



ECE 455 / 555  
THEORY & APPLICATIONS / ADVANCED TOPICS IN  
PATTERN RECOGNITION



### HOMEWORK 1

**DUE: SEP 25, 2007**

**Most extremely very ultra mega useful hint:** Work as groups (of no more than 2), and start early. Typical completion time for this homework is about a week. Considering that you have other classes, you are given two weeks to complete. Have each member work on two or so questions, and then combine your results. Make sure that every member of the group understands the solution of every question, since these questions may and will appear in the quizzes and exams, and I may randomly ask anyone to solve a typical question on the board.

**You will NOT get it done, if you start late!**

1. The following will be useful throughout the semester
  - a. Write a general function (you may use Matlab's build in commands) to generate random samples from  $N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  in d-dimensions.
  - b. Write a procedure of the discriminant of the following form
 
$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right] - \frac{d}{2} \ln 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i| + \ln P(\omega_i)$$
  - c. Write a procedure for computing the Euclidean distance between two vectors of d-dimensions
  - d. Write a procedure for computing the Mahalanobis distance between a point  $\mathbf{x}$  and some mean vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ , given a covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ .
2. Given the normally distributed data in the table below,
  - a. Design a classifier using only the first feature  $x_1$ , if the prior probabilities are  $P(\omega_1) = P(\omega_2) = 1/2$ ,  $P(\omega_3) = 0$ .
  - b. What is the empirical error?
  - c. Repeat the above process for two features,  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .
  - d. Repeat for all three features.
  - e. Repeat for all classes (with equal priors) using all features.
3. Again, for the same data, and equal priors,
  - a. compute the Mahalanobis distances between the following points and all category means:  $(1, 2, 1)^T$ ,  $(5, 3, 2)^T$ ,  $(0, 0, 0)^T$ ,  $(1, 0, 0)^T$ ,
  - b. Classify these points
  - c. What happens if the priors are now  $P(\omega_2) = P(\omega_3) = 0.1$ ,  $P(\omega_1) = 0.8$
4. Generate a multi-class (three or four class) artificial dataset with various Gaussian distributions (of each of the three types) and demonstrate the Bayesian classifier. Calculate its theoretical and empirical error. Choose examples that demonstrate your understanding. Show decision boundaries by plotting the classifier decisions on a grid that encompasses the entire feature space.
5. Question 3 from Alpaydin's text
6. Question 4 from Alpaydin's text.

7. For grad students only: Read / learn and implement Bayesian Networks. **(floating deadline – mid October)**

 Duda, Hart & Stork, Pattern Classification, 2/e Wiley, 2000

sample	$\omega_1$			$\omega_2$			$\omega_3$		
	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$
1	-5.01	-8.12	-3.68	-0.91	-0.18	-0.05	5.35	2.26	8.13
2	-5.43	-3.48	-3.54	1.30	-2.06	-3.53	5.12	3.22	-2.66
3	1.08	-5.52	1.66	-7.75	-4.54	-0.95	-1.34	-5.31	-9.87
4	0.86	-3.78	-4.11	-5.47	0.50	3.92	4.48	3.42	5.19
5	-2.67	0.63	7.39	6.14	5.72	-4.85	7.11	2.39	9.21
6	4.94	3.29	2.08	3.60	1.26	4.36	7.17	4.33	-0.98
7	-2.51	2.09	-2.59	5.37	-4.63	-3.65	5.75	3.97	6.65
8	-2.25	-2.13	-6.94	7.18	1.46	-6.66	0.77	0.27	2.41
9	5.56	2.86	-2.26	-7.39	1.17	6.30	0.90	-0.43	-8.71
10	1.03	-3.33	4.33	-7.50	-6.32	-0.31	3.52	-0.36	6.43