# 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

#### Problem 2.1

Suppose that X is a discrete feature vector, with distribution concentrated over a countable set  $D = \{x^1, x^2, ...\}$  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)

$$P(X \in E, Y = 0) = \int_{E} P(Y = 0)p(x|Y = 0)dx \tag{1}$$

$$P(X \in E, Y = 1) = \int_{E} P(Y = 1)p(x|Y = 1)dx \tag{2}$$

(3)

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

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

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

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

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

(8)

#### (2.4)

From Braga-Neto (2020, 17)

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

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

(11)

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

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

(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)
- (2.34)
- (2.36)

# Problem 2.3

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

(a)

Prove the "Zero-One Law" for perfect discrimination:

$$\epsilon^* = 0 \Leftrightarrow \eta(X) = 0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ with probability } 1.$$
 (15)

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

$$\psi^*(x) = \arg\max_i P(Y = i|X = x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \eta(x) > \frac{1}{2} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (16)

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

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

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

$$\epsilon^* = \epsilon[\psi^*(X)|X = x] \tag{17}$$

$$=I_{\psi^*(x)=0}P(Y=1|X=x)+I_{\psi^*(x)=1}P(Y=0|X=x)$$
(18)

$$= \underbrace{I_{\psi^*(x)=0}}_{=0} \underbrace{\eta(X)}_{=1} + \underbrace{I_{\psi^*(x)=1}}_{=1} \underbrace{(1-\eta(X))}_{=0}$$
(19)

$$=0 (20)$$

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

Similarly,

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

$$\epsilon^* = \epsilon[\psi^*(X)|X = x] \tag{21}$$

$$=I_{\psi^*(x)=0}P(Y=1|X=x)+I_{\psi^*(x)=1}P(Y=0|X=x) \tag{22}$$

$$= \underbrace{I_{\psi^*(x)=0}}_{=1} \underbrace{\eta(X)}_{=0} + \underbrace{I_{\psi^*(x)=1}}_{=0} \underbrace{(1-\eta(X))}_{=1}$$
(23)

$$=0 (24)$$

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

$$\eta(X) = Pr(Y = 1|X = x) = \begin{cases} 1, & f(X) = 1\\ 0, & f(X) = 0 \end{cases}$$
 (25)

The sceneraio is same as Problem 3.7 (a).

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

•  $\epsilon^* = 0$ 

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

$$\bullet \quad \epsilon^* = 0$$

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

$$P(\psi(X) \neq Y | X = x) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{c-1} I_{\psi(x)=i} \eta_i(x) = 1 - \eta_{\psi(x)}(x)$$
 (26)

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

$$P(\psi(X) = Y|X = x) + P(\psi(X) \neq Y|X = x) = 1$$
(27)

: We can derive the probability of error via

$$P(\psi(X) \neq Y | X = x) = 1 - P(\psi(X) = Y | X = x)$$
 (28)

$$=1-\sum_{i=0}^{c-1}P(\psi(x)=i,Y=i|X=x)$$
(29)

$$=1-\sum_{i=0}^{c-1}I_{\psi(x)=i}P(Y=i|X=x) \tag{30}$$

$$=1-\sum_{i=0}^{c-1}I_{\psi(x)=i}\eta_{i}(x) \tag{31}$$

Combining together, Equation 27 implies Equation 26.

(b)

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

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

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

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

$$\epsilon = E[\epsilon[\psi(x)|X=x]] \tag{32}$$

$$=1 - \int_{R^d} P(\psi(X) = Y | X = x) p(x) dx \tag{33}$$

$$=1-\sum_{i=0}^{c-1}\int_{R^d}p(\psi(X)=i,Y=i|X=x)p(x)dx \tag{34}$$

$$=1-\sum_{i=0}^{c-1}\int_{R^d}\underbrace{p(\psi(X)=i|X=x)}_{=1\text{ if }\{x|\psi(x)=i\};0,\text{ otherwise.}}p(Y=i|X=x)p(x)dx \tag{35}$$

$$=1-\sum_{i=0}^{c-1}\int_{\{x|\psi(x)=i\}}1\cdot p(Y=i|X=x)p(x)dx \tag{36}$$

$$=1-\sum_{i=0}^{c-1}\int_{\{x|\psi(x)=i\}}p(Y=i|X=x)p(x)dx \tag{37}$$

(c)

Prove that the Bayes classifier is given by

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

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

(d)

Show that the Bayes error is given by

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

(e)

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

#### Problem 2.7

Consider the following univariate Gaussian class-conditional densities:

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

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

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.

(a)

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

(b)

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

(c)

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

(d)

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

# 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 homosked astic 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

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

$$(38)$$

(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 increasese 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  $d=2,4,6,8,\ldots,40$ , 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

Braga-Neto, Ulisses. 2020. Fundamentals of Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning. Springer.