ECE 8560 Takehome 2

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1 Confusion Matrix and P(error)

The true pattern was indicated to be 3-1-2-3-2-1 repeated 15000/6 times. Comparison between true pattern and takehome 1 answer was made using confusion matrix. Since the trace of confusion matrix gives the number of cases which were correctly classified, the formula used was as follows.

$$P(\text{error}) = \frac{\text{number of cases} - \text{cases correctly classified (trace)}}{\text{number of cases}}$$

The probability and confusion matrix are as follows (directly from MATLAB output window)

2 Ho Kashyap Hyperplanes

Before we start to work on the training data, it is important to format the training data such that it has a column of ones before the data or after. In this case a column of ones before the data columns were used.

Considering the pairwise classification for the first case, class 1 was made positive and class 2 and 3 combined were made negative. For case 2, class 2 was made positive and class 1 and 3 combined were negative and so on. Instead of starting with arbitrary a and b, a was initialized to be the pinverse of b and b was initialized as matrix of ones. The algorithm and terminology used was as follows:

Repeat until $k < k_{max}$

- $e^{(k)} = Ya^{(k)} b^{(k)}$
- $b^{(k+1)} = b^{(k)} + \eta[e^{(k)} + |e^{(k)}|]$
- $a^{(k+1)} = (Y^T Y)^{-1} Y^T b^{(k+1)}$
- k = k + 1

Through trial and error, learning rate(η) was chosen as 0.3 and k_{max} was chosen as 1000. The hyperplanes resulting from this algorithm is as follows:

- a1 =
 - -2.2835
 - 0.0129
 - -0.0060
 - -0.0539
 - -0.0316
- a2 =
 - 1.7270
 - -0.0160
 - 0.0025
 - -0.0250
 - 0.0407
- a3 =
 - 0.5667
 - 0.0019
 - 0.0057
 - 0.0945
 - -0.0072

3 Classifier performance and P(error) estimate - Ho Kashyap

The test data (with appended column of ones) is then multiplied to the hyperplanes to generate a classification strategy. We classify the case as class 1 if (test*a1) is maximum and so on. We get the following confusion matrix through this strategy.

confusion_matrix	=	
3805	724	471
1080	3920	0
447	18	4535

p_error =
0.1827

4 Classifier performance and P(error) estimate - k-NNR

The nearest neighbor algorithm considers the Euclidean distance of the test data points with the training data points. An efficient brute force method was used in this case.

For 1-NNR the first row was used to classify the data. The confusion matrix was found to be as follows:

1-NNR

For 3-NNR the first 3 rows were considered and if any class was classified twice for a test data point, that class was assigned to the point. The confusion matrix was found to be as follows:

3-NNR

For 5-NNR the first 5 rows were considered and if any class was classified thrice for a test data point, that class was assigned to the point. The confusion matrix was found to be as follows:

5-NNR

As we can see the probability of error slowly decreases as the number of NNRs increase.

5 PCA results

For PCA we remove the features with minimum variance since they do not add a lot of information for classification. The steps followed for PCA are as follows:

- The training data is mean normalized i.e. the mean is made zero by subtracting the mean from all data points in training data
- The relative variance is found by finding the covariance matrix
- Singular value decomposition is used to arrange the eigenvalues in descending order. The higher the eigenvalue, higher the variance.
- The eigenvectors corresponding to the two highest eigenvalues are considered and multiplied with training data to obtain a reduced set of training data, the test data is reduced similarly
- Like in takehome 1 we use a Bayesian classifier to classify the reduced set of test data using reduced set of training data

The confusion matrix and probability of error is as follows:

confusion_matrix_3 =
4016 1063 1350
381 3561 71
603 376 3579

The probability of error is

p_error_3 =
0.2563

6 Comparison and analysis

Method	P(error)
Bayesian	8.81%
Ho-Kashyap	18.27%
1-NNR	13.25%
3-NNR	11.39%
5-NNR	10.59%
PCA	25.63%

The Bayesian classifier is the best classifier with error percent as 8.81%.

Ho-Kashyap gives an error rate of 18.27% which is significantly worse than Bayesian classifier, the reason could be that the data might not be linearly separable.

k-NNR gives error rate of 13.25%, 11.39% and 10.59% for 1, 3 and 5 respectively however this takes up half a minute of run time to execute which is very slow, an alternative to brute force method is needed for shorter run time.

PCA gives an error percent of 25.63% which is understandable because we are working with half the data than before. However it is very fast so a compromise between computational speed and accuracy is needed.