

# CS 274A Homework 6

Probabilistic Learning: Theory and Algorithms, CS 274A, Winter 2014

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**Solution to Problem 1, Part 1**

Using Bayes rule we need to compute the following

$$p(c_1|x) = \frac{p(x|c_1)p(c_1)}{p(x|c_1)p(c_1) + p(x|c_2)p(c_2)}$$

Find when that is equal to 0.5 as that is the decision boundary. This occurs when

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{p(x|c_2)p(c_2)}{p(x|c_1)p(c_1)}}$$

It thus occurs when

$$\frac{p(x|c_2)p(c_2)}{p(x|c_1)p(c_1)} = 1$$

This is the same as

$$\frac{p(x|c_2)}{p(x|c_1)} = \frac{p(c_1)}{p(c_2)}$$

Let

$$K_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma_1 \sqrt{2\pi}}$$

$$K_2 = \frac{1}{\sigma_2 \sqrt{2\pi}}$$

$$f_1(x) = \frac{(x - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2}$$

$$f_2(x) = \frac{(x - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2}$$

We now have to solve the following

$$\frac{K_2 \cdot e^{-f_2(x)/2}}{K_1 \cdot e^{-f_1(x)/2}} = \frac{p(c_1)}{p(c_2)}$$

Let

$$Q = \frac{p(c_1)K_1}{p(c_2)K_2} = \frac{p(c_1)\sigma_2}{p(c_2)\sigma_1}$$

Then we have to solve the following

$$\frac{e^{-f_2(x)/2}}{e^{-f_1(x)/2}} = Q$$

$$e^{f_1(x) - f_2(x)} = Q^2$$

$$f_1(x) - f_2(x) = 2\log(Q)$$

$$\frac{(x - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - \frac{(x - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} = 2\log(Q)$$

Let  $S = 2\log(Q)\sigma_2^2\sigma_1^2$  then it holds that

$$\sigma_2^2(x - \mu_1)^2 - \sigma_1^2(x - \mu_2)^2 = S$$

Expanding and then collecting terms together we get

$$x^2(\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2) + 2x(\mu_1\sigma_2^2 - \mu_2\sigma_1^2) + (\sigma_1^2\mu_2^2 - \sigma_2^2\mu_1^2 - S) = 0$$

We now let

$$a = \sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1^2$$

$$b = 2(\mu_2\sigma_1^2 - \mu_1\sigma_2^2)$$

$$c = \sigma_2^2\mu_1^2 - \sigma_1^2\mu_2^2 - S$$

Then the solutions are the roots of the quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  which are as follows

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

## Solution to Problem 1, Part 2

For this problem we will be using

$$p(x|c_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

$$p(x|c_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-3)^2}{6}}$$

To get the decision boundaries we will solve the quadratic equation with

$$a = 2$$

$$b = 6$$

$$Q = \sqrt{3}$$

$$S = 2\log(Q)3 = 3\log(3)$$

$$c = -9 - 3\log(3)$$

After putting this all into Matlab, we end up with the following plot

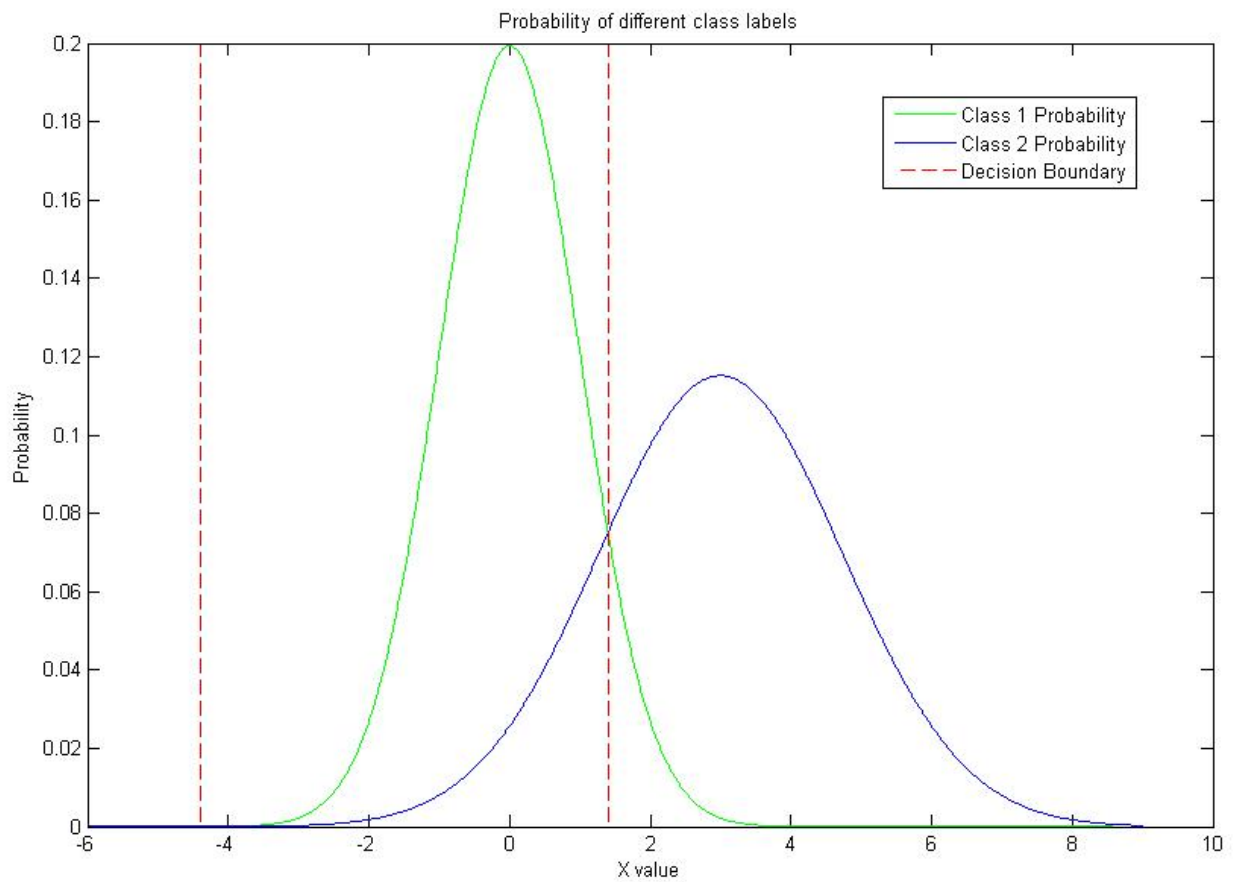


Figure 1: Probability of Class Labels with decision boundaries marked

**Solution to Problem 1, Part 3**

For this case, if we let  $a$  and  $b$  be the decision boundaries and  $E$  be the error, then

$$E = \int_{-\infty}^a p(c_1|x)p(x) dx + \int_a^b p(c_2|x)p(x) dx + \int_b^{\infty} p(c_1|x)p(x) dx$$

For our case we can simplify this to

$$E = \int_{-\infty}^a p(x|c_1)p(c_1) dx + \int_a^b p(x|c_2)p(c_2) dx + \int_b^{\infty} p(x|c_1)p(c_1) dx$$

$$E = 0.5 \left( \int_{-\infty}^a p(x|c_1) dx + \int_a^b p(x|c_2) dx + \int_b^{\infty} p(x|c_1) dx \right)$$

For this case, according to the Matlab computation, we have  $a = -4.3979$  and  $b = 1.3979$ .

According to Wolfram Alpha

$$\int_{-\infty}^a p(x|c_1) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{-4.3979} e^{-x^2/2} dx = \frac{0.0000136991}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = 5.46515 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$\int_a^b p(x|c_2) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6\pi}} \int_{-4.3979}^{1.3979} e^{-(x-3)^2/6} dx = \frac{0.77055}{\sqrt{6\pi}} = 0.177480$$

$$\int_b^{\infty} p(x|c_1) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{1.3979}^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2} dx = \frac{0.203216}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = 0.0810715$$

Summing these three together we get the following estimate

$$E = 0.1293$$

### Solution to Problem 1, Part 4

To get the decision boundaries we will solve the quadratic equation with

$$a = 2$$

$$b = 6$$

$$Q = 9\sqrt{3}$$

$$S = 2\log(Q)3 = 6\log(Q) = 6\log(9\sqrt{3}) = 12\log(3) + 3\log(3) = 15\log(3)$$

$$c = -9 - 15\log(3)$$

After putting this all into Matlab, we end up with the following plot

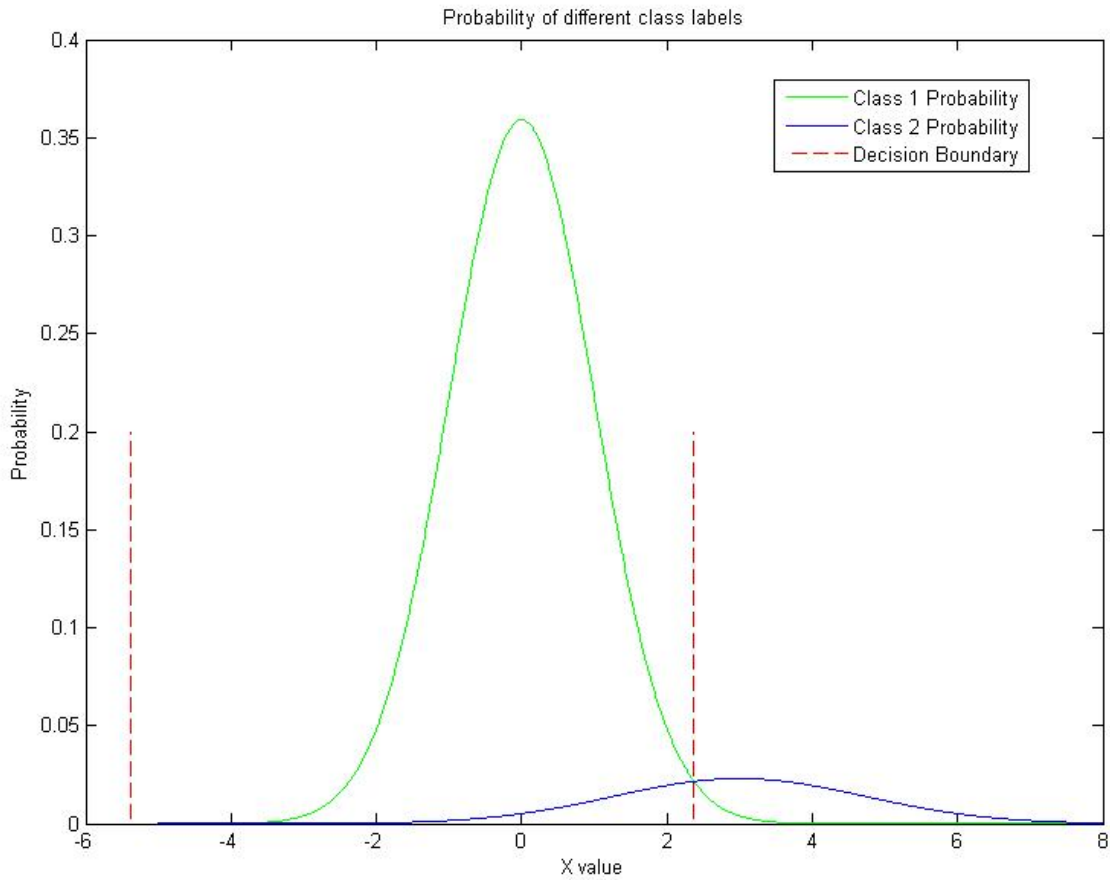


Figure 2: Probability of Class Labels with decision boundaries marked

For this case, if we let  $a$  and  $b$  be the decision boundaries and  $E$  be the error, then

$$E = \int_{-\infty}^a p(c_1|x)p(x) dx + \int_a^b p(c_2|x)p(x) dx + \int_b^{\infty} p(c_1|x)p(x) dx$$

For our case we can simplify this to

$$E = \int_{-\infty}^a p(x|c_1)p(c_1) dx + \int_a^b p(x|c_2)p(c_2) dx + \int_b^{\infty} p(x|c_1)p(c_1) dx$$

$$E = 0.9 \int_{-\infty}^a p(x|c_1) dx + 0.1 \int_a^b p(x|c_2) dx + 0.9 \int_b^{\infty} p(x|c_1) dx$$

For this case, according to the Matlab computation, we have  $a = -5.3716$  and  $b = 2.3716$ .

According to Wolfram Alpha

$$\int_{-\infty}^a p(x|c_1) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{-5.3716} e^{-x^2/2} dx = \frac{9.781 \cdot 10^{-8}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = 3.90205 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

$$\int_a^b p(x|c_2) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6\pi}} \int_{-5.3716}^{2.3716} e^{-(x-3)^2/6} dx = \frac{1.55592}{\sqrt{6\pi}} = 0.358374$$

$$\int_b^\infty p(x|c_1) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{2.3716}^\infty e^{-x^2/2} dx = \frac{0.0221978}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = 0.00885564$$

Summing these three together we get the following estimate

$$E = 0.0438$$

### Solution to Problem 2, Part 1

From previous problem we have to solve

$$\frac{p(x|c_2)}{p(x|c_1)} \leq \frac{p(c_1)}{p(c_2)}$$

Given our values we have

$$\frac{p(x|c_2)}{p(x|c_1)} \leq 1$$

$$p(x|c_2) \leq p(x|c_1)$$

That is when it is optimal to choose  $c_1$ . This occurs when

$$\exp(-x) \leq 0.5$$

$$x \geq \log(2)$$

However, we can only choose  $c_1$  for  $2 \leq x \leq 4$ . Our condition is satisfied in that region, thus the decision regions are as follows:

$$c_1 \text{ if } 2 \leq x \leq 4$$

$$c_2 \text{ otherwise}$$

### Solution to Problem 2, Part 2

After putting this all into Matlab, we end up with the following plot

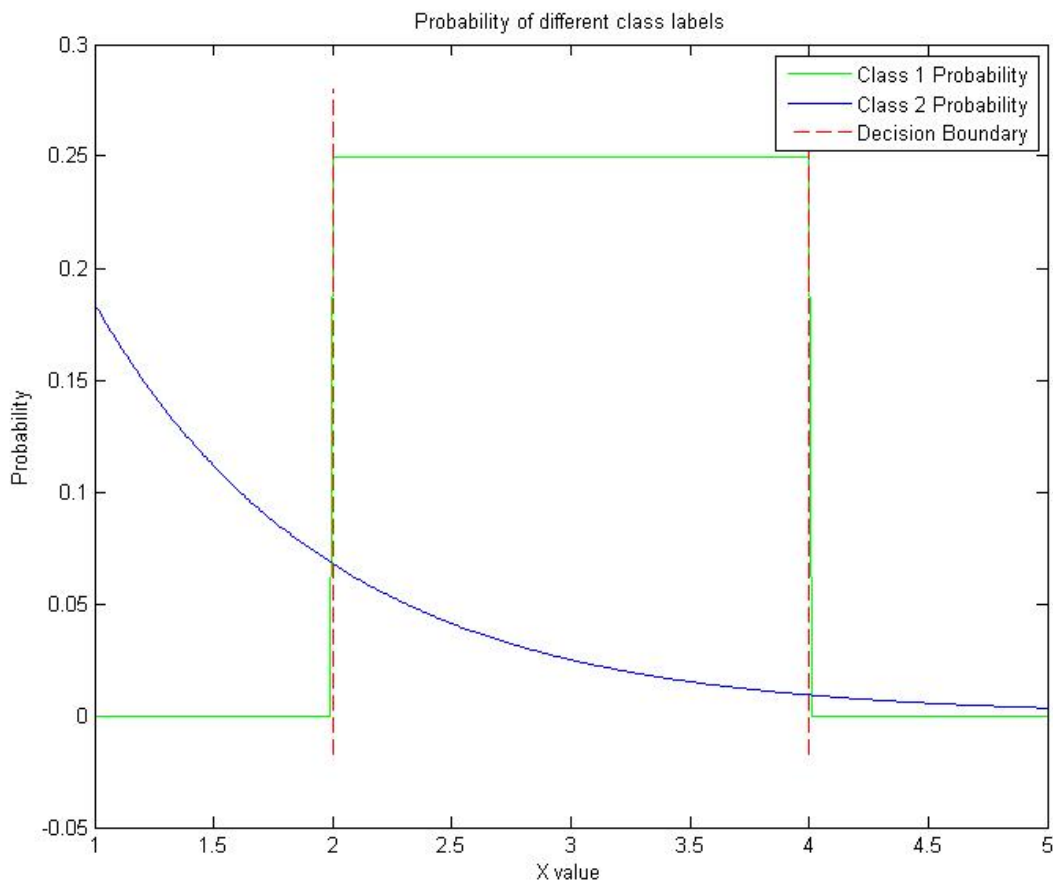


Figure 3: Probability of Class Labels with decision boundaries marked

**Solution to Problem 2, Part 3**

For this case, if we let  $a$  and  $b$  be the decision boundaries and  $E$  be the error, then

$$E = \int_{-\infty}^a p(c_1|x)p(x) dx + \int_a^b p(c_2|x)p(x) dx + \int_b^{\infty} p(c_1|x)p(x) dx$$

For our case we can simplify this to

$$E = \int_{-\infty}^a p(x|c_1)p(c_1) dx + \int_a^b p(x|c_2)p(c_2) dx + \int_b^{\infty} p(x|c_1)p(c_1) dx$$

$$E = 0.5 \int_{-\infty}^a p(x|c_1) dx + 0.5 \int_a^b p(x|c_2) dx + 0.5 \int_b^{\infty} p(x|c_1) dx$$



For this case we have  $a = 2$  and  $b = 4$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\infty}^a p(x|c_1) dx &= 0 \\ \int_a^b p(x|c_2) dx &= \int_2^4 e^{-x} dx = e^{-2} - e^{-4} = 0.1170 \\ \int_b^{\infty} p(x|c_1) dx &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Summing these three together we get the following estimate

$$E = 0.0585$$

### Solution to Problem 2, Part 4

From previous problem we have to solve

$$\frac{p(x|c_2)}{p(x|c_1)} \leq \frac{p(c_1)}{p(c_2)}$$

Given our values we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{p(x|c_2)}{p(x|c_1)} &\leq 1 \\ p(x|c_2) &\leq p(x|c_1)\end{aligned}$$

That is when it is optimal to choose  $c_1$ . This occurs when

$$\exp(-x) \leq 0.05$$

$$x \geq \log(20) = 2.9957$$

However, we can only choose  $c_1$  for  $2 \leq x \leq 22$ .

$$c_2 \text{ if } x \leq \log(20)$$

$$c_1 \text{ if } \log(20) \leq x \leq 22$$

$$c_2 \text{ if } x \geq 22$$

After putting this all into Matlab, we end up with the following plot

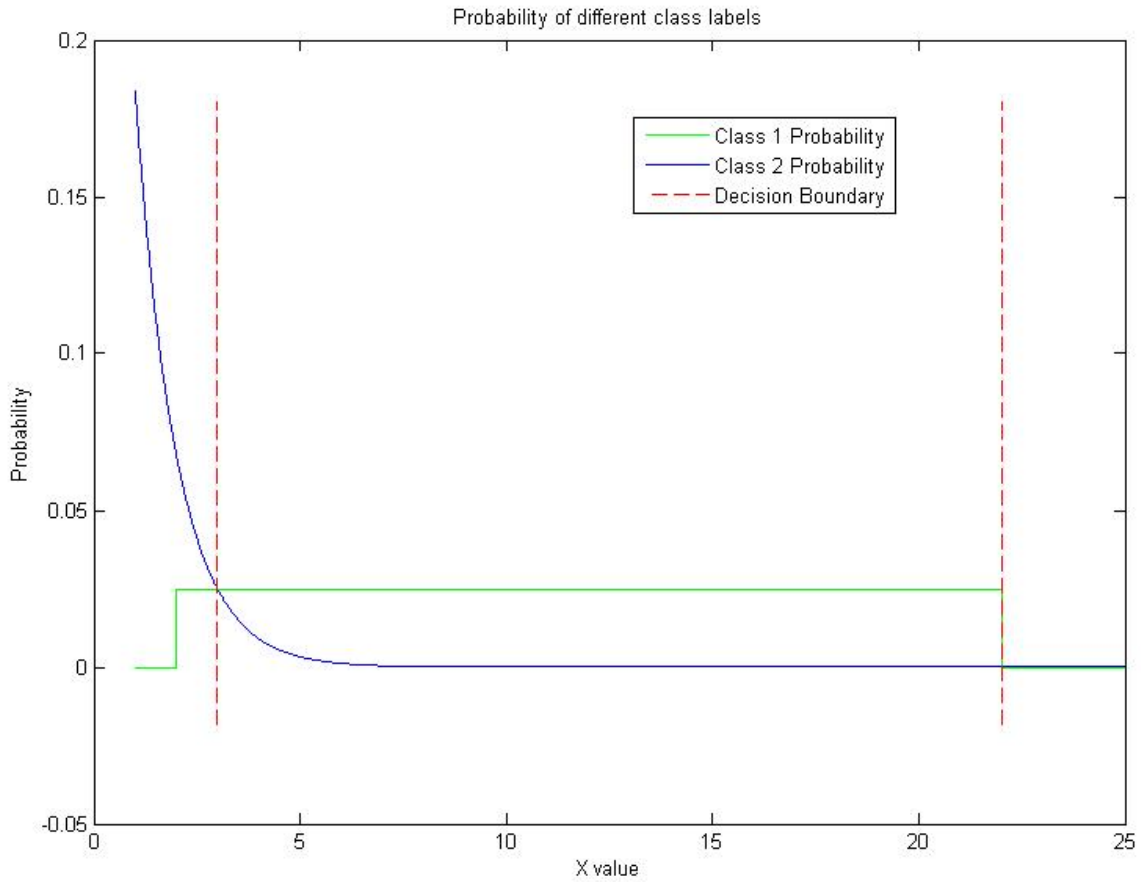


Figure 4: Probability of Class Labels with decision boundaries marked

For this case, if we let  $a$  and  $b$  be the decision boundaries and  $E$  be the error, then

$$E = \int_{-\infty}^a p(c_1|x)p(x) dx + \int_a^b p(c_2|x)p(x) dx + \int_b^{\infty} p(c_1|x)p(x) dx$$

For our case we can simplify this to

$$E = \int_{-\infty}^a p(x|c_1)p(c_1) dx + \int_a^b p(x|c_2)p(c_2) dx + \int_b^{\infty} p(x|c_1)p(c_1) dx$$

$$E = 0.5 \int_{-\infty}^a p(x|c_1) dx + 0.5 \int_a^b p(x|c_2) dx + 0.5 \int_b^{\infty} p(x|c_1) dx$$

For this case we have  $a = \log(20)$  and  $b = 22$ .

$$\int_{-\infty}^a p(x|c_1) dx = \int_2^{\log(20)} 0.05 dx = (0.05)(\log(20) - 2) = 0.0498$$

$$\int_a^b p(x|c_2) dx = \int_{\log(20)}^{22} e^{-x} dx = \frac{1}{20} - e^{-22} = 0.0500$$

$$\int_b^\infty p(x|c_1) dx = 0$$

Summing these three together we get the following estimate

$$E = 0.0499$$

### Solution to Problem 3, Part 1

First, we will let

$$K = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}}$$

$$f_1(x) = (x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu_1)$$

$$f_2(x) = (x - \mu_2)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu_2)$$

then it holds that

$$g_1(x) = \log(K) - \frac{1}{2} f_1(x) + \log(p(c_1))$$

$$g_1(x) = -\log((2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}) - \frac{1}{2} f_1(x) + \log(p(c_1))$$

$$g_1(x) = -\frac{1}{2} (d \cdot \log(2\pi) + \log(|\Sigma|) + f_1(x)) + \log(p(c_1))$$

By the same token

$$g_2(x) = -\frac{1}{2} (d \cdot \log(2\pi) + \log(|\Sigma|) + f_2(x)) + \log(p(c_2))$$

### Solution to Problem 3, Part 2

By some algebraic manipulation, it holds that

$$g(x) = g_1(x) - g_2(x) = -\frac{1}{2} f_1(x) + \frac{1}{2} f_2(x) + \log(p(c_1)) - \log(p(c_2))$$

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2} (f_2(x) - f_1(x)) + \log(p(c_1)) - \log(p(c_2))$$

Let  $v = 2(\log(p(c_2)) - \log(p(c_1)))$  then we have to solve

$$v = f_2(x) - f_1(x)$$

$$(x^T \Sigma - \mu_2^T \Sigma^{-1})(x - \mu_2) - (x^T \Sigma^{-1} - \mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1})(x - \mu_1) = v$$

$$(x^T \Sigma^{-1} x - \mu_2^T \Sigma^{-1} x - x^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_2 + \mu_2^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_2) - (x^T \Sigma^{-1} x - \mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1} x - x^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1 + \mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1) = v$$

Collecting terms we end up with

$$(\mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1} - \mu_2^T \Sigma^{-1})x + x^T(\Sigma^{-1}\mu_1 - \Sigma^{-1}\mu_2) + \mu_2^T \Sigma^{-1}\mu_2 - \mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1}\mu_1 = v$$

If we let

$$u = v - \mu_2^T \Sigma^{-1}\mu_2 + \mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1}\mu_1$$

Then after some factoring we have

$$(\mu_1^T - \mu_2^T)\Sigma^{-1}x + x^T\Sigma^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) = u$$

If we let  $\mu_0 = \mu_1 - \mu_2$  then we further have

$$\mu_0^T \Sigma^{-1}x + x^T \Sigma^{-1}\mu_0 = u$$

If we let  $m = \mu_0^T \Sigma^{-1}$  then because  $\Sigma^{-1}$  is symmetric,  $m^T = \Sigma^{-1}\mu_0$ . We thus have

$$mx + x^T m^T - u = 0$$

This is the same as

$$\text{dot}(m, x) + \text{dot}(m, x) - u = 0$$

Thus we can further say that

$$2mx - u = 0$$

Thus finally let

$$w = 2m$$

$$w_0 = -u$$

then we have the linear decision boundary

### Solution to Problem 3, Part 3

If  $p(c_1) = p(c_2)$  then  $v = 0$  above, so we have

$$f_1(x) = f_2(x)$$

$$(x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu_1) = (x - \mu_2)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu_2)$$

The decision boundary is thus when the two MH distances are equal so the class will end up taking on the value of whichever mean is closer.

**Solution to Problem 4, Part 1**

Using problem 3, but where  $v = 0$ , we will use the following variables to simplify our problem

$$u = \mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1 - \mu_2^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_2$$

$$\mu_0 = \mu_1 - \mu_2$$

$$m = \mu_0^T \Sigma^{-1}$$

For our purposes, we have  $\mu_1 = (1, 1)$  and  $\mu_2 = (4, 4)$ , thus  $\mu_0 = (-3, -3)$ . Additionally

$$\Sigma^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

After computing these out, we get the following numbers

$$u = -15$$

$$m = (-3, 0)$$

This leads us to the following numbers for the line

$$w = (-6, 0)$$

$$w_0 = 15$$

This leads us to the following linear equation

$$-6x_1 + 15 = 0$$

$$x_1 = 2.5$$

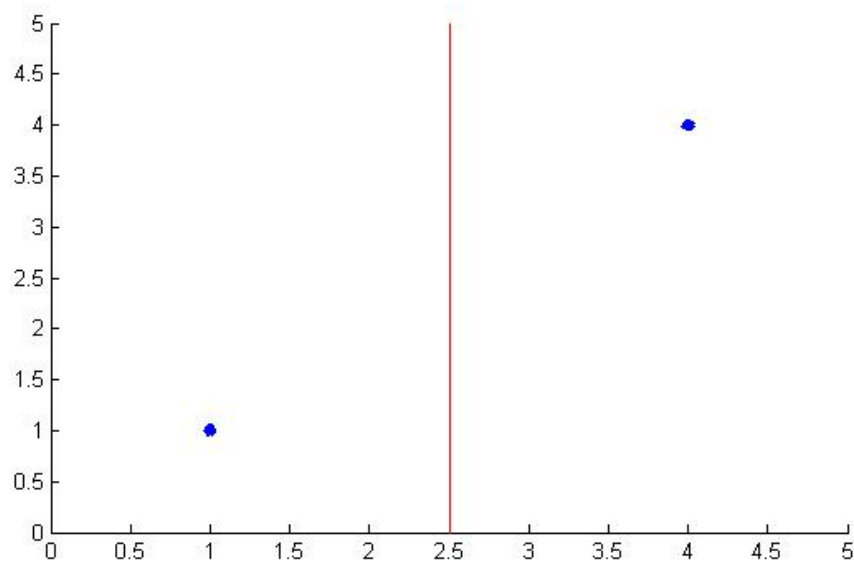


Figure 5: The decision boundary with the means

**Solution to Problem 4, Part 2**

The vector for  $w$  will be the same as Part 1. The vector for  $u$  will be different. We have already found that  $u = -15$  when  $v = 0$ , thus for our case,  $u = v - 15$  so we just need to calculate  $v$ . By Problem 3,

$$v = 2(\log(p(c_2)) - \log(p(c_1)))$$

Thus plugging in our values

$$v = 2(\log(0.2) - \log(0.8))$$

$$v = 2(\log(\frac{1}{5}) - \log(\frac{4}{5}))$$

$$v = 2(-\log(5) - (\log(4) - \log(5)))$$

$$v = -2\log(4)$$

This means that  $u = -2\log(4) - 15$  and thus of course  $w_0 = 15 + 2\log(4)$ . Our equation for the decision boundary will then become

$$-6x_1 + 15 + 2\log(4) = 0$$

$$x_1 = \frac{15 + 2\log(4)}{6} \approx 2.9621$$

**\*\*TODO: ONE-LINE EXPLANATION\*\***

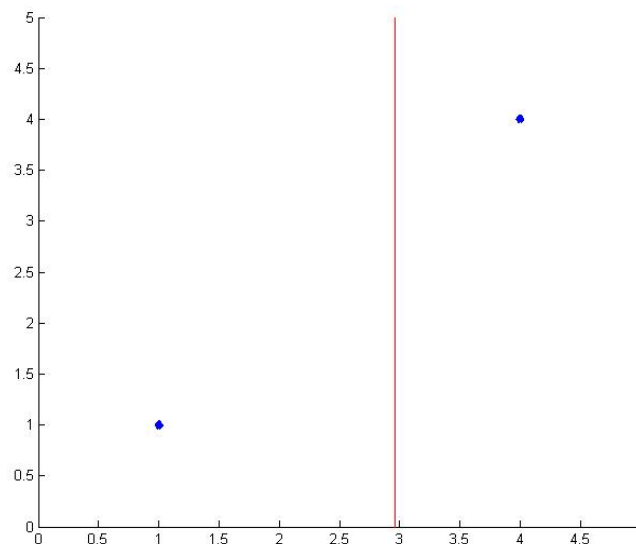


Figure 6: The decision boundary with the means

**Solution to Problem 5**

First, you would figure out a probability on the class labels given the parameters of the model, so you need  $p(c|\hat{\theta})$  and  $p(c|\hat{\phi})$ . You would also attach a prior to the parameters if desired, so you would want  $p(\hat{\theta})$  and  $p(\hat{\phi})$ . To figure out the class probability we will say that

$$p(c|x, \hat{\theta}) = \frac{p(x|c, \hat{\theta})p(c|\hat{\theta})p(\hat{\theta})}{p(x)}$$

By law of total probability,  $p(x) = p(x|c, \hat{\phi}) + p(x|c, \hat{\theta})$ . Thus we end up with

$$p(c|x, \hat{\theta}) = \frac{p(x|c, \hat{\theta})p(c|\hat{\theta})p(\hat{\theta})}{p(x|c, \hat{\phi})p(c|\hat{\phi})p(\hat{\phi}) + p(x|c, \hat{\theta})p(c|\hat{\theta})p(\hat{\theta})}$$

You do the same thing for  $p(c|x, \hat{\phi})$  and you will end up with the following

$$p(c|x, \hat{\phi}) = \frac{p(x|c, \hat{\phi})p(c|\hat{\phi})p(\hat{\phi})}{p(x|c, \hat{\phi})p(c|\hat{\phi})p(\hat{\phi}) + p(x|c, \hat{\theta})p(c|\hat{\theta})p(\hat{\theta})}$$

You compare the two probabilities and see which one is greater

**\*\*TODO: Incorporate both models. We are trying to find the best class label, not the best model\*\***

**Solution to Problem 6**

For this problem, we are assuming that at each pair of points, there is a Gaussian distribution for  $y$  given  $x$  where the mean  $\mu_y = ax + b$  and the variance is  $\sigma^2$ .

We will define  $\theta = (a, b, \sigma)$ , then

$$L(D|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y_i - (ax_i + b))^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Taking the log to get log-likelihood we have

$$l(\theta) = -\frac{N}{2}\log(2\pi\sigma^2) + \sum_{i=1}^N -\frac{(y_i - (ax_i + b))^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

Simplifying further we have

$$l(\theta) = -\frac{N}{2}\log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - (ax_i + b))^2$$

Expanding out the square we have

$$l(\theta) = -\frac{N}{2}\log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i^2 - 2y_i(ax_i + b) + (ax_i + b)^2$$

Expanding out the square again

$$l(\theta) = -\frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i^2 - 2ay_ix_i - 2by_i + a^2x_i^2 + 2abx_i + b^2]$$

We will find  $\hat{a}_{ML}$  and  $\hat{b}_{ML}$  by first taking the partials

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial a} = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N [-2y_ix_i + 2ax_i^2 + 2bx_i]$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial b} = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N [-2y_i + 2ax_i + 2b]$$

Setting both equal to zero we end up having to solve the following equations

$$\sum_{i=1}^N [-y_ix_i + ax_i^2 + bx_i] = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N [-y_i + ax_i + b] = 0$$

Rearranging the sums and putting into a linear system form, we have to solve the following

$$a \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 + b \sum_{i=1}^N x_i = \sum_{i=1}^N y_ix_i$$

$$a \sum_{i=1}^N x_i + b \cdot N = \sum_{i=1}^N y_i$$

For shorthand, we will now let

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2$$

$$B = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$$

$$C = \sum_{i=1}^N y_ix_i$$

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^N y_i$$

Then we are left with solving

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & N \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C \\ D \end{pmatrix}$$



After doing the matrix inverse, we have the following

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{AN - B^2} \begin{pmatrix} N & -B \\ -B & A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C \\ D \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus finally we can say that

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{a}_{ML} &= \frac{NC - BD}{AN - B^2} \\ \hat{b}_{ML} &= \frac{AD - BC}{AN - B^2}\end{aligned}$$

We now want to find  $\hat{\sigma}_{ML}^2$ . If we let

$$K = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - (ax_i + b))^2$$

then we will have after letting  $v = \sigma^2$

$$l(\theta) = -\frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi v) - \frac{K}{2v}$$

Taking the derivative with respect to  $v$  we have

$$l'(\theta) = -\frac{N}{2v} + \frac{K}{2v^2}$$

Setting it equal to zero we have to solve

$$Kv = Nv^2$$

We can assume a non-zero variance so we can assert that

$$v = \frac{K}{N}$$

Finally we can say that

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ML}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - (\hat{a}_{ML}x_i + \hat{b}_{ML}))^2$$