

Discrimination - Describe graphically or algebraically differentiate individual cases (observations) by population group. "Discriminants" are numerical values that separate groups as much as possible. (Separation)

Classification - Separate cases into labelled groups, with goal being to create algorithm to classify new cases into their true class. (Allocation)

## 11.2 Separation/Classification of 2 Populations

Notations • Populations  $\equiv \pi_1, \pi_2$   
Measured variables  $\equiv X$

Case where some groups are known/ others are not.

- Incomplete knowledge of final outcome (Financial fate of firms, medical school outcomes)
- Destruction of object needed for final result (Strength of laser/fabric). Classify based on preliminary measurements.
- Unavailable or perfect info - Federalist papers  
Diagnostic Testing / Gold Standard

Example Classification of <sup>WNBA</sup> NBA/~~WNBA~~ players by <sup>Body Mass Index</sup> Height/~~Weight~~

$$N_W = 139, \mu_W = 23.135, \sigma_W = 2.105 \quad N_M = 505, \mu_M = 24.741, \sigma_M = 1.920$$

Both dists approx Normal

$$P(W) = \frac{139}{139+505} = .2158 \quad P(M) = \frac{505}{644} = .7842$$

See ppt presentation

Example 2 - Heights/Weights of NHL/EPL players

$n_H = n_S = 100$  Heights add  $U(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  to "continuity"

See R Program/Plot

• Prior probabilities of 2 population. If one population has higher prior probability, tend to classify individuals into that population unless strong evidence ow.

• Cost of misclassification. Is cost of misclassifying object in  $\pi_1$  as being  $\pi_2$  than misclassifying object in  $\pi_2$  as being  $\pi_1$ ?

• Probability density function of  $X$  for each population

Population 1:  $f_1(x)$  Population 2:  $f_2(x)$

• Observation with given  $x$  must be assigned to either  $\pi_1$  or  $\pi_2$ .

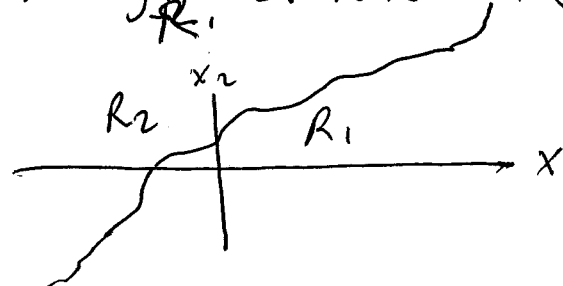
•  $R_1 \equiv \{x\}$  s.t.  $x$  is classified as  $\pi_1$ ,  $R_2 \equiv \Omega - R_1$

• Conditional Prob of classifying object to  $\pi_2$  when really in  $\pi_1$ :

$P(2|1) = \int_{R_2} f_1(x) dx = P(X \in R_2 | \pi_1)$

$P(1|2) = \int_{R_1} f_2(x) dx = P(X \in R_1 | \pi_2)$

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• Overall (unconditional) Probabilities :  $P_1 \equiv \text{Prior of } \pi_1, P_2 \equiv \text{Prior of } \pi_2$   
 $(P_1 + P_2 = 1)$

$$Pr\{\text{obs comes from } \pi_1, \text{ classified as } \pi_1\} = P(\pi_1) P(X \in R_1 | \pi_1) = P_1 P(1|1)$$

$$Pr\{\text{obs misclassified as } \pi_1\} = P(\pi_2) P(X \in R_1 | \pi_2) = P_2 P(1|2)$$

$$Pr\{\text{obs correctly classified as } \pi_2\} = P(\pi_2) P(X \in R_2 | \pi_2) = P_2 P(2|2)$$

$$Pr\{\text{obs misclassified as } \pi_2\} = P(\pi_1) P(X \in R_2 | \pi_1) = P_1 P(2|1)$$

• Costs of Misclassification Cost Matrix:

		Classified as:	
		$\pi_1$	$\pi_2$
True Population	$\pi_1$	0	$c(2 1)$
	$\pi_2$	$c(1 2)$	0

• Expected Cost of misclassification (ECM):

$$ECM = Pr\{\pi_2 \text{ misclass as } \pi_1\} * c(1|2) + Pr\{\pi_1 \text{ misclass as } \pi_2\} * c(2|1)$$

$$= P_2 P(1|2) c(1|2) + P_1 P(2|1) c(2|1)$$

Want ECM to be small.

Result 11.1 Regions  $R_1, R_2$  that minimize ECM s.t.

$$R_1 : \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)} \geq \left( \frac{c(1|2)}{c(2|1)} \right) \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)$$

$\frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)}$  = density ratio  
 $\frac{c(1|2)}{c(2|1)}$  = cost ratio  
 $\frac{P_2}{P_1}$  = prior prob ratio

$$R_2 : \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)} < \left( \frac{c(1|2)}{c(2|1)} \right) \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)$$

cost ratio often "guessed" as ratio, no units.

## Special Cases of Minimum Expected cost regions

a)  $P_2/P_1 = 1$  (equal prior probs)

$$R_1: \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)} \geq \frac{c(1|2)}{c(2|1)} \quad R_2: \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)} < \frac{c(1|2)}{c(2|1)}$$

b)  ~~$c(1|2)$~~   $\frac{c(1|2)}{c(2|1)} = 1$  (equal misclassify costs)

$$R_1: \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)} \geq \frac{P_2}{P_1} \quad R_2: \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)} < \frac{P_2}{P_1}$$

c)  $\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{c(1|2)}{c(2|1)} = 1$  or  $\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{1}{c(1|2)/c(2|1)}$

$$R_1: \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)} \geq 1 \quad \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)} < 1$$

when no idea, prior prob and cost ratios typically set to 1.

- Ignoring costs, could choose  $R_1, R_2$  to minimize Total Probability of Misclassification (TPM):

$$TPM = P_T \{ \text{Misclassifying } \pi_1 \text{ or } \pi_2 \text{ observation} \}$$

$$= P_1 P(2|1) + P_2 P(1|2) = P_1 \int_{R_2} f_1(x) dx + P_2 \int_{R_1} f_2(x) dx$$

(Equivalent to Case b) above).

- Allocating new  $\underline{x}_0$  to population w/ highest posterior probability:  $P(\pi_i | \underline{x}_0)$ . Using Bayes' rule:

$$P\{\pi_i | \underline{x}_0\} = \frac{\Pr\{\pi_i \text{ occurs and observe } \underline{x}_0\}}{\Pr\{\text{observe } \underline{x}_0\}} =$$

$$\frac{\Pr\{\text{observe } \underline{x}_0 | \pi_i\} P\{\pi_i\}}{\Pr\{\text{observe } \underline{x}_0 | \pi_1\} P\{\pi_1\} + \Pr\{\text{observe } \underline{x}_0 | \pi_2\} P\{\pi_2\}} = \frac{p_i f_i(\underline{x}_0)}{p_1 f_1(\underline{x}_0) + p_2 f_2(\underline{x}_0)}$$

$$P\{\pi_2 | \underline{x}_0\} = 1 - P\{\pi_1 | \underline{x}_0\} = \frac{p_2 f_2(\underline{x}_0)}{p_1 f_1(\underline{x}_0) + p_2 f_2(\underline{x}_0)}$$

Classify  $\pi_1$  if  $P(\pi_1 | \underline{x}_0) \geq P(\pi_2 | \underline{x}_0)$  (same as b)  
 equivalently  $p_1 f_1(\underline{x}_0) \geq p_2 f_2(\underline{x}_0)$  (since equal denominators)

### 11.3 Classification w/ 2 MVN Populations

Case w/  $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 = \Sigma$   $\underline{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_p \end{bmatrix}$

$$f_i(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}_i)' \Sigma^{-1} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}_i)\right\} \quad i=1, 2$$

Minimum ~~ECM~~ ECM Regions (Common normality constants)

$$R_1: \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}_1)' \Sigma^{-1} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}_1) + \frac{1}{2} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}_2)' \Sigma^{-1} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}_2)\right\} \geq \frac{\left(\frac{c(1|2)}{c(2|1)}\right) \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1}\right)}$$

$R_2$  if  $<$  (otherwise)

Result 11.2 ( $\pi_1, \pi_2$  described as previous MVN dists)

Minimize ECM: Allocate  $\underline{x}_0$  to  $\pi_1$  if:

$$(\underline{\mu}_1 - \underline{\mu}_2)' \Sigma^{-1} \underline{x}_0 - \frac{1}{2} (\underline{\mu}_1 - \underline{\mu}_2)' \Sigma^{-1} (\underline{\mu}_1 + \underline{\mu}_2) \geq \ln \left[ \frac{c(1/2) \cdot \frac{P_2}{P_1}}{c(2/1)} \right]$$

Discrimination Based on Sample Data

Random Samples:  $n_1$  from  $\pi_1$ ,  $n_2$  from  $\pi_2$  ( $X_1, X_2$ )

$$\bar{X}_1, S_1, \bar{X}_2, S_2 \quad S_{\text{pooled}} = \frac{(n_1-1)S_1 + (n_2-1)S_2}{(n_1-1) + (n_2-1)}$$

Sample (Estimated) ECM Rule for 2 Normal Populations

Allocate  $\underline{x}_0$  to  $\pi_1$  if:

$$(\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2)' S_{\text{pooled}}^{-1} \underline{x}_0 - \frac{1}{2} (\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2)' S_{\text{pooled}}^{-1} (\bar{X}_1 + \bar{X}_2) \geq \ln \left[ \frac{c(1/2) \cdot \frac{P_2}{P_1}}{c(2/1)} \right]$$

Allocate  $\underline{x}_0$  to  $\pi_2$  otherwise.

Simplification if  $\frac{c(1/2) \cdot \frac{P_2}{P_1}}{c(2/1)} = 1 \Rightarrow \ln(\cdot) = 0$

$$\text{let } \hat{Y} = (\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2)' S_{\text{pooled}}^{-1} \underline{x}_0 = \hat{a}' \underline{x}_0 \quad \hat{Y}_0 = \hat{a}' \underline{x}_0$$

$$\bar{Y}_1 = \hat{a}' \bar{X}_1 \quad \bar{Y}_2 = \hat{a}' \bar{X}_2$$

$$\hat{m} = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2)' S_{\text{pooled}}^{-1} (\bar{X}_1 + \bar{X}_2) = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{Y}_1 + \bar{Y}_2)$$

Decision based on whether  $\hat{Y}_0$  falls to the left or right of  $\hat{m}$ .

## Fisher's Classification Method for 2 Populations

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Linear transformations of  $\underline{x}$  to  $y$  (univariate) so that  $y$ 's from  $\pi_1, \pi_2$  are as different as possible.

$$\underline{x}_{11}, \dots, \underline{x}_{1n_1} \rightarrow y_{11}, \dots, y_{1n_1} \quad \underline{x}_{21}, \dots, \underline{x}_{2n_2} \rightarrow y_{21}, \dots, y_{2n_2}$$

$$\text{Separation} = \frac{|\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2|}{s_y} \quad s_y^2 = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_1} (y_{1j} - \bar{y}_1)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} (y_{2j} - \bar{y}_2)^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$$

Result 11.3  $\hat{y} = \hat{a}' \underline{x} = (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)' S_{\text{pooled}}^{-1} \underline{x}$  maximizes:

$$\frac{(\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2)^2}{s_y^2} = \frac{(\hat{a}' \bar{x}_1 - \hat{a}' \bar{x}_2)^2}{\hat{a}' S_{\text{pooled}} \hat{a}} = \frac{(\hat{a}' d)^2}{\hat{a}' S_{\text{pooled}} \hat{a}} \quad (d = \bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)$$

over all possible  $\hat{a}$  w/  $d = \bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$

max of ratio is  $D^2 = (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)' S_{\text{pooled}}^{-1} (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)$

Proof: Maximization Lemma (eq. 2.50).

### Allocation rule for Fisher's Discriminant Function

Allocate  $\underline{x}_0$  to  $\pi_1$  if:

$$\hat{y}_0 = (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)' S_{\text{pooled}}^{-1} \underline{x}_0 \geq \hat{m} = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)' S_{\text{pooled}}^{-1} (\bar{x}_1 + \bar{x}_2)$$

$$\text{or } \hat{y}_0 - \hat{m} \geq 0$$

Allocate  $\underline{x}_0$  to  $\pi_2$  if:

$$\hat{y}_0 < \hat{m} \quad \text{or} \quad \hat{y}_0 - \hat{m} < 0$$

## Classification of MVN Populations when $\Sigma_1 \neq \Sigma_2$

$$R_1: -\frac{1}{2} \underline{x}' (\Sigma_1^{-1} - \Sigma_2^{-1}) \underline{x} + (\mu_1' \Sigma_1^{-1} - \mu_2' \Sigma_2^{-1}) \underline{x} - k \geq$$

$$\ln \left[ \left( \frac{c(1|2)}{c(2|1)} \right) \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right) \right]$$

$R_2$  if  $<$

$$\text{where: } k = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{|\Sigma_1|}{|\Sigma_2|} \right) + \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1' \Sigma_1^{-1} \mu_1 - \mu_2' \Sigma_2^{-1} \mu_2)$$

When  $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2$  drops back to equal  $\Sigma_i$  case.

Rule for Allocating  $\underline{x}_0$  based on sample data

Allocate  $\underline{x}_0$  to  $\pi_i$  if:

$$-\frac{1}{2} \underline{x}_0' (S_1^{-1} - S_2^{-1}) \underline{x}_0 + (\bar{x}_1' S_1^{-1} - \bar{x}_2' S_2^{-1}) \underline{x}_0 - k \geq$$

$$\ln \left[ \left( \frac{c(1|2)}{c(2|1)} \right) \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right) \right]$$

## 11.4 Evaluating Classification Functions

$$\text{Total Prob of Misclass: } TPM = P_1 \int_{R_1} f_1(x) dx + P_2 \int_{R_2} f_2(x) dx.$$

Optimum error rate  $\equiv$  TPM evaluated w/  $R_1, R_2$  determined

$$\text{by: } R_1: \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)} \geq \frac{P_2}{P_1} \quad R_2: \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)} < \frac{P_2}{P_1}$$





## Lauchbruch's holdout method (jackknife/crossvalidation)

- 1) Begin w/  $\Pi_1$  Group. Delete one case (observation) and develop classification function on remaining  $n_1 - 1, n_2$  cases.
- 2) Classify the "holdout" observation based on classification function in 1).
- 3) Repeat steps 1) and 2) until all of the  $\Pi_1$  cases have been heldout and classified  
 $n_{1m}^{(H)} \equiv \#$  of Holdout cases misclassified
- 4) Repeat steps 1) - 3) for all cases from  $\Pi_2$ .  
 $n_{2m}^{(H)} \equiv \#$  of Holdout cases misclassified.

• Conditional misclassification probabilities:

$$\hat{P}(2|1) = \frac{n_{1m}^{(H)}}{n_1} \quad \hat{P}(1|2) = \frac{n_{2m}^{(H)}}{n_2}$$

Total proportion misclassified  $\hat{\theta}$  gives nearly unbiased estimate of expected actual error rate  $E\{AER\}$ :  
 (for moderate-large samples)

$$\hat{E}\{AER\} = \frac{n_{1m}^{(H)} + n_{2m}^{(H)}}{n_1 + n_2}$$