

## 8. Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)

- Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) is another ML technique for Binary classification problem, which relies on the concept of Discriminant.
- This technique is also called as Gaussian Discriminant Analysis (GDA).

What are Discriminant Functions ?

Consider a classifier built using  $L$  functions

$$g_i(\vec{x}), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, L.$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{g_1(\vec{x}), g_2(\vec{x}), \dots, g_L(\vec{x})}_{L \text{ Discriminant functions}}$$

The input / feature vector  $\vec{x}$  is assigned to class  $l$  if

$$g_l(\vec{x}) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq L} g_i(\vec{x})$$

(i) Assign class  $l$  for which discriminant function is maximum.

(ii) Evaluate each discriminant function for  $\vec{x}$

(iii)  $g_i(\vec{x})$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, L$  and assign the class  $l$  corresponding to which the discriminant function is maximum.

If  $L = 2$ , implies Binary classification.

Then  $g_i(\vec{x})$  are termed as Discriminant functions.

To understand LDA, we start with a Gaussian Density corresponding to a Gaussian Random variable.

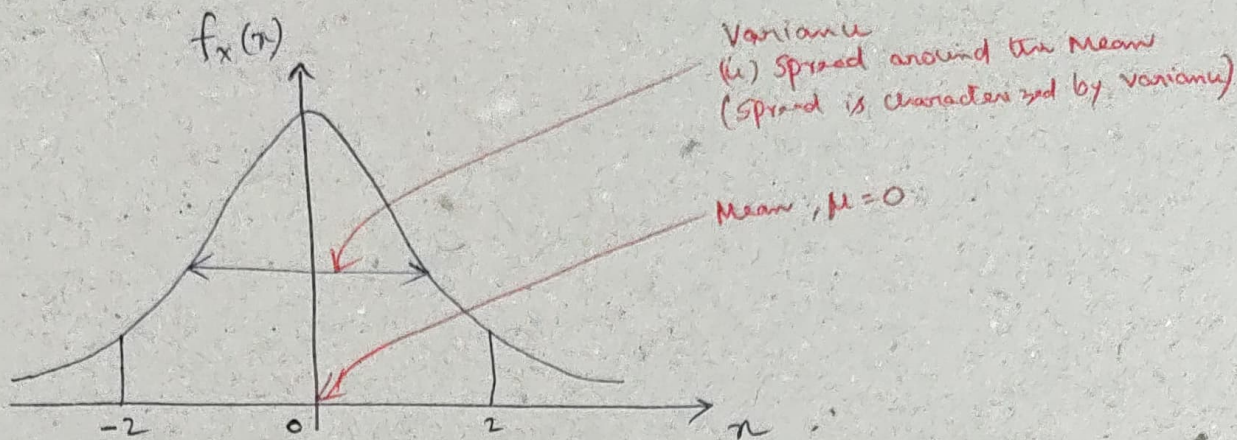
Recall, the expression for the Gaussian PDF is

$$f_x(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2}$$



where,  $\mu = E\{X\} = \text{Mean}$

$\sigma^2 = E\{(X-\mu)^2\} = \text{Variance}$



Plot: Gaussian Density Function / Normal Probability density

### Multivariate Gaussian Density

Gaussian Random Vector is a collection of Gaussian Random Variable. Recall, the PDF of a Gaussian Random vector

$\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix}$  is given as

Feature vector

N components / N Features

$$f_{\bar{x}}(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N |R|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\bar{x}-\bar{\mu})^T R^{-1}(\bar{x}-\bar{\mu})}$$

where,  $\bar{\mu} \rightarrow$  Mean, which is a vector.

$R \rightarrow$  Covariance Matrix.

$|R| \rightarrow$  Determinant of  $R$ .

The Mean and covariance matrix are defined as

$$\bar{\mu} = E[\bar{x}] = E\left\{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix}\right\} = \begin{bmatrix} E\{x_1\} \\ \vdots \\ E\{x_N\} \end{bmatrix} = \text{Mean}$$

$$R = E\{(\bar{x}-\bar{\mu})(\bar{x}-\bar{\mu})^T\} = \text{Covariance Matrix.}$$



Example :

Find multivariate Gaussian PDF, given Mean  $\bar{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  
Covariance Matrix,  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $N=2$

$$|R| = 7 - 4 = 3.$$

$$R^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})^T = [x_1 - 1 \quad x_2 - 2]$$

$$\bar{x} - \bar{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - 1 \\ x_2 - 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})^T R^{-1} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}) = [x_1 - 1 \quad x_2 - 2] \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - 1 \\ x_2 - 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (x_1^2 + 7x_2^2 + 6x_1 - 2x_2 - 4x_1x_2 + 21)$$

Therefore, the Multivariate Gaussian PDF,

$$f_{\bar{x}}(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N |R|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})^T R^{-1} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})}$$

$$f_{\bar{x}}(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12\pi^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{6} (x_1^2 + 7x_2^2 + 6x_1 - 2x_2 - 4x_1x_2 + 21)}$$

This is the Multivariate Gaussian PDF for the given example.

### Gaussian Discriminant Analysis (GDA)

Consider the input vectors  $\bar{x}$  drawn from two Gaussian classes.

$C_0$  : Mean  $\bar{\mu}_0$  and Covariance  $R$

$C_1$  : Mean  $\bar{\mu}_1$  and Covariance  $R$ .



Given a vector  $\bar{x}$ , the class which has the larger value of the probability density, has the higher likelihood. So, PDF can be used as a likelihood function.

Thus, the likelihoods of two classes are

$$P(\bar{x}; C_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |R|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}_0)^T R^{-1} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}_0)}$$

$$P(\bar{x}; C_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |R|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}_1)^T R^{-1} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}_1)}$$

Now, choose the class that maximizes the likelihood.

(ii) ML Rule / ML Classifier.

Therefore, choose  $C_0$  if

$$P(\bar{x}; C_0) \geq P(\bar{x}; C_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |R|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}_0)^T R^{-1} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}_0)} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |R|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}_1)^T R^{-1} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}_1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}_0)^T R^{-1} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}_0) \leq (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}_1)^T R^{-1} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}_1)$$

due to '-ve' sign in the exponent

The discriminant function can be simplified as

$$\text{choose } C_0 : \bar{x}^T (\bar{x} - \tilde{\mu}) \geq 0$$

$$\text{choose } C_1 : \bar{x}^T (\bar{x} - \tilde{\mu}) < 0$$

$$\text{where, } \tilde{\mu} = \frac{\bar{\mu}_0 + \bar{\mu}_1}{2} \quad \leftarrow \text{Mid point of both classes}$$

$$\bar{x} = R^{-1} (\bar{\mu}_0 - \bar{\mu}_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow C_0 : (\bar{\mu}_0 - \bar{\mu}_1)^T R^{-1} \left( \bar{x} - \frac{\bar{\mu}_0 + \bar{\mu}_1}{2} \right) \geq 0$$

$$C_1 : (\bar{\mu}_0 - \bar{\mu}_1)^T R^{-1} \left( \bar{x} - \frac{\bar{\mu}_0 + \bar{\mu}_1}{2} \right) < 0$$

aka  
Linear  
Classifier.



Thus, the classifier is LINEAR. It is characterized by the hyperplane.

$$\bar{h}^T (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n \geq b$$

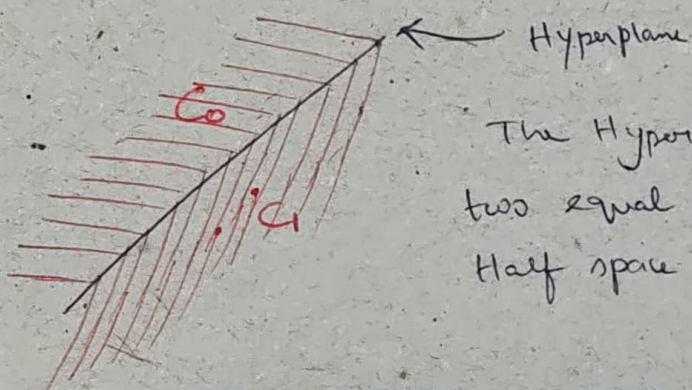
Example:

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 \geq -7 \quad \leftarrow \text{Two Dimensions (LINE)}$$

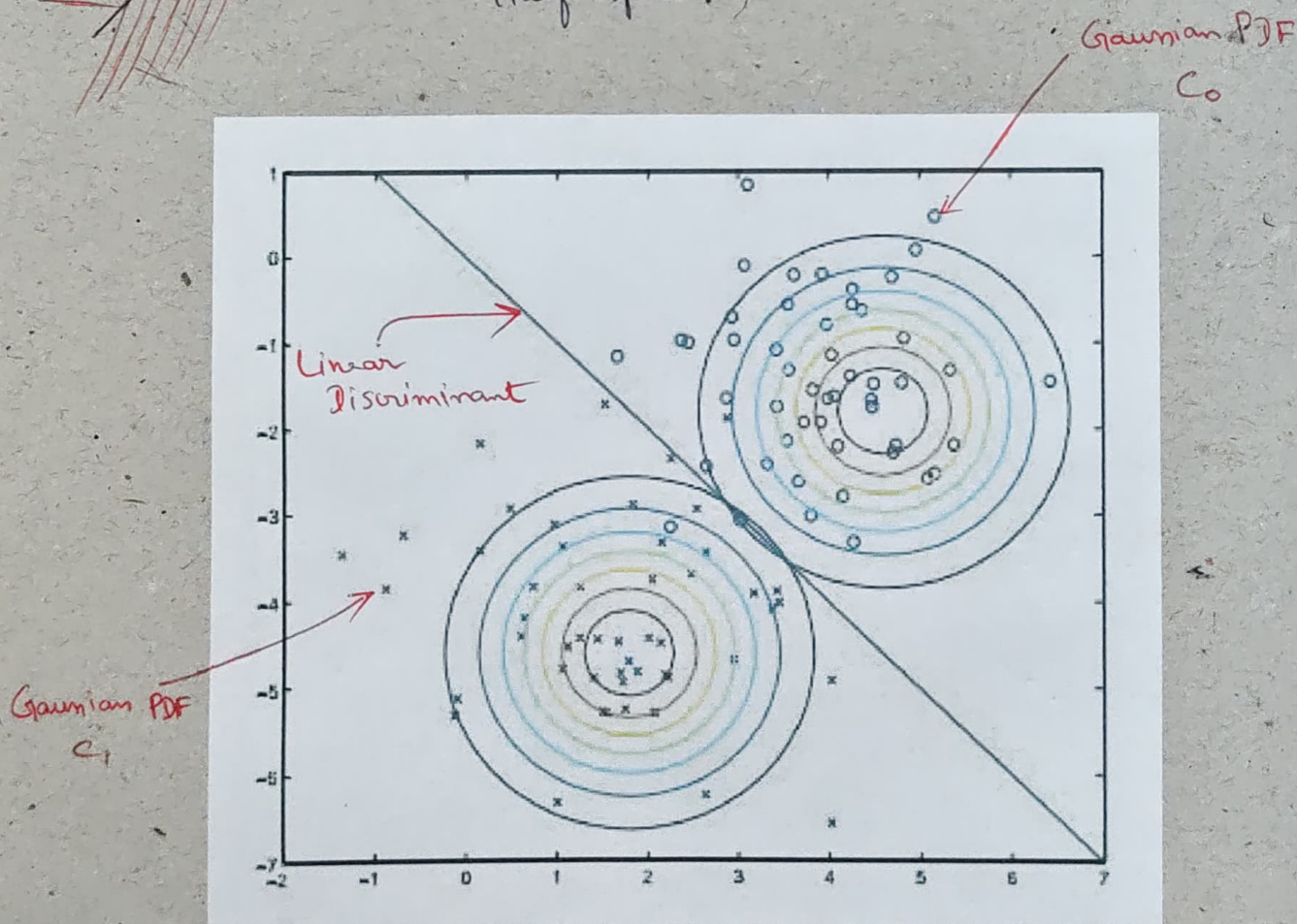
$$7x_1 - 8x_2 + 17x_3 \geq -2 \quad \leftarrow \text{Three Dimensions (PLANE)}$$

For N Dimensions : HYPERPLANE.

$\bar{h}^T (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})$  is Linear. Since the Discriminant function is Linear, hence termed as "Linear Discriminant Analysis".



The Hyperplane divides the space into two equal parts, each of which is a Half space.





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### Special case of LDA / GDA

Consider the special case of Covariance Matrix,  $R = \sigma^2 I$

(u)  $R \propto$  Identity Matrix

It follows that,

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x} &= R^{-1} (\bar{\mu}_0 - \bar{\mu}_1) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{\sigma^2}} I (\bar{\mu}_0 - \bar{\mu}_1) \\ &\equiv \bar{\mu}_0 - \bar{\mu}_1\end{aligned}$$

*Constant* points to the boxed  $\frac{1}{\sigma^2}$

Recall, the Hyperplane reduces to

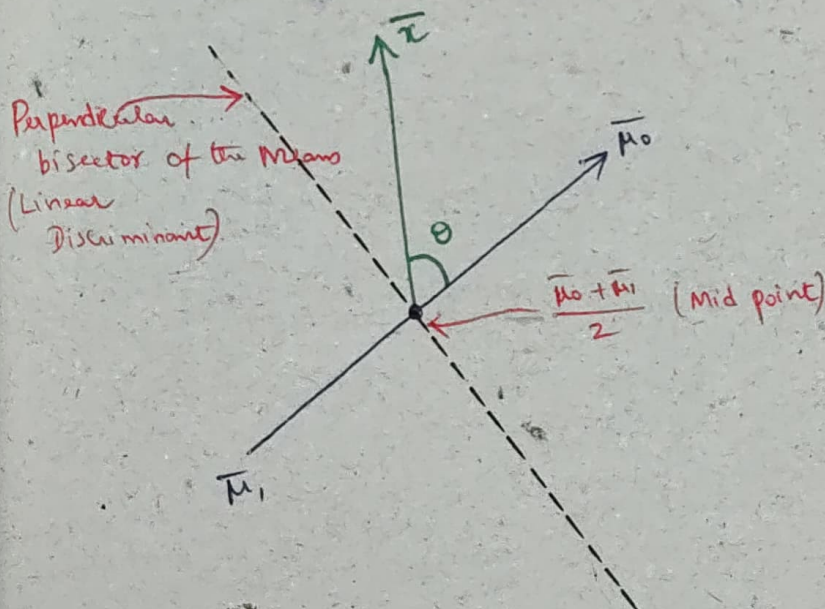
Choose  $C_0$  :  $\bar{x}^T (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}) \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow (\bar{\mu}_0 - \bar{\mu}_1)^T \left( \bar{x} - \frac{\bar{\mu}_0 + \bar{\mu}_1}{2} \right) \geq 0.$$

where,  $\bar{\mu}_0 - \bar{\mu}_1 \rightarrow$  vector from  $\bar{\mu}_1$  to  $\bar{\mu}_0$

$\bar{x} - \frac{\bar{\mu}_0 + \bar{\mu}_1}{2} \rightarrow$  vector from  $\frac{\bar{\mu}_0 + \bar{\mu}_1}{2}$  to  $\bar{x}$

$(\bar{\mu}_0 - \bar{\mu}_1)^T \left( \bar{x} - \frac{\bar{\mu}_0 + \bar{\mu}_1}{2} \right) \rightarrow$  Dot product between vectors  $(\bar{\mu}_0 - \bar{\mu}_1)$  and  $\left( \bar{x} - \frac{\bar{\mu}_0 + \bar{\mu}_1}{2} \right)$ .





It can be seen that

$$(\bar{\mu}_0 - \bar{\mu}_1)^T \left( \bar{x} - \frac{\bar{\mu}_0 + \bar{\mu}_1}{2} \right) \geq 0$$

when  $-90^\circ \leq \theta \leq 90^\circ$

Dot product b/w  $\bar{a}$  and  $\bar{b}$

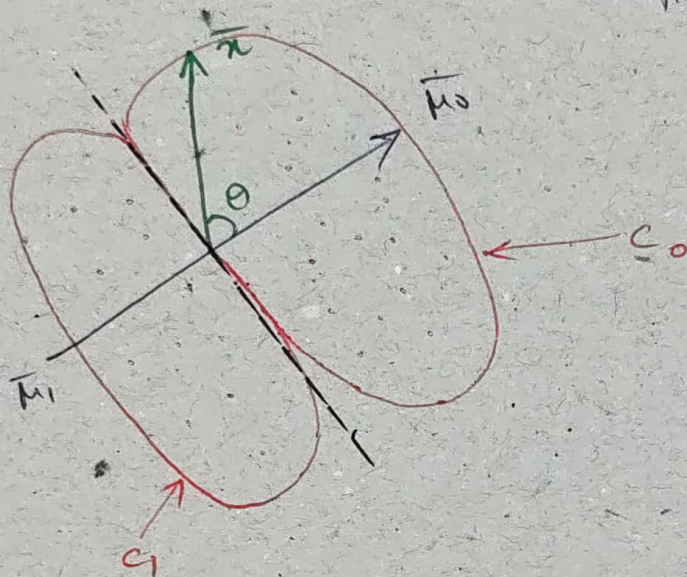
$$\Rightarrow \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}^T \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\bar{a}\| \|\bar{b}\| \cos \theta \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -90^\circ \leq \theta \leq 90^\circ$$

- (ii) All the points lying on one side of the perpendicular bisector towards the side of  $\bar{\mu}_0$  will be classified as  $C_0$ .  
And, all the points that are lying on the other side of the perpendicular bisector will be classified as  $C_1$ .



Thus, the Hyperplane is the perpendicular bisector of the Means  $\bar{\mu}_0$  and  $\bar{\mu}_1$ .

### Example :

Consider the Gaussian Classification Problem, where the two classes  $C_0, C_1$  are distributed as

$$C_0 \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 \end{bmatrix} \right), C_1 \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

What is the Linear Discriminant Classifier?

$\bar{\mu}_0$

$R$

$\bar{\mu}_1$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 \end{bmatrix}, R^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$



① Calculate  $\bar{h}$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{h} &= R^{-1}(\bar{\mu}_0 - \bar{\mu}_1) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \left( \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

② Further, calculate  $\tilde{\mu}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mu} &= \frac{\bar{\mu}_0 + \bar{\mu}_1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

③ The classifier chooses  $C_0$  if

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{h}^T (x - \tilde{\mu}) &\geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow [-6 \ 4] \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) &\geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow -6x_1 + 4x_2 + 3 - 6 &\geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow -6x_1 + 4x_2 &\geq 3.\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the Linear Discriminant classifier is given by

choose  $C_0$  if  $6x_1 - 4x_2 \leq -3$

choose  $C_1$  if  $6x_1 - 4x_2 > -3$ .