

## Homework - 2

### Question 1

The decision of choosing the class such that the risk is minimum is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\substack{j=\{1, \dots, c\} \\ i=\{1, \dots, c\}}} \{ \lambda_{ij} P(w_i | x) \} \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\substack{j=\{1, \dots, c\} \\ i=\{1, \dots, c\}}} \{ \lambda_{i1} P(w_1 | x), \dots, \lambda_{ii} P(w_i | x), \dots, \lambda_{jc} P(w_c | x) \} \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\substack{j=\{1, \dots, c\} \\ i=\{1, \dots, c\}}} \{ \lambda_{i1} P(w_1 | x), \dots, 0, \dots, \lambda_{cc} P(w_c | x) \} \\ &= 0 \text{ for } j=i \text{ which is the minimum value obtained.} \end{aligned}$$

But, we will choose  $j=i$  only if  $P(w_i | x)$  is the highest amongst all the probabilities possible. Hence, to choose  $j=i$ , we need that  $P(w_i | x) \geq P(w_j | x)$  for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, c\}$

The average risk of choosing class  $w_i$  (for  $i \in \{1, \dots, c\}$ ) is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} R(D=i | x) &= \sum_{j=1}^c \lambda_{ij} \frac{P(x | w_j) P(w_j)}{P(x)} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^c \lambda_{ij} P(w_j | x) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \lambda_s P(w_j | x) + \lambda_{ii} P(w_i | x) + \sum_{j=i+1}^c \lambda_s P(w_j | x) \\ &= \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^c \lambda_s P(w_j | x) + 0 \\ &= \lambda_s \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^c P(w_j | x) = \lambda_s (1 - P(w_i | x)) \end{aligned}$$

Here, again we see that as  $P(w_i|x)$  increases, the ~~risk~~ average risk ~~decreases~~ decreases.

Now, for  $i=c+1$ , the risk is given by:

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

Hence, the minimum risk is achieved if we decide ~~that~~ class  $w_i$  if,

$$R(D=i|x) \leq R(D=c+1|x)$$

$$\lambda_s(1 - P(w_i|x)) \leq \lambda_r$$

$$1 - P(w_i|x) \leq \frac{\lambda_r}{\lambda_s}$$

$$\therefore P(w_i|x) \geq 1 - \frac{\lambda_r}{\lambda_s}, \text{ and reject otherwise.}$$

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Case 1: If  $\lambda_r = 0$ :

If the cost of rejecting is 0 then we will always reject since that will give the least risk.

$$P(w_i|x) \geq 1 \Rightarrow P(w_i|x) = 0 \quad \text{at } i=c+1$$

Case 2: If  $\lambda_r > \lambda_s$ :

If the cost of rejecting is greater than the cost of choosing any other value, then we will never reject.

**Note:** The answers for questions 2 and 3 have can be accessed through GitHub using the following link:

[https://github.com/nandayvk/EECE 5644 Intro to ML Coursework/tree/master/HW2/Solutions](https://github.com/nandayvk/EECE_5644_Intro_to_ML_Coursework/tree/master/HW2/Solutions)