

# Bayesian Classification

assign sample to most probable class

general definitions:

patterns (features):  $\bar{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N]$   
measures on shape or object

classes: C classes  $C = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_C\}$

priors:  $p(w_i)$  : probability of drawing a feature vector from class  $w_i$

training set  $S = \{\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_M\}$   
M feature vectors whose classes are known

## Bayes Decision Rule

if  $p(w_j | \bar{x}) > p(w_k | \bar{x}) \quad \forall k \neq j$   
 then assign  $\bar{x}$  to  $w_j$

where  $p(w_j | \bar{x})$  probability of class  $w_j$   
 given  $\bar{x}$

Use Bayes theorem:

$$p(w_j | \bar{x}) = \frac{p(\bar{x} | w_j) p(w_j)}{p(\bar{x})}$$

in the rule:

if  $p(\bar{x} | w_j) p(w_j) > p(\bar{x} | w_k) p(w_k) \quad \forall k \neq j$   
 then assign  $\bar{x}$  to  $w_j$

don't need  
 division by  $p(\bar{x})$   
 since it's in both  
 sides

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$P(\bar{x} | w_j)$  : probability of vector  $\bar{x}$   
given class  $w_j$

$P(w_j)$  : priors are determined by frequency  
e.g., 'e' is most probable letter  
in English 12.7%

$$P(\bar{x}) : P(\bar{x}) = \sum_j P(\bar{x} | w_j) P(w_j)$$

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Multi-variate normal distribution

$\text{mvrnd}(\mu, \Sigma, n)$

e.g.,  $[0; 0]$ ,  $\text{eye}(2)$ , 1000

$$P(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{2\pi^{N/2} |C|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})^T C^{-1} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})}$$

$\bar{\mu}$  is distribution mean       $C$  is covariance matrix

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$\text{mvnpdf}(x, \mu, \Sigma)$



Bayesian classifiers : multivariate normal distributions

if  $p(\bar{x} | w_j) p(w_j) > p(\bar{x} | w_k) p(w_k) \quad \forall k \neq j$   
then assign  $\bar{x}$  to  $w_j$

taking log:

if  $\log(p(\bar{x} | w_j)) + \log(p(w_j)) > \log(p(\bar{x} | w_k)) + \log(p(w_k))$   
then assign  $\bar{x}$  to  $w_j$

$$\begin{aligned} & \log(p(\bar{x} | w_j)) + \log(p(w_j)) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})^T C_j^{-1} (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}) - \frac{N}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \log |C_j| \\ & \quad + \log(p(w_j)) \end{aligned}$$

Simpler cases  $C_j = \sigma^2 I$

then  $= -\frac{\|\bar{x} - \bar{\mu}\|^2}{2\sigma^2} + \log(p(w_j))$

$$= \bar{w}_j \bar{x} + v_j \quad \bar{w}_j = \frac{\bar{\mu}_j}{\sigma^2}$$

$$v_j = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \bar{\mu}_j^T \bar{\mu}_j + \log(p(w_j))$$

If  $C_j = C \quad \forall j$

$= \bar{w}_j^T \bar{x} + v_j$

where  $\bar{w}_j = C^{-1} \bar{\mu}_j$

$v_j = -\frac{1}{2} \bar{\mu}_j^T C \bar{\mu}_j + \log(p(w_j))$

Fisher linear discriminant from  $N-D$  to  $1D$

Given feature vectors,  $\{\bar{x}_i\}$   $\bar{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$

project them onto an axis  
so they are maximally separated.

$\bar{y} = \bar{w}^T \bar{x}$   $\bar{y}$  is new vector

Criterion:  $J(\bar{w}) = \frac{|\bar{m}_A - \bar{m}_B|^2}{s_A^2 + s_B^2}$  (2 classes)

$\bar{m}_A, \bar{m}_B$  are means }  $s_A^2, s_B^2$  sample variances

then:  $\bar{w} = S_w^{-1} [\bar{m}_A - \bar{m}_B]$   
original class means  
 $S_w = s_A + s_B$

Consider char45.mat data (i.e., mask)

# classes = 50

what is  $P(W_k)$  for class  $k$ ?

Use data in mask for this:

from ground-truth: get # A's  
B's etc.

$$\text{then } \frac{\# \text{ char } k}{\text{total } \# \text{ chars}} = P(W_k)$$

e.g., # A's is 17  
total # chars is 749 }  $P('A') = 2.27\%$

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$$A's: \mu_A = 172.0588 \quad \text{area}$$

$$\sigma_A^2 = 154.5588$$

$$\mu_E = 228.5821$$

$$\sigma_E^2 = 89.1560$$

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$$\mu_A = 83.0588 \quad \text{perimeter}$$

$$\sigma_A^2 = 18.1838$$

$$\mu_E = 89.67$$

$$\sigma_E^2 = 10.133$$