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Final Examination

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Please type up your answers. If you are not able to type your answers, please write very neatly. Sloppy, small, or otherwise difficult-to-read writing will not be accepted. Please include in your submission all code in electronic form.

You may use the textbook Pattern Classification, by Duda, et al. You may use the material posted to Blackboard: notes, videos, textbook chapters. No other sources may be consulted.

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1. Suppose we have two normal distributions with the same covariances but different means:  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ . In terms of the prior probabilities  $P(\omega_1)$  and  $P(\omega_2)$ , state the condition that the Bayes decision boundary will pass between the two means.
2. Describe in detail when a Bayesian Classifier will have a decision boundary given by
  - (a) a circle,
  - (b) an ellipse,
  - (c) an hyperbola,
  - (d) a parabola,
  - (e) a straight line.
3.
  - (a) Given four points not all coplanar, how many planes can be drawn, equidistant from all the points (and thus separate these points into two classes)?
  - (b) Given five points not all cohyperplanar, how many hyperplanes can be drawn, equidistant from all the points (and thus separate these points into two classes)?
4. Let  $p_n = \text{parity}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ .
  - (a) Show a neural network that calculates  $p_{16}$ .
  - (b) Show a neural network that calculates  $p_{127}$ .
  - (c) Write down the gradient descent update equations for a network to calculate  $p_8$ .
  - (d) Train such a neural network and show weights and the output for each of
    - i. 10101010,
    - ii. 11000110,
    - iii. 10001000,
    - iv. 11111111,
5. Consider three Gaussian pdfs:  $X_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(1, 0.1)$ ,  $X_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(2, 0.1)$ ,  $X_3 \sim \mathcal{N}(3, 0.2)$ , with *prior* probabilities given by  $P_1 = 1/6$ ,  $P_2 = 1/2$ ,  $P_3 = 1/3$ . The pdf underlying the random samples is modeled as a mixture

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 \mathcal{N}(\mu_j, \sigma_j^2) P_j.$$

Generate 500 samples according to this model and now, assume the parameters of the mixture are unknown. Use the EM algorithm and these samples to estimate the unknown parameters  $\mu_j, \sigma_j^2, P_j$ .

① Let  $w_1$  denote class for  $N(\mu_1, \Sigma)$

"  $w_2$  " " "  $N(\mu_2, \Sigma)$

$\vec{x}$  is  $d$ -dimension obs.

$p(\vec{x}, w)$  is class-cond. probability

$$\vec{x} | w = w_1 \sim N_d(\mu_1, \Sigma)$$

$$\vec{x} | w = w_2 \sim N_d(\mu_2, \Sigma)$$

$$p(\vec{x} | w_1) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\vec{x} - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x} - \mu_1) \right]$$

$$p(\vec{x} | w_2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\vec{x} - \mu_2)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x} - \mu_2) \right]$$

classify an obs. to  $w_1$  if

$$p(w_1 | \vec{x}) > p(w_2 | \vec{x})$$

$$\frac{p(w_1 | \vec{x})}{p(w_2 | \vec{x})} \geq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{p(\vec{x} | w_1) p(w_1) / p(\vec{x})}{p(\vec{x} | w_2) p(w_2) / p(\vec{x})} > 1$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\vec{x} - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x} - \mu_1) \right]}{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\vec{x} - \mu_2)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x} - \mu_2) \right]} > \frac{P(w_2)}{P(w_1)}$$

$$\exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\vec{x} - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x} - \mu_1) \right] > \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\vec{x} - \mu_2)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x} - \mu_2) \right] \frac{P(w_2)}{P(w_1)}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} (\vec{x} - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x} - \mu_1) > -\frac{1}{2} (\vec{x} - \mu_2)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x} - \mu_2) + \ln P(w_2) - \ln P(w_1)$$

$$(\vec{x} - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x} - \mu_1) < (\vec{x} - \mu_2)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x} - \mu_2) - 2 \ln \left( \frac{P(w_2)}{P(w_1)} \right)$$

$$(\vec{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} - \mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1}) (\vec{x} - \mu_1) < (\vec{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} - \mu_2^T \Sigma^{-1}) (\vec{x} - \mu_2) - 2 \ln \left( \frac{P(w_2)}{P(w_1)} \right)$$

$$\vec{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \vec{x} - \mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1} \vec{x} - \vec{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1 + \mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1 <$$

$$\vec{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \vec{x} - \mu_2^T \Sigma^{-1} \vec{x} - \vec{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_2 + \mu_2^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_2 - 2 \ln \left( \frac{P(w_2)}{P(w_1)} \right)$$

for  $i=1, 2$

$$\vec{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_i = (\vec{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_i) = \mu_i^T \Sigma^{-1} \vec{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 \vec{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1 + \mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1 < -\vec{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_2 + \mu_2^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_2 - 2 \ln \left( \frac{P(w_2)}{P(w_1)} \right)$$

Then classify  $w_1$  if ?

$$2 \vec{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mu_2 - \mu_1) < \mu_2^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_2 - \mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1 - 2 \ln \left( \frac{P(w_2)}{P(w_1)} \right)$$

Then classify  $w_2$  if :

$$\vec{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mu_2 - \mu_1) < \frac{\mu_2^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_2 - \mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1}{2} - 2 \ln \left( \frac{P(w_2)}{P(w_1)} \right)$$

(2) Generally, assume

$$\vec{x}|w_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \Sigma_1) \quad \text{w/ prior } p(w_1)$$

$$\vec{x}|w_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \Sigma_2) \quad \text{w/ prior } p(w_2)$$

classify to  $w_1$  if

$$p(w_1|\vec{x}) > p(w_2|\vec{x})$$

$$\frac{p(\vec{x}|w_1)}{p(\vec{x}|w_2)} > \frac{p(w_2)}{p(w_1)}$$

$$\frac{|\Sigma_2|^{1/2}}{|\Sigma_1|^{1/2}} \frac{\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{x}-\mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1}(\vec{x}-\mu_1)\right]}{\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{x}-\mu_2)^T \Sigma_2^{-1}(\vec{x}-\mu_2)\right]}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{x}-\mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1}(\vec{x}-\mu_1) - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_1| + \ln p(w_1) \\ > -\frac{1}{2}(\vec{x}-\mu_2)^T \Sigma_2^{-1}(\vec{x}-\mu_2) - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_2| + \ln p(w_2)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} [\vec{x}^T \Sigma_1^{-1} \vec{x} - 2\mu_1^T \Sigma_1^{-1} \vec{x} + \mu_1^T \Sigma_1^{-1} \mu_1] - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_1| + \ln p(w_1) \\ > -\frac{1}{2} [\vec{x}^T \Sigma_2^{-1} \vec{x} - 2\mu_2^T \Sigma_2^{-1} \vec{x} + \mu_2^T \Sigma_2^{-1} \mu_2] - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_2| + \ln p(w_2)$$

$$\vec{x}^T \left[-\frac{1}{2}(\Sigma_1^{-1} - \Sigma_2^{-1})\right] \vec{x} + (\mu_1^T \Sigma_1^{-1} - \mu_2^T \Sigma_2^{-1}) \vec{x} + \\ \left[-\frac{1}{2} \mu_1^T \Sigma_1^{-1} \mu_1 - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_1| + \ln p(w_1)\right] -$$

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2} \mu_2^T \Sigma_2^{-1} \mu_2 - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_2| + \ln p(w_2)\right] > 0$$

$$\text{Let } w_{10} = -\frac{1}{2} \mu_1^T \Sigma_1^{-1} \mu_1 - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_1| + \ln p(w_1)$$

Then we classify  $\vec{x}$  to class  $w_1$  if:

$$\vec{x}^T \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\Sigma_1^{-1} - \Sigma_2^{-1}) \right] \vec{x} + (\mu_1^T \Sigma_1^{-1} - \mu_2^T \Sigma_2^{-1}) \vec{x} + (w_{10} - w_{20}) \geq 0$$

The Bayesian classifier will have the following decision boundary

$$g(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\Sigma_1^{-1} - \Sigma_2^{-1}) \right] \vec{x} + (\mu_1^T \Sigma_1^{-1} - \mu_2^T \Sigma_2^{-1}) \vec{x} + (w_{10} - w_{20})$$

In order to explain it in details, we consider two features cases:

i.e.,  $\vec{x}|w_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \Sigma_1)$  w/ prior  $p(w_1)$

$\vec{x}|w_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \Sigma_2)$  ~  $p(w_2)$

2a) We have a circle decision boundary if

$-\frac{1}{2} (\Sigma_1^{-1} - \Sigma_2^{-1})$  in  $\vec{x}^T \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\Sigma_1^{-1} - \Sigma_2^{-1}) \right] \vec{x}$  is in a  $I$  form for some constant  $a$ . In other words

if  $\Sigma_1^{-1} = \sigma_1^2 I$ ,  $\Sigma_2^{-1} = \sigma_2^2 I$ ,  $\sigma_1 \neq \sigma_2$

$$\frac{1}{2} (\Sigma_1^{-1} - \Sigma_2^{-1}) = -\frac{1}{2} (\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2) I$$

Then, the boundary is a circle

2b) We have an ellipse decision boundary if  $-\frac{1}{2}(\Sigma_1^{-1} - \Sigma_2^{-1})$  is a diagonal matrix but not all the diagonal elements are the same.

For example, if  $p(w_1) = p(w_2)$ ,  $\mu_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\mu_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.31 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.36 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then we get ellipse decision boundary.

2c) Combining from (a) and (b), we

can see that  $-\frac{1}{2}(\Sigma_1^{-1} - \Sigma_2^{-1})$  is the key to determine the shape of the boundary.

If we want an hyperbola decision boundary, we need two equiprobable sets of orthogonal elliptical isocontours.

For example,  $p(w_1) = p(w_2)$ ,  $\mu_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mu_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$$\Sigma_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{in this case}$$

the decision boundary is hyperbolic.

2d) We will have parabolic decision boundary if one distribution has a circular isocontour.

for example,  $\Sigma_1 = \sigma_1^2 I$  and  $\Sigma_2$  is diagonal matrix w/ different values in diagonal.

2e) If  $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 = \Sigma$

$$g(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\Sigma_1^{-1} - \Sigma_2^{-1}) \right] \vec{x} + (\mu_1^T \Sigma_1^{-1} - \mu_2^T \Sigma_2^{-1}) \vec{x} + (w_{10} - w_{20})$$

$$= \vec{x}^T \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\Sigma^{-1} - \Sigma^{-1}) \right] \vec{x} + (\mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1} - \mu_2^T \Sigma^{-1}) \vec{x} + (w_{10} - w_{20})$$

$$= (\mu_1^T - \mu_2^T) \Sigma^{-1} \vec{x} + w_{10} - w_{20}$$

we get linear decision boundary.



3a) Let the four points be  $A, B, C, D$

class 1

class 2

A

BCD

B

ACD

C

ABD

D

ABC

AB

CD

AC

BD

AD

BC

So, total 7 equidistant planes, can be drawn to separate these points into two classes.

4 ways to separate one point from the rest

3 " " " two points " " "

So, total 7 equidistant planes to do it.

3b) Let  $A, B, C, D, E$  be the 5 points

class 1	class 2	
A	BCDE	} 5 ways
B	ACDE	
C	ABDE	
D	ABCE	
E	ABCD	
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AB	CDE	} 4 ways
AC	BDE	
AD	BCE	
AE	BCD	
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BC	ADE	} 3 ways
BD	ACE	
BE	ACD	
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CD	ABE	} 2 ways
CE	ABD	
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DE	ABC	1 way

There are 15 equidistant hyperplanes  
can be drawn to separate these points  
into two classes