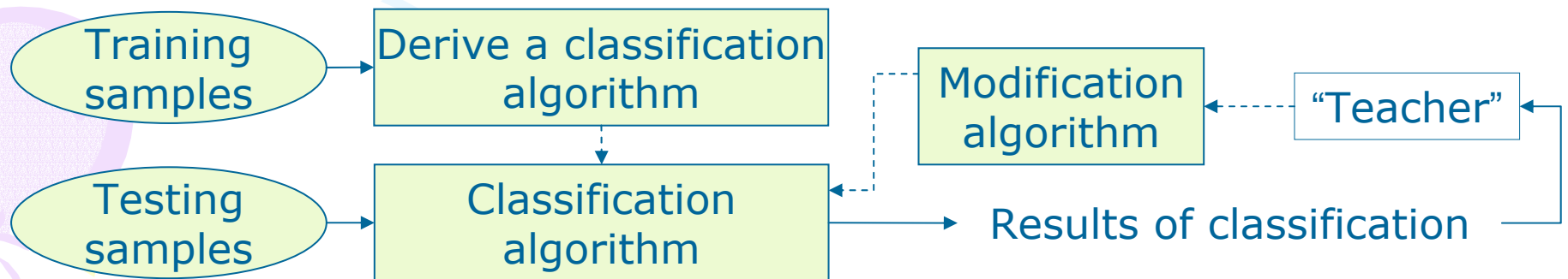


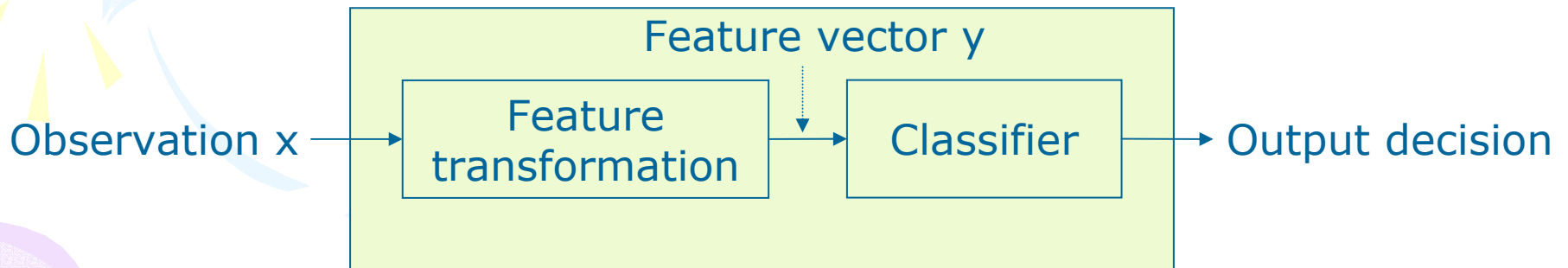
Decision Estimation

- Decision estimation and classification are ones of active research areas.
 - Classic measurements of the environment, ... , AI (vision, speech recognition.)
 - Systems perform "pattern recognition" or "decision making".
 - Often the information is less than precise, and frequently the decision procedures are statistical in nature.
- Objects of interests are classified into one of classes.
 - These objects are "patterns": printed letters, biological cells,...
 - Systems learn the training data to classify the testing data.
 - Supervised vs. un-supervised.



Classification Approach

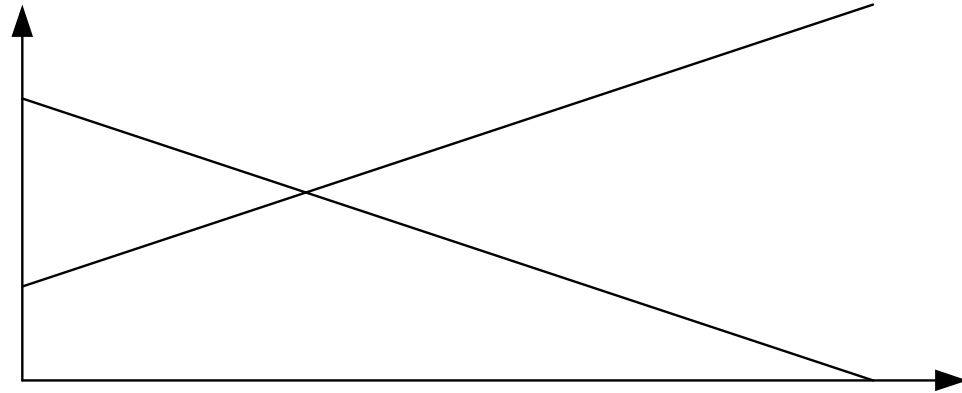
- The observation vector \mathbf{x} is first transformed into another vector \mathbf{y} whose components called **features**.
 - **Feature extraction**: the features are intended to be fewer in numbers than the observations.
 - However, they should collectively contain most discernible information for pattern classification.
 - Reduction of the observations to a smaller number of features is anticipated to help design a reliable decision rule.



- Extraction procedures or transformations attempt to compute the components based on intuition or physical considerations of the problem. \Rightarrow dimensionality reduction.

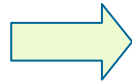
Three-class Recognition Example

if $y_1 + 3y_2 < 9$ w_1 : class of 1's,
else if $-y_1 + 3y_2 > 3$ w_2 : class of x's,
else w_3 : class of 0's.



Discriminant functions:

$$\begin{cases} g_1(\mathbf{y}) = -y_1 - 3y_2 + 9, \\ g_2(\mathbf{y}) = -y_1 + 3y_2 - 3, \\ g_3(\mathbf{y}) = g_1(\mathbf{y}) \cdot g_2(\mathbf{y}). \end{cases}$$



Decision Rule:

Choose w_i where $g_i(\mathbf{y}) = \max_j [g_j(\mathbf{y})]$.

- Decision region R_i is the set $R_i = \{\mathbf{y} : g_i(\mathbf{y}) = \max_j [g_j(\mathbf{y})]\}$.
 - Discriminant functions can be evaluated computationally.
- Decision boundaries are defined by $g_i(\mathbf{y}) = g_j(\mathbf{y}), \quad i \neq j$.

Probability Theory for Random Vectors

- Event A has the associated probability $P(A)$.
 - $P(\text{not } A) = 1 - P(A)$.
 - The joint probability of two events A & B, denoted as $P(AB)$ or $P(A \text{ and } B)$ is the probability that A and B both occur simultaneously.

- $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$.

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

- Suppose \mathbf{x} is a random vector.
 - Its distribution function $F(\mathbf{x})$ is defined as

$$F_{\mathbf{x}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = F_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n}(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, \dots, \tilde{x}_n) = P(\mathbf{x} \leq \tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = P(x_1 \leq \tilde{x}_1, x_2 \leq \tilde{x}_2, \dots, x_n \leq \tilde{x}_n).$$

- $F(-\infty) = 0, F(+\infty) = 1$.

- Its density function $f(\mathbf{x})$ is defined as

$$f_{\mathbf{x}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = \frac{dF_{\mathbf{x}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})}{d\mathbf{x}} = \left[\frac{\partial^n F_{\mathbf{x}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2 \cdots \partial x_n} \right]_{\mathbf{x}=\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \Leftrightarrow F_{\mathbf{x}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{-\infty}^{\tilde{x}_1} \int_{-\infty}^{\tilde{x}_2} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\tilde{x}_n} f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) dx_1 dx_2 \cdots dx_n.$$

Joint Distribution and Density Functions

- Suppose \mathbf{y} is another random vector.

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{pmatrix}$$

- The joint distribution of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} is defined by

$$F_{\mathbf{xy}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{y}}) = P(\mathbf{x} \leq \tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{y} \leq \tilde{\mathbf{y}}).$$

- The joint density is $f_{\mathbf{xy}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{y}}) = \frac{d^2 F_{\mathbf{x}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})}{d\mathbf{x}d\mathbf{y}} = \left[\frac{\partial^m \partial^n F_{\mathbf{x}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2 \cdots \partial x_n \partial y_1 \partial y_2 \cdots \partial y_m} \right]_{\mathbf{x}=\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{y}=\tilde{\mathbf{y}}}$.

$$\Rightarrow F_{\mathbf{xy}}(-\infty, -\infty) = 0, \quad F_{\mathbf{xy}}(\infty, \infty) = 1, \quad F_{\mathbf{xy}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \infty) = F_{\mathbf{x}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}), \quad F_{\mathbf{xy}}(\infty, \tilde{\mathbf{y}}) = F_{\mathbf{y}}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}).$$

Marginal p.d.f.

- Example: the joint p.d.f. is $f_{\mathbf{xy}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{y}}) = \begin{cases} (\tilde{x}_1 + 3\tilde{x}_2)\tilde{y}_1 & 0 \leq \tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, \tilde{y}_1 \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{y} = (y_1)$$

$$f_{\mathbf{x}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = \begin{cases} \int_0^1 (\tilde{x}_1 + 3\tilde{x}_2)y_1 dy_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{x}_1 + 3\tilde{x}_2) & 0 \leq \tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2 \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Probability Functions jointly with Events

- The joint distribution of a random vector \mathbf{x} and an event A is defined by

$$F_{\mathbf{x}A}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, A) = P(\mathbf{x} \leq \tilde{\mathbf{x}}, A) = \sum_{i=1}^m P(\mathbf{x} \leq \tilde{\mathbf{x}}, A_i), \quad A = \bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i.$$

- The conditional probability: $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$.

$$\Rightarrow F_{\mathbf{x}|A}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|A) = P(\mathbf{x} \leq \tilde{\mathbf{x}}|A) = \frac{P(\mathbf{x} \leq \tilde{\mathbf{x}}, A)}{P(A)} = \frac{F_{\mathbf{x}A}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, A)}{P(A)}.$$

Bayes's Rule

$$\Rightarrow f_{\mathbf{x}|y}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\tilde{\mathbf{y}}) = \frac{f_{\mathbf{xy}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{y}})}{f_y(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})}. \quad \Rightarrow f_{\mathbf{xy}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{y}}) = f_x(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \cdot f_y(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}), \text{ if } \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \text{ are independent.}$$

$$P(A_i|B) = \frac{P(A_i \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B|A_i)P(A_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^m P(B|A_i)}$$

Prior density

$$\Rightarrow f_{\mathbf{x}|y}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\tilde{\mathbf{y}}) = \frac{f_{\mathbf{xy}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{y}})}{f_y(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})} = \frac{f_{y|x}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}|\tilde{\mathbf{x}})f_x(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{y|x}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}|\mathbf{x})f_x(\mathbf{x})d\mathbf{x}}.$$

Posterior density

Likelihood Ratio Test

- The hypothesis that a given pattern \mathbf{x} belongs one of N_c classes is tested to minimize the probability of error.

$$\text{If } f_{w_1|\mathbf{x}}(w_1 | \tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = \frac{f_{\mathbf{x}|w_1}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}} | w_1)P(w_1)}{f_{\mathbf{x}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})} > f_{w_2|\mathbf{x}}(w_2 | \tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = \frac{f_{\mathbf{x}|w_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}} | w_2)P(w_2)}{f_{\mathbf{x}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})} \Rightarrow w_1 \text{ class,}$$

else w_2 class.

- The decision rule can be $L(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \triangleq \frac{f_{\mathbf{x}|w_1}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}} | w_1)}{f_{\mathbf{x}|w_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}} | w_2)} > \frac{P(w_2)}{P(w_1)}$.

Likelihood Ratio

- Example: the conditional p.d.f. are $\begin{cases} f_{\mathbf{x}|w_1}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}} | w_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp[-\frac{1}{2}(x-4)^2] \\ f_{\mathbf{x}|w_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}} | w_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp[-\frac{1}{2}(x-10)^2] \end{cases}$

$$P(w_1) = P(w_2).$$

$$\Rightarrow L(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \triangleq \frac{f_{\mathbf{x}|w_1}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}} | w_1)}{f_{\mathbf{x}|w_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}} | w_2)} > \frac{P(w_2)}{P(w_1)} \Rightarrow (x-4)^2 - (x-10)^2 < 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{x}} = x < 7.$$

\Rightarrow Usually, the **log likelihood Ratio** is used.

Probability of Misclassification

- The probability of error, i.e. Bayes risk, determines the quality of a decision rule.
 - A lower value implies a better rule.

$$P(\text{error}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(\text{error} | \mathbf{x}) f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = P(\text{error} | w_1)P(w_1) + P(\text{error} | w_2)P(w_2).$$

$$\varepsilon_1 = P(\text{error} | w_1) = P(\text{choose } w_2 | w_1) = \int_{R_2} f_{\mathbf{x}|w_1}(\mathbf{x} | w_1) d\mathbf{x}.$$

$$\varepsilon_2 = P(\text{error} | w_2) = P(\text{choose } w_1 | w_2) = \int_{R_1} f_{\mathbf{x}|w_2}(\mathbf{x} | w_2) d\mathbf{x}.$$

- Bayes risk under Multiple hypotheses can be defined:

$$P(\text{error} | \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{N_c} P(w_j | \mathbf{x}) = 1 - P(w_i | \mathbf{x}), \quad \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in R_i.$$

- R_i should be defined to be the region where $P(w_i | \mathbf{x})$ is largest.

Choose w_i where $P(w_i | \mathbf{x}) = \max_j [P(w_j | \mathbf{x})]$.

Distance Functions

- There are several ways to measure the distance $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ between two vectors \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{y} .
 - Generally, a distance function is any scalar-valued function satisfying the following conditions:
 - $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) > 0$ for $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y}$; $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0$ if $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$.
 - $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = d(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x})$.
 - [Triangular inequality] $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + d(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \geq d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$.
 - Euclidean distance: $d_E(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$.
 - Maximum value distance: $d_M(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \max_i |x_i - y_i|$.
 - Absolute value distance (city block): $d_A(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|$.

Linear Transformation

- If \mathbf{x} is a vector in X and \mathbf{y} is the corresponding (mapped) vector in Y , then $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$.
- Matrix \mathbf{A} is said to be **positive definite**
 - if the quadratic product, $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$, is strictly greater than zero for all non-zero vector \mathbf{x} .

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_i x_j.$$

- Matrix \mathbf{A} is said to be **positive semidefinite**
 - if the quadratic product, $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}, \geq 0$ for all non-zero vector \mathbf{x} .

- Example: the positive definite matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_i x_j = x_1^2 - 2x_1 x_2 + 2x_2^2 = (x_1 - x_2)^2 + x_2^2 > 0, \forall \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}.$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is not a positive definite matrix.}$$

Differentiation w.r.t. Vectors

- If s is a scalar function of a vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$,
 - the derivative of s w.r.t. \mathbf{x} is defined as the vector (**gradient**)

$$\frac{ds}{d\mathbf{x}} = \left[\frac{\partial s}{\partial x_1} \quad \frac{\partial s}{\partial x_2} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial s}{\partial x_n} \right]^T.$$

- If \mathbf{s} is a vector $\in \mathbb{R}^m$,
 - the derivative of \mathbf{s} w.r.t. \mathbf{x} is the matrix

$$\frac{d\mathbf{s}}{d\mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial s_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial s_m}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial s_1}{\partial x_n} & \dots & \frac{\partial s_m}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- If \mathbf{r} is a linear transformation of \mathbf{s} ,

- Namely, $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{s}$, then $\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{d\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{B} \frac{d\mathbf{s}}{d\mathbf{x}}$.

Chained rule

- If \mathbf{r} is a nonlinear transformation of \mathbf{s} , $\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{d\mathbf{x}} = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{d\mathbf{s}} \frac{d\mathbf{s}}{d\mathbf{x}}$.

- For the quadratic product, $\frac{d(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x})}{d\mathbf{x}} = \dots = (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B}^T) \mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}$.

If \mathbf{B} is symmetric

Correlation and Covariance Matrices

- The correlation matrix \mathbf{R} of a random vector \mathbf{x} is

$$\mathbf{R} = E(\mathbf{xx}^T) = (r_{ij}), \quad r_{ij} = E(x_i x_j).$$

- The covariance matrix \mathbf{K} of a random vector \mathbf{x} is

$$\mathbf{K} = E[(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m})(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m})^T] = (k_{ij}), \quad k_{ij} = E[(x_i - m_i)(x_j - m_j)].$$

- The diagonal elements k_{ii} are the variances of the vector components.

$$k_{ii} = \sigma_i^2 = \text{Var}(x_i) = E[(x_i - m_i)^2].$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K} &= E[(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m})(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m})^T] = E[\mathbf{xx}^T - \mathbf{xm}^T - \mathbf{mx}^T + \mathbf{mm}^T] \\ &= E[\mathbf{xx}^T] - E[\mathbf{x}]\mathbf{m}^T - \mathbf{m}E[\mathbf{x}^T] + \mathbf{mm}^T = E[\mathbf{xx}^T] - \mathbf{mm}^T = \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{mm}^T. \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{K} + \mathbf{mm}^T.$$

- Given a vector $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$, $\mathbf{m}_y = E[\mathbf{Ax}] = \mathbf{A}E[\mathbf{x}] = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{m}_x$.

$$\mathbf{R}_y = E[(\mathbf{Ax})(\mathbf{Ax})^T] = \mathbf{A}E[\mathbf{xx}^T]\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{R}_x\mathbf{A}^T. \quad \mathbf{K}_y = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{K}_x\mathbf{A}^T.$$

- If \mathbf{A} is orthogonal, i.e. has orthonormal column vectors,

$$|\mathbf{R}_y| = |\mathbf{R}_x|, \text{tr}(\mathbf{R}_y) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{R}_x), |\mathbf{K}_y| = |\mathbf{K}_x|, \text{tr}(\mathbf{K}_y) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{K}_x).$$

Independent Random Vectors

- If random vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are independent, they are uncorrelated.

- The converse is generally not true.

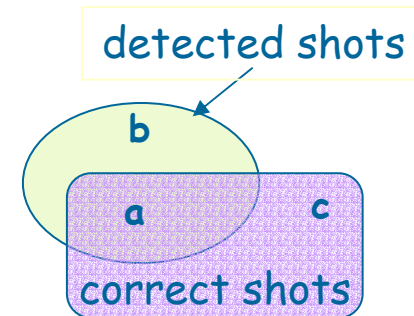
- Both are uncorrelated if
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{R}_{xy} = E(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^T) = E(\mathbf{x})E(\mathbf{y}^T) = \mathbf{m}_x\mathbf{m}_y^T, \\ \mathbf{K}_{xy} = E[(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_x)(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{m}_y)^T] = \mathbf{0}. \end{cases}$$

- Gaussian Random Vectors:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} \sqrt{|\mathbf{K}_x|}} \exp\left[-\frac{(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m})\mathbf{K}_x^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m})^T}{2}\right].$$

- Recall: $a/(a+c)$, better for a smaller value of c .

- ✓ The ratio of the number of shots **detected correctly** over the actual number of shots.



- Precision: $a/(a+b)$, better for a smaller value of b .

- ✓ The ratio of the number of shots detected correctly over the total number of **shots detected**.

Support Vector Machines (SVM)

- SVM is a novel kind of Neural Networks.
 - Multi-Layer-Perceptron (MLP): Classifier, regressor, etc.
 - Single-layer & Multi-layer with feed-forward connections.
 - Back propagation algorithm, maximum likelihood principle.
 - Training, self-structured: supervised, unsupervised.
 - The performance is justified by a loss function (say, MSE) over unseen samples of the test set.
 - The **expected** risk of the classifier on the test set [2] \leq
The **empirical** risk on the training set [0] + the **estimation** error [1].

$$\text{Estimation error} \approx \sqrt{\frac{h}{c} \log\left(1 + 2\frac{c}{h}\right)},$$

$$c = |\text{Training Set}|,$$

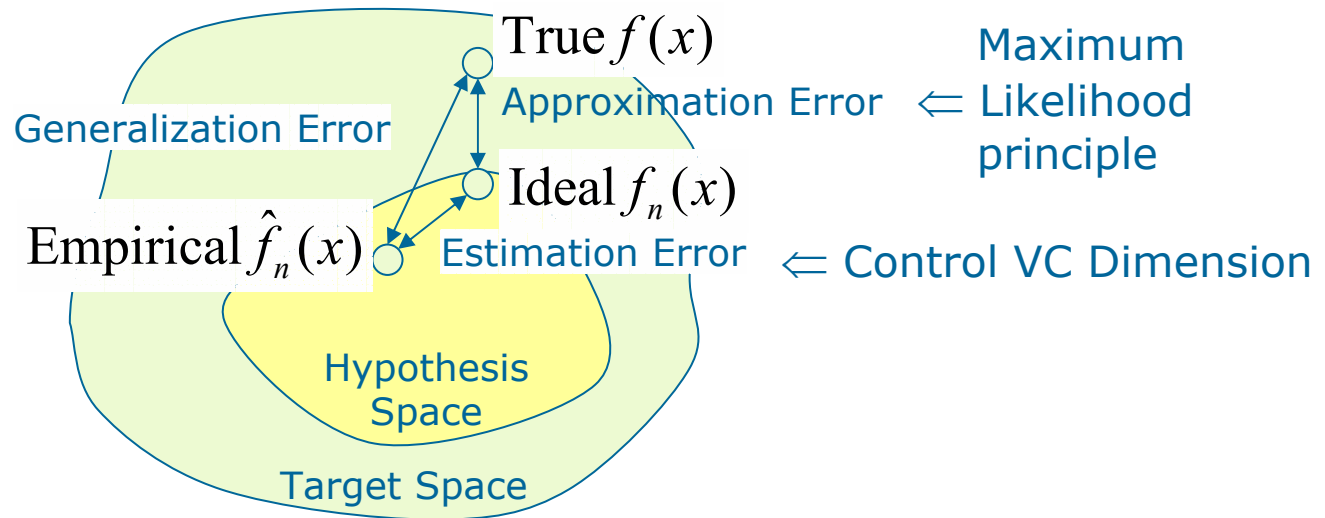
$$h = \text{VC dimension of the classifier.}$$

[0] & [1] should be both min.

✓ Minimizing [0] alone do no good!!

(Vapnik-Chervonenkis) = the maximal number of samples correctly classified in the training set.

Graphical Illustration



- In Modeling, the approximation error stems from the model mismatch.
 - The true $f(x)$ may lie outside the hypothesis space.
- In Learning, the estimation error occurs due to the imperfect learning procedure.
 - The non-optimal model (empirically obtained) may be chosen.
- During the testing (evaluation), the generalization error is met.
- SVM minimizes the Expected risk by controlling VC dimension.
 - Learning becomes solving the problem of Quadratic Programming.

SVM = Optimal Hyperplane Algorithm

- Learning how to classify is estimating a function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \pm 1$ over the training data set = $\{(x_i, y_i) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \pm 1 : i=1 \dots c\}$
 - f will correctly classify other unseen example (x, y) under the same unknown probability distribution $P(x, y)$. \Rightarrow namely, $f(x)=y$.
 - It is often assumed the data are i.i.d. (identically independent distributed).

Hyperplanes : $w \cdot x + b = 0$, $w \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $b \in \mathbb{R}$, \Leftrightarrow Decision Functions : $f(x) = \text{sgn}(w \cdot x + b)$.

$\Rightarrow \exists$ a unique hyperplane $(w, b) \ni \max_{w, b} \min_i (\|x - x_i\| : x \in \mathbb{R}^n, w \cdot x + b = 0, i = 1 \dots c)$.

Maximize the separation margin.

\Rightarrow Optimization problem: $\begin{cases} \min L(w) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 & \text{Good separation} \\ y_i(w \cdot x_i + b) \geq 1, i = 1 \dots c. & \text{Correct} \end{cases}$

\Rightarrow Solution = the saddle point of the Lagrangian:
 $\alpha_i \geq 0$

$L(w, b, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^c \alpha_i [y_i(w \cdot x_i + b) - 1]$.
 Minimized w.r.t. w & b , maximized w.r.t. α_i .

Solution

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial L(w,b,\alpha)}{\partial b} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^c \alpha_i y_i = 0, \\ \frac{\partial L(w,b,\alpha)}{\partial w} = 0 \Rightarrow w = \sum_{i=1}^c \alpha_i y_i x_i. \end{cases}$$

$\alpha_i \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ Lying on the margin
Support vectors

The solution vector is a linear combination of a subset of the training patterns.
 \Rightarrow Support vectors summarize the information.

$$\Rightarrow b = -\frac{1}{2} w \cdot (x_p + x_q), \alpha_p > 0, \alpha_q > 0, y_p = 1, y_q = -1, \text{ for any SV } x_p, x_q.$$

- However, most classification problems are not linear separable.
 - Transform x_i to a high-dimension space to regain linear separation.

$$x \Rightarrow \Phi(x). \quad \Phi(x) \text{ is hard to compute.}$$

$$\text{Decision Functions : } f(x) = \text{sgn}(w \cdot x + b) = \text{sgn}\left(\sum_{i=1}^c \alpha_i y_i (x_i \cdot x) + b\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \text{sgn}\left(\sum_{i=1}^c \alpha_i y_i (\Phi(x_i) \cdot \Phi(x)) + b\right).$$

The scalar (inner) product, $\Phi(x_i) \cdot \Phi(x)$, is easy to compute by a simple kernel.

As an example, the polynomial kernel $k(x,y) = \Phi(x) \cdot \Phi(y) = (x \cdot y)^d$.

- ✓ Matrices (K_{ij}) are positive definite, where $K_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j)$, $i, j = 1 \dots c$.

Dilemma

- Typically, the data will only be linearly separable in some, possibly very high dimensional space.
 - Separating the data exactly, particularly for a finite amount of data with noise, is favorable. However it will generalize badly.
 - In practice, it may be necessary to employ the non-separable approach (allow some classification error).
- To allow some overlapping between classes, the slack variables $\tau_i \geq 0$ is introduced.

⇒ Optimization problem:
$$\begin{cases} \min L(w, \tau) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^c \tau_i, & C \text{ is some constant } \geq 0. \\ y_i (w \cdot x_i + b) \geq 1 - \tau_i, & i = 1 \dots c. \end{cases} \quad \tau_i \geq 0$$

⇒
$$L(w, b, \alpha, \tau, \beta) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^c \alpha_i [y_i (w \cdot x_i + b) - 1 + \tau_i] - \sum_{i=1}^c \beta_i \tau_i. \quad \text{Saddle points}$$

$$C \geq \alpha_i \geq 0 \quad \sum_{i=1}^c \alpha_i y_i = 0, \quad w = \sum_{i=1}^c \alpha_i y_i x_i, \quad \alpha_i + \beta_i = C. \quad (\text{Any SV } x_i \text{ has } \tau_i = 0.)$$

⇒
$$\max_{\alpha} W(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^c \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^c \sum_{j=1}^c \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j (x_i \cdot x_j).$$

Non-linear Separation

- Using the kernel,

$$\Rightarrow \max_{\alpha} W(\vec{\alpha}) = \sum_{i=1}^c \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^c \sum_{j=1}^c \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j k(x_i, x_j).$$

- Define the matrix Q , $Q_{ij} = y_i y_j k(\vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_j)$. $\Rightarrow W(\vec{\alpha}) = \vec{\alpha}^T \vec{1} - \frac{1}{2} \vec{\alpha}^T Q \vec{\alpha}$
 $= \vec{\alpha}^T (\vec{1} - \frac{1}{2} Q \vec{\alpha})$.

- Decomposition: break the entire training set into smaller ones.
 - Select the working (active) subset.
 - Other α_i are fixed in the current iteration.
 - Shrink the problem.
 - There are much less SVs than c .
 - Many SVs have $\alpha_i = C$.
 - Caching and incremental updates of the gradient & the termination criteria.

Generalized Discriminant Analysis (GDA)

- GDA is the eigenvalue problem resolution for nonlinear discriminant analysis.
 - It is similar in functionality to SVM.
- The input set X has m vectors, $x_1 \cdots x_m$, belong to n classes, $X_1 \cdots X_n$.
 - The cardinality of the subset X_i is m_i . $\Rightarrow X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n X_i$, $\sum_{i=1}^n m_i = m$.
 - The covariance matrix C of all x_i : $C = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m x_i x_i^T$.

Suppose $x \Rightarrow \Phi(x)$. $C \Rightarrow V = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \Phi(x_i) \Phi^T(x_i)$.

Center $\Phi(x_i)$ in the transform space: $\tilde{\Phi}(x_i) = \Phi(x_i) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \Phi(x_k)$.

- The **inter-class** inertia B is the covariance matrix of the class centers.

$$B = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \bar{\Phi}_i \bar{\Phi}_i^T, \quad \bar{\Phi}_i = \frac{1}{m_i} \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \Phi(x_{i,k}).$$

The k^{th} vector of Class i is $x_{i,k}$.

Likewise, $V = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \Phi(x_i) \Phi^T(x_i) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \Phi(x_{i,k}) \Phi^T(x_{i,k})$. **total inertia**

Formulation

- Using Kernel function: $k(x_i, x_j) = k_{i,j} = \Phi^T(x_i)\Phi(x_j)$.

For classes p & q ,
$$\left(k_{i,j}\right)_{p,q} = \Phi^T(x_{p,i})\Phi(x_{q,j}).$$

- Define a $m \times m$ matrix K : $K = \left(K_{p,q}\right)_{p,q=1 \dots n}$, $K_{p,q} = \left(k_{i,j}\right)_{i=1 \dots m_p, j=1 \dots m_q} = K_{q,p}^T$.

A $m \times m$ block diagonal

matrix W : $W = \left(W_t\right)_{t=1 \dots n}$, $W_t = \left(\frac{1}{m_t}\right)_{m_t \times m_t}$.

- The classical criteria for class separability is defined by the quotient between the inter-class inertia and the intra-classes inertia.
 - Its maximization is equivalent to the eigenvalue resolution.
- Assume the classes follow a multivariate Gaussian distribution, and each observation can be assigned to the class having the maximum posterior probability using the **Mahalanobis distance**.

Eigenvalue Resolution

- Given two symmetric matrices A & B with the same size, and B^{-1} exists,

- The quotient $\frac{v^T Av}{v^T Bv}$ is maximal for eigenvector v of $B^{-1}A$ associated to the large eigenvalue λ .

Since

$$\frac{(v^T Bv)(2Av) - (v^T Av)(2Bv)}{(v^T Bv)^2} = 0 \Rightarrow B^{-1}Av = \left(\frac{v^T Av}{v^T Bv} \right) v.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{v^T Av}{v^T Bv} \right) : \text{eigenvalue, } v : \text{eigenvector of } B^{-1}A.$$

Therefore, the quotient $\frac{B}{V}$ of both inertia's in the problem is maximized:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda Vv &= Bv \\ \lambda v &= V^{-1}Bv \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{v^T Bv}{v^T Vv} \right) = \lambda : \text{the largest eigenvalue, } v : \text{eigenvector of } V^{-1}B.$$

$$\begin{cases} B = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \bar{\Phi}_i \bar{\Phi}_i^T, & \bar{\Phi}_i = \frac{1}{m_i} \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \Phi(x_{i,k}). \\ V = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \Phi(x_i) \Phi^T(x_i) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \Phi(x_{i,k}) \Phi^T(x_{i,k}). \end{cases}$$

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} \alpha_{i,k} \Phi(x_{i,k}).$$

Linear combination

Formulation

$$\alpha = (\alpha_i)_{i=1 \dots n}, \quad \alpha_i = (\alpha_{i,k})_{k=1 \dots m_i} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{v^T B v}{v^T V v} \right) = \lambda = \left(\frac{\alpha^T K W K \alpha}{\alpha^T K K \alpha} \right).$$

• Proof:

$$\lambda V v = B v \Rightarrow \lambda \Phi^T(x_{r,s}) V v = \Phi^T(x_{r,s}) B v.$$

$$K = (K_{p,q})_{p,q=1 \dots n},$$

$$K_{p,q} = (k_{i,j})_{i=1 \dots m_p, j=1 \dots m_q} = K_{q,p}^T.$$

$$\begin{aligned} V v &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{m_p} \Phi(x_{p,i}) \Phi^T(x_{p,i}) \times \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_q} \alpha_{q,k} \Phi(x_{q,k}) \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_q} \alpha_{q,k} \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{m_p} \Phi(x_{p,i}) \Phi^T(x_{p,i}) \Phi(x_{q,k}). \end{aligned}$$

$$(k_{i,j})_{p,q} = \Phi^T(x_{p,i}) \Phi(x_{q,j}).$$

$$\lambda \Phi^T(x_{r,s}) V v = \frac{\lambda}{m} \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_q} \alpha_{q,k} \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{m_p} [\Phi^T(x_{r,s}) \Phi(x_{p,i})] [\Phi^T(x_{p,i}) \Phi(x_{q,k})].$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda [\Phi^T(x_{1,m_1}), \dots, \Phi^T(x_{m_1,m_1}), \dots, \Phi^T(x_{1,m_n}), \dots, \Phi^T(x_{m_n,m_n})] V v = \frac{\lambda}{m} K K \alpha.$$

$$\begin{aligned} B v &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{p=1}^n m_p \left[\frac{1}{m_p} \sum_{i=1}^{m_p} \Phi(x_{p,i}) \right] \left[\frac{1}{m_p} \sum_{i=1}^{m_p} \Phi(x_{p,i}) \right]^T \times \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_q} \alpha_{q,k} \Phi(x_{q,k}) \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_q} \alpha_{q,k} \sum_{p=1}^n \left[\sum_{i=1}^{m_p} \Phi(x_{p,i}) \right] \left[\frac{1}{m_p} \right] \left[\sum_{i=1}^{m_p} \Phi^T(x_{p,i}) \Phi(x_{q,k}) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\Phi^T(x_{1,m_1}), \dots, \Phi^T(x_{m_1,m_1}), \dots, \Phi^T(x_{1,m_n}), \dots, \Phi^T(x_{m_n,m_n})] B v = \frac{1}{m} K W K \alpha.$$

Eigenvalue Resolution

- By the eigenvectors decomposition of K , $K = P\Gamma P^T$
 - P contains the normalized eigenvectors, say v .
 - P is orthonormal since K is symmetric.
 - Γ is the diagonal matrix with non-zero eigenvalues.

$$\left(\frac{v^T B v}{v^T V v} \right) = \lambda = \left(\frac{\alpha^T K W K \alpha}{\alpha^T K K \alpha} \right) = \frac{\alpha^T (P\Gamma P^T) W (P\Gamma P^T) \alpha}{\alpha^T (P\Gamma P^T) (P\Gamma P^T) \alpha} = \frac{(\Gamma P^T \alpha)^T P^T W P (\Gamma P^T \alpha)}{(\Gamma P^T \alpha)^T P^T P (\Gamma P^T \alpha)}.$$

$$\beta = \Gamma P^T \alpha \Rightarrow \lambda P^T P \beta = \lambda \beta = P^T W P \beta \Rightarrow \alpha = P \Gamma^{-1} \beta.$$

Also, $1 = v^T v = \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_p} \alpha_{p,k} \Phi^T(x_{p,k}) \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_q} \alpha_{q,k} \Phi(x_{q,k})$

$$= \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{q=1}^n \alpha_p^T K_{p,q} \alpha_q = \alpha^T K \alpha \Rightarrow \alpha \text{ should be normalized by } \sqrt{\alpha^T K \alpha}.$$

Given a test vector z , the projections can be computed as

$$v^T z = \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_p} \alpha_{p,k} \Phi^T(x_{p,k}) z = \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_p} \alpha_{p,k} k(x_{p,k}, z).$$

Summary

- GDA procedure is summarized in the following steps:

1. Compute K and W. $(k_{i,j})_{p,q} = \Phi^T(x_{p,i})\Phi(x_{q,j})$.

$$K = (K_{p,q})_{p,q=1 \dots n}, K_{p,q} = (k_{i,j})_{i=1 \dots m_p, j=1 \dots m_q}. \quad W = (W_t)_{t=1 \dots n}, \quad W_t = \left(\frac{1}{m_t}\right)_{m_t \times m_t}.$$

2. Decompose K using eigenvectors decompositions.

$$K = P\Gamma P^T$$

3. Compute eigenvectors β and eigenvalues of the system.

$$\beta = \Gamma P^T \alpha \Rightarrow \lambda P^T P \beta = \lambda \beta = \underline{P^T W P} \beta \Rightarrow \alpha = P \Gamma^{-1} \beta.$$

4. Compute eigenvectors v using α and normalize them.

$$v = \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_p} \alpha_{p,k} \Phi(x_{p,k}). \quad \alpha \text{ should be normalized by } \sqrt{\alpha^T K \alpha}.$$

5. Compute projections of test points onto the eigenvectors v .

$$v^T z = \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_p} \alpha_{p,k} \Phi^T(x_{p,k}) z = \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_p} \alpha_{p,k} k(x_{p,k}, z).$$

Kernel Functions

- Various kernel functions can be used:

- Gaussian kernel, RBF-kernel: $k(x, y) = \exp\left(\frac{-\|x-y\|^d}{2\sigma^2}\right)$.

- Polynomial kernel: $k(x, y) = (x \cdot y)^d$.

$d = 2 \Rightarrow (x_1^2, \dots, x_t^2, x_1x_2, \dots, x_ix_j, \dots): \frac{t(t-1)}{2}$ terms for $x \in R^t$.

- Threshold values are learned and chosen.

- The number of classes minus one is the number of thresholds chosen for classification.

Biased Discriminant Transform (BDT)

- MM information retrieval relies on the descriptors (or feature vectors), a set of real numbers.
 - Effectiveness of the representation in descriptors.
 - Selection of similarity metric.
- Difference between Traditional and MM DB:
 - Binary “Hit-or-Miss” decision using keywords in traditional DB.
 - The occurrences of the keywords or their synonyms, or
 - Rule-based ranking. etc.
 - In MMDB, the feature space is R^n (continuous).
 - Inherently, it is a nearest neighbor or a top-k ranking problem.

Why On-Line Learning?

- "Consensus" interpretation on MM contents:
 - Among all the users
 - Among all the times
 - The correct answer should match the context of conversation.
 - "The bat slipped from his hand." shows different meaning in the context of a baseball game or a cave exploring.
 - Medical image DB may define specific functionalities to perform off-line pre-clustering.
- On-learning is indispensable.
 - The system need to communicate with the user to perceive the specific goal of the queries.
 - In CBIR, a user is required to offer the feature-weighting scheme.
 - In "Relevance Feedback", a user is kept in the loop to tell the relevance of an image or video. (NO R/W of textual description)

Supervised Classification Problem

- One descriptor is assumed to represent the MM object.
 - By it, the media type becomes transparent to the system.
 - The object can be an whole image, image block, segmented region, shorts, frames, or a key frame.
 - ✓ A point is associated with the descriptor in the feature space.
- Relevance feedback: supervised classification problem.
 - Learning Speed: the number of iterations.
 - Training Size: the number of samples, i.e. their population.
 - Class density, positive/negative samples, etc.
 - Top-k returns: not a binary decision.
 - Binary classification (two-class) may not be optimal.
 - Initial results are returned; returns/evaluation are iterated.
 - The goal is to learn the discriminating **subspace**.

Variants of Relevance Feedback

- Objectives:

- A user may look for a particular object or a similar one.

- Feedbacks:

- A user may give back the positive feedback, negative, or both.
- The degree of relevance for each result may be returned.
- Partial likeness: it is like A in color, like B in shape, etc.

- Multiple Descriptors per Sample:

- A mixed model can be used for refinement (intersection, union) to emphasize the local features.

- Class distribution:

- Two or more target classes may be assumed.
 - Gaussian: two; Kernel-based: more for non-linearity.

- Data Organization:

- A hierarchical tree structure may slow learning in real-time.

- Focus:

- To learn a linear transformation, consider the correlations of feature components, estimate the class density, etc.

Fisher & Multiple Discriminant Analyses

- The consensus is to find the features to best cluster & separate the positive examples from the negative.
- Traditional approaches:
 - Two-class assumption (FDA): to find a lower dimensional space in which the ratio of between-class scatter over within-class scatter is maximized.

$$\mathbf{W} = \arg_{\mathbf{W}} \max \frac{|\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{S}_b \mathbf{W}|}{|\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{S}_w \mathbf{W}|}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_b = (\mathbf{m}_x - \mathbf{m})(\mathbf{m}_x - \mathbf{m})^T + (\mathbf{m}_y - \mathbf{m})(\mathbf{m}_y - \mathbf{m})^T \quad \text{Large inter}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_w = \sum_{i=1}^{N_x} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{m}_x)(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{m}_x)^T +$$

\mathbf{x}_i : positive; \mathbf{y}_i : negative.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_y} (\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{m}_y)(\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{m}_y)^T \quad \text{Small intra}$$

- Two-class assumption (MDA):

$$\mathbf{S}_b = (\mathbf{m}_x - \mathbf{m})(\mathbf{m}_x - \mathbf{m})^T + \sum_{i=1}^{N_y} (\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{m})(\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{m})^T$$

$$\mathbf{S}_w = \sum_{i=1}^{N_x} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{m}_x)(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{m}_x)^T$$

Biased Discriminant Analysis (BDA)

- (1+x)-class assumption:

- The user is only interested in one class, while there are an unknown number of other classes.
 - “All happy families are alike, each unhappy family is unhappy in its own fashion” - Leo Tolstoy's Anna Karenina.
 - All positive examples are alike in a way; each negative example is negative in its own way.

$$\mathbf{W} = \arg_{\mathbf{W}} \max \frac{|\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{S}_y \mathbf{W}|}{|\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{S}_x \mathbf{W}|}.$$

$$\mathbf{S}_y = \sum_{i=1}^{N_y} (\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{m}_x)(\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{m}_x)^T.$$

$$\mathbf{S}_x = \sum_{i=1}^{N_x} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{m}_x)(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{m}_x)^T.$$

- Regularization and Discounting Factors:

- Sample-based estimates may be severely biased for small number of training examples.

$$\mathbf{S}_x^r = (1 - \mu)\mathbf{S}_x + \frac{\mu}{n} \text{tr}[\mathbf{S}_x] \mathbf{I}.$$

$n = \dim(\text{original space})$.

$$\mathbf{S}_y^d = (1 - \gamma)\mathbf{S}_y + \frac{\gamma}{n} \text{tr}[\mathbf{S}_y] \mathbf{I}.$$

Kernel-based BDA (KBDA)

- For non-linearity in the data, a non-linear mapping $\Phi: \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \Phi(\mathbf{x})$ is used to restore linearity in the transform space.

- The evaluation of kernel $\mathbf{K} = (k_{ij})$, where $k_{ij} = \Phi^T(\mathbf{x}_i)\Phi(\mathbf{x}_j)$.

$$\mathbf{W} = \arg_{\mathbf{W}} \max \frac{|\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{S}_y^{\Phi} \mathbf{W}|}{|\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{S}_x^{\Phi} \mathbf{W}|}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_y^{\Phi} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_y} (\Phi(\mathbf{y}_i) - \mathbf{m}_x^{\Phi})(\Phi(\mathbf{y}_i) - \mathbf{m}_x^{\Phi})^T$$

$$\mathbf{S}_x^{\Phi} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_x} (\Phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathbf{m}_x^{\Phi})(\Phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathbf{m}_x^{\Phi})^T$$

- Let \mathbf{w} is the eigenvector associated with the largest eigenvalue for \mathbf{W} .

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_x} \alpha_i \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i) + \sum_{j=1}^{N_y} \alpha_{i+N_x} \Phi(\mathbf{y}_i) = \Phi \boldsymbol{\alpha}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{y_i} = \Phi^T \Phi(\mathbf{y}_i) = (\mathbf{K}_y)_{:,j}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{m_x} = \Phi^T \mathbf{m}_x^{\Phi}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{N_x}^y = \frac{1}{N_x} (\mathbf{1})_{N_x \times N_y}$$

$N \times N_y$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_y^{\Phi} \mathbf{w} &= \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \Phi^T \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N_y} (\Phi(\mathbf{y}_i) - \mathbf{m}_x^{\Phi})(\Phi(\mathbf{y}_i) - \mathbf{m}_x^{\Phi})^T \right] \Phi \boldsymbol{\alpha} \\ &= \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N_y} (\mathbf{K}_{y_i} - \mathbf{K}_{m_x})(\mathbf{K}_{y_i} - \mathbf{K}_{m_x})^T \right] \boldsymbol{\alpha} \\ &= \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \left[(\mathbf{K}_y - \mathbf{K}_x \mathbf{I}_{N_x}^y)(\mathbf{K}_y - \mathbf{K}_x \mathbf{I}_{N_x}^y)^T \right] \boldsymbol{\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

KBDA (cont'd)

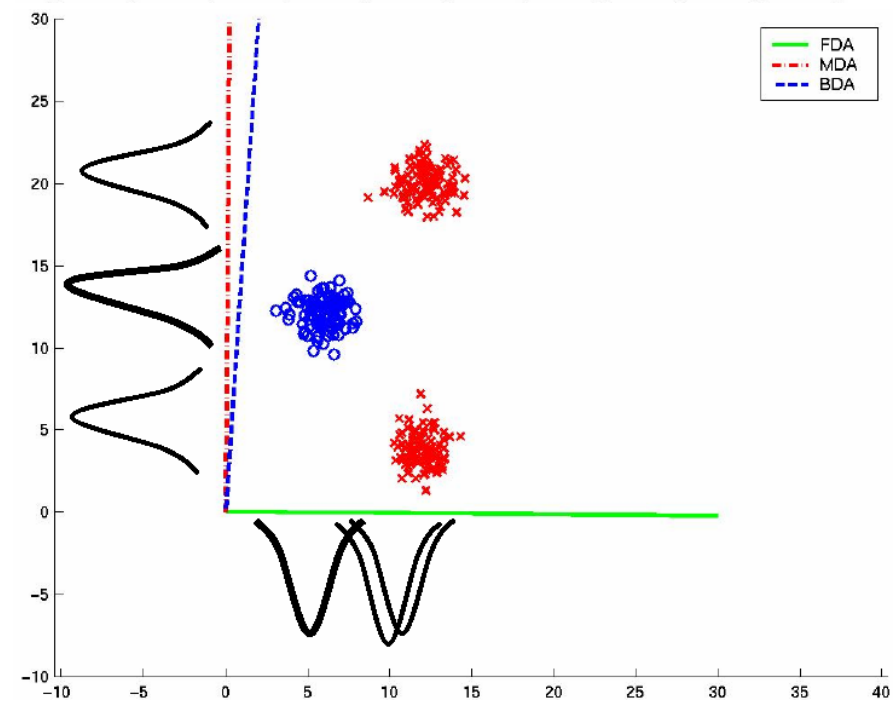
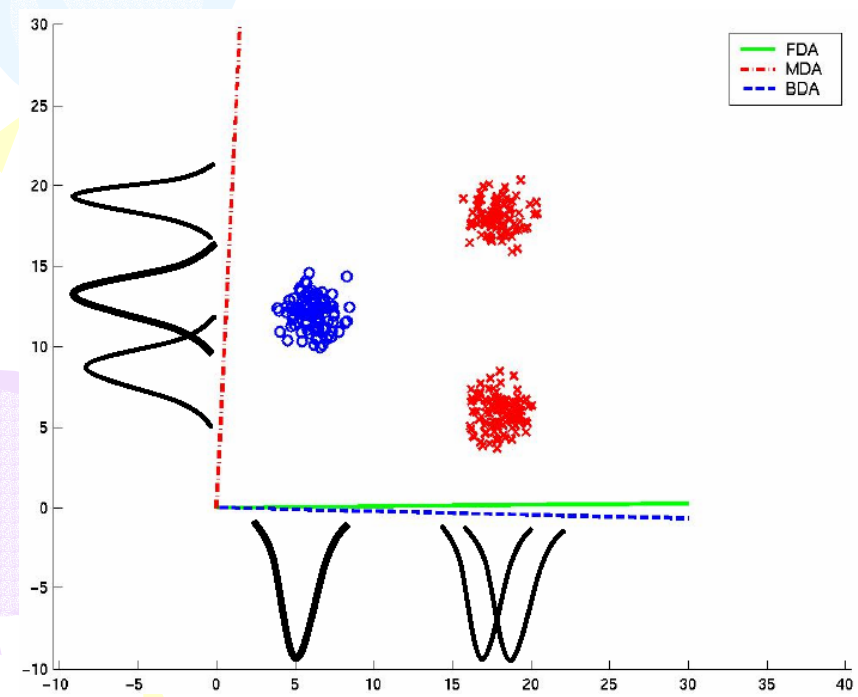
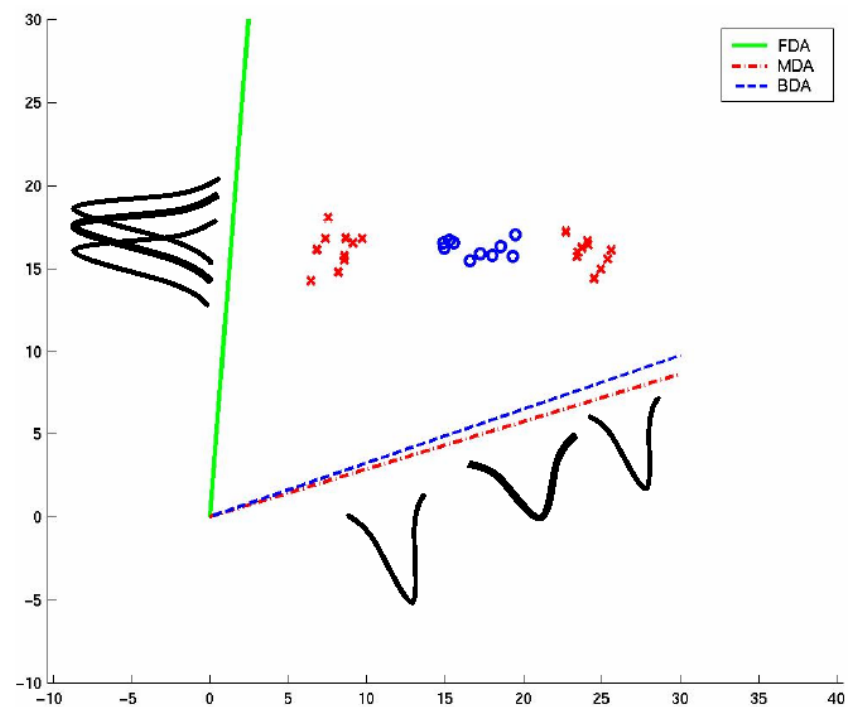
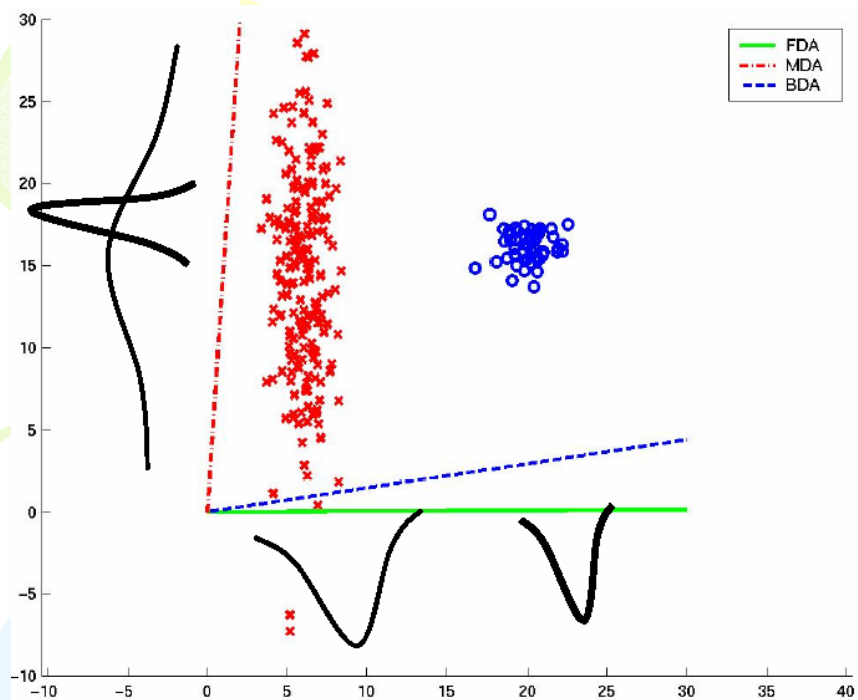
$$\mathbf{K}_x = N \times N_x,$$
$$\mathbf{I}_{N_x}^x = \frac{1}{N_x} (\mathbf{1})_{N_x \times N_x}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_x^\Phi \mathbf{w} &= \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \left[(\mathbf{K}_x - \mathbf{K}_x \mathbf{I}_{N_x}^x) (\mathbf{K}_x - \mathbf{K}_x \mathbf{I}_{N_x}^x)^T \right] \boldsymbol{\alpha} \\ &= \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{K}_x \left[(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{I}_{N_x}^x) (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{I}_{N_x}^x)^T \right] \mathbf{K}_x^T \boldsymbol{\alpha} \\ &= \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{K}_x (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{I}_{N_x}^x)^2 \mathbf{K}_x^T \boldsymbol{\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

- Solve to get $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$: the eigenvector with the largest eigenvalue.
- Given a new pattern \mathbf{z} , find its projection onto \mathbf{w} by

$$\mathbf{w}^T \Phi(\mathbf{z}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_x} \alpha_i k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}) + \sum_{j=1}^{N_y} \alpha_{i+N_x} k(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{z}).$$

- In this new space, the nearest neighbors of the positive centroid are returned in each iteration.
 - Combined with the subsequent feedbacks, the new nearest neighbors are output.



RBF-Kernel:

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \exp(-\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 / (2\sigma^2))$$

Primal optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && \tau(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \\ &\text{subject to} && y_i \cdot ((\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i) + b) \geq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, \ell. \end{aligned}$$

Decision function:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sgn} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} y_i \alpha_i \cdot (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i) + b \right)$$

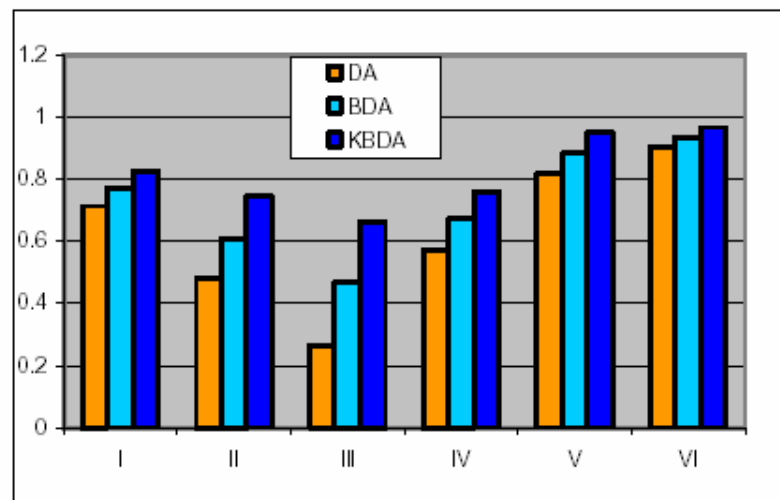


Figure 5 Test results on synthetic training data: six different configurations of non-linearity. The circles are positive examples and the crosses negative. A simulated query process is used for training sample selection, i.e., the 20 nearest neighbors of a randomly selected positive point are used as training samples. The bar diagram shows the averaged hit rate in top 20 returns.