

## Bayes Rule and its Applications

**Bayes Rule:**  $P(B_k|A) = P(A|B_k)P(B_k) / \sum_{i=1}^n P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$

**Example 1:** In a certain factory, machines  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are all producing springs of the same length. Of their production, machines  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  produce 2%, 1%, and 3% defective springs, respectively. Of the total production of springs in the factory, machine  $A$  produces 35%, machine  $B$  produces 25%, and machine  $C$  produces 40%. Then we have

$$P(D|A) = 0.02, P(A) = 0.35;$$

$$P(D|B) = 0.01, P(B) = 0.25;$$

$$P(D|C) = 0.03, P(C) = 0.40.$$

If one spring is selected at random from the total springs produced in a day, the probability that it is defective equals

$$P(D) = \sum_{X \in \{A, B, C\}} P(D|X)P(X) = 215/10000$$

If the selected spring is defective, the conditional probability that it was produced by machine  $A$ ,  $B$ , or  $C$  can be calculated by

$$P(A|D) = P(D|A)P(A)/P(D) = 70/215$$

$$P(B|D) = P(D|B)P(B)/P(D) = 25/215$$

$$P(C|D) = P(D|C)P(C)/P(D) = 120/215$$

## Foundation for Normal Distributions

- $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{\alpha-1} dt$ , for  $\alpha > 0$
- $\Gamma(\alpha + 1) = \alpha \Gamma(\alpha)$
- $\Gamma(1) = 1$
- $\Gamma(n + 1) = n!$   $\forall$  integer  $n \geq 0$  where  $0! \equiv 1$ .
- $\int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$
- $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi}$
- $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  means that  $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$ ,  $-\infty < x < \infty$
- Sampling  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  by Matlab
- $Y = \text{random}('Normal', \mu, \sigma, \text{SampleSize}, 1)$



## Expectation and Covariance Matrix

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be random variables such that the expectation, variance, and covariance are defined as follows.

$$\mu_j = E[X_j], \quad \sigma_j^2 = \text{Var}(X_j) = E[(X_j - \mu_j)^2] \quad (1)$$

$$\rho_{ij}\sigma_i\sigma_j = \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = E[(X_i - \mu_i)(X_j - \mu_j)] \quad (2)$$

Suppose  $\mathbf{X} = [X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]^t$  be a random vector, then the expectation and covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{X}$  is defined as

$$E[\mathbf{X}] = [\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n]^t = \boldsymbol{\mu} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}) = [E[(X_i - \mu_i)(X_j - \mu_j)]] \quad (4)$$

## Bayes Decision Theory

- (1)  $p(\omega_i)$ : a priori probability
- (2)  $p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_i)$ : class conditional density function
- (3)  $p(\omega_i|\mathbf{x})$ : a posteriori probability
- (4)  $\alpha(\mathbf{x})$ : an action (a decision)
- (5)  $\lambda(\alpha(\mathbf{x})|\omega_j)$ : the loss function

$$p(\text{error}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} p(\text{error}|\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} p(\alpha(\mathbf{x}) \in \omega_i, \mathbf{x} \in \omega_j, i \neq j)p(\mathbf{x})$$

$$R(\alpha(\mathbf{x})|\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^C \lambda(\alpha(\mathbf{x})|\omega_j)p(\omega_j|\mathbf{x}): \text{conditional risk for pattern } \mathbf{x}$$

$$\sum_{\mathbf{x}} R(\alpha(\mathbf{x})|\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x}): \text{average error of probability (error rate)}$$

- **Bayes Decision Rule**

For each  $\mathbf{x}$ , find  $\alpha(\mathbf{x})$  which minimizes  $R(\alpha(\mathbf{x})|\mathbf{x})$

For the 0-1 loss function, i.e.  $\lambda(\alpha(\mathbf{x})|\omega_j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \alpha(\mathbf{x}) = \omega_j, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Then the Bayes decision rule can be reduced to

$$\min [R(\alpha(\mathbf{x})|\mathbf{x})] = \min_j [1 - p(\omega_j|\mathbf{x})] = \max_i p(\omega_i|\mathbf{x})$$

or

Assign  $\mathbf{x}$  to class  $\omega_i$  if  $p(\omega_i|\mathbf{x}) > p(\omega_j|\mathbf{x})$  for  $j \neq i$

**Example 2:**  $X|\omega_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$

$$p(x|\omega_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} \exp[-(x - \mu_i)^2/2\sigma_i^2]$$

The Bayes decision rule is to *assign  $x$  to class  $\omega_i$  if*

$$p(\omega_i|x) > p(\omega_j|x) \text{ for } j \neq i$$

iff

$$p(x|\omega_i)p(\omega_i) > p(x|\omega_j)p(\omega_j)$$

iff

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln[\sigma_j^2/\sigma_i^2] + \frac{1}{2\sigma_j^2}(x - \mu_j)^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma_i^2}(x - \mu_i)^2 > \ln[p(\omega_j)/p(\omega_i)]$$

In particular,

(a) if  $\sigma_i = \sigma$  for each  $i$ , then the Bayes rule is to assign  $x$  to class  $\omega_i$  if

$$(\mu_i - \mu_j)x - \frac{1}{2}(\mu_i^2 - \mu_j^2) > \sigma^2 \ln[p(\omega_j)/p(\omega_i)]$$

(b) if  $\sigma_i = \sigma$  and  $p(\omega_i) = 1/C$  for each  $i$ , then the Bayes rule is to assign  $x$  to class  $\omega_i$  if

$$(\mu_i - \mu_j)[x - \frac{1}{2}(\mu_i + \mu_j)] > 0$$

**Example 3:**  $X|\omega_i \sim N(\mu_i, C_i)$

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_i) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}|C_i|^{1/2}} \exp[-(\mathbf{x} - \mu_i)^t C_i^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mu_i)/2]$$

The Bayes decision rule is to assign  $\mathbf{x}$  to class  $\omega_i$  if

$$p(\omega_i|x) > p(\omega_j|x) \text{ for } j \neq i$$

iff

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln(|C_j|/|C_i|) + (\mathbf{x}^t C_j^{-1} \mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{x}^t C_j^{-1} \mu_j + \mu_j^t C_j^{-1} \mu_j) - (\mathbf{x}^t C_i^{-1} \mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{x}^t C_i^{-1} \mu_i + \mu_i^t C_i^{-1} \mu_i) \right] \\ > \ln[p(\omega_j)/p(\omega_i)] \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

(a) if  $C_i = C$  for each  $i$ , then the Bayes decision rule is to assign  $\mathbf{x}$  to class  $\omega_i$  if

$$(\mu_i - \mu_j)^t C^{-1} \mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2} [\mu_i^t C^{-1} \mu_i - \mu_j^t C^{-1} \mu_j] > \ln[p(\omega_j)/p(\omega_i)]$$

(b) if  $C_i = \sigma^2 I$  for each  $i$ , then the Bayes decision rule is to assign  $\mathbf{x}$  to class  $\omega_i$  if

$$(\mu_i - \mu_j)^t \mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2} (\|\mu_i\|^2 - \|\mu_j\|^2) > \sigma^2 \ln[p(\omega_j)/p(\omega_i)]$$

**Example 4:**  $X|\omega_i \sim N(\mu_i, C)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$

Let  $\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \ln[p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_1)/p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_2)] = [\mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2}(\mu_1 + \mu_2)]^t C^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$ ,  
and let  $r = \ln[p(\omega_2)/p(\omega_1)]$ .

The Bayes decision rule is to assign  $\mathbf{x}$  to class  $\omega_1$  if  $\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) > r$ .

Note that

$$\mathbf{x} \in \omega_1 \Rightarrow \Lambda(X) \sim N\left(\frac{\Delta}{2}, \Delta\right)$$

$$\mathbf{x} \in \omega_2 \Rightarrow \Lambda(X) \sim N\left(\frac{-\Delta}{2}, \Delta\right)$$

where  $\Delta = (\mu_1 - \mu_2)^t C^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$  is called the square Mahalanobis distance.

**Hint:** Prove that  $\int \Lambda(\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_1)d\mathbf{x} = \frac{\Delta}{2}$  and  $\int [\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{\Delta}{2}]^2 p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_1)d\mathbf{x} = \Delta$

Then the Bayes error rate can be computed by

$$\begin{aligned} E^* &= p[\mathbf{x} \in \omega_2, \Lambda(\mathbf{x}) > r] + p[\mathbf{x} \in \omega_1, \Lambda(\mathbf{x}) < r] \\ &= p(\omega_2) \int_r^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\Delta}} \exp[-(y + \frac{\Delta}{2})^2/2\Delta] dy + p(\omega_1) \int_{-\infty}^r \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\Delta}} \exp[-(y - \frac{\Delta}{2})^2/2\Delta] dy \end{aligned}$$

**Proof of  $\Lambda(X)|\omega_1 \sim N(\frac{\Delta}{2}, \Delta)$**

$X$  is a multivariate normal distribution so is its linear mapping  $\Lambda(X)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
E[\Lambda(X)|\omega_1] &= \int \Lambda(\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_1)d\mathbf{x} \\
&= \int \{[\mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2}(\mu_1 + \mu_2)]^t C^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)\} p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_1)d\mathbf{x} \\
&= \int \mathbf{x}^t C^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_1)d\mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2} \int (\mu_1 + \mu_2)^t C^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_1)d\mathbf{x} \\
&= \int [\mathbf{x}^t p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_1)d\mathbf{x}] C^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) - \frac{1}{2} [(\mu_1 + \mu_2)^t C^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)] \int p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_1)d\mathbf{x} \\
&= \mu_1^t C^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) - \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1 + \mu_2)^t C^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1 - \mu_2)^t C^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) = \frac{\Delta}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Var[\Lambda(X)|\omega_1] &= \int [\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{\Delta}{2}]^2 p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_1)d\mathbf{x} \\
&= \int [(\mathbf{x} - \mu_1)^t C^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)]^2 p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_1)d\mathbf{x} \\
&= (\mu_1 - \mu_2)^t C^{-1} \{ \int [(\mathbf{x} - \mu_1)(\mathbf{x} - \mu_1)]^t p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_1)d\mathbf{x} \} C^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) \\
&= (\mu_1 - \mu_2)^t C^{-1} C C^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) \\
&= (\mu_1 - \mu_2)^t C^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) = \Delta
\end{aligned}$$



In Example 4, let

$$\mu_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mu_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = I_2, \quad \text{and let } p(\omega_1) = p(\omega_2) = 1/2$$

Then

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{0})^t I^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2(x_1 + x_2)$$

$$r = \ln [p(\omega_2)/p(\omega_1)] = 0$$

$$\Delta = (\mu_1 - \mu_2)^t I^{-1} (\mu_1 - \mu_2) = 8$$

The Bayes decision rule is to assign  $\mathbf{x}$  to  $\omega_1$  if  $2x_1 + 2x_2 > 0$

The Bayes error rate is  $p(\text{error}) = \Phi(-\frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{2}) = \Phi(-\frac{\sqrt{8}}{2}) = \Phi(-\sqrt{2})$

**Example 5:** *Bayes decision theory in a discrete case*

Consider a two-class problem and assume that each component  $x_j$  of the pattern  $\mathbf{x}$  is either 0 or 1 with the conditional probabilities

$$p_j = p(x_j = 1|\omega_1) \text{ and } q_j = p(x_j = 1|\omega_2) \quad (5)$$

Suppose that the components of  $\mathbf{x}$  are conditionally independent. Then

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_1) = \prod_{j=1}^d p_j^{x_j} (1 - p_j)^{1-x_j}, \quad p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_2) = \prod_{j=1}^d q_j^{x_j} (1 - q_j)^{1-x_j} \quad (6)$$

Let the log-likelihood ratio  $\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \ln[p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_1)/p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_2)]$ , and  $r = \ln[p(\omega_2)/p(\omega_1)]$ , then

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^d x_j \ln[p_j(1 - q_j)/q_j(1 - p_j)] + \sum_{j=1}^d \ln[(1 - p_j)/(1 - q_j)] \quad (7)$$

The Bayes decision rule is to assign  $\mathbf{x}$  to  $\omega_1$  if  $\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) > r$ .

The decision boundary is  $\sum_{j=1}^d w_j x_j + w_0 = 0$ , where

$$w_j = \ln[p_j(1 - q_j)/q_j(1 - p_j)], \quad 1 \leq j \leq d,$$

$$w_0 = \sum_{j=1}^d \ln[(1 - p_j)/(1 - q_j)] + \ln[p(\omega_1)/p(\omega_2)]$$

In particular, if  $p(\omega_1) = p(\omega_2) = 1/2$ ,  $p_j = p$ ,  $q_j = q = 1 - p$  for  $1 \leq j \leq d$ ,  $d$  is odd and  $p > q$ , then the Bayes error rate is

$$E^* = \sum_{k=0}^{(d-1)/2} \frac{d!}{(d-k)!k!} p^k (1-p)^{d-k} \quad (8)$$

◇  $X|\omega_1 \sim N(3, 2^2)$  and  $X|\omega_2 \sim N(6, 1^2)$

$$p(x|\omega_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} \exp[-(x - \mu_i)^2/2\sigma_i^2], \quad i = 1, 2$$

The Maximum Likelihood (ML) decision is to *assign  $x$  to  $\omega_1$  if  $p(x|\omega_1) > p(x|\omega_2)$*

The Bayes decision is to *assign  $x$  to  $\omega_1$  if  $p(x|\omega_1)p(\omega_1) > p(x|\omega_2)p(\omega_2)$*

Note that ML is the special case by assuming  $p(\omega_1) = p(\omega_2) = \frac{1}{2}$  which need not be true in practical applications. We shall show the effect of  $p(\omega_1) = \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $p(\omega_2) = \frac{1}{3}$ .

ML Decision:  $y \in \omega_1$  if  $y < 7 - \sqrt{4 + (8\ln 2)/3}$  or  $y > 7 + \sqrt{4 + (8\ln 2)/3}$

Bayes Decision:  $y \in \omega_1$  if  $y < 5$  or  $y > 9$

The error probability can be computed by

$$\begin{aligned} Err &= p(\omega_1) \int_a^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \cdot 2^2}} \exp[-(x - 3)^2/(2 \cdot 2^2)] dx \\ &+ p(\omega_2) \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^a \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp[-(x - 6)^2/2] dx \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_b^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp[-(x - 6)^2/2] dx \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where  $a=4.5817$ ,  $b=9.4183$  for ML decision, and  $a=5$ ,  $b=9$  for Bayes decision, then

♣  $Err_{ML} = 0.1650$  and  $Err_{Bayes} = 0.1532$ .

◇  $X|\omega_1 \sim \text{Rayleigh}(1^2)$  and  $X|\omega_2 \sim \text{Rayleigh}(3^2)$

$$p(x|\omega_i) = \frac{x}{\sigma_i^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_i^2}\right), \quad i = 1, 2$$

The Maximum Likelihood (ML) decision is to *assign  $x$  to  $\omega_1$  if  $p(x|\omega_1) > p(x|\omega_2)$*

The Bayes decision is to *assign  $x$  to  $\omega_1$  if  $p(x|\omega_1)p(\omega_1) > p(x|\omega_2)p(\omega_2)$*

Note that ML is the special case by assuming  $p(\omega_1) = p(\omega_2) = \frac{1}{2}$  which need not be true in practical applications. We shall show the effect of  $p(\omega_1) = \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $p(\omega_2) = \frac{1}{4}$  with  $\sigma_1 < \sigma_2$ .

ML Decision:  $y \in \omega_1$  if  $0 \leq y < \sqrt{\frac{2\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1^2} \times \ln\left(\frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2}\right)}$

Bayes Decision:  $y \in \omega_1$  if  $0 \leq y < \sqrt{\frac{2\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1^2} \times [\ln\left(\frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{p(\omega_1)}{p(\omega_2)}\right)]}$

The error probability can be computed by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Err} &= p(\omega_1) \int_t^\infty \frac{x}{\sigma_1^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_1^2}\right) dx \\ &\quad + p(\omega_2) \int_0^t \frac{x}{\sigma_2^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_2^2}\right) dx \\ &= p(\omega_1) \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_1^2}\right) + p(\omega_2) \cdot [1 - \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_2^2}\right)] \end{aligned}$$

where  $t=2.2235$  for ML decision, and  $t=2.7232$  for Bayes decision, then

♣  $\text{Err}_{ML} = 0.1234$  and  $\text{Err}_{Bayes} = 0.1028$ .

◇  $X|\omega_1 \sim \chi^2(r_1)$  and  $X|\omega_2 \sim \chi^2(r_2)$

$$p(x|\omega_i) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_i/2)2^{r_i/2}} x^{(r_i/2)-1} e^{-x/2}, \quad x > 0, \quad i = 1, 2$$

The Maximum Likelihood (ML) decision is to *assign  $x$  to  $\omega_1$  if  $p(x|\omega_1) > p(x|\omega_2)$*

The Bayes decision is to *assign  $x$  to  $\omega_1$  if  $p(x|\omega_1)p(\omega_1) > p(x|\omega_2)p(\omega_2)$*

Note that ML is the special case by assuming  $p(\omega_1) = p(\omega_2) = \frac{1}{2}$  which need not be true in practical applications. We shall show the effect of  $p(\omega_1) = \frac{1}{7}$ ,  $p(\omega_2) = \frac{6}{7}$  with  $r_1 < r_2$ .

ML Decision:

$$y \in \omega_1 \quad \text{if} \quad \frac{\Gamma(r_2/2)}{\Gamma(r_1/2)} 2^{(r_2-r_1)/2} > x^{(r_2-r_1)/2}$$

Bayes Decision:

$$y \in \omega_1 \quad \text{if} \quad \frac{\Gamma(r_2/2)}{\Gamma(r_1/2)} 2^{(r_2-r_1)/2} \frac{p(\omega_1)}{p(\omega_2)} > x^{(r_2-r_1)/2}$$

The error probability can be computed by

$$\begin{aligned} Err &= p(\omega_1) \int_t^\infty \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1/2)2^{r_1/2}} x^{(r_1/2)-1} e^{-x/2} dx \\ &\quad + p(\omega_2) \int_0^t \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_2/2)2^{r_2/2}} x^{(r_2/2)-1} e^{-x/2} dx \end{aligned}$$

When  $r_1 = 4, r_2 = 8$ ,  $p(\omega_1) = 1/7$ ,  $p(\omega_2) = 6/7$ , we have

$t=4.899$  for ML decision, and  $t=2.0$  for Bayes decision, and

♣  $Err_{ML} = \mathbf{0.2411}$  and  $Err_{Bayes} = \mathbf{0.1214}$ .

◇  $X|\omega_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$  and  $X|\omega_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$

$$p(x|\omega_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} \exp[-(x - \mu_i)^2 / 2\sigma_i^2], \quad i = 1, 2$$

The Maximum Likelihood (ML) decision is to *assign  $x$  to  $\omega_1$  if  $p(x|\omega_1) > p(x|\omega_2)$*

The Bayes decision is to *assign  $x$  to  $\omega_1$  if  $p(x|\omega_1)p(\omega_1) > p(x|\omega_2)p(\omega_2)$*

Note that ML is the special case by assuming  $p(\omega_1) = p(\omega_2) = \frac{1}{2}$  which need not be true in practical applications.

The error probability can be computed by

$$\begin{aligned} Err &= p(\omega_1) \int_T^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1} \exp[-(x - \mu_1)^2 / (2\sigma_1^2)] dx \\ &+ p(\omega_2) \int_0^T \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_2} \exp[-(x - \mu_2)^2 / (2\sigma_2^2)] dx \end{aligned}$$

□ As soon as  $T$  is chosen, Parameters  $p(\omega_i), \mu_i, \sigma_i^2, i = 1, 2$  could be estimated, so is  $Err$ .

• Otsu (1979) and Fisher (1936) chose  $T$  to maximize the following criterion, respectively

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_B^2 &= p(\omega_1)p(\omega_2)(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^2 \\ Fisher &= \frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} \end{aligned}$$

## A Simple Thresholding Algorithm

*By Otsu, IEEE Trans. on SMC, 62-66, 1979*

(1)  $p_i \leftarrow \frac{n_i}{n}$ , where  $n = \sum_{i=0}^{G-1} n_i$

(2)  $u_T = \sum_{k=0}^{G-1} kp_k$

(3) Do for  $k = 0, G - 1$

$$\omega(k) \leftarrow \sum_{i=0}^k p_i$$

$$u(k) \leftarrow \sum_{i=0}^k ip_i$$

$$\sigma_B^2(k) \leftarrow \frac{[u_T\omega(k) - u(k)]^2}{\omega(k)[1 - \omega(k)]}$$

(4) Select  $k^*$  such that  $\sigma_B^2(k)$  is maximized

Note that

- $\omega_0 = \omega(k), u_0 = \sum_{i=0}^k iP(i|C_0) = u(k)/\omega(k)$

- $\omega_1 = 1 - \omega(k), u_1 = \sum_{i=k+1}^{G-1} iP(i|C_1) = [u_T - u(k)]/[1 - \omega(k)]$

- $\sigma_\omega^2 = \omega_0\sigma_0^2 + \omega_1\sigma_1^2$

- $\sigma_B^2 = \omega_0(u_0 - u_T)^2 + \omega_1(u_1 - u_T)^2$

- $\sigma_T^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{G-1} (i - u_T)^2 p_i$

- ♣  $\sigma_\omega^2 + \sigma_B^2 = \sigma_T^2$

- ♣  $\epsilon = \frac{\sigma_B^2}{\sigma_T^2}, \quad \kappa = \frac{\sigma_T^2}{\sigma_\omega^2}, \quad \lambda = \frac{\sigma_B^2}{\sigma_\omega^2}$

## Gamma Function and the Volumes of High Dimensional Spheres

1. Define  $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{x-1} dt$  for  $x > 0$  and let  $\gamma = \int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx$ . Then

(a)  $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$

(b) Show that  $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = 2\gamma = \sqrt{\pi}$

(c)  $\Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x)$ , for  $x > 0$ ,  $\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$  if  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(d) The volume of a  $d$ -dimensional unit sphere is  $\pi^{d/2}/\Gamma(\frac{d}{2}+1)$ .

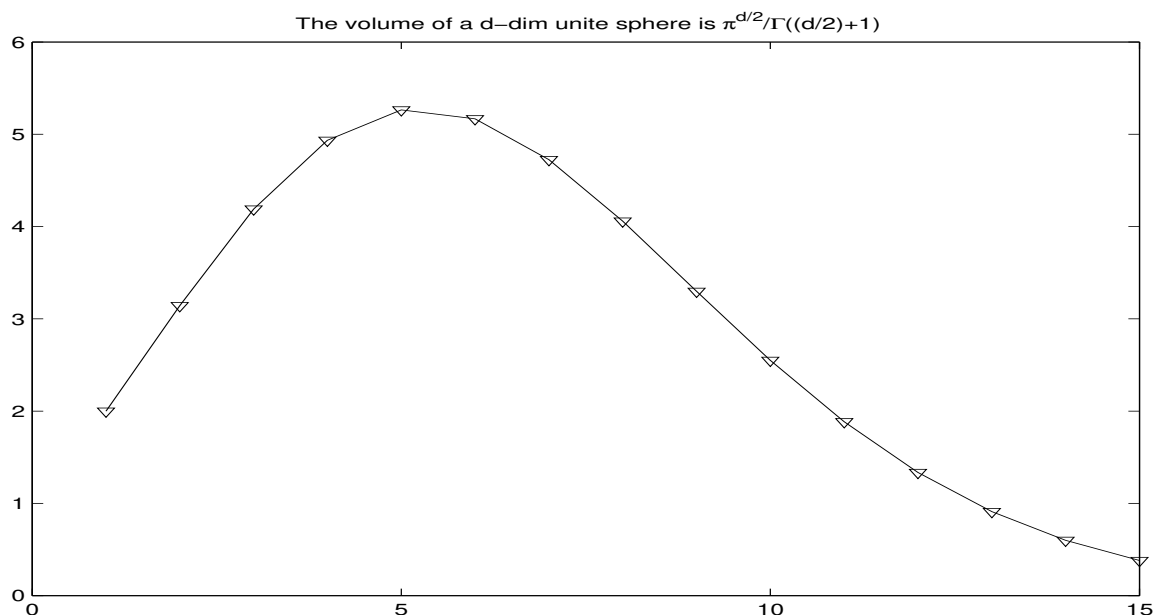


Figure 1: The Volume of a High Dimensional Sphere.

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V(1)=2;      V(2)=pi;      V(3)=4*pi/3;
V(4)=pi*pi/2;      V(5)=8*pi*pi/15;      V(6)=pi*pi*pi/6;
V(7)=16*pi*pi*pi/105;      V(8)=(pi)^4/24;      V(9)=32*(pi)^4/945;
V(10)=(pi)^5/120;      V(11)=64*(pi)^5/10395;      V(12)=(pi)^6/720;
V(13)=128*(pi)^6/135135;      V(14)=(pi)^7/5040;      V(15)=256*(pi)^7/2027025;
D=1:15;
plot(D,V,'b-v')
title('The volume of a d-dim unit sphere is \pi^{d/2}/\Gamma((d/2)+1)')
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## The Derivation of Volumn for an n-Dimensional Sphere

□ For  $n = 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= r \cos \theta, & 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \\ x_2 &= r \sin \theta, & 0 \leq r \leq R \end{aligned}, \quad J_2 = \frac{\partial(x_1, x_2)}{\partial(r, \theta)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial r} \\ \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix} = r$$

The volumn is computed by

$$V_2 = \int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} J_2 dr d\theta = \int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} r dr d\theta = \pi R^2$$

□ For  $n = 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= r \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2, & 0 \leq \theta_2 \leq 2\pi \\ x_2 &= r \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2, & -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta_1 \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ x_3 &= r \sin \theta_1, & 0 \leq r \leq R \end{aligned}, \quad J_3 = \frac{\partial(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{\partial(r, \theta_1, \theta_2)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial r} \\ \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial \theta_1} \\ \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \theta_2} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \theta_2} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial \theta_2} \end{vmatrix} = r^2 \cos \theta_1$$

The volumn is computed by

$$V_3 = \int_0^R \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_0^{2\pi} J_3 dr d\theta_1 d\theta_2 = \int_0^R \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_0^{2\pi} r^2 \cos \theta_1 dr d\theta_1 d\theta_2 = \frac{4\pi R^3}{3}$$

□ For  $n \geq 4$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
x_1 &= r \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \cdots \cdots \cos \theta_{n-2} \cos \theta_{n-1}, & 0 \leq \theta_{n-1} \leq 2\pi \\
x_2 &= r \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \cdots \cdots \cos \theta_{n-2} \sin \theta_{n-1}, & -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta_{n-2} \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\
x_3 &= r \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \cdots \cdots \cos \theta_{n-3} \sin \theta_{n-2}, & -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta_{n-3} \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\
&\vdots & \vdots \\
x_j &= r \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \cdots \cdots \cos \theta_{n-j} \sin \theta_{n-j+1}, & -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta_{n-j} \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\
&\vdots & \vdots \\
x_{n-1} &= r \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2, & -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta_1 \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\
x_n &= r \sin \theta_1, & 0 \leq r \leq R
\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = r^2$  and denote  $c_i = \cos \theta_i$ ,  $s_i = \sin \theta_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Then the Jacobian  $J_n = \frac{\partial(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{\partial(r, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_{n-1})}$  is computed as

$$J_n = r^{n-1} \begin{vmatrix} c_1 c_2 \cdots c_{n-2} c_{n-1} & c_1 c_2 \cdots c_{n-2} s_{n-1} & c_1 c_2 \cdots c_{n-3} s_{n-2} & \cdots & s_1 \\ -s_1 c_2 \cdots c_{n-2} c_{n-1} & -s_1 c_2 \cdots c_{n-2} s_{n-1} & -s_1 c_2 \cdots c_{n-3} s_{n-2} & \cdots & c_1 \\ -c_1 s_2 \cdots c_{n-2} c_{n-1} & -c_1 s_2 \cdots c_{n-2} s_{n-1} & -c_1 s_2 \cdots c_{n-3} s_{n-2} & \cdots & 0 \\ & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -c_1 c_2 \cdots s_{n-2} c_{n-1} & -c_1 c_2 \cdots s_{n-2} s_{n-1} & c_1 c_2 \cdots c_{n-3} c_{n-2} & \cdots & 0 \\ -c_1 c_2 \cdots c_{n-2} s_{n-1} & c_1 c_2 \cdots c_{n-2} c_{n-1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Then

$$J_n = r^{n-1} c_1^{n-1} c_2^{n-2} \cdots c_{n-1}^1 s_1 s_2 \cdots s_{n-1} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -t_1 & -t_1 & -t_1 & \cdots & \frac{1}{t_1} \\ -t_2 & -t_2 & -t_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ t_{n-2} & -t_{n-2} & \frac{1}{t_{n-2}} & \cdots & 0 \\ -t_{n-1} & \frac{1}{t_{n-1}} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ where } t_i = \frac{\sin \theta_i}{\cos \theta_i}$$

Subtracting each column from the preceding one and do further simplifications, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} J_n &= r^{n-1} c_1^{n-1} c_2^{n-2} \cdots c_{n-1}^1 s_1 s_2 \cdots s_{n-1} \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \left( t_j + \frac{1}{t_j} \right) \\ &= r^{n-1} c_1^{n-1} c_2^{n-2} \cdots c_{n-1}^1 s_1 s_2 \cdots s_{n-1} \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{1}{s_j \cdot c_j} \right) \\ &= r^{n-1} c_1^{n-2} c_2^{n-3} \cdots c_{n-3}^2 c_{n-2}^1 \\ &= r^{n-1} \cos^{n-2} \theta_1 \cos^{n-3} \theta_2 \cdots \cos^2 \theta_{n-3} \cos^1 \theta_{n-2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the volumn of an n-dimensional sphere can be calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}
V_n &= \int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cdots \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (J_n) d\theta_1 d\theta_2 \cdots d\theta_{n-2} d\theta_{n-1} dr \\
&= \int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cdots \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} [r^{n-1} \cos^{n-2} \theta_1 \cos^{n-3} \theta_2 \cdots \cos \theta_{n-2}] d\theta_1 d\theta_2 \cdots d\theta_{n-2} d\theta_{n-1} dr \\
&= \frac{\pi^{n/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}+1)} \cdot R^n
\end{aligned}$$

Note that the above computations exploit the properties of the following Gamma and Beta functions, and trigonometry.

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{\alpha-1} dt \quad \text{for } \alpha > 0$$

$$\text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta) = \int_0^1 x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx, \quad \text{where } \alpha, \beta > 0$$

$$\text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}$$

- *Relationship Between Gamma and Beta Functions*

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma(x)\Gamma(y) &= \int_0^\infty e^{-u} u^{x-1} du \int_0^\infty e^{-v} v^{y-1} dv \\
&= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty e^{-u-v} u^{x-1} v^{y-1} du dv \\
&= \int_{z=0}^\infty \int_{t=0}^1 e^{-z} (zt)^{x-1} [z(1-t)]^{y-1} z dt dz \quad \text{by putting } u = zt, \quad v = z(1-t) \\
&= \int_{z=0}^\infty e^{-z} z^{x+y-1} dz \int_{t=0}^1 t^{x-1} (1-t)^{y-1} dt \\
&= \Gamma(x+y) \text{Beta}(x, y)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha-1)\Gamma(\alpha-1) \quad \text{for } \alpha > 1$$

$$\Gamma(1) = 1, \quad \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} d\theta_{n-1} = 2\pi, \quad \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos \theta_{n-2} d\theta_{n-2} = 2,$$

$$\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos^2 \theta_{n-3} d\theta_{n-3} = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos^m \theta d\theta = \int_0^{\pi/2} 2 \cos^m \theta d\theta, \quad 3 \leq \alpha \leq n-2$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^{\pi/2} 2 \cos^m \theta d\theta &= \int_1^0 2x^m \frac{1}{-\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \text{ by letting } x = \cos \theta \\
&= \int_0^1 2x^m (1-x^2)^{-1/2} dx &= \int_0^1 2y^{m/2} (1-y)^{-1/2} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} dy, \text{ where } x = \sqrt{y} \\
&= \int_0^1 y^{\frac{m}{2}-\frac{1}{2}} (1-y)^{-1/2} dy &= \int_0^1 2y^{\frac{m+1}{2}-1} (1-y)^{\frac{1}{2}-1} dy \\
&= \text{Beta}\left(\frac{m+1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) &= \frac{\Gamma(\frac{m+1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{m}{2}+1)}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
V_n &= \int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cdots \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} [r^{n-1} \cos^{n-2} \theta_1 \cos^{n-3} \theta_2 \cdots \cos \theta_{n-2}] d\theta_1 d\theta_2 \cdots d\theta_{n-2} d\theta_{n-1} dr \\
&= \frac{R^n}{n} \cdot (2\pi) \cdot (2) \cdot \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cdot \prod_{m=3}^{n-2} \text{Beta}\left(\frac{m+1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi^{n/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}+1)} \cdot R^n
\end{aligned}$$