

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

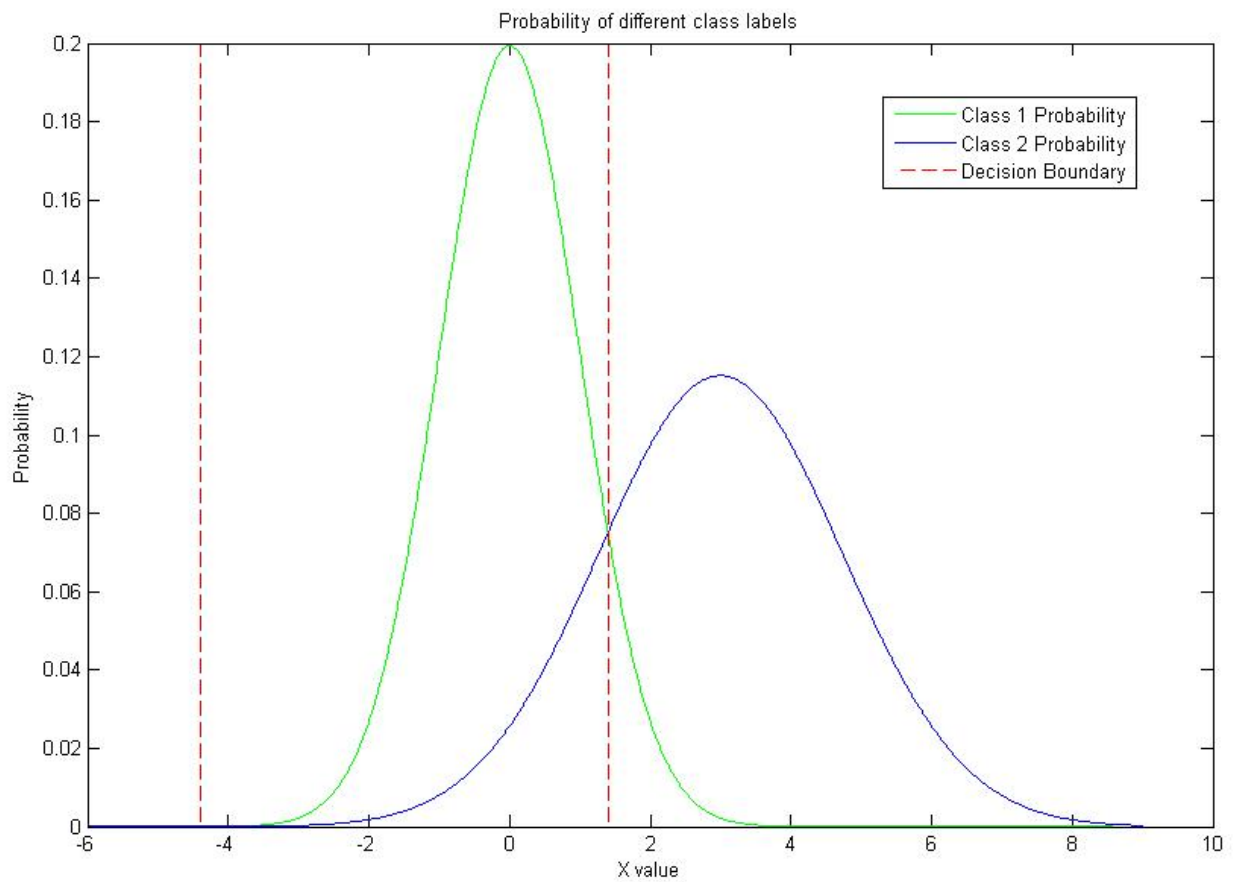


Figure 1: Probability of Class Labels with decision boundaries marked

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

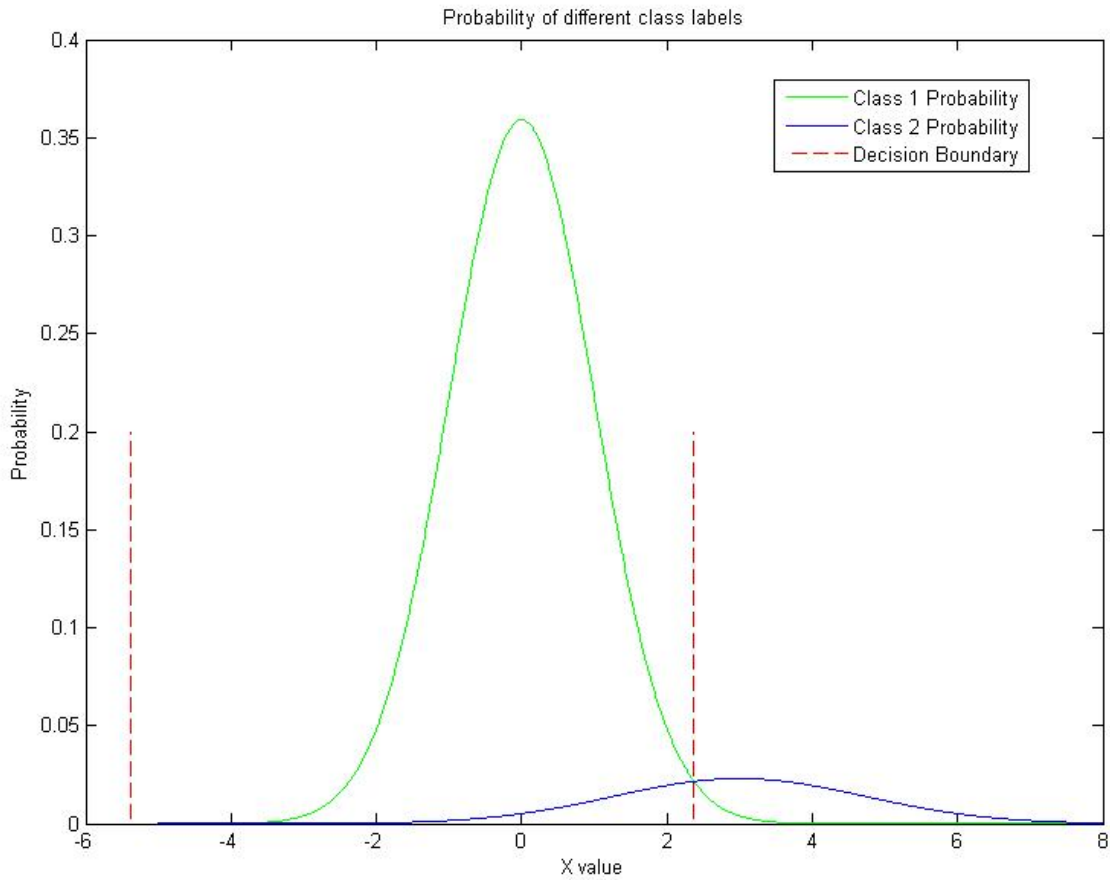


Figure 2: Probability of Class Labels with decision boundaries marked

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

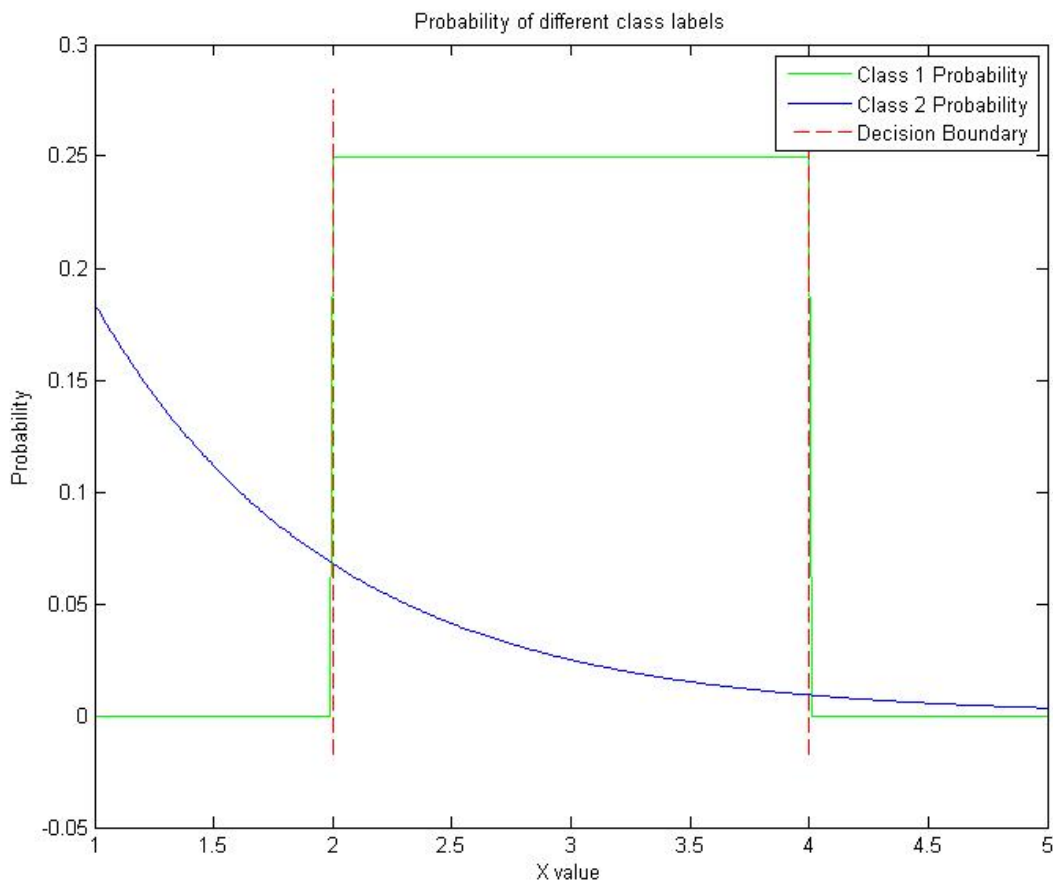


Figure 3: Probability of Class Labels with decision boundaries marked

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

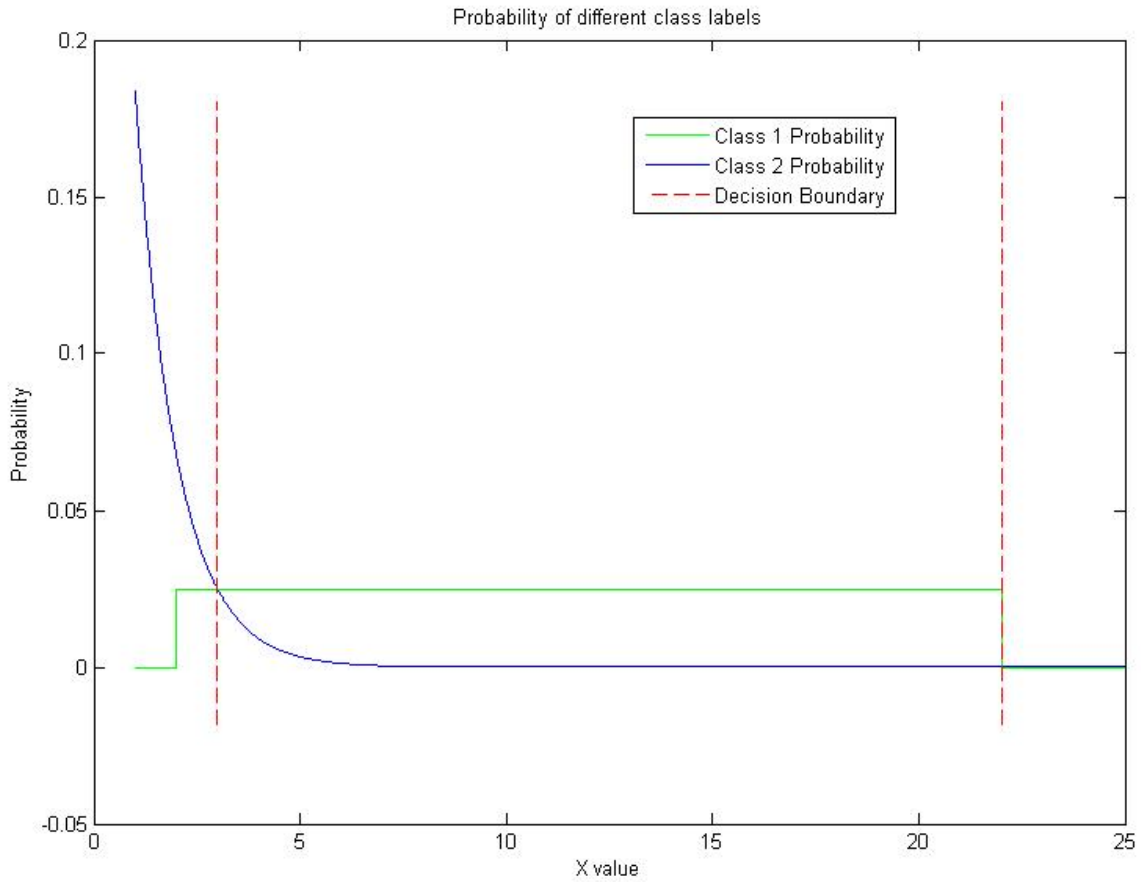


Figure 4: Probability of Class Labels with decision boundaries marked

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 Σ^{-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

$$-6x_1 + 15 = 0$$

$$x_1 = 2.5$$

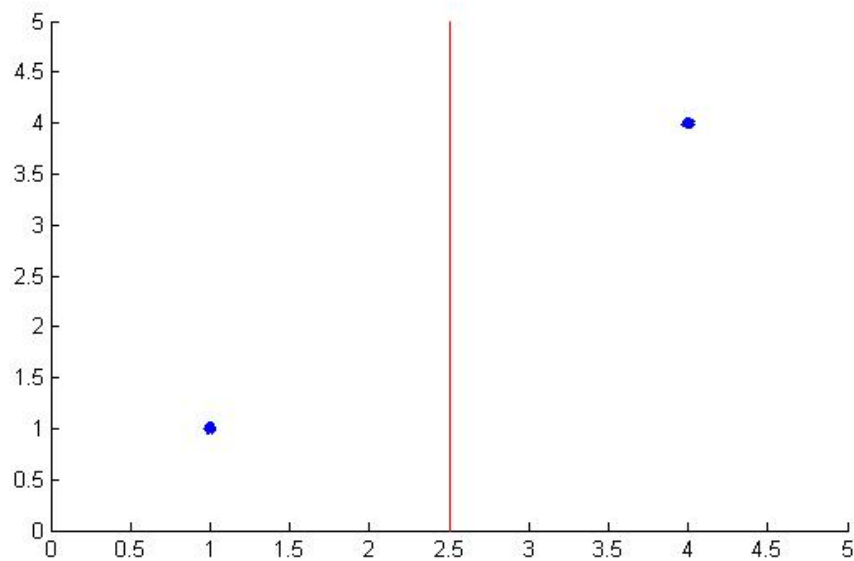


Figure 5: The decision boundary with the means

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

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

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

Because class 1 is weighted higher in this case, its decision region will be bigger, thus the decision boundary will shift toward the mean for class 2, as shown in the below graph.

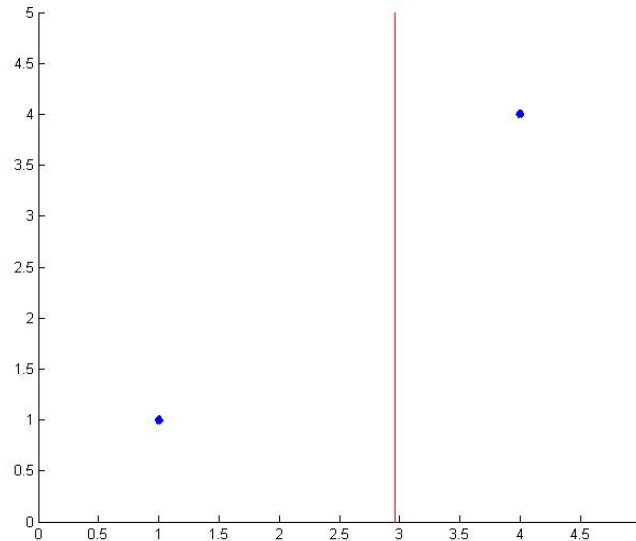


Figure 6: The decision boundary with the means

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

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

We can treat $p(x)$ as a normalization constant, thus

$$p(c|x) \propto p(x|c)p(c)$$

By law of total probability and adding in the parameters of the model, we can further say that

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

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

Do this for both classes and see which one yields a greater probability.

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 σ^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

$$\hat{a}_{ML} = \frac{NC - BD}{AN - B^2}$$

$$\hat{b}_{ML} = \frac{AD - BC}{AN - B^2}$$

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

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