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Exercise 8

- Proposed Solution -

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Solution of Problem 1

Note that the discriminant rule is to allocate \mathbf{x} to the group 1 if $|\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1| < |\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2|$ with $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{W}^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2)$. See that:

$$\mathbf{a}^T(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) = \mathbf{a}^T(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2) + \mathbf{a}^T(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1),$$

and note that since \mathbf{W}^{-1} is nonnegative definite, we have:

$$\mathbf{a}^T(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) = (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2)^T \mathbf{W}^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) \leq 0,$$

hence $\mathbf{a}^T(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) \leq \mathbf{a}^T(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2)$. We have three cases:

- If $\mathbf{a}^T(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) > 0$, then $|\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1| < |\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2|$, and the discriminant rule implies that \mathbf{x} is allocated to C_1 .
- If $\mathbf{a}^T(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2) < 0$, then $|\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1| > |\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2|$, and the discriminant rule implies that \mathbf{x} is allocated to C_2 .
- If $\mathbf{a}^T(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) > 0$ and $\mathbf{a}^T(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) < 0$, the discriminant rule implies that \mathbf{x} is allocated to C_1 if :

$$\mathbf{a}^T(-\mathbf{x} + \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) < \mathbf{a}^T(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) \implies \mathbf{a}^T(2\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) > 0$$

Now just see that if $\mathbf{a}^T(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) > 0$, then $\mathbf{a}^T(2\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) > 0$. And if $\mathbf{a}^T(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2) < 0$, then $\mathbf{a}^T(2\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) < 0$.

Another solution:

First of all, the discriminant rule can be simplified as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1| < |\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2| &\implies \\ (\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1)^2 < (\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2)^2 &\implies \\ (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1)^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) < (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2)^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2). \end{aligned}$$

Note that:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1)^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) &= (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 + \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1)^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 + \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) \\ &= (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2)^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2) + (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1)^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) \\ &\quad + (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2)^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) \\ &= (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2)^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2) + (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1)^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) \\ &\quad + (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1)^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2) \\ &= (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2)^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2) - (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2)^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T (2\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2) \end{aligned}$$

Using this equality in the discriminant rule, we obtain the rule as:

$$(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2)^T \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T (2\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2) > 0.$$

However since \mathbf{W}^{-1} is nonnegative definite (see above), $(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2)^T \mathbf{a} > 0$ and therefore it suffices that:

$$\mathbf{a}^T (2\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2) > 0.$$

Solution of Problem 2

The ML discriminant rule for classification into two classes C_1 and C_2 allocates \mathbf{x} to C_1 if:

$$f_1(\mathbf{x}) > f_2(\mathbf{x}),$$

or equivalently if:

$$(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) < (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2).$$

Note that:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) &= (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 + \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 + \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) \\ &= (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) + (\boldsymbol{\mu}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) \\ &\quad + (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) \\ &= (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) + (\boldsymbol{\mu}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) \\ &\quad + (\boldsymbol{\mu}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) \\ &= (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) - (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (2\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) \end{aligned}$$

Using this equality in the discriminant rule, we have:

$$(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (2\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) > 0,$$

which is the desired expression.

Solution of Problem 3

Note that $\mathbf{B} = \sum_{l=1}^g n_l (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_l - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_l - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^T$ and $\mathbf{W} = \sum_{l=1}^g \mathbf{X}_l^T \mathbf{E}_l \mathbf{X}_l$. But the crucial identity for this problem is the following:

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{W}.$$

First of all, let (λ, \mathbf{v}) be eigenvalue-eigenvector pair for the matrix $\mathbf{W}^{-1}\mathbf{B}$. We have:

$$\mathbf{W}^{-1}\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{W}^{-1}\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{I} \implies \mathbf{W}^{-1}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{W}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} = (\lambda + 1)\mathbf{v}.$$

Therefore $(\lambda + 1, \mathbf{v})$ is an eigenvalue-eigenvector pair for $\mathbf{W}^{-1}\mathbf{S}$. Moreover it can be seen that

$$\mathbf{W}^{-1}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{v} = (\lambda + 1)\mathbf{v} \implies \mathbf{v} = (\lambda + 1)\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{v},$$

which means that $(\frac{1}{\lambda+1}, \mathbf{v})$ is an eigenvalue-eigenvector pair for $\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{W}$. Therefore the equivalence of three eigenvectors follow these discussions.