Tutorial 2: Introduction to statistical pattern recognition

1. Given a two dimensional space with the following dataset:

Class A: (0,2), (0,4), (1,2), (2,3) Class B: (2,1), (3,1), (3,3), (4,4)

Classify a new point (2, 2) using k-nearest neighbour classification using Euclidean distances and k=3 and k=5.

- 2. 60% of mathematicians stare at your shoes when they meet you, but only 10% of engineers do. You are at an exciting party composed entirely of mathematicians and engineers. 80% of the people there are engineers. You meet someone who stares at your shoes. What is the probability that they are a mathematician?
- 3. A screening test is devised for a disease. It seems that the test is very accurate: 99% of people with the disease test positive; 95% of people who do not have the disease test negative. Of those who are given the test, 1% actually have the disease.
 - (a) What percentage of subjects will test positive?
 - (b) Given that a subject tests positive, what is the posterior probability that they have the disease?
- 4. Consider a fictitious medical condition C, which is either present (C=1) or absent (C=0) in a subject. The only information we have about a subject is whether they have a rash (R=1), have a temperature (T=1), or are dizzy (D=1). Thus we have a 3-dimensional feature vector, (R, T, D). If we have the following information about a subject: R=1, T=0, D=1, then the feature vector is $\mathbf{X}=(1,0,1)$.

Training data are available from 40 subjects, shown in figure 1 (overleaf). Using this training data, estimate the likelihoods:

$$P(\mathbf{X} = (0,0,0) \mid C = 1), \dots, P(\mathbf{X} = (1,1,1) \mid C = 1), \dots, P(\mathbf{X} = (0,0,0) \mid C = 0), \dots, P(\mathbf{X} = (1,1,1) \mid C = 0).$$

The following test data are observed:

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = (1, 1, 1), \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = (1, 0, 0), \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = (0, 1, 0).$$

It is known that the prior probability of the condition is P(C=1) = 0.25. To which class should each test vector be classified?

Comment on this approach to classification if we had a situation with a 10-dimensional feature vector, or if we have a situation where each input dimension has 5 possible values rather than 2.

Inputs				Inputs			
R	T	\overline{D}	C	R	T	\overline{D}	C
0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1

Figure 1: Training data for question 4. Three input dimensions rash (R), temperature (T), dizzy (D); output class (C). All variables are binary.

5. This is an extension of the line of best fit discussed in Section 5.5.3 in Lecture Note 5 to a 3D case. Consider a set of N observations $\{\mathbf{p}_n\}_1^N$ in a 3D space, where $\mathbf{p}_n = (x_n, y_n, z_n)^T$, for which we would like to find the best fit plane z = ax + by + c. Derive the system of linear equations in a, b, and c. (NB: It is more general to define a plane as ax + by + cz + d = 0, but we here consider a simpler version.)