

## ASSIGNMENT-2 → QUESTIONS

- 1) The maximum likelihood estimates for Gaussian Naive Bayes are:
- (i) Mean ( $\mu$ ): Estimated as the sample mean for each features in class.
  - (ii) Variance ( $\sigma^2$ ): Estimated as the sample variance for each feature in each class.

The estimates fundamentally doesn't change but the no. of features changes when using grayscale instead of RGB.

→ RGB images have 3 channels, so there are 3 sets of parameters ( $\mu, \sigma^2$ ) per pixel.

→ Grayscale images have 1 channel, so there is 1 set of parameters ( $\mu, \sigma^2$ ) per pixel.

The estimation process remains the same, but it's applied to fewer features in the grayscale.

(2) QDA performance: RGB vs Grayscale.

QDA's lower accuracy with RGB images compared to grayscale might be due to its assumptions:



## ⇒ Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

QDA assumes features follow a multivariate gaussian distribution for each class.

## ⇒ Difference covariance Matrices:

QDA allows each class to have its own covariance matrix.

With RGB images, QDA needs to estimate more parameters, potentially leading to overfitting, especially with limited data.

Grayscale images, having fewer features may provide a better balance between model complexity and available data.

## (3) LDA and Gaussian Naive Bayes: Reduced accuracy on grayscale

The reduced accuracy for LDA and Gaussian Naive Bayes on grayscale images could be due to:

(i) Loss of information: Grayscale conversion loses color information that might be crucial for classification.

(ii) Feature Importance: Colour features in RGB might be more discriminative for the specific classification task.



(iii) Model assumptions: Both models assume Gaussian distributions, which might fit RGB data better in this case.

→ The outcome is task-specific. In some cases grayscale images perform better, especially when color is not a critical factor for classification.

(iv) Parameter Estimation for each model and Image type.

Comparing the no. of parameters estimated for each model and image type:

| Model                | RGB Parameters        | Grayscale Parameters |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Gaussian Naive Bayes | $6n + c$              | $2n + c$             |
| LDA                  | $3n + 3n(3n+1)/2 + c$ | $n + n(n+1)/2 + c$   |
| QDA                  | $c(3n + 3n(3n+1)/2)$  | $c(n + n(n+1)/2)$    |

Where:  $n \rightarrow$  no. of pixels;  $c \rightarrow$  no. of classes.

GNB estimates fewer parameters due to its independence assumption. LDA estimates more parameters as it computes a shared covariance matrix. QDA estimates the most parameters as it computes a separate covariance matrix for each class.