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- Q2)** Suppose that a rare disease affects 1 out of every 1,000 people in a population, and suppose that there is a good, but not perfect, test for the disease. For a person who has the disease, the test comes back positive 99% of the time and if for a person who does not have the disease the test is negative 98% of the time. A person has just tested positive; what are his chances of having the disease? If this person takes the test a second time, what is the probability that he has a disease? Comment on your results. [12 Points]
- Q3)** Suppose a pattern recognition problem has two classes  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  with prior probabilities  $P(\omega_1) = 3/4$  and  $P(\omega_2) = 1/4$ . The likelihood functions of the two classes are one-dimensional densities given in the form  $p(x|\omega_i) = A_i e^{-\left(\frac{|x-\beta_i|}{2\alpha_i}\right)}$ ,  $i=1,2$  and  $\beta_i$  is constant and  $\alpha_i > 0$  [12 Points]
- (i) Write an analytical expression for each density (i.e., find  $A_i$ )
- (ii) Calculate the likelihood ratio and the posterior probability ratio.
- Q4)** Using the likelihood ratio, what are the decision thresholds for two class-conditional probabilities which are Gaussian in shape, with means  $\mu_1 = 4$  and  $\mu_2 = 10$ , variances  $\sigma_1^2 = 4$  and  $\sigma_2^2 = 1$ , and prior probabilities  $P(\omega_1) = 2/3$  and  $P(\omega_2) = 1/3$ . [14 Points]

[Hint Gaussian probability density function with a mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$  is given as:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}]$$

*Wish you all the best*  
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**Q1)** Explain the following terms (1) a pattern, (2) a class, (3) a classifier, (4) feature space, (5) a decision rule, and (6) a decision boundary. **[12 Points, each is two points]**

**Answer**

- A pattern is used loosely to refer to objects that are similar in some respect.
- A class is a collection of objects that have been grouped together because they are all similar in some features.
- A classifier is some process by which objects of the same class can be distinguished (sorted).
- Feature space is the space that contains the measurements of the features that have been extracted from a set of objects to be classified. More specifically, each feature can be thought of as a measurement along some dimension, and 'n' features are contained in an n-dimensional feature space.
- A decision rule is a logical condition or set of conditions that decide which class an object belongs to.
- A decision boundary is the contour that partitions the feature space into separate classes. Objects falling on different sides of a decision boundary will belong to different classes.

**Q2)** Suppose that a rare disease affects 1 out of every 1,000 people in a population, and suppose that there is a good, but not perfect, test for the disease. For a person who has the disease, the test comes back positive 99% of the time and if for a person who does not have the disease the test is negative 98% of the time. A person has just tested positive; what are his chances of having the disease? If this person takes the test a second time, what is the probability that he has a disease? Comment on your results. **[15 Points]**

**Solution**

- Let  $P(A)$  denote the probability that a person actually has a disease  
 $P(A) = .001, P(\bar{A}) = 1 - P(A) = 0.999$

- Let  $P(B)$  the probability the test is positive.
- Sensitivity  $P(B|A) = 0.99$ , Specificity  $P(\bar{B}|\bar{A}) = 0.98$
- When does the test come positive?



In two events  $\{B, A\}$  or  $\{B, \bar{A}\} \rightarrow \{, \}$  means joint occurrence  
Thus  $P(B) = P(\{B, A\}) + P(\{B, \bar{A}\})$

Note that  $P(B|A) = \frac{P(B, A)}{P(A)} \Rightarrow P(B, A) = P(B|A)P(A)$

Also  $P(B|\bar{A}) = \frac{P(B, \bar{A})}{P(\bar{A})} \Rightarrow P(B, \bar{A}) = P(B|\bar{A})P(\bar{A})$

$$P(B) = P(B|A)P(A) + P(B|\bar{A})P(\bar{A})$$

- We want to know the probability of having the disease if you test positive (the posterior probability or positive predictive value of the test),  $P(A|B)$ .

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$$\text{Bayes' Rule, } P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A).P(A)}{P(B)}$$

- Now  $P(B|\bar{A})$  is the probability of testing positive given that you don't have the disease. Here,  $P(B|\bar{A})=1-P(\bar{B}|\bar{A})=1-0.98=0.02$ ,
- Therefore,  $P(B) = (0.99*0.001) + (0.02*0.999) = 0.02097$
- Returning to Bayes' Rule,  $P(A|B) = 0.00099/0.02097 = 4.721*10^{-2}$  (4.721 %).
- If the person has the test for the second time  $P(A) = 0.04721$  and  $P(\bar{A}) = 0.9527$

$$\text{The test still the same, } P(B) = (0.99*4.721*10^{-2}) + (0.02*0.9527) = 0.06578$$

$$P(A|B) = (0.99*0.04721)/0.06578 = 0.7104 \text{ (71 \%)}.$$

**Q3)** Suppose a pattern recognition problem has two classes  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  with prior probabilities  $P(\omega_1) = 3/4$  and  $P(\omega_2) = 1/4$ . The likelihood functions of the two classes are one-dimensional densities

given in the form  $p(x|\omega_i) = A_i e^{-\left(\frac{|x-\beta_i|}{2\alpha_i}\right)}$ ,  $i=1,2$  and  $\alpha_i > 0$

- Write an analytical expression for each density (Find  $A_i$ )
- Calculate the likelihood ratio and the posterior probability ratio.

**Solution**

Both classes have the same likelihood functions (density or pdf). From the properties of the pdf

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} pdf = 1$$



$$\alpha_i > 0 \Rightarrow e^{-\left(\frac{|x-\beta|}{2\alpha}\right)} = \begin{cases} e^{-\left(\frac{x-\beta}{2\alpha}\right)} & \text{if } x > \beta \\ e^{\left(\frac{x-\beta}{2\alpha}\right)} & \text{if } x < \beta \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} pdf = 1 \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\beta} A e^{\left(\frac{x-\beta}{2\alpha}\right)} dx + \int_{\beta}^{\infty} A e^{-\left(\frac{x-\beta}{2\alpha}\right)} dx = 1$$

$$1 = A \frac{e^{\left(\frac{x-\beta}{2\alpha}\right)}}{\frac{1}{2\alpha}} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\beta} + A \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{x-\beta}{2\alpha}\right)}}{-\frac{1}{2\alpha}} \Big|_{\beta}^{\infty}$$

$$1 = 2\alpha A [(e^0 - e^{-\infty}) - (e^{-\infty} - e^0)]$$

$$A = \frac{1}{4\alpha} \Rightarrow p(x|\omega_i) = \frac{1}{4\alpha_i} e^{\left(\frac{|x-\beta_i|}{2\alpha_i}\right)}$$

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$$\text{The likelihood ratio} = \frac{p(x|\omega_2)}{p(x|\omega_1)} = \frac{\frac{1}{4\alpha_2} e^{-\left(\frac{|x-\beta_2|}{2\alpha_2}\right)}}{\frac{1}{4\alpha_1} e^{-\left(\frac{|x-\beta_1|}{2\alpha_1}\right)}} = \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2} e^{\left[\left(\frac{|x-\beta_1|}{2\alpha_1}\right) - \left(\frac{|x-\beta_2|}{2\alpha_2}\right)\right]}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The posterior ratio} &= \frac{P(x|\omega_2)}{P(x|\omega_1)} = \frac{P(\omega_2)p(x|\omega_2)}{P(\omega_1)p(x|\omega_1)} = \left(\frac{0.25}{0.75}\right) \left(\frac{p(x|\omega_2)}{p(x|\omega_1)}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \times \text{likelihood ratio} \end{aligned}$$

**Q4)** What are the decision thresholds for two class-conditional probabilities which are Gaussian in shape, with means  $\mu_1 = 4$  and  $\mu_2 = 10$ , variances  $\sigma_1^2 = 4$  and  $\sigma_2^2 = 1$ , and prior probabilities  $P(\omega_1) = 2/3$  and  $P(\omega_2) = 1/3$ .

Solution: using the likelihood ratio

$$\frac{\frac{2}{3} * \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{1}{2*4}*(x-4)^2}}{\frac{1}{3} e^{-\frac{1}{2}*(x-10)^2}} = 1$$

$$\frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2*4}*(x-4)^2}}{e^{-\frac{1}{2}*(x-10)^2}} = 1$$

$$e^{-\frac{(x-4)^2}{8}} = e^{-\frac{(x-10)^2}{2}}$$

$$\frac{-(x-4)^2}{8} = \frac{-(x-10)^2}{2}$$

$$(x-4)^2 = 4(x-10)^2$$

$$x^2 - 8x + 16 = 4x^2 - 80x + 400$$

$$3x^2 - 72x + 384 = 0$$

Solving the quadratic gives the two roots,  $x = 8$  and  $x = 16$ , which are the decision points.