Problem Set 2

MAS 622J/1.126J: Pattern Recognition and Analysis

Due: 5:00 p.m. on October 12

[Note: All instructions to plot data or write a program should be carried out using Matlab. In order to maintain a reasonable level of consistency and simplicity we ask that you do not use other software tools.]

If you collaborated with other members of the class, please write their names at the end of the assignment. Moreover, you will need to write and sign the following statement: "In preparing my solutions, I did not look at any old homeworks, copy anybody's answers or let them copy mine."

Problem 1: Discriminability and ROC [20 points]

Please download the datasets (dataset1.txt, dataset2.txt, dataset3.txt, dataset4.txt) from the course website. Each dataset includes 1-D data samples from two classes w_1 and w_2. The first column and the second column of each dataset specify 1000 samples from class w_1 and 1000 samples from class w_2, respectively.

a. For each dataset, compute the discriminability $d' = \frac{|\mu_2 - \mu_1|}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}}$ where μ_1 and σ_1 are the mean and standard deviation of the distribution of class w_1, and μ_2 and σ_2 are the mean and standard deviation of the distribution of class w_2.

   Solution: Please refer to the Matlab code for (b). Approximately, For dataset1: $\mu_1 \simeq 10$, $\mu_2 \simeq 12$, $\sigma_1 \simeq 1$, $\sigma_2 \simeq 1$, $d' \simeq 1.39$
   For dataset2: $\mu_1 \simeq 10$, $\mu_2 \simeq 12$, $\sigma_1 \simeq 4$, $\sigma_2 \simeq 1$, $d' \simeq 0.46$
   For dataset3: $\mu_1 \simeq 10$, $\mu_2 \simeq 12$, $\sigma_1 \simeq 1$, $\sigma_2 \simeq 4$, $d' \simeq 0.45$
   For dataset4: $\mu_1 \simeq 10$, $\mu_2 \simeq 12$, $\sigma_1 \simeq 4$, $\sigma_2 \simeq 4$, $d' \simeq 0.31$

b. Now we compute the ROC curve for each dataset. Please plot four ROC curves in the same figure. To do this, we approximate $\mathbf{P_{TP}} = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x} > \mathbf{x}^*|\mathbf{x} \in w_2)$ by $\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{x} > \mathbf{x}^*|\mathbf{x} \in w_2)/1000$, and $\mathbf{P_{FP}} = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x} > \mathbf{x}^*|\mathbf{x} \in w_1)$ by $\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{x} > \mathbf{x}^*|\mathbf{x} \in w_1)/1000$. Here, for i =1 or 2, $\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{x} > \mathbf{x}^*|\mathbf{x} \in w_i)$ is denotes the number of samples in class w_i whose value is greater than $\mathbf{x}^*$. Note that $\mathbf{N}$ doesn't denote a normal distribution!

   Solution: Changing the classifier value ($\mathbf{x}^*$) from $-\infty$ to ∞, we can plot the ROC curve for each dataset. Note that when $\mathbf{x}^* = -\infty$, $\mathbf{P_{TP}} = \mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{P_{FP}} = \mathbf{1}$ (corresponding to the uppermost/rightmost position in the ROC curve), and when $\mathbf{x}^* = \infty$, $\mathbf{P_{TP}} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{P_{FP}} = \mathbf{0}$ (corresponding to the lowermost/leftmost position in the ROC curve).

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% (for Problem 1(a),(b))
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clear all

num_samples = 1000;  % number of test samples from each class

sprintf('dataset1:')
dd = load('dataset1.txt');

% test samples from class 1
x1 = dd(:,1);
% test samples from class 2
x2 = dd(:,2);

Pd_save = [];
Pf_save = [];

% x_c is a classifier
for x_c = -10:0.5:30

    % number of TP (True Positive) samples
    nTP = length(find(x2 > x_c));
    % approximate probability of hit, P(x > x_c | x in w=2)
    Pd = nTP / num_samples;

    % number of FP (False Positive) samples
    nFP = length(find(x1 > x_c));
    % approximate probability of false alarm, P(x > x_c | x in w=1)
    Pf = nFP / num_samples;

    Pd_save = [Pd_save; Pd];
    Pf_save = [Pf_save; Pf];

end


mean1 = mean(x1)
mean2 = mean(x2)
sig1 = std(x1)
sig2 = std(x2)
sig = sqrt(sig1^2 + sig2^2)

discrim = abs(mean1 - mean2)/sig % d'
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figure
hold on
plot(Pf_save, Pd_save, 'r')


sprintf('dataset2:')
dd = load('dataset2.txt');

% test samples from class 1
x1 = dd(:,1);
% test samples from class 2
x2 = dd(:,2);


Pd_save = [];
Pf_save = [];

% x_c is a classifier
for x_c =  -10:0.5:30

    % number of TP (True Positive) samples
    nTP = length(find(x2 > x_c));
    % approximate probability of hit, P(x > x_c | x in w=2)
    Pd = nTP / num_samples;

    % number of FP (False Positive) samples
    nFP = length(find(x1 > x_c));
    % approximate probability of false alarm, P(x > x_c | x in w=1)
    Pf = nFP / num_samples;

    Pd_save = [Pd_save; Pd];
    Pf_save = [Pf_save; Pf];

end

mean1 = mean(x1)
mean2 = mean(x2)
sig1 = std(x1)
sig2 = std(x2)
sig = sqrt(sig1^2 + sig2^2)

discrim = abs(mean1 - mean2)/sig % d'

plot(Pf_save, Pd_save, 'b')
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sprintf('dataset3:')
dd = load('dataset3.txt');

% test samples from class 1
x1 = dd(:,1);
% test samples from class 2
x2 = dd(:,2);

Pd_save = [];
Pf_save = [];

% x_c is a classifier
for x_c = -10:0.5:30

    % number of TP (True Positive) samples
    nTP = length(find(x2 > x_c));
    % approximate probability of hit, P(x > x_c | x in w=2)
    Pd = nTP / num_samples;

    % number of FP (False Positive) samples
    nFP = length(find(x1 > x_c));
    % approximate probability of false alarm, P(x > x_c | x in w=1)
    Pf = nFP / num_samples;

    Pd_save = [Pd_save; Pd];
    Pf_save = [Pf_save; Pf];

end

mean1 = mean(x1)
mean2 = mean(x2)
sig1 = std(x1)
sig2 = std(x2)
sig = sqrt(sig1^2 + sig2^2)

discrim = abs(mean1 - mean2)/sig % d'

plot(Pf_save, Pd_save, 'g')

sprintf('dataset4:')
dd = load('dataset4.txt');

% test samples from class 1
x1 = dd(:,1);
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% test samples from class 2
x2 = dd(:,2);


Pd_save = [];
Pf_save = [];

% x_c is a classifier
for x_c = -10:0.5:30

    % number of TP (True Positive) samples
    nTP = length(find(x2 > x_c));
    % approximate probability of hit, P(x > x_c | x in w=2)
    Pd = nTP / num_samples;

    % number of FP (False Positive) samples
    nFP = length(find(x1 > x_c));
    % approximate probability of false alarm, P(x > x_c | x in w=1)
    Pf = nFP / num_samples;

    Pd_save = [Pd_save; Pd];
    Pf_save = [Pf_save; Pf];

end

mean1 = mean(x1)
mean2 = mean(x2)
sig1 = std(x1)
sig2 = std(x2)
sig = sqrt(sig1^2 + sig2^2)

discrim = abs(mean1 - mean2)/sig % d'


plot(Pf_save, Pd_save, 'k')
xlabel('P_{FP}')
ylabel('P_{TP}')
axis equal
axis([0 1 0 1])

legend('dataset1','dataset2','dataset3','dataset4')

hold off
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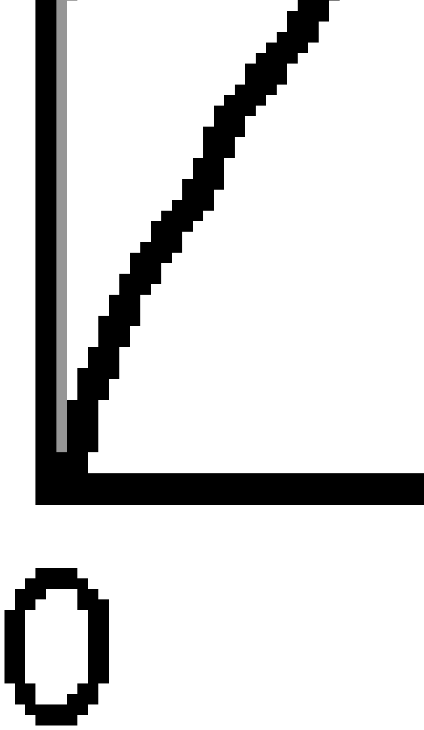
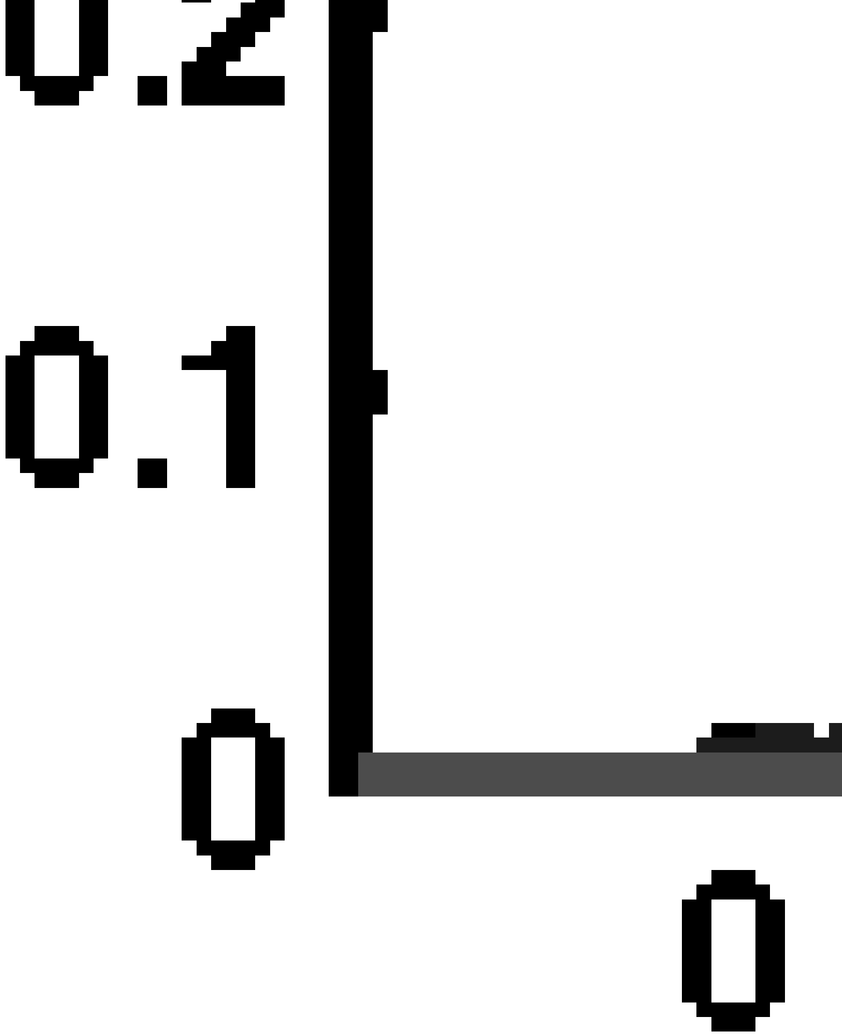


c. For each dataset, plot the two *approximated* probability density functions. Note that the probability density function is the derivative of the cumulative density function. (Do NOT just approximate distributions by Gaussians and draw those approximated Gaussians in this problem.) *Hint:* Use the same method we use in (b) to get the cumulative distribution. This is called *Monte Carlo* method. Also, note that the derivative (i.e., probability density function $p(x)$) relates to the increment of the cumulative density function $P_X(x)$. That is, $p(x) = \Delta P_X(x)/\Delta x$.

Solution:



d. How does the discriminability relate to the ROC curve?

(Solution)

First, comparing dataset1 ($d' = 1.39$) with dataset4 ($d' = 0.31$), we can see that the two distributions in dataset1 are more discriminable than the ones in dataset4 (See the distribution plot in (c)). Also, from the ROC plot in (b), we find that better performance (here, meaning higher $\mathbf{P_{TP}}$ and lower $\mathbf{P_{FP}}$ with the optimal classifier location) is achieved on dataset1, compared with dataset4. In general, for two gaussian distributions, as d' becomes bigger, $\mathbf{P_{TP}} - \mathbf{P_{FP}}$ becomes bigger (Refer to the problem 5 (a) in our Problem Set 2).

Second, comparing dataset2 ($d' = 0.46$) with dataset3 ($d' = 0.45$), we can see that the discriminability of the two distributions in dataset2 is almost the same as that of the ones in dataset3 (See the distribution plot in (c)). Also, from the ROC plot in (b), we find that ROC curves of dataset3 and dataset4 have very different characteristics although the two have similar d' values. Note that depending on the shapes of two distributions (in dataset2, the distribution with higher mean has lower variance, but in dataset3, the distribution with higher mean has higher variance), the characteristic of the corresponding ROC curve is determined. Note that for each dataset, when the change of the