

**CS 479/679 Pattern Recognition**  
**Spring 2020 – Prof. Bebis**  
**Programming Assignment 1 - Due: 2/25/2020**

Consider a two-class classification problem where each class is modeled by a 2D Gaussian distribution  $G(\mu_1, \Sigma_1)$  and  $G(\mu_2, \Sigma_2)$ .

1. Generate 100,000 samples from each distribution (i.e., 200,000 samples total) using the following parameters (i.e., each sample  $(x, y)$  can be thought as a feature vector):

$$\mu_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mu_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Notation:

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_x \\ \mu_y \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: this is not the same as “sampling” the 2D Gaussian functions; see “Generating Gaussian Random Numbers” which is posted on the course’s webpage for more information on how to generate the samples using the **Box-Muller** transformation. A link to C code is also provided on the course webpage. Since the code generates samples for 1D distributions, you would need to call the function twice to get a 2D sample  $(x, y)$ ; use  $(\mu_x, \sigma_x)$  for the  $x$  sample and  $(\mu_y, \sigma_y)$  for the  $y$  sample.

Note: `ranf()` is not defined in the standard library and that you would need to implement it yourself using `rand()`; for example:

```
/* ranf - return a random double in the [0,m] range. */
```

```
double ranf(double m) {  
    return (m*rand())/(double)RAND_MAX;  
}
```

(m=1 in our case)

- a. Assuming  $P(\omega_1) = P(\omega_2)$ 
  - i. Design a Bayes classifier for minimum error.
  - ii. Plot the Bayes decision boundary **together** with the generated samples to better visualize and interpret the classification results.
  - iii. Report (i) the number of misclassified samples for each class separately and (ii) the total number of misclassified samples.
  - iv. **Grad Students Only**: Plot the Chernoff bound as a function of  $\beta$  and find the optimum  $\beta$  for the minimum.
  - v. Calculate the Bhattacharyya bound.
- b. Repeat part (a) for  $P(\omega_1) = 0.2$  and  $P(\omega_2) = 0.8$ . For comparison purposes, use **exactly the same** 200,000 samples from (a).

2. Repeat (1.a) and (1.b) using the parameters below; you would of course need to generate new sample sets!

$$\mu_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mu_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Repeat (2.b) (i.e.,  $P(\omega_1) \neq P(\omega_2)$ ) using the **minimum-distance classifier** (which assumes equal priors) and compare your results (i.e., misclassified samples) with those obtained in part (2.b). For comparison purposes, use exactly the same 200,000 samples as in part 2.