Lagrange multiplier to enforce the constraint  $w^T w = 1$ , leads to the result that  $w \propto (m_2 - m_1)$ .

*Solution.* content...

- 3.2. Show that the Fisher criterion

$$j(w) = \frac{(m_2 - m_1)^2}{s_1^2 + s_2^2}$$

can be written in the form

$$j(w) = \frac{w^T S_B w}{w^T S_W w}$$

*Solution.* content...

- 3.3. Consider a generative classification model for  $K$  classes defined by prior class probabilities  $p(C_k) = \pi_k$  and general class-conditional densities  $p(\phi|C_k)$  where  $\phi$  is the input feature vector. Suppose we are given a training data set  $\{\phi_n, t_n\}$  where  $n = 1, \dots, N$ , and  $t_n$  is a binary target vector of length  $K$  that uses the 1-of- $K$  coding scheme, so that it has components  $t_{nj} = I_{jk}$  if pattern  $n$  is from class  $C_k$ . Assuming that data points are drawn independently from this model, show that the maximum-likelihood solution for the prior probabilities is given by

$$\pi_k = \frac{N_k}{N}$$

where  $N_k$  is the number of data points assigned to class  $C_k$ .

- 3.4. Verify the relation

$$\frac{d\sigma}{da} = \sigma(1 - \sigma)$$

for the derivative of the logistic sigmoid function defined by

$$\sigma(a) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-a)}$$

- 3.5. There are several possible ways in which to generalize the concept of linear discriminant functions from two classes to  $c$  classes. One possibility would be to use  $(c - 1)$  linear discriminant functions, such that  $y_k(x) > 0$  for inputs  $x$  in class  $C_k$  and  $y_k(x) < 0$  for not in class  $C_k$ . By drawing a simple example in two dimensions for  $c = 3$ , show that this approach can lead to regions of  $x$ -space for which the classification is ambiguous. Another approach would be to use one discriminant function  $y_{jk}(x)$  for each possible pair of classes  $C_j$  and  $C_k$ , such that  $y_{jk}(x) > 0$  for patterns in class  $C_j$  and  $y_{jk}(x) < 0$  for patterns in class  $C_k$ . For  $c$  classes, we would need  $c(c - 1)/2$  discriminant functions. Again, by drawing a specific example in two dimensions for  $c = 3$ , show that this approach can also lead to ambiguous regions.
- 3.6. Given a set of data points  $\{x^n\}$  we can define the convex hull to be the set of points  $x$  given by

$$x = \sum_n \alpha_n x^n$$

where  $\alpha_n \geq 0$  and  $\sum_n \alpha_n = 1$ . Consider a second set of point  $\{z^m\}$  and its corresponding convex hull. The two sets of points will be linearly separable if there exists a vector  $\hat{w}$  and a scalar  $\omega_0$  such that  $\hat{w}^T x^n + \omega_0 > 0$  for all  $x^n$ , and  $\hat{w}^T z^m + \omega_0 < 0$  for all  $z^m$ . Show that, if their convex hulls intersect, the two sets of points cannot be linearly separable, and conversely that, if they are linearly separable, their convex hulls do not intersect.