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## CS 189: Introduction to Machine Learning

### Homework 2

Due: February 18, 2016 at 11:59pm

### Instructions

- Homework 2 is completely a written assignment; no coding involved.
- We prefer that you typeset your answers using the  $\text{\LaTeX}$  template on bCourses. If there is not enough space for your answer, you may continue your answer on the next page. Make sure to start each question on a new page.
- Neatly handwritten and scanned solutions will also be accepted. Make sure your answers are readable!
- Submit a PDF with your answers to the Homework 2 assignment on Gradescope. You should be able to see CS 189/289A on Gradescope when you log in with your bCourses email address. Please make a Piazza post if you have any problems accessing Gradescope.
- While submitting to Gradescope, you will have to select the pages containing your answer for each question.
- The assignment covers concepts in probability, linear algebra, matrix calculus, and decision theory.
- **Start early. This is a long assignment. Some of the material may not have been covered in lecture; you are responsible for finding resources to understand it.**

**Problem 1: Expected Value.**

A target is made of 3 concentric circles of radii  $1/\sqrt{3}$ , 1 and  $\sqrt{3}$  feet. Shots within the inner circle are given 4 points, shots within the next ring are given 3 points, and shots within the third ring are given 2 points. Shots outside the target are given 0 points.

Let  $X$  be the distance of the hit from the center (in feet), and let the probability density function of  $X$  be

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi(1+x^2)} & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

What is the expected value of the score of a single shot?

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} E[F(x)] &= 4 \Pr(0 < x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}) + 3 \Pr(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} < x < 1) + 2 \Pr(1 < x < \sqrt{3}) \\ &= 4 \int_0^{1/\sqrt{3}} \frac{2}{\pi(1+x^2)} dx + 3 \int_{1/\sqrt{3}}^1 \frac{2}{\pi(1+x^2)} dx + 2 \int_1^{\sqrt{3}} \frac{2}{\pi(1+x^2)} dx \\ &= 4 \left( \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi}{6} \right) + 3 \left( \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi}{12} \right) + 2 \left( \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi}{12} \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \\ &= \frac{13}{6} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 2: MLE.**

Assume that the random variable  $X$  has the exponential distribution

$$f(x; \theta) = \theta e^{-\theta x} \quad x \geq 0, \theta > 0$$

where  $\theta$  is the parameter of the distribution. Use the method of maximum likelihood to estimate  $\theta$  if 5 observations of  $X$  are  $x_1 = 0.9$ ,  $x_2 = 1.7$ ,  $x_3 = 0.4$ ,  $x_4 = 0.3$ , and  $x_5 = 2.6$ , generated i.i.d. (i.e., independent and identically distributed).

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_5) &= f(0.9; \theta) f(1.7; \theta) f(0.4; \theta) f(0.3; \theta) f(2.6; \theta) \\ &= \theta^5 e^{-\theta(0.9+1.7+0.4+0.3+2.6)} \\ &= \theta^5 e^{-5.9\theta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\ln(\mathcal{L}) = 5 \ln \theta - 5.9\theta$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln(\mathcal{L})}{\partial \theta} = 0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (5 \ln \theta - 5.9\theta)$$

$$0 = \frac{5}{\theta} - 5.9 \implies \theta = \frac{5}{5.9} \approx 0.847$$

**Definition.** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be a symmetric matrix. We say that  $A$  is **positive definite** if  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x \neq \vec{0}, x^T A x > 0$ . Similarly, we say that  $A$  is **positive semidefinite** if  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, x^T A x \geq 0$ .

**Problem 3: Positive Definiteness.**

Let  $x = [x_1 \ \cdots \ x_n]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be the square matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Give an explicit formula for  $x^T A x$ . Write your answer as a sum involving the elements of  $A$  and  $x$ .
- Show that if  $A$  is positive definite, then the entries on the diagonal of  $A$  are positive (that is,  $a_{ii} > 0$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ).

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } [x_1 \ \cdots \ x_n] \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} &= [x_1 \ \cdots \ x_n] \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (a_{11}x_1 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n)x_1 + \cdots + (a_{n1}x_1 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n)x_n \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \end{aligned}$$

- consider the set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  denoted by  $e_i$ , where  $i \in [1, \dots, n]$ , that form an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  where

$$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, e_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, e_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \forall i \in [1, \dots, n]$$

$$\text{Then } e_i^T A e_i = 0 + \cdots + 1 \cdot a_{ii} \cdot 1 + \cdots + 0 = a_{ii}$$

since  $e_i^T A e_i > 0$  for a positive definite matrix, that means  $\forall i \in [1, \dots, n], a_{ii} > 0$  where

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$



#### Problem 4: Short Proofs.

$A$  is symmetric in all parts.

- Let  $A$  be a positive semidefinite matrix. Show that  $A + \gamma I$  is positive definite for any  $\gamma > 0$ .
- Let  $A$  be a positive definite matrix. Prove that all eigenvalues of  $A$  are greater than zero.
- Let  $A$  be a positive definite matrix. Prove that  $A$  is invertible. (Hint: Use the previous part.)
- Let  $A$  be a positive definite matrix. Prove that there exist  $n$  linearly independent vectors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  such that  $A_{ij} = x_i^T x_j$ . (Hint: Use the spectral theorem and what you proved in (b) to find a matrix  $B$  such that  $A = B^T B$ .)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a)} \quad & x^T (A + \gamma I) x \\ &= x^T A x + x^T \gamma I x \end{aligned}$$

We note that  $x^T A x \geq 0$  b/c  $A$  is semi-definite

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } x^T \gamma I x &= \gamma x^T I x \\ &= \gamma x^T x = \gamma \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 > 0 \quad \text{if } \gamma > 0 \text{ and } \vec{x} \neq \vec{0} \end{aligned}$$

b) An <sup>arbitrary</sup> eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$  must, by definition, satisfy the following

$$A \vec{x} = \lambda \vec{x}$$

If we left multiply by  $\vec{x}^T$

$$x^T A x = x^T \lambda x$$

Given the definition of positive definite <sup>a scalar</sup>

$$0 < x^T A x = x^T \lambda x = \lambda x^T x$$

$0 < \lambda$ , so the eigenvalues are greater than 0

c) If  $A$  were not invertible, it would have a non-trivial null-space, and thus some  $\vec{x}$  such that

$$A \vec{x} = 0 \vec{x}$$

but that would mean 0 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , but since  $A$  is positive definite, its eigenvalues must be greater than 0. Thus 0 is not an eigenvalue of  $A$  and  $A$  is invertible

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d)} \quad A &= U D U^T \\ &= U (\sqrt{D} \sqrt{D}) U^T \\ &= U \sqrt{D} U^T U \sqrt{D} U^T \\ &= (U \sqrt{D} U^T)^T (U \sqrt{D} U^T) \end{aligned}$$

so we have found  $B = U \sqrt{D} U^T$  such that  $A = B^T B$

From the spectral theorem, we know  $U := [x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is orthogonal, Thus we know  $B$  is diagonalizable, and so is linearly independent and has  $n$  linearly independent vectors.

### Problem 5: Derivatives and Norm Inequalities.

Derive the expression for following questions. Do not write the answers directly.

- (a) Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Derive  $\frac{\partial(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{a})}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$ .
- (b) Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Derive  $\frac{\partial(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$ .
- (c) Let  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Derive  $\frac{\partial \text{Trace}(\mathbf{X} \mathbf{A})}{\partial \mathbf{X}}$ .
- (d) Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \leq \sqrt{n} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$ . (Note that  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$  and  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$ .) (Hint: The Cauchy-Schwarz inequality may come in handy.)

**Solution:**

$$a) \quad \frac{\partial(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{a})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{a}^T \frac{\partial(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{a}^T$$

b) This works b/c the dot product is the same either way

$$b) \quad \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{x}_n] \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_n \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{x}_n] \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}\mathbf{x}_1 + a_{12}\mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + a_{1n}\mathbf{x}_n \\ a_{21}\mathbf{x}_1 + a_{22}\mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + a_{2n}\mathbf{x}_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}\mathbf{x}_1 + a_{n2}\mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + a_{nn}\mathbf{x}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} x_i x_j$$

We note that

$$\frac{\partial(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}_k} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{kj} x_j + \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ik} x_i \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{\partial(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_j a_{1j} x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum_j a_{nj} x_j \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \sum_i a_{i1} x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_i a_{in} x_i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T) \mathbf{x}$$

$$c) \quad \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A} = \text{Tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & \dots & x_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \right) = (a_{11}x_{11} + \dots + a_{n1}x_{1n}) + \dots + (a_{1n}x_{n1} + \dots + a_{nn}x_{nn})$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ji} x_{ij} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \text{Tr}(\mathbf{X} \mathbf{A})}{\partial x_{ij}} = a_{ji} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \text{Tr}(\mathbf{X} \mathbf{A})}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{A}^T$$

d) We show the left inequality first

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$$

$$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |x_i x_j|$$

which is true b/c the terms in the left series are a subset of the terms in the right series, and we are only summing positive terms.

We now show the right inequality

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sqrt{n} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$$

$$\langle \vec{1}, \vec{x} \rangle \leq \|\vec{1}\|_2 \|\vec{x}\|_2$$

which is true by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

**Problem 6: Weighted Linear Regression.**

Let  $\mathbf{X}$  be a  $n \times d$  data matrix,  $\mathbf{Y}$  be the corresponding  $n \times 1$  target/label matrix and  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$  be the diagonal  $n \times n$  matrix containing a weight for each example. More explicitly, we have

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{x}^{(1)})^T \\ (\mathbf{x}^{(2)})^T \\ \vdots \\ (\mathbf{x}^{(n)})^T \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ y^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(n)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda^{(1)}, \lambda^{(2)}, \dots, \lambda^{(n)})$$

where  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $y^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\lambda^{(i)} > 0 \quad \forall i \in \{1 \dots n\}$ .  $\mathbf{X}$ ,  $\mathbf{Y}$  and  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$  are fixed and known.

In this question, we will try to fit a weighted linear regression model for this data. We want to find the value of weight vector  $\mathbf{w}$  which best satisfies the following equation  $y^{(i)} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} + \epsilon^{(i)}$ , where  $\epsilon$  is noise. This is achieved by minimizing the weighted noise for all the examples. Thus, our risk (cost) function is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} R[\mathbf{w}] &= \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda^{(i)} (\epsilon^{(i)})^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda^{(i)} (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2 \end{aligned}$$

- Write this risk function  $R[\mathbf{w}]$  in matrix notation (i.e., in terms of  $\mathbf{X}$ ,  $\mathbf{Y}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ ).
- Find the weight vector  $\mathbf{w}$  that minimizes the risk function obtained in the previous part. You can assume that  $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{X}$  is full rank. (Hint: You may use the expression you derived in Question 5(b).)
- The  $L_2$  regularized risk function, for  $\gamma > 0$ , is

$$R[\mathbf{w}] = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda^{(i)} (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2 + \gamma \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2$$

Rewrite this new risk function in matrix notation as in (a) and solve for  $\mathbf{w}$  as in (b).

- How does  $\gamma$  affect the regression model? How does this fit in with what you already know about  $L_2$  regularization? (Hint: Observe the different expressions for  $\mathbf{w}$  obtained in (b) and (c).)

**Solution:**

Problem 6:

$$a) R[\omega] = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i (\omega^T x_i - y_i)^2$$

$$= \lambda_1 (\omega^T x_1 - y_1)^2 + \lambda_2 (\omega^T x_2 - y_2)^2 + \dots + \lambda_n (\omega^T x_n - y_n)^2$$

We note that:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -x_1 \\ \vdots \\ -x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \omega \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega^T x_1 - y_1 \\ \vdots \\ \omega^T x_n - y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= X\omega - Y$$

So:

$$R[\omega] = (X\omega - Y)^T \Lambda (X\omega - Y)$$

$$b) \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} (X\omega - Y)^T \Lambda (X\omega - Y) = 0$$

$$2X^T \Lambda (X\omega - Y) = 0$$

$$X^T \Lambda X\omega - X^T \Lambda Y = 0$$

$$X^T \Lambda X\omega = X^T \Lambda Y \implies \omega = (X^T \Lambda X)^{-1} X^T \Lambda Y$$

$$c) R[\omega] = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i (\omega^T x_i - y_i)^2 + \gamma \|\omega\|^2$$

$$= (X\omega - Y)^T \Lambda (X\omega - Y) + \gamma \omega^T \omega$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} R[\omega] = X^T \Lambda X\omega - X^T \Lambda Y + 2\gamma \omega = 0$$

$$X^T \Lambda X\omega + 2\gamma \omega = X^T \Lambda Y$$

$$(X^T \Lambda X + 2\gamma) \omega = X^T \Lambda Y$$

$$\omega = (X^T \Lambda X + 2\gamma)^{-1} X^T \Lambda Y$$

d) Generally speaking, larger weights  $\vec{\omega}$  indicate overfitting. With a larger  $\gamma$  value, a larger magnitude  $\vec{\omega}$  (e.g.  $\|\omega\|^2$ ) would lead to a higher cost function. So a larger  $\gamma$  keeps the weight smaller, thus preventing overfitting (but maybe underfitting?).



### Problem 7: Classification.

Suppose we have a classification problem with classes labeled  $1, \dots, c$  and an additional doubt category labeled as  $c+1$ . Let the loss function be the following:

$$\ell(f(x) = i, y = j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \text{ } i, j \in \{1, \dots, c\} \\ \lambda_r & \text{if } i = c+1 \\ \lambda_s & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $\lambda_r$  is the loss incurred for choosing doubt and  $\lambda_s$  is the loss incurred for making a misclassification. Note that  $\lambda_r \geq 0$  and  $\lambda_s \geq 0$ .

Hint: The risk of classifying a new datapoint as class  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, c+1\}$  is

$$R(\alpha_i | x) = \sum_{j=1}^c \ell(f(x) = i, y = j) P(\omega_j | x)$$

(a) Show that the minimum risk is obtained if we follow this policy: (1) choose class  $i$  if  $P(\omega_i | x) \geq P(\omega_j | x)$  for all  $j$  and  $P(\omega_i | x) \geq 1 - \lambda_r / \lambda_s$ , and (2) choose doubt otherwise.

(b) What happens if  $\lambda_r = 0$ ? What happens if  $\lambda_r > \lambda_s$ ? Is this consistent with your intuition?

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} a) \quad R(\alpha_i | x) &= \sum_{j \neq i}^c \lambda_s P(\omega_j | x) \\ &= \lambda_s \sum_{j \neq i}^c P(\omega_j | x) = \lambda_s (1 - P(\omega_i | x)) \end{aligned}$$

$$R(c+1 | x) = \lambda_r$$

$$R(\alpha_i | x) = R(c+1 | x)$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \lambda_s (1 - P(\omega_i | x)) = \lambda_r \implies P(\omega_i | x) = 1 - \frac{\lambda_r}{\lambda_s}$$

Note that if we plug  $P(\omega_i | x)$  back into  $\textcircled{1}$ , we notice that larger  $P(\omega_i | x)$  leads to a lower risk/cost, so we should choose a class  $i \in [1, \dots, c]$  if

$$P(\omega_i | x) \geq 1 - \frac{\lambda_r}{\lambda_s}$$

But then which of the class  $i$ 's do we choose, obviously the one with the highest probability

- b) - If  $\lambda_r = 0$  then we always select a class  $i$  b/c  $P(\omega_i | x) \leq 1$   
- If  $\lambda_r > \lambda_s$  then we always select  $c+1$  b/c  $P(\omega_i | x) > 0 > 1 - \frac{\lambda_r}{\lambda_s}$

These results make sense intuitively b/c if the  $\lambda_r = 0$ , then there is no penalty for picking "doubtful" each time; it gives the same cost as picking correctly. If  $\lambda_r > \lambda_s$  then the penalty for guessing wrong is less than picking "doubtful", so we should always guess then

### Problem 8: Gaussians.

Let  $P(x | \omega_i) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$  for a two-category, one-dimensional classification problem with  $P(\omega_1) = P(\omega_2) = 1/2$ . Here, the classes are  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ . For this problem, we have  $\mu_2 \geq \mu_1$ .

- Find the optimal Bayes decision boundary (i.e., find  $x$  such that  $P(\omega_1 | x) = P(\omega_2 | x)$ ). What is the corresponding decision rule?
- Show that the Bayes error associated with this decision rule is

$$P_e = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_a^\infty e^{-z^2/2} dz$$

where  $a = \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1}{2\sigma}$ . The Bayes error is the probability of misclassification:

$$P_e = P(\text{misclassified as } \omega_1 | \omega_2)P(\omega_2) + P(\text{misclassified as } \omega_2 | \omega_1)P(\omega_1).$$

### Solution:

a)  $P(\omega_1 | x) = P(\omega_2 | x)$

$$P(x | \omega_1)P(\omega_1) = P(x | \omega_2)P(\omega_2)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{(x-\mu_2)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$$

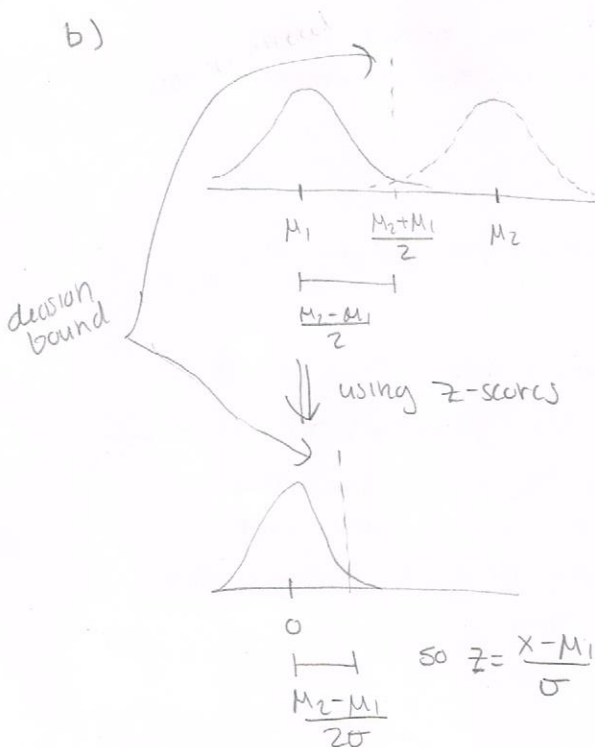
$$(x-\mu_1)^2 = (x-\mu_2)^2$$

$$x^2 - 2\mu_1 x + \mu_1^2 = x^2 - 2\mu_2 x + \mu_2^2$$

$$2\mu_2 x - 2\mu_1 x = \mu_2^2 - \mu_1^2$$

$$x = \frac{\mu_2^2 - \mu_1^2}{2(\mu_2 - \mu_1)} = \frac{\mu_2 + \mu_1}{2}$$

b)



$$P_e = P(\omega_2) \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2}{2}} P(x | \omega_2) dx + P(\omega_1) \int_{\frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2}{2}}^{\infty} P(x | \omega_1) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2}{2}} \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma^2) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2}{2}}^{\infty} \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma^2) dx$$

Here we note that since the two probabilities have the same  $\sigma$ , the decision bound is the same distance from both centers, we can consolidate the two factors

$$= \int_{\frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2}{2}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$$

which is the same as the following when we use z-scores.

$$= \int_{\frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1}{2\sigma}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz$$