Classification

Discriminant Analysis

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Linear discriminant and dimensionality reduction

The discriminant function $f(x; w) = w_0 + w^T x$ reduces the dimension of examples from $d$ to 1; the components orthogonal to $w$ become irrelevant.

\[ f(x, w) = +1 \iff \hat{y} = +1 \]

\[ f(x, w) = -1 \iff \hat{y} = -1 \]
Projections and classification

What objective are we optimizing the 1D projection for?
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- One way to approach that: make the class projections a) compact, b) far apart.
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- An obvious idea: maximize separation between the projected means
Separation of the means

- \( N_{+1} \) examples of class +1, \( N_{-1} \) examples of class −1.

- The empirical mean of each class:

  \[
  m_{+1} = \frac{1}{N_{+1}} \sum_{y_i=+1} x_i, \quad m_{-1} = \frac{1}{N_{-1}} \sum_{y_i=-1} x_i
  \]

- We can look for projection \( \hat{w} \) such that

  \[
  \hat{w} = \arg\max_w w^T (m_{+1} - m_{-1})
  \]
Separation of the means: example

\[ \hat{w} = \arg\max_{||w||=1} w^T (m_+ - m_-) \]

- Also want to make projection of each class “compact”...
Fisher’s linear discriminant analysis

- Criterion to be maximized:

\[ J_{Fisher}(w) = \frac{\text{separation between projected means}^2}{\text{sum of projected within-class variances}} \]

- Numerator: \textit{between-class scatter} \( (w^T(m_{+1} - m_{-1}))^2 \)

- Denominator: \textit{within-class scatter} \( w^T(\sum N_{-1}S_{-1} + N_{+1}S_{+1})w \), where

\[ S_c = \frac{1}{N_c} \sum_{y_i = c} (x_i - m_c)(x_i - m_c)^T. \]

- The denominator is the sum of estimated 1D class covariances, after data are projected to \( w \), weighted by number of samples in each class.
Fisher's LDA

\[ J_{Fisher}(w) = \frac{(w^T(m_{+1} - m_{-1}))^2}{w^T(N_{-1}S_{-1} + N_{+1}S_{+1})w} \]

- Best 1D projection: \( \hat{w} = \arg\max_w J_{Fisher}(w) \)

- Setting the derivative of \( J \) w.r.t. \( w \) to zero, get solution:

\[ \hat{w} \propto (N_{-1}S_{-1} + N_{+1}S_{+1})^{-1}(m_{+1} - m_{-1}) \]

Notaion: \( \propto \) means “proportional to”, up to a constant factor.
Example of applying Fisher’s LDA

maximize separation of means

maximize Fisher’s LDA criterion
→ better class separation
Using LDA for classification in one dimension

- Fisher’s LDA gives an optimal choice of \( \mathbf{w} \), the vector for projection down to one dimension.
- For classification, we still need to select a threshold to compare projected values to. Two possibilities:
  - No explicit probabilistic assumptions. Find threshold which minimizes empirical classification error.
  - Make assumptions about data distributions of the classes, and derive theoretically optimal decision boundary.
    - Usual choice for class distributions is multivariate Gaussian.
    - We also will need a bit of decision theory.
Decision theory

To minimize classification error:

\[ \hat{y} = \arg \max_C p(C \mid x) \approx \]

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MATLAB interlude

Classification via discriminant analysis, using the classify() function.
Data for each class modeled as multivariate Gaussian.

matlab_demo_06.m

class = classify( sample, training, group, 'type' )

predicted test labels  test data  training data  training labels  model for class covariances
MATLAB `classify()` function

Models for class covariances

- `'linear'`: All classes have the same covariance matrix → linear decision boundary
- `'diaglinear'`: All classes have the same diagonal covariance matrix → linear decision boundary
- `'quadratic'`: Classes have different covariance matrices → quadratic decision boundary
- `'diagquadratic'`: Classes have different diagonal covariance matrices → quadratic decision boundary
MATLAB classify() function

Example with 'quadratic' model of class covariances