

# EECE 5644 Intro to Machine Learning Midterm

## Problem 1 - Maximum Likelihood Estimation

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	$B$	$B + 1$
$Y$	$1 - v$	$v$

-  $Y_1 = B + 1$  and  $P(Y_1) = v$   
-  $Y_2 = B$  and  $P(Y_2) = 1 - v$

$f(B|Y) = \frac{1-v}{v+1-v} = 1-v$   
 $f(B+1|Y) = \frac{v}{v+1-v} = v$

$f_{Y|B}(y|B) = \frac{P(B=y|y=B)P(y=B)}{\sum P(B=y|y=B)P(y=B)} = \frac{(1)(1-v)}{(1)(1-v) + (1)(v)} = \boxed{1-v}$

$f_{Y|B}(y|B) = \frac{P(B=y-1|y=B+1)P(y=B+1)}{\sum P(B=y-1|y=B+1)P(y=B+1)} = \frac{(1)(v)}{(1)(1-v) + (1)(v)} = \boxed{v}$

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$$p(Y|B) = \prod_{k=1}^n p(y_k|B)$$

$$\ell(B) = \prod_{k=1}^n f(y_k|B)$$

$$\hat{B} = \underset{B}{\operatorname{argmax}} \left( \prod_{k=1}^n f(y_k|B) \right) \text{ or can take log-likelihood}$$

$$\hat{B} = \underset{B}{\operatorname{argmax}} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \ln f(y_k|B) \right)$$

$$= \underset{B}{\operatorname{argmax}} (\ln(1-v), \ln(v))$$

$$= \underset{B}{\operatorname{argmax}} (\ln(3/4), \ln(1/4))$$

$$\hat{B} = 3/4$$

c.) Suppose that  $\{N_j\}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, D$  is an independent set of identically distributed Bernoulli trials, with  $P(N_j = 1) = v$ , and  $P(N_j = 0) = 1 - v$ . Both  $D$  and  $v$  are known, and suppose that  $Y_j = B + N_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, D$ . Note that the same realization of  $B$  is used for all  $Y_j$ , and that each  $Y_j$  equals  $B$  or  $B + 1$  independently for each index  $j$ . Show that  $Y_{\min} = \min\{Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, \dots, Y_D\}$  is sufficient to estimate  $B$  given the observation  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, \dots, Y_D$  (A statistic  $t(Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, \dots, Y_D)$  is sufficient for  $B$  if the likelihood function of  $B$  for the measurements  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, \dots, Y_D$  depends on the measurements only through  $t$ .)



A statistic  $t$  is said to be sufficient for  $B$  if  $p(Y_1, \dots, Y_n | t, B)$  is independent of  $B$ , think of  $B$  as random variable

$$\rightarrow p(B | t, Y_1, \dots, Y_n) = \frac{p(Y_1, \dots, Y_n | t, B) p(B | t)}{p(Y_1, \dots, Y_n | t)}$$

$\rightarrow t$  is sufficient for  $B$  iff  $p(Y_1, Y_n | B)$  can be factored into product of two functions

$\rightarrow$  1.) depending on  $t$  and  $B$

2.) another depending only on training samples

$\rightarrow$  Through Factorization Theorem, shift our attention away from  $p(Y_1, \dots, Y_n | t, B)$  to simpler function

$$p(Y_1, Y_n | B) = \prod_{k=1}^n p(y_k | B)$$

$$p(Y_{\min} | t, B) = \frac{p(Y_{\min}, t, B)}{p(t, B)}$$

$$= \frac{p(B | t, Y_{\min}) p(Y_{\min}, t)}{p(B | t) p(t)}$$

$$= \frac{p(B | t, Y_{\min}) p(Y_{\min} | t) \cancel{p(t)}}{p(B | t) p(t)}$$

$$= \frac{p(B | t, Y_{\min}) p(Y_{\min} | t)}{p(B | t)}$$



pdf of  $B$  determined by sufficient statistic which implies that  
 $p(B|t, Y_{\min}) = p(B|t)$

$$\begin{aligned} p(Y_{\min}|t, B) &= \frac{p(B|t, Y_{\min}) p(Y_{\min}|t)}{p(B|t)} \\ &= \frac{p(B|t) p(Y_{\min}|t)}{p(B|t)} \end{aligned}$$

$$p(Y_{\min}|t, B) = p(Y_{\min}|t)$$

which doesn't depend on  $B$  thus  $Y_{\min}$  is sufficient to estimate  $B$  because it is independent of  $B$

d.) The likelihood function for  $B$  given  $Y_{\min}$  is  $f(y_{\min}|B) = 1 - v^D$  for  $y_{\min} = B$ , and  $f(y_{\min}|B) = v^D$  for  $y_{\min} = B + 1$ . Find the maximum likelihood estimator for  $B$  given  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, \dots, Y_D$ .

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$$f(y_{\min}|B) = v^D \text{ for } y_{\min} = B + 1.$$

→ Find the maximum likelihood estimator for  $B$  given  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_D$

$$\hat{B} = \underset{B}{\operatorname{argmax}} \ell(B)$$

$$= \underset{B}{\operatorname{argmax}} (\ln f(y_{\min} = B|B), \ln f(y_{\min} = B+1|B))$$

$$\boxed{\hat{B} = \underset{B}{\operatorname{argmax}} (\ln(1 - v^D), \ln(v^D))}$$

## Problem 2 - Bayesian Estimation

Suppose  $\{Y_j\}$  are defined as in Problem 1. Additionally, it is known that parameter  $B$  has a probability density function  $f_B(b) = e^{-b}$  for  $b \geq 0$ .



a.) Using the prior density of  $B$  only, what is an estimator of  $B$ ? Provide an explanation of your choice of estimator.

using only the prior density, a good estimator for  $B$  would be the expected value of the prior distribution.  
 recognizing that  $\lambda = 1$  is the distribution  $e^{-b} \rightarrow \lambda e^{-\lambda b}$

$$E[f_B] = \int_0^{\infty} b e^{-b} db$$

$$= -b e^{-b} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-b} db$$

$$= [0 - e^{-b}] \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$B = -e^{-\infty} + e^0 \Rightarrow \boxed{B=1}$$

b.) Using the given information in 1d.), as well as the prior distribution, what is the Maximum a Posterior of  $B$  given  $\{Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, \dots, Y_D\}$ ? Explain your answer carefully, providing all calculations.

The maximum a posterior estimator of  $B$  given  $\{Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_D\}$  would be derived by solving for the derivative of the joint density  $f(y, B) = f(y|B) f(B)$

$$L(B, y) = \sum_{k=1}^n \ln f(y_k|B) + \ln f(B)$$

$$\hat{B} = \frac{d}{dB} [\ln(y_{\min} = B|B) + \ln(y_{\min} = B+1|B) + \ln(f_B(b))]$$

Taking the derivative w.r.t  $B$  would translate to where the slope = 0 thus would be the maximum a posterior probability estimate of  $B$

$$\hat{B} = \frac{d}{dB} [\ln(1-v^D) + \ln(v^D) + \ln(e^{-B})] = 0$$

### Problem 3 - Bayesian Classification

Consider the binary Bayesian classification problem.

Let class 1 have prior probability  $1/3$  and class 2 have prior  $2/3$ . Suppose that we have uniform costs. Let the measurement  $x$  have density  $f_1(x) = Ke^{-x}$ , for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and 0 otherwise under class 1. Suppose that the measurement  $x$  has density  $f_2(x) = Ke^{-(1-x)}$ , for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and 0 otherwise under class 2

**a.) Find the Bayesian optimal classifier in this case. Completely specify the decision region for class 1 using the x-axis. Simplify your decision rule as much as possible.**

First, we start by finding the values of  $K$  that normalize the densities  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(x)$ . Starting first for  $f_1(x)$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} K_1 e^{-x} dx = 1 \rightarrow K_1 \int_0^1 e^{-x} dx = 1$$

$$K_1(-e^{-x}) \Big|_0^1 = 1 \rightarrow K_1(-e^{-1} + 1) = 1$$

$$K_1 = 1/(1 - e^{-1}) \rightarrow K_1 = 1.582$$

Now, for  $f_2(x)$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} K_2 e^{-(1-x)} dx = 1 \rightarrow K_2 \int_0^1 e^{-(1-x)} dx = 1$$

$$\frac{K_2}{e}(e^x) \Big|_0^1 = 1 \rightarrow \frac{K_2}{e}(e + 1) = 1$$

$$K_2 = e/(e - 1) \rightarrow K_2 = 1.582$$

Thus,  $K_1 = K_2 = 1.582$

Using uniform costs and filling values for the known priors, the Bayesian optimal classifier can be defined as:

$$\frac{p(x|\omega_1)}{p(x|\omega_2)} > \frac{P(\omega_2) \lambda_{12} - \lambda_{22}}{P(\omega_1) \lambda_{21} - \lambda_{11}} \rightarrow \frac{p(x|\omega_1)}{p(x|\omega_2)} > \frac{2/3 \cdot 1 - 0}{1/3 \cdot 1 - 0} \rightarrow \frac{p(x|\omega_1)}{p(x|\omega_2)} > 2$$

$$\frac{p(x|\omega_1)}{p(x|\omega_2)} > 2 \rightarrow \text{Decide } \omega_1 \rightarrow \text{Class 1 and } \frac{p(x|\omega_1)}{p(x|\omega_2)} < 2 \rightarrow \text{Decide } \omega_2 \rightarrow \text{Class 2}$$

Which, the likelihood ratio evaluates to:

$$\frac{p(x|\omega_1)}{p(x|\omega_2)} > 2 \rightarrow \frac{K_1}{K_2} e^{-x+(1-x)} > 2 \rightarrow e^{-2x+1} > 2$$

So, when the Likelihood ratio  $e^{-2x+1} > 2$ , we decide  $\omega_1$  else we decide  $\omega_2$

The decision region for Class 1 can be found by equating the distributions and priors and solving for the boundary  $x_0$ :

$$p(x_0|\omega_1)P(\omega_1) = p(x_0|\omega_2)P(\omega_2)$$

$$\ln p(x_0|\omega_1) + \ln P(\omega_1) = \ln p(x_0|\omega_2) + \ln P(\omega_2)$$

$$-x_0 + \ln(1/3) = -1 + x_0 + \ln(2/3)$$

$$2x_0 = 1 + \ln(1/3) - \ln(2/3)$$

$$x_0 = \frac{1 + \ln(1/3) - \ln(2/3)}{2}$$

$$x_0 = 0.1534$$

Thus, the decision region for class 1 will be between  $0 \leq x < 0.1534$

**b.) Find an expression for the probability of error of the Bayesian optimal classifier. Simplify your result as much as possible**

The expression for the probability of error for the Bayesian optimal classifier can be expressed as:

$$p_e = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \min[p(\omega_1|x), p(\omega_2|x)]p(x)dx$$

Simplifier further using the bounds of the distributions and definitions of the posterior probabilities:

$$p_e = \int_0^1 \min[p(\omega_1|x), p(\omega_2|x)]p(x)dx$$

$$p_e = \int_0^1 \min\left[\frac{p(x|\omega_1)P(\omega_1)}{p(x)}, \frac{p(x|\omega_2)P(\omega_2)}{p(x)}\right]p(x)dx$$

$$p_e = \int_0^1 \min[p(x|\omega_1)P(\omega_1), p(x|\omega_2)P(\omega_2)]dx$$

This can be simplified even further by using the decision boundary to solve for the min probability error by:

$$p_e = \int_0^{x_0} p(x|\omega_2)P(\omega_2)dx + \int_{x_0}^1 p(x|\omega_1)P(\omega_1)dx$$

$$p_e = \frac{2K_2}{3e} \int_0^{0.1528} e^x dx + \frac{K_1}{3} \int_{0.1528}^1 e^{-x} dx$$

$$p_e = \frac{2K_2}{3e} e^x \Big|_0^{0.1528} + \frac{K_1}{3} e^{-x} \Big|_{0.1528}^1$$

$$p_e = \frac{2K_2}{3e} (e^{0.1528} - 1) + \frac{K_1}{3} (e^{-1} - e^{-0.1528})$$

$$p_e = 0.3227$$

Thus, the min  $P(\text{error}) = 0.3227$

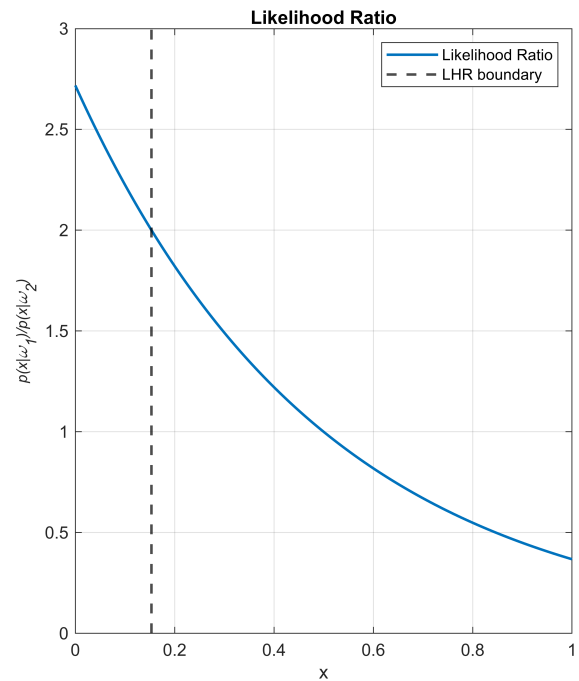
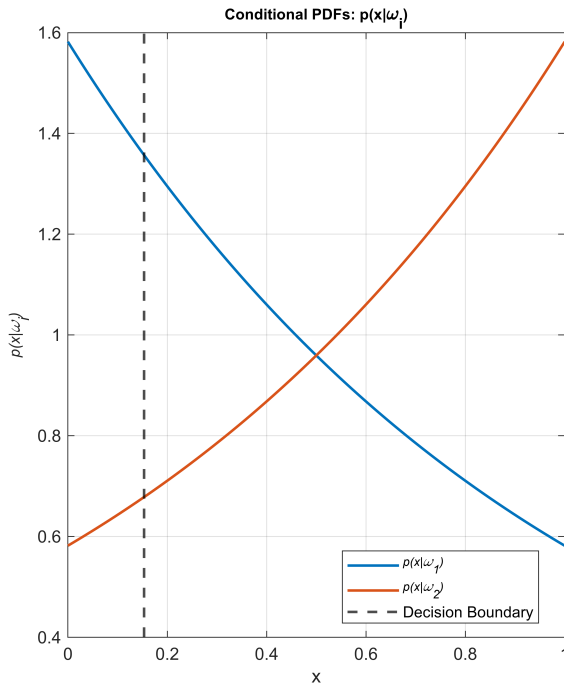
## Double Checking Calculations in MATLAB

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Pw1 = 1/3;
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Pw2 = 2/3;
K = 1/(1-exp(-1))
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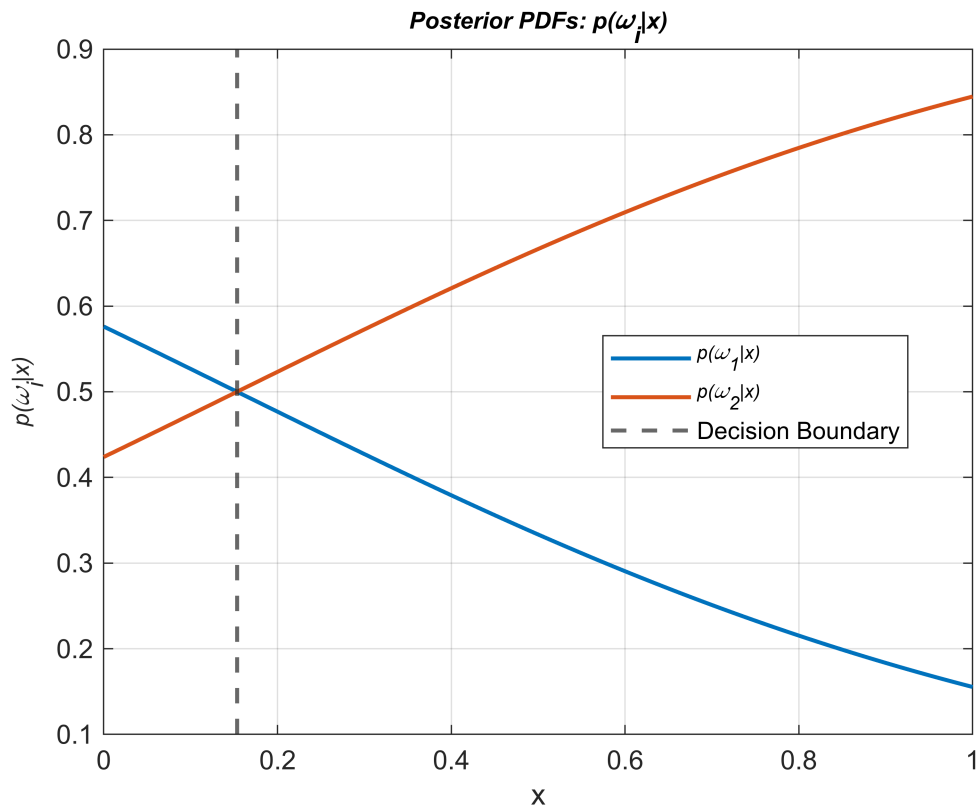
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K = 1.5820
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x = 0:0.001:1;
x0 = (1+log(Pw1)-log(Pw2))/2;
pxw1 = K*exp(-x);
pxw2 = K*exp(-(1-x));
likelihoodRatio = pxw1./pxw2;
figure('Units','inches','Position',[0,0,12,6]);
subplot(1,2,1),plot(x,pxw1,'LineWidth',1.5), hold on, title('Conditional PDFs: p(x|\omega_i)')
plot(x,pxw2,'LineWidth',1.5), xlabel('\it{x}'), ylabel('\it{p(x|\omega_i)}'), grid on
xline(x0,'k--','LineWidth',1.5),hold off, legend('\it{p(x|\omega_1)}','\it{p(x|\omega_2)}','Decision Boundary')
subplot(1,2,2),plot(x,likelihoodRatio,'LineWidth',1.5), grid on, xlabel('\it{x}'), ylabel('\it{p(x|\omega_1)/p(x|\omega_2)}')
hold on, xline(x0,'k--','LineWidth',1.5), title('Likelihood Ratio'), legend('Likelihood Ratio','LHR boundary')
xlim([0 1])
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px = pxw1.*Pw1 + pxw2.*Pw2;
pw1x = (pxw1.*Pw1)./px;
pw2x = (pxw2.*Pw2)./px;
figure
plot(x,pw1x,'LineWidth',1.5), hold on, plot(x,pw2x,'LineWidth',1.5), grid on, xline(x0,'--','Location','best')
xlabel('\it{x}'), ylabel('\it{p(\omega_i|x)}'), title('Posterior PDFs: \it{p(\omega_i|x)}')
legend('\it{p(\omega_1|x)}','\it{p(\omega_2|x)}', 'Decision Boundary','Location','best')
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% Min P(error)
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pe = Pw2*(K/exp(1))*(exp(x0)-1)- (K*Pw1)*(exp(-1)-exp(-x0))
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pe = 0.3227
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