

# Homework 1

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## Homework Description

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Problems (from Chapter 2 in the book): 2.1 , 2.3 (a,b), 2.4, 2.7, 2.9, 2.17 (a,b)

Note: the book is available electronically on the Evans library website.

- Deadline: Sept. 26th, 11:59 pm

## Computational Environment Setup

### Third-party libraries

```
1 %matplotlib inline
2 import sys # system information
3 import matplotlib # plotting
4 import scipy # scientific computing
5 import pandas as pd # data managing
6 import numpy as np # numerical computation
7 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
8 from numpy.linalg import inv, det
9 # Matplotlib setting
10 plt.rcParams['text.usetex'] = True
11 matplotlib.rcParams['figure.dpi']= 300
```

## Version

```
1 print(sys.version)
2 print(matplotlib.__version__)
3 print(scipy.__version__)
4 print(np.__version__)
5 print(pd.__version__)
```

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3.3.1

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1.1.1

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## Problem 2.1

Suppose that  $X$  is a discrete feature vector, with distribution concentrated over a countable set  $D = \{x^1, x^2, \dots\}$  in  $R^d$ . Derive the discrete versions of (2.3), (2.4), (2.8), (2.9), (2.11), (2.30), (2.34), and (2.36)

Hint: Note that if  $X$  has a discrete distribution, then integration becomes summation,  $P(X = x_k)$ , for  $x_k \in D$ , play the role of  $p(x)$ , and  $P(X = x_k|Y = y)$ , for  $x_k \in D$ , play the role of  $p(x|Y = y)$ , for  $y = 0, 1$ .

### (2.3)

From Braga-Neto (2020, 16)

$$P(X \in E, Y = 0) = \int_E P(Y = 0)p(x|Y = 0)dx \quad (1)$$

$$P(X \in E, Y = 1) = \int_E P(Y = 1)p(x|Y = 1)dx \quad (2)$$

$$(3)$$

Let  $x_k = [x_1, \dots, x_d]$  be the feature vector of  $X$  in set  $D \in R^d$ ,

$$P(X \in D, Y = 0) = P(X = [x_1, \dots, x_d], Y = 0) \quad (4)$$

$$= \sum_{X \in D} P(Y = 0)P(X = [x_1, \dots, x_d]|Y = 0) \quad (5)$$

$$P(X \in D, Y = 1) = P(X = [x_1, \dots, x_d], Y = 1) \quad (6)$$

$$= \sum_{X \in D} P(Y = 1)P(X = [x_1, \dots, x_d]|Y = 1) \quad (7)$$

$$(8)$$

## (2.4)

From Braga-Neto (2020, 17)

$$P(Y = 0|X = x_k) = \frac{P(Y = 0)p(X = x_k|Y = 0)}{p(X = x_k)} \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{P(Y = 0)p(X = x_k|Y = 0)}{P(Y = 0)p(X = x_k|Y = 0) + P(Y = 1)p(X = x_k|Y = 1)} \quad (10)$$

$$(11)$$

$$P(Y = 1|X = x_k) = \frac{P(Y = 1)p(X = x_k|Y = 1)}{p(X = x_k)} \quad (12)$$

$$= \frac{P(Y = 1)p(X = x_k|Y = 1)}{P(Y = 0)p(X = x_k|Y = 0) + P(Y = 1)p(X = x_k|Y = 1)} \quad (13)$$

$$(14)$$

## (2.8)

From Braga-Neto (2020, 18)

$$\epsilon^0[\psi] = P(\psi(X) = 1|Y = 0) = \sum_{\{x_k|\psi(x)=1\}} p(x_k|Y = 0)$$

$$\epsilon^1[\psi] = P(\psi(X) = 0|Y = 1) = \sum_{\{x_k|\psi(x)=1\}} p(x_k|Y = 1)$$

**(2.9)**

From Braga-Neto (2020, 18)

$$\epsilon[\psi] = \sum_{\{x|\psi(x)=1\}} P(Y=0)p(x_k|Y=0) + \sum_{\{x|\psi=0\}} P(Y=1)p(x_k|Y=1)$$

**(2.11)**

From Braga-Neto (2020, 19)

$$\epsilon[\psi] = E[\epsilon[\psi|X = x_k]] = \sum_{x_k \in D} \epsilon[\psi|X = x_k]p(x_k)$$

**(2.30)**

From Braga-Neto (2020, 24).

$$\epsilon^* = \sum_{x \in X} \left[ I_{\eta(X=x) \leq 1-\eta(X=x)} \eta(X=x) + I_{\eta(X=x) > 1-\eta(X=x)(1-\eta(X=x))} \right] p(X=x)$$

**(2.34)**

From Braga-Neto (2020, 25).

$$\epsilon^* = P(Y=0)\epsilon^0[\psi^*] + P(Y=1)\epsilon^1[\psi^*] \tag{15}$$

$$= \sum_{\{x|P(Y=1)p(x|Y=1) > P(Y=0)p(x|Y=0)\}} P(Y=0)p(x|Y=0) + \sum_{\{x|P(Y=1)p(x|Y=1) \leq P(Y=0)p(x|Y=0)\}} P(Y=1)p(x|Y=1) \tag{16}$$

**(2.36)**

### Problem 2.3

This problem seeks to characterize the case  $\epsilon^* = 0$ .

**(a)**

Prove the “Zero-One Law” for perfect discrimination:

$$\epsilon^* = 0 \Leftrightarrow \eta(X) = 0 \text{ or } 1 \quad \text{with probability 1.} \quad (17)$$

The optimal Bayes classifier is defined in Braga-Neto (2020, 20). That is

$$\psi^*(x) = \arg \max_i P(Y = i|X = x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \eta(x) > \frac{1}{2} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

**Part 1:**  $\eta(X) = 1$

$$\eta(X) = E[Y|X = x] = P(Y = 1|X = x) = 1$$

$$\because \eta(X) = 1 > \frac{1}{2} \therefore \psi^*(x) = 1$$

$$\epsilon^* = \epsilon[\psi^*(X)|X = x] \quad (19)$$

$$= I_{\psi^*(x)=0}P(Y = 1|X = x) + I_{\psi^*(x)=1}P(Y = 0|X = x) \quad (20)$$

$$= \underbrace{I_{\psi^*(x)=0}}_{=0} \underbrace{\eta(X)}_{=1} + \underbrace{I_{\psi^*(x)=1}}_{=1} \underbrace{(1 - \eta(X))}_{=0} \quad (21)$$

$$= 0 \quad (22)$$

**Part 2:**  $\eta(X) = 0$

Similarly,

$$\because \eta(X) = 0 \leq \frac{1}{2} \therefore \psi^*(x) = 0$$

$$\epsilon^* = \epsilon[\psi^*(X)|X = x] \quad (23)$$

$$= I_{\psi^*(x)=0}P(Y = 1|X = x) + I_{\psi^*(x)=1}P(Y = 0|X = x) \quad (24)$$

$$= \underbrace{I_{\psi^*(x)=0}}_{=1} \underbrace{\eta(X)}_{=0} + \underbrace{I_{\psi^*(x)=1}}_{=0} \underbrace{(1 - \eta(X))}_{=1} \quad (25)$$

$$= 0 \quad (26)$$

In conclusion, both cases shows that  $\epsilon^* = 0$ .

**(b)**

Show that

$\epsilon^* = 0 \Leftrightarrow$  there is a function  $f$  s.t.  $Y = f(X)$  with probability 1

$$\eta(X) = Pr(Y = 1|X = x) = \begin{cases} 1, & f(X) = 1 \\ 0, & f(X) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (27)$$

The sceneraio is same as [Problem 3.7 \(a\)](#).

1. Given  $\eta(X) = 1$

- $\epsilon^* = 0$

2. Given  $\eta(X) = 0$

- $\epsilon^* = 0$

$\epsilon^* = 0$  for both cases.

## Problem 2.4

This problem concerns the extension to the multiple-class case of some of the concepts derived in this chapter. Let  $Y \in \{0, 1, \dots, c-1\}$ , where  $c$  is the number of classes, and let

$$\eta_i(x) = P(Y = i|X = x), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, c-1,$$

for each  $x \in R^d$ . We need to remember that these probabilities are not independent, but satisfy  $\eta_0(x) + \eta_1(x) + \dots + \eta_{c-1}(x) = 1$ , for each  $x \in R^d$ , so that one of the functions is redundant. In the two-class case, this is made explicit by using a single  $\eta(x)$ , but using the redundant set above proves advantageous in the multiple-class case, as seen below.

Hint: you should answer the following items in sequence, using the previous answers in the solution of the following ones

**(a)**

Given a classifier  $\psi : R^d \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, c-1\}$ , show that its conditional error  $P(\psi(X) \neq Y | X = x)$  is given by

$$P(\psi(X) \neq Y | X = x) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{c-1} I_{\psi(x)=i} \eta_i(x) = 1 - \eta_{\psi(x)}(x) \quad (28)$$

Use the “Law of Total Probability” (Braga-Neto 2020, sec. A.53),

$$P(\psi(X) = Y | X = x) + P(\psi(X) \neq Y | X = x) = 1 \quad (29)$$

$\therefore$  We can derive the probability of error via

$$P(\psi(X) \neq Y | X = x) = 1 - P(\psi(X) = Y | X = x) \quad (30)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{c-1} P(\psi(x) = i, Y = i | X = x) \quad (31)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{c-1} I_{\psi(x)=i} P(Y = i | X = x) \quad (32)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{c-1} I_{\psi(x)=i} \eta_i(x) \quad (33)$$

Combining together, Equation 29 implies Equation 28.

**(b)**

Assuming that  $X$  has a density, show that the classification error of  $\psi$  is given by

$$\epsilon = 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{c-1} \int_{\{x | \psi(x)=i\}} \eta_i(x) p(x) dx.$$

Let  $\{x | \psi(x) = i\}$  be the set of  $\psi(x) = i$  in  $X$ .

Use the *multiplication rule* (Braga-Neto 2020, sec. A1.3)

$$\epsilon = E[\epsilon[\psi(x)|X = x]] \quad (34)$$

$$= 1 - \int_{R^d} P(\psi(X) = Y|X = x)p(x)dx \quad (35)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{c-1} \int_{R^d} p(\psi(X) = i, Y = i|X = x)p(x)dx \quad (36)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{c-1} \int_{R^d} \underbrace{p(\psi(X) = i|X = x)}_{=1 \text{ if } \{x|\psi(x)=i\}; 0, \text{ otherwise.}} p(Y = i|X = x)p(x)dx \quad (37)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{c-1} \int_{\{x|\psi(x)=i\}} 1 \cdot p(Y = i|X = x)p(x)dx \quad (38)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{c-1} \int_{\{x|\psi(x)=i\}} p(Y = i|X = x)p(x)dx \quad (39)$$

**(c)**

Prove that the Bayes classifier is given by

$$\psi^*(x) = \arg \max_{i=0,1,\dots,c-1} \eta_i(x), \quad x \in R^d \quad (40)$$

Hint: Start by considering the difference between conditional expected errors  $P(\psi(X) \neq Y|X = x) - P(\psi^*(X) \neq Y|X = x)$ .

According to Braga-Neto (2020, 20), a Bayes classifier ( $\psi^*$ ) is defined as

$$\psi^* = \arg \min_{\psi \in \mathcal{C}} P(\psi(X) \neq Y)$$

over the set  $\mathcal{C}$  of all classifiers. We need to show that the error of any  $\psi \in \mathcal{C}$  has the conditional error rate:

$$\epsilon[\psi|X = x] \geq \epsilon[\psi^*|X = x], \quad \text{for all } x \in R^d \quad (41)$$

From Equation 28, classifiers have the error rates:



$$P(\psi^*(X) \neq |X = x) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{c-1} I_{\psi^*(x)=i} \eta_i(x) \quad (42)$$

$$P(\psi(X) \neq |X = x) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{c-1} I_{\psi(x)=i} \eta_i(x) \quad (43)$$

Therefore,

$$P(\psi(X) \neq Y|X = x) - P(\psi^*(X) \neq Y|X = x) = (1 - \sum_{i=1}^{c-1} I_{\psi(x)=i} \eta_i(x)) - (1 - \sum_{i=1}^{c-1} I_{\psi^*(x)=i} \eta_i(x)) \quad (44)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{c-1} (I_{\psi^*(x)=i} - I_{\psi(x)=i}) \eta_i(x) \quad (45)$$

$\therefore$

- $I_{\psi^*(x)=i^*} = 1$  when  $i^*$  satisfies  $\eta_{i^*}(x) = \max_{i=0,1,\dots,c-1} \eta_i(x) = \eta_{\max}(x)$
- $I_{\psi(x)=i'} = 1$  when  $\psi(x) = i'$  for  $i' \in 0, 1, \dots, c-1$

$\therefore$

if  $i^* \neq i'$

$$P(\psi(X) \neq Y|X = x) - P(\psi^*(X) \neq Y|X = x) = (1 - 0) \eta_{i^*}(x) + (0 - 1) \eta_{i'}(x) \quad (46)$$

$$= \eta_{i^*}(x) - \eta_{i'}(x) \quad (47)$$

$$= \eta_{\max}(x) - \eta_{i'}(x) \quad (48)$$

$$\geq 0 \quad (49)$$

if  $i^* = i'$

$$P(\psi(X) \neq Y|X = x) - P(\psi^*(X) \neq Y|X = x) = \eta_{i^*}(x) - \eta_{i'}(x) = 0$$

Therefore, there is no classifier  $\psi \in \mathcal{C}$  can have conditional error rate lower than Bayes classifier Equation 40.

(d)

Show that the Bayes error is given by

$$\epsilon^* = 1 - E[\max_{i=0,1,\dots,c-1} \eta_i(X)]$$

From [Problem 2.4.b](#),

- Noted that,  $\{x|\psi^*(x) = i\} = \emptyset$  if  $i \neq i^*$

$$\epsilon[\psi^*] = E[\epsilon[\psi^*(x)|X = x]] \quad (50)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{c-1} \int_{\{x|\psi^*(x)=i\}} \eta_i(x)p(x)dx \quad (51)$$

$$= 1 - \int_{\{x|\psi^*(x)=i^*\}} \eta_{\max}(x)p(x)dx \quad (52)$$

$$= 1 - E[\eta_{\max}(x)] \quad (53)$$

(e)

Show that the maximum Bayes error possible is  $1 - \frac{1}{c}$ .

$$\max \epsilon[\psi^*] = 1 - \min E[\max_{i=0,1,\dots,c-1} \eta_i(X)] \quad (54)$$

also,

given

$$\eta_1(x) = \eta_2(x) = \dots = \eta_{c-1}(x)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{c-1} \eta_i(x) = 1$$

we can get that

$$\min \max \eta(X) = \frac{1}{c} \quad (55)$$

Combining Equation [54](#) and Equation [55](#) together, the maximum Bayes error is  $1 - \frac{1}{c}$

### Problem 2.7

Consider the following univariate Gaussian class-conditional densities:

$$p(x|Y=0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-3)^2}{2}\right)$$
$$p(x|Y=1) = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-4)^2}{18}\right)$$

Assume that the classes are equally likely, i.e.,  $P(Y=0) = P(Y=1) = \frac{1}{2}$

**(a)**

Draw the densities and determine the Bayes classifier graphically.

**(b)**

Determine the Bayes classifier.

**(c)**

Determine the specificity and sensitivity of the Bayes classifier.

Hint: use the standard Gaussian CDF  $\psi(x)$

Table 1: The definition of sensitivity and specificity from Braga-Neto (2020, 18)

Sensitivity	Specificity
$1 - \epsilon^1[\psi]$	$1 - \epsilon^0[\psi]$

**(d)**

Determine the overall Bayes error.

### Problem 2.9

Obtain the optimal decision boundary in the Gaussian model with  $P(Y=0) = P(Y=1)$  and

In each case draw the optimal decision boundary, along with the class means and class conditional density contours, indicating the 0- and 1-decision regions.

Since  $\Sigma_0 \neq \Sigma_1$  happens in the following subproblems, these are *heteroskedastic cases*. As mentioned in Braga-Neto (2020, sec. 2.5.2). The Bayes classifier is

$$\psi_Q^*(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x^T A x + b^T x + c > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (56)$$

where

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(\Sigma_0^{-1} - \Sigma_1^{-1}) \quad (57)$$

$$b = \Sigma_1^{-1} \mu_1 - \Sigma_0^{-1} \mu_0 \quad (58)$$

$$c = \frac{1}{2}(\mu_0^T \Sigma_0^{-1} \mu_0 - \mu_1^T \Sigma_1^{-1} \mu_1) + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\det(\Sigma_0)}{\det(\Sigma_1)} + \ln \frac{P(Y=1)}{P(Y=0)} \quad (59)$$

The following is the Python implementation with NumPy<sup>1</sup>.

```

1  def compose(U,D):
2      return U.transpose()@inv(D)@U
3
4  def mA(sigma0, sigma1):
5      sigma0_inv = inv(sigma0)
6      sigma1_inv = inv(sigma1)
7      return 0.5*(sigma0_inv - sigma1_inv)
8
9  def mb(sigma0, sigma1, mu0, mu1):
10     sigma0_inv = inv(sigma0)
11     sigma1_inv = inv(sigma1)
12     return sigma1_inv@mu1 - sigma0_inv@mu0
13
14  def mc(sigma0, sigma1, mu0, mu1, Py):
15     return 0.5*(compose(mu0, sigma0) - compose(mu1, sigma1)) +\
16         0.5*np.log(det(sigma0)/det(sigma1)) +\
17         np.log(Py/(1-Py))
18
19  def BayesBound(x, sigma0, sigma1, mu0, mu1, Py):
20     xax = x.transpose() @ mA(sigma0, sigma1)@x

```

<sup>1</sup>There is a well-written documentation for matrix operation: [https://numpy.org/doc/stable/user/absolute\\_beginners.html#creating-matrices](https://numpy.org/doc/stable/user/absolute_beginners.html#creating-matrices)

```

21     bx = mb(sigma0, sigma1, mu0, mu1).transpose() @ x
22     c = mc(sigma0, sigma1, mu0, mu1, Py)
23
24     return float(xax + bx + c)
25
26 class GaussianBayesClassifier:
27     def __init__(self, sigma0, sigma1, mu0, mu1, Py):
28         self.sigma0 = sigma0
29         self.sigma1 = sigma1
30         self.mu0 = mu0
31         self.mu1 = mu1
32         self.Py = Py
33
34         # Inferred Matrix
35         self.mA = mA(sigma0, sigma1)
36         self.mb = mb(sigma0, sigma1, mu0, mu1)
37         self.mc = mc(sigma0, sigma1, mu0, mu1, Py)
38
39     def BayesBound(self, x):
40         return BayesBound(x, self.sigma0, self.sigma1, self.mu0, self.mu1, self.Py)
41
42     def psi(self, x):
43         """
44         Bayes classification
45         """
46         pred = 0
47         if self.BayesBound(x) > 0:
48             pred = 1
49         return pred
50
51     def plot2D(self, psi_annotates=[[0.3,0.3], [0.7,0.7]]):
52         fig, ax = plt.subplots()
53
54         xlist = np.linspace(-3.5,3.5,30)
55         ylist = np.linspace(-3.5,3.5,30)
56         X, Y = np.meshgrid(xlist, ylist)
57         Z = np.zeros(X.shape)
58         for i in range(0, Z.shape[0]):
59             for j in range(0, Z.shape[1]):
60                 x = np.matrix([X[i,j], Y[i,j]]).T
61                 Z[i,j] = self.psi(x)

```

```

62     cmap = plt.get_cmap('Set1', 2)
63     CS = ax.contour(X,Y,Z, cmap=cmap, levels=[0.9])
64     ax.plot(self.mu0[0,0], self.mu0[1,0], marker="o", color="k",label="\mu_0$")
65     ax.plot(self.mu1[0,0], self.mu1[1,0], marker="o", color="gray",label="\mu_1$")
66     if psi_annotates==None:
67         psi_annotates = [[self.mu0[0,0], self.mu0[1,0]], [self.mu1[0,0], self.mu1[1,0]]
68
69     for ann in psi_annotates:
70         i = X[int(X.shape[0]*ann[0]), int(X.shape[1]*ann[1])]
71         j = Y[int(Y.shape[0]*ann[0]), int(Y.shape[1]*ann[1])]
72         x = np.matrix([i, j]).T
73         if self.psi(x) > 0:
74             ax.annotate("\psi^{*}(x) = 1$", (i, j))
75         else:
76             ax.annotate("\psi^{*}(x) = 0$", (i, j))
77
78     ax.set_xlabel("x")
79     ax.set_ylabel("y")
80     ax.legend()

```

**(a)**

$$\mu_0 = (0,0)^T, \mu_1 = (2,0)^T, \Sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \Sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

```

1  bc = GaussianBayesClassifier(np.matrix([[2,0],[0,1]]),\
2                               np.matrix([[2,0],[0,4]]),\
3                               np.matrix([0,0]).T,\
4                               np.matrix([2,0]).T, 0.5)
5  bc.plot2D()

```

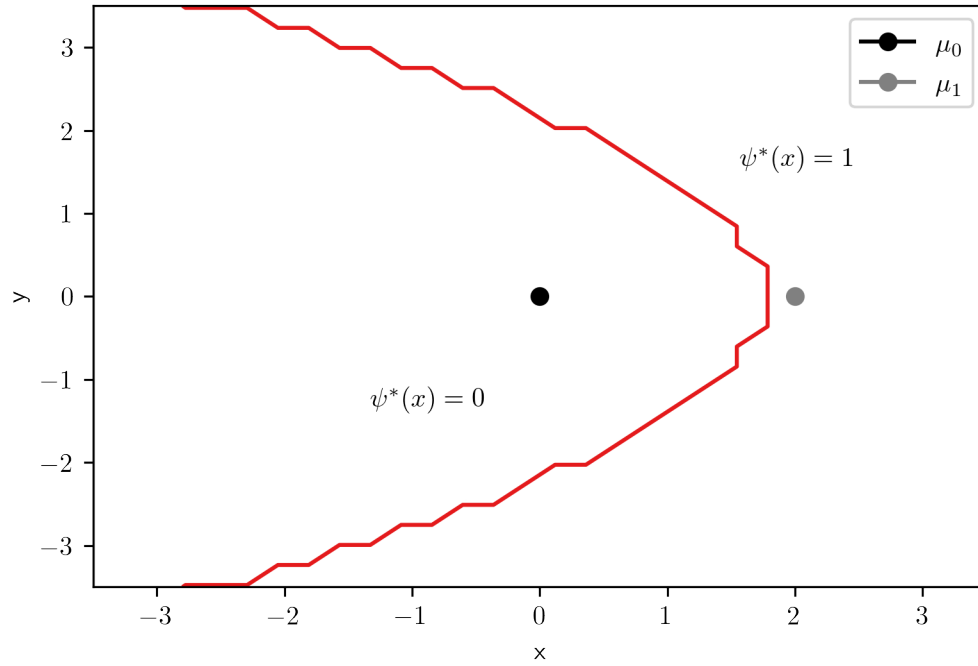


Figure 1: Bayes Classifier for 2D Gaussian (a)

(b)

$$\mu_0 = (0,0)^T, \mu_1 = (2,0)^T, \Sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \Sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

```

1 bc = GaussianBayesClassifier(np.matrix([[2,0],[0,1]]),\
2                               np.matrix([[4,0],[0,1]]),\
3                               np.matrix([0,0]).T,np.matrix([2,0]).T,\
4                               0.5)
5 bc.plot2D()
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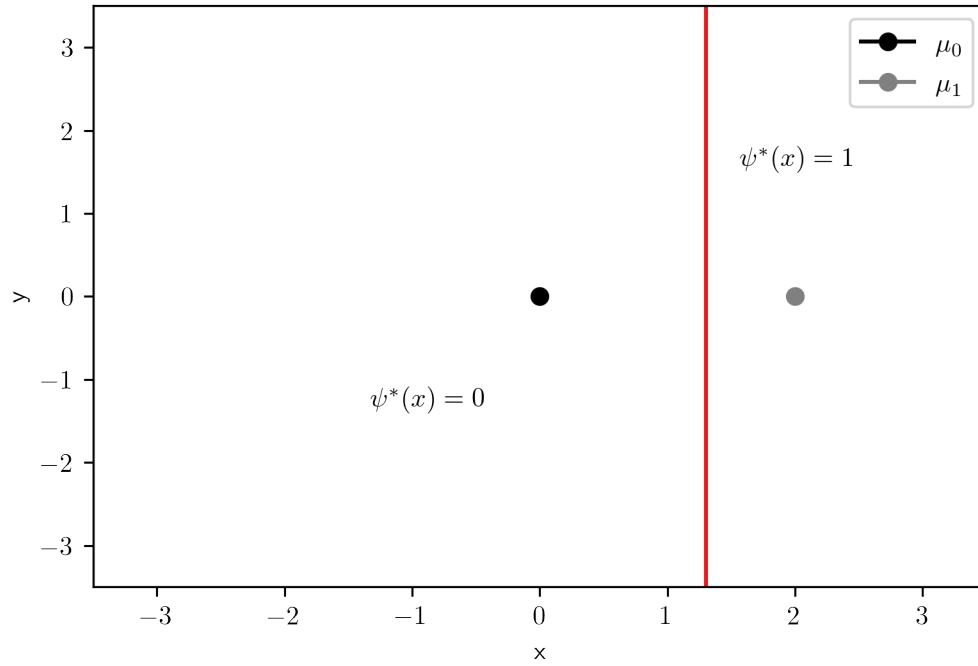


Figure 2: Bayes Classifier for 2D Gaussian (b)

(c)

$$\mu_0 = (0,0)^T, \mu_1 = (2,0)^T, \Sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \Sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

```

1 bc = GaussianBayesClassifier(np.matrix([[1,0],[0,1]]),\
2                               np.matrix([[2,0],[0,2]]),\
3                               np.matrix([0,0]).T,\
4                               np.matrix([0,0]).T,\
5                               0.5)
6 bc.plot2D(psi_annotates= [[0.4,0.3], [0.7,0.7]])

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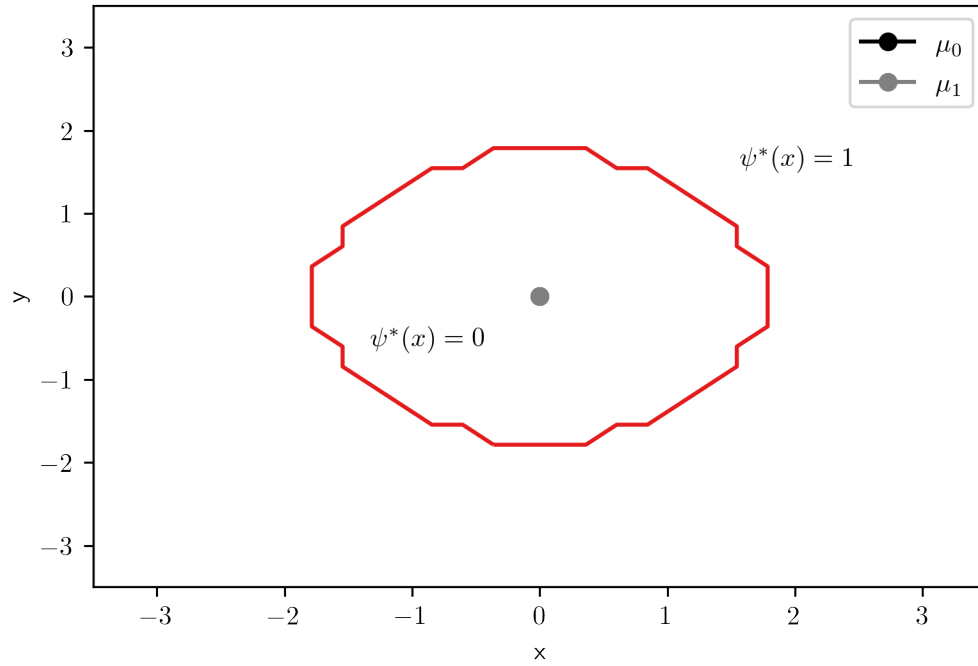


Figure 3: Bayes Classifier for 2D Gaussian (c)

(d)

$$\mu_0 = (0,0)^T, \mu_1 = (0,0)^T, \Sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \Sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

```

1 bc = GaussianBayesClassifier(np.matrix([[2,0],[0,1]]),\
2                               np.matrix([[1,0],[0,2]]),\
3                               np.matrix([0,0]).T,\
4                               np.matrix([0,0]).T,\
5                               0.5)
6 bc.plot2D(psi_annotates= [[0.3,0.4], [0.6,0.7]])

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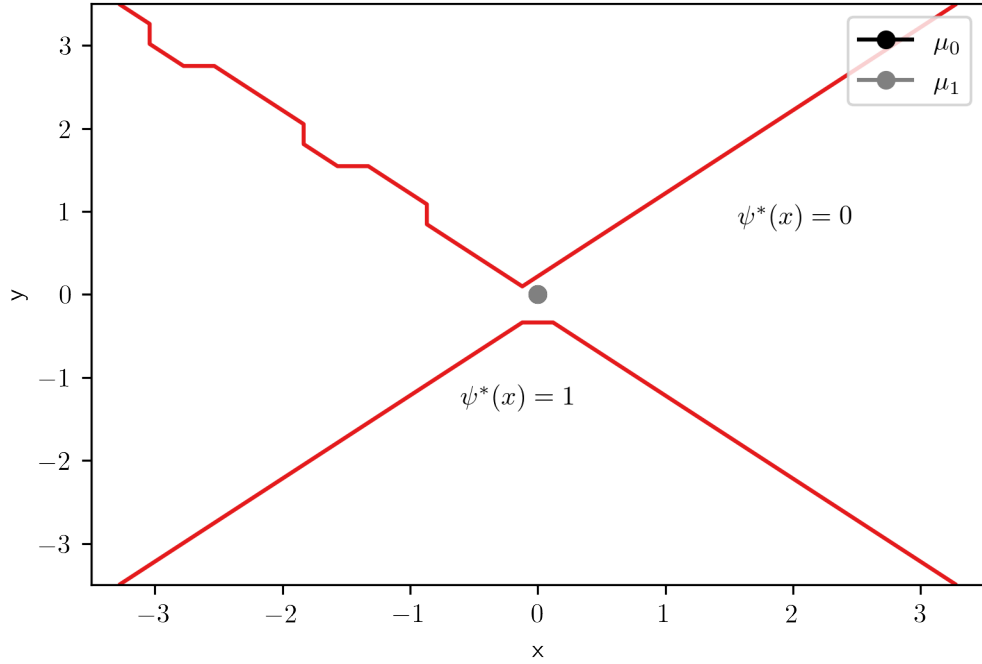


Figure 4: Bayes Classifier for 2D Gaussian (d)

### Python Assignment: Problem 2.17

This problem concerns the Gaussian model for synthetic data generation in Braga-Neto (2020, sec. A8.1).

(a)

Derive a general expression for the Bayes error for the homoskedastic case with  $\mu_0 = (0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $\mu_1 = (1, \dots, 1)$ , and  $P(Y = 0) = P(Y = 1)$ . Your answer should be in terms of  $k, \sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_k^2, l_1, \dots, l_k$ , and  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k$ .

Hint: Use the fact that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sigma & \cdots & \sigma \\ \sigma & 1 & \cdots & \sigma \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma & \sigma & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{l \times l}^{-1} = \frac{1}{(1-\sigma)(1+(l-1)\sigma)} \begin{bmatrix} 1+(l-2)\sigma & -\sigma \cdots -\sigma \\ -\sigma & 1+(l-2)\sigma & \cdots -\sigma \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\sigma & -\sigma & \cdots & 1+(l-2)\sigma \end{bmatrix} \quad (60)$$

(b)

Specialize the previous formula for equal-sized blocks  $l_1 = \cdots = l_k = l$  with equal correlations  $\sigma_1 = \cdots = \sigma_k = \sigma$ , and constant variance  $\sigma_1^2 = \cdots, \sigma_k^2 = \sigma^2$ . Write the resulting formula in terms of  $d, l, \sigma$  and  $\sigma$ .

i.

Using the python function `norm.cdf` in the `scipy.stats` module, plot the Bayes error as a function of  $\sigma \in [0.01, 3]$  for  $d = 20, l = 4$ , and four different correlation values  $\sigma = 0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75$  (plot one curve for each value). Confirm that the Bayes error increases monotonically with  $\sigma$  from 0 to 0.5 for each value of  $\sigma$ , and that Bayes error for large  $\sigma$  is uniformly larger than that for smaller  $\sigma$ . The latter fact shows that correlation between the features is detrimental to classification.

ii.

Plot the Bayes error as a function of  $d = 2, 4, 6, 8, \dots, 40$ , with fixed block size  $l = 4$  and variance  $\sigma^2 = 1$  and  $\sigma = 0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75$  (plot one curve for each value). Confirm that the Bayes error decreases monotonically to 0 with increasing dimensionality, with faster convergence for smaller correlation values.

iii.

Plot the Bayes error as a function of the correlation  $\sigma \in [0, 1]$  for constant variance  $\sigma^2 = 2$  and fixed  $d = 20$  with varying block size  $l = 1, 2, 4, 10$  (plot one curve for each value). Confirm that the Bayes error increases monotonically with increasing correlation. Notice that the rate of increase is particularly large near  $\sigma = 0$ , which shows that the Bayes error is very sensitive to correlation in the near-independent region.

## References

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