#### Non-Bayesian Methods

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#### **Lecture Outline**

- 1. Limitations of Bayesian Decision Theory
- 2. Neyman Pearson Task
- 3. Minimax Task
- 4. Wald Task



#### **Bayesian Decision Theory**

#### Recall:

X set of observations

K set of hidden states

D set of decisions

 $p_{XK}: X \times K \to \mathbb{R}$ : joint probability

 $W: K \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}: loss function,$ 

 $q: X \to D$ : strategy

R(q): risk:

$$R(q) = \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{k \in K} p_{XK}(x, k) \ W(k, q(x))$$
 (1)

Bayesian strategy  $q^*$ :

$$q^* = \operatorname*{argmin}_{q \in X \to D} R(q) \tag{2}$$





The limitations follow from the very ingredients of the Bayesian Decision Theory — the necessity to know all the probabilities and the loss function.

- The loss function W must make sense, but in many tasks it wouldn't
  - ullet medical diagnosis task (W: price of medicines, staff labor, etc. but what penalty in case of patient's death?) Uncomparable penalties on different axes of X.
  - nuclear plant
  - judicial error
- lacktriangle The prior probabilities  $p_K(k)$ : must exist and be known. But in some cases it does not make sense to talk about probabilities because the events are not random.
  - $K = \{1, 2\} \equiv \{\text{own army plane}, \text{enemy plane}\};$ p(x|1), p(x|2) do exist and can be estimated, but p(1) and p(2) don't.
- The conditionals may be subject to non-random intervention; p(x | k, z) where  $z \in Z = \{1, 2, 3\}$  are different interventions.
  - a system for handwriting recognition: The training set has been prepared by 3 different persons. But the test set has been constructed by one of the 3 persons only. This **cannot** be done:

(!) 
$$p(x | k) = \sum p(z)p(x | k, z)$$
 (3)

#### **Neyman Pearson Task**

- $K = \{1, 2\}$  (two classes, sometimes called 1='dangerous', 2='normal')
- X set of observations
- Conditionals p(x | 1), p(x | 2) are given
- lacktriangle The priors p(1) and p(2) are unknown or do not exist
- $\bullet$   $q: X \to K$  strategy

The Neyman Pearson Task looks for the optimal strategy  $q^*$  for which

- i) the error of classification for class 1 is lower than a predefined threshold  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  ( $0 < \bar{\epsilon}_1 < 1$ ), while
- ii) the classification error for class 2 is as low as possible.

This is formulated as an optimization task with an inequality constraint:

$$q^* = \underset{q:X \to K}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{x:q(x) \neq 2} p(x \,|\, 2) \tag{4}$$

subject to: 
$$\sum_{x: q(x) \neq 1} p(x \mid 1) \leq \overline{\epsilon}_1.$$
 (5)

(copied from the previous slide:)

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subject to: 
$$\sum_{x:q(x)\neq 1} p(x\,|\,1) \leq \bar{\epsilon}_1. \tag{5}$$

A strategy is characterized by the classification error values  $\epsilon_2$  and  $\epsilon_1$ :

$$\epsilon_1 = \sum_{x:q(x)\neq 1} p(x \mid 1) \tag{6}$$

$$\epsilon_2 = \sum_{x:q(x)\neq 2} p(x \mid 2) \tag{7}$$

## Example: Male/Female Recognition (Neyman Pearson) (1)



A hotel has an advertising screen in an elevator. Based on recognition of gender, it wants to display a relevant advert for a shopping mall located at the ground floor. The shopping mall is primarily designed to be interesting for female customers. For this reason, the female classification error threshold is set to  $\bar{\epsilon}_1 = 0.2$ . At the same time, the objective is to minimize mis-classification of male customers.

- $\bullet$   $K = \{1, 2\} \equiv \{F, M\}$  (female, male)
- lacktriangle measurements X= height imes weight (height sensor = simple optical sensor, weight sensor = standard component of elevators)
- height  $\in \{h_1, h_2, h_3\}$ , weight  $\in \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4\}$   $(h_1 < h_2 < h_3)$ ,  $(w_1 < w_2 < w_3 < w_4)$
- Prior probabilities do not exist.
- Conditionals are given as follows:

p(x F)					
$h_1$	.197	.145	.094	.017	
$h_2$	.077	.299	.145	.017	
$h_3$	.001	.008	.000	.000	
	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$	

 p(x IVI)					
$h_1$	.011	.005	.011	.011	
$h_2$	.005	.071	.408	.038	
$h_3$	.002	.014	.255	.169	
	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$	

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The optimal strategy  $q^*$  for a given  $x \in X$  is constructed using the likelihood ratio  $\frac{p(x \mid 2)}{p(x \mid 1)}$ .

Let there be a constant  $\mu \geq 0$ . Given this  $\mu$ , a strategy q is constructed as follows:

$$\frac{p(x \mid 2)}{p(x \mid 1)} > \mu \quad \Rightarrow \quad q(x) = 2,$$

$$\frac{p(x \mid 2)}{p(x \mid 1)} \le \mu \quad \Rightarrow \quad q(x) = 1.$$
(9)

$$\frac{p(x\mid 2)}{p(x\mid 1)} \le \mu \quad \Rightarrow \quad q(x) = 1. \tag{10}$$

The optimal strategy  $q^*$  is obtained by selecting the minimal  $\mu$  for which there still holds that  $\epsilon_1 \leq \bar{\epsilon}_1$ .

Let us show this on an example.

### Example: Male/Female Recognition (Neyman Pearson) (2)



p(x 1)						
$h_1$	.197	.145	.094	.017		
$h_2$	.077	.299	.145	.017		
$h_3$	.001	.008	.000	.000		
	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_{4}$		

p(x 2)					
$h_1$	.011	.005	.011	.011	
$h_2$	.005	.071	.408	.038	
$h_3$	.002	.014	.255	.169	
	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$	

r(x) = p(x 2)/p(x 1)					
$h_1$	0.056	0.034	0.117	0.647	
$h_2$	0.065	0.237	2.814	2.235	
$h_3$	2.000	1.750	$\infty$	$\infty$	
	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$	

rank order of $p(x z)/p(x 1)$					
$h_1$	2	1	4	6	
$h_2$	3	5	10	9	
$h_3$	8	7	11	12	
	$ w_1 $	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$	

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Here, different  $\mu$ 's can produce 11 different strategies.

First, let us take  $2.814 < \mu < \infty$ , e.g.  $\mu = 3$ . This produces a strategy  $q^*(x) = 1$  everywhere except where p(x|1) = 0. Obviously, classification error  $\epsilon_1 = 0$ , and  $\epsilon_2 = 1 - .255 - .169 = .576$ .

#### Example: Male/Female Recognition (Neyman Pearson) (3)

p(x 1)						
$h_1$	.197	.145	.094	.017		
$h_2$	.077	.299	.145	.017		
$h_3$	.001	.008	.000	.000		
	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$		

p(x 2)					
$h_1$	.011	.005	.011	.011	
$h_2$	.005	.071	.408	.038	
$h_3$	.002	.014	.255	.169	
	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$	

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$h_1$	0.056	0.034	0.117	0.647	
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	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$	

rank	rank, and $q^*(x)=\{{\color{blue}1,2}\}$ for $\mu=2.5$				
$h_1$	2	1	4	6	
$h_2$	3	5	10	9	
$h_3$	8	7	11	12	
	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$	

Next, take  $\mu$  which satisfies

$$r_9 < \mu < r_{10} \quad \text{(e.g. } \mu = 2.5)$$
 (11)

(where  $r_i$  is the likelihood ratios indexed by its rank.)

Here, 
$$\epsilon_1 = .145$$
, and  $\epsilon_2 = 1 - .255 - .169 - .408 = .168$ .

#### Example: Male/Female Recognition (Neyman Pearson) (4)

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p(x 1)						
$h_1$	.197	.145	.094	.017		
$h_2$	.077	.299	.145	.017		
$h_3$	.001	.008	.000	.000		
	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$		

p(x 2)						
$h_1$	.011 .005 .011 .011					
$h_2$	.005	.071	.408	.038		
$h_3$	.002	.014	.255	.169		
	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$		

$$r(x) = p(x|2)/p(x|1)$$
 $h_1 \mid 0.056 \mid 0.034 \mid 0.117 \mid 0.647$ 
 $h_2 \mid 0.065 \mid 0.237 \mid 2.814 \mid 2.235$ 
 $h_3 \mid 2.000 \mid 1.750 \mid \infty \mid \infty$ 
 $w_1 \mid w_2 \mid w_3 \mid w_4$ 

rank, and $q^*(x)=\{{\color{blue}1},{\color{blue}2}\}$ for $\mu=2.1$				
$h_1$	2	1	4	6
$h_2$	3	5	10	9
$h_3$	8	7	11	12
	$ w_1 $	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$

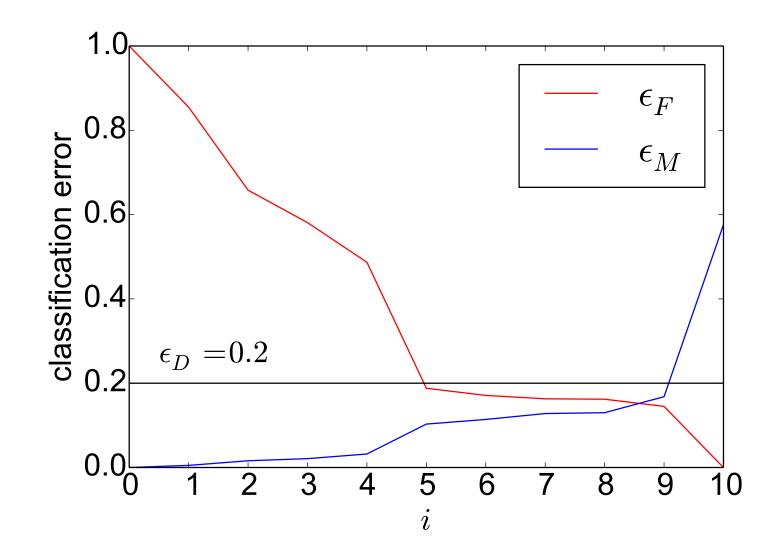
Do the same for  $\mu$  satisfying

$$r_8 < \mu < r_9$$
 (e.g.  $\mu = 2.1$ ) (12)

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_1 = .162$$
, and  $\epsilon_2 = 0.13$ .

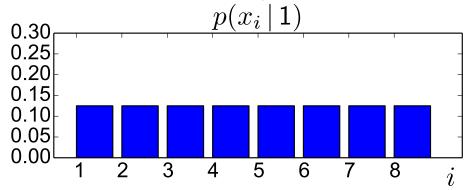
#### Example: Male/Female Recognition (Neyman Pearson) (5)

Classification errors for 1 and 2, for  $\mu_i = \frac{r_i + r_{i+1}}{2}$  and  $\mu_0 = 0$ .



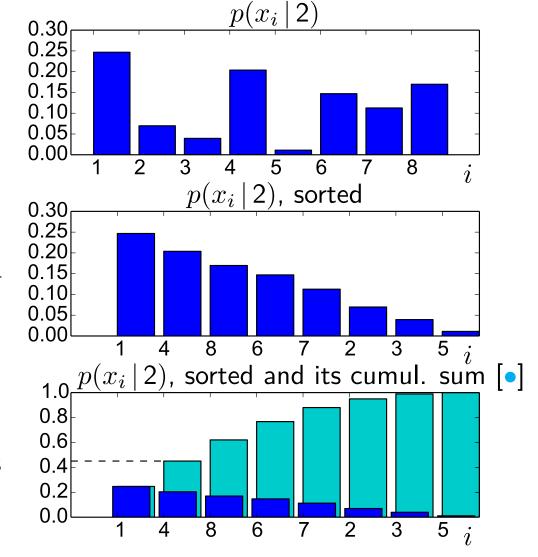
The optimum is reached for  $r_5 < \mu < r_6$ ;  $\epsilon_1 = .188$ ,  $\epsilon_2 = .103$ 

#### Neyman Pearson: Simple Case (1)



Consider a simple case when  $p(x_i | 1) = \text{const.}$  Possible values for  $\epsilon_1$  are  $0, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{2}{8}, ..., 1$ . If a strategy q classifies P observations as normal then  $\epsilon_1 = \frac{P}{8}$ .

If P=1 then  $\epsilon_1=\frac{1}{8}$  and it is clear that  $\epsilon_2$  will attain minimum if the (one) observation which is classified as normal is the one with the highest  $p(x_i\,|\,2)$ . Similarly, if P=2 then the two observations to be classified as normal are the one with the first two highest  $p(x_i\,|\,2)$ . Etc.



 $\uparrow$  cumulative sum of sorted  $p(x_i \mid 2)$  shows the classification success rate for 2, that is,  $1 - \epsilon_2$ , for  $\epsilon_1 = \frac{1}{8}, \frac{2}{8}, ..., 1$ . For example, for  $\epsilon_1 = \frac{2}{8}$  (P = 2),  $\epsilon_2 = 1 - 0.45 = 0.55$  (as shown, dashed.)

#### Neyman Pearson: Towards General Case (2)



In general,  $p(x_i | 1) \neq \text{const.}$  Consider the following example:

$p(x_i   1)$			
$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	
0.5	0.25	0.25	

$p(x_i \mid 2)$				
$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$		
0.6	0.35	0.05		

But this can easily be converted to the previous special case by (only formally) splitting  $x_1$  to two observations  $x'_1$  and  $x''_1$ :

$p(x_i \mid 1)$					
$x_1'$ $x_1''$ $x_2$ $x_3$					
0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25		

$p(x_i \mid 2)$				
$x_1'$	$x_1''$	$x_2$	$x_3$	
0.3	0.3	0.35	0.05	

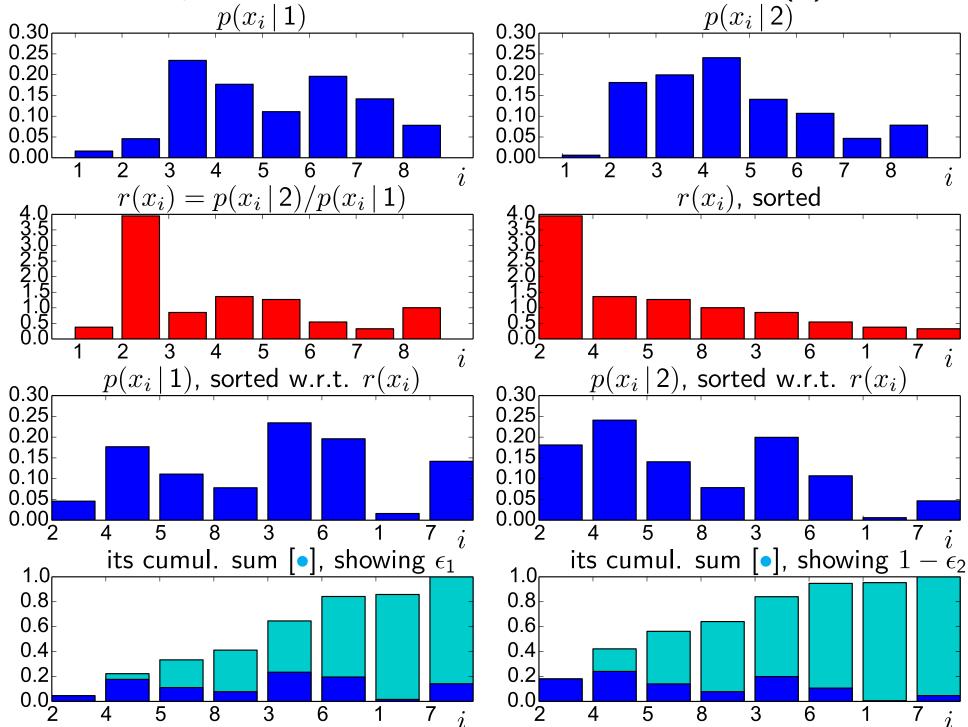
which would result in ordering the observations by decreasing  $p(x_i | 2)$  as:  $x_2, x_1, x_3$ .

Obviously, the same ordering is obtained when  $p(x_i \mid 2)$  is 'normalized' by  $p(x_i \mid 1)$ , that is, using the likelihood ratio

$$r(x_i) = \frac{p(x_i \mid 2)}{p(x_i \mid 1)}.$$
 (13)

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Neyman Pearson: General Case Example (3)



#### Neyman Pearson Solution: Illustration of Principle

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Lagrangian of the Neyman Pearson Task is

$$L(q) = \sum_{x: q(x)=1} p(x \mid 2) + \mu \left( \sum_{x: q(x)=2} p(x \mid 1) - \bar{\epsilon}_D \right)$$
 (14)

$$= \underbrace{1 - \sum_{x:q(x)=2}^{\infty} p(x \mid 2)}_{p(x \mid 2)} + \mu \left( \sum_{x:q(x)=2}^{\infty} p(x \mid 1) \right) - \mu \bar{\epsilon}_{1}$$
 (15)

$$=1 - \mu \bar{\epsilon}_1 + \sum_{x: q(x)=2} \underbrace{\{\mu \, p(x \, | \, 1) - p(x \, | \, 2)\}}_{T(x)} \tag{16}$$

If T(x) is negative for an x then it will decrease the objective function and the optimal strategy  $q^*$  will decide  $q^*(x)=2$ . This illustrates why the solution to the Neyman Pearson Task has the form

$$\frac{p(x \mid 2)}{p(x \mid 1)} > \mu \quad \Rightarrow \quad q(x) = 2, \tag{9}$$

$$\frac{p(x\mid 2)}{p(x\mid 1)} \le \mu \quad \Rightarrow \quad q(x) = 1. \tag{10}$$

#### **Neyman Pearson: Derivation (1)**

$$q^* = \min_{q:X \to K} \sum_{x:q(x) \neq 2} p(x \,|\, 2) \qquad \text{subject to: } \sum_{x:q(x) \neq 1} p(x \,|\, 1) \leq \bar{\epsilon}_1 \,. \tag{17}$$

Let us rewrite this as

$$q^* = \min_{q:X \to K} \sum_{x \in X} \alpha(x) p(x \mid 2) \qquad \text{subject to:} \qquad \sum_{x \in X} [1 - \alpha(x)] p(x \mid 1) \le \bar{\epsilon}_1. \tag{18}$$

and: 
$$\alpha(x) \in \{0,1\} \ \forall x \in X$$
 (19)

This is a combinatorial optimization problem. If the relaxation is done from  $\alpha(x) \in \{0,1\}$  to  $0 \le \alpha(x) \le 1$ , this can be solved by **linear programming** (LP). The Lagrangian of this problem with inequality constraints is:

$$L(\alpha(x_1), \alpha(x_2), ..., \alpha(x_N)) = \sum_{x \in X} \alpha(x) p(x \mid 2) + \mu \left( \sum_{x \in X} [1 - \alpha(x)] p(x \mid 1) - \bar{\epsilon}_1 \right)$$
(20)

$$-\sum_{x \in X} \mu_0(x)\alpha(x) + \sum_{x \in X} \mu_1(x)(\alpha(x) - 1)$$
 (21)

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#### **Neyman Pearson: Derivation (2)**

$$L(\alpha(x_1), \alpha(x_2), ..., \alpha(x_N)) = \sum_{x \in X} \alpha(x) p(x \mid 2) + \mu \left( \sum_{x \in X} [1 - \alpha(x)] p(x \mid 1) - \bar{\epsilon}_1 \right)$$
 (20)

$$-\sum_{x \in X} \mu_0(x)\alpha(x) + \sum_{x \in X} \mu_1(x)(\alpha(x) - 1)$$
 (21)

The conditions for optimality are  $(\forall x \in X)$ :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \alpha(x)} = p(x \mid 2) - \mu p(x \mid 1) - \mu_0(x) + \mu_1(x) = 0, \qquad (22)$$

$$\mu \ge 0, \, \mu_0(x) \ge 0, \, \mu_1(x) \ge 0, \quad 0 \le \alpha(x) \le 1,$$
 (23)

$$\mu_0(x)\alpha(x) = 0, \ \mu_1(x)(\alpha(x) - 1) = 0, \ \mu\left(\sum_{x \in X} [1 - \alpha(x)]p(x \mid 1) - \bar{\epsilon}_1\right) = 0.$$
 (24)

Case-by-case analysis:

case	implications
$\mu = 0$	$L$ minimized by $\alpha(x) = 0  \forall x$
$\mu \neq 0, \alpha(x) = 0$	$\mu_1(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \mu_0(x) = p(x \mid 2) - \mu p(x \mid 1) \Rightarrow p(x \mid 2) / p(x \mid 1) \le \mu$
$\mu \neq 0, \alpha(x) = 1$	$\mu_0(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \mu_1(x) = -[p(x \mid 2) - \mu p(x \mid 1)] \Rightarrow p(x \mid 2)/p(x \mid 1) \ge \mu$
$\mu \neq 0,$ $0 < \alpha(x) < 1$	$\mu_0(x) = \mu_1(x) = 0 \Rightarrow p(x \mid 2)/p(x \mid 1) = \mu$

#### **Neyman Pearson: Derivation (3)**



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**Case-by-case analysis:** 

case	implications
$\mu = 0$	$L$ minimized by $\alpha(x) = 0  \forall x$
$\mu \neq 0, \alpha(x) = 0$	$\mu_1(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \mu_0(x) = p(x \mid 2) - \mu p(x \mid 1) \Rightarrow p(x \mid 2)/p(x \mid 1) \le \mu$
$\mu \neq 0, \alpha(x) = 1$	$\mu_0(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \mu_1(x) = -[p(x \mid 2) - \mu p(x \mid 1)] \Rightarrow p(x \mid 2)/p(x \mid 1) \ge \mu$
$\mu \neq 0,$ $0 < \alpha(x) < 1$	$\mu_0(x) = \mu_1(x) = 0 \Rightarrow p(x \mid 2)/p(x \mid 1) = \mu$

**Optimal Strategy** for a given  $\mu \geq 0$  and particular  $x \in X$ :

$$\frac{p(x \mid 2)}{p(x \mid 1)} \begin{cases} < \mu & \Rightarrow q(x) = 1 \text{ (as } \alpha(x) = 0) \\ > \mu & \Rightarrow q(x) = 2 \text{ (as } \alpha(x) = 1) \\ = \mu & \Rightarrow \text{LP relaxation does not give the desired solution, as } \alpha \notin \{0, 1\} \end{cases}$$
 (25)

#### Neyman Pearson: Note on Randomized Strategies (1)

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#### Consider:

p(x 1)			
$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	
0.9	0.09	0.01	

p(x 2)			
$x_1  x_2  x_3$			
0.09	0.9	0.01	

r(x) = p(x 2)/p(x 1)			
$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	
0.1	10	1	

and  $\bar{\epsilon}_1 = 0.03$ .

- $q_2:(x_1,x_2,x_3)\to (1,1,2)$   $\Rightarrow$   $\epsilon_1=0.01,\ \epsilon_2=0.99$
- lacktriangle no other deterministic strategy q is feasible, that is all other ones have  $\epsilon_1 > \bar{\epsilon}_1$
- ullet  $q_2$  is the best deterministic strategy but it does not comply with the previous basic result of constructing the optimal strategy because it decides for 2 for likelihood ratio 1 but decides for 1 for likelihood ratios 0.01 and 10. Why is that?
- ullet we can construct a randomized strategy which attains  $\overline{\epsilon}_1$  and reaches lower  $\epsilon_2$ :

$$q(x_1) = q(x_3) = 1, \quad q(x_2) = \begin{cases} 2 & 1/3 \text{ of the time} \\ 1 & 2/3 \text{ of the time} \end{cases}$$
 (26)

For such strategy,  $\epsilon_1 = 0.03$ ,  $\epsilon_2 = 0.7$ .

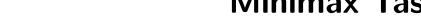


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- ullet This is not a problem but a feature which is caused by discrete nature of X (does not happen when X is continuous).
- This is exactly what the case of  $\mu = p(x \mid 2)/p(x \mid 1)$  is on slide 18.

#### Neyman Pearson: Notes (1)

- The task can be generalized to 3 hidden states, of which 2 are dangerous,  $K = \{2, D_1, D_2\}$ . It is formulated as an analogous problem with two inequality constraints and minimization of classification error for 2.
- Neyman's and Pearson's work dates to 1928 and 1933.
- A particular strength of the approach lies in that the likelihood ratio r(x) or even  $p(x \mid 2)$  need not be known. For the task to be solved, it is enough to know the  $p(x \mid 1)$  and the **rank order** of the likelihood ratio (to be demonstrated on the next page)



- $K = \{1, 2, ..., N\}$
- X set of observations
- Conditionals p(x | k) are known  $\forall k \in K$
- lacktriangle The priors p(k) are unknown or do not exist
- $lack q \colon X \to K$  strategy

The Minimax Task looks for the optimum strategy  $q^*$  which minimizes the classification error of the worst classified class:

$$q^* = \underset{q:X \to K}{\operatorname{argmin}} \max_{k \in K} \epsilon(k), \quad \text{where}$$
(27)

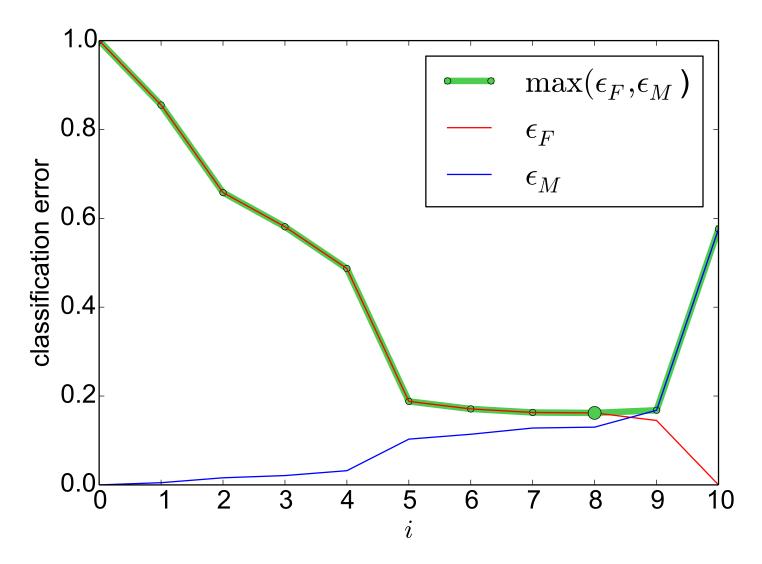
$$\epsilon(k) = \sum_{x: \, q(x) \neq k} p(x \mid k) \tag{28}$$

- Example: A recognition algorithm qualifies for a competition using preliminary tests.
   During the final competition, only objects from the hardest-to-classify class are used.
- For a 2-class problem, the strategy is again constructed using the likelihood ratio.
- In the case of continuous observations space X, equality of classification errors is attained:  $\epsilon_1=\epsilon_2$
- The derivation can again be done using Linear Programming.

### **Example: Male/Female Recognition (Minimax)**



Classification errors for 1 and 2, for  $\mu_i = \frac{r_i + r_{i+1}}{2}$  and  $\mu_0 = 0$ .



The optimum is attained for i=8,  $\epsilon_1=.162$ ,  $\epsilon_2=.13$ . The corresponding strategy is as shown on slide 11.

# Minimax: Comparison with Bayesian Decision with Unknown Priors

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- Consider the same setting as in the Minimax task, but let the priors p(k) exist but be unknown.
- lacktriangle The Bayesian error  $\epsilon$  for strategy q is

$$\epsilon = \sum_{k} \sum_{x: q(x) \neq k} p(x, k) = \sum_{k} p(k) \underbrace{\sum_{x: q(x) \neq k} p(x \mid k)}_{\epsilon(k)}$$
(29)

- We want to minimize  $\epsilon$  but we do not know p(k)'s. What is the maximum it can attain? Obviously, the p(k)'s do the convex combination of the class errors  $\epsilon(k)$ ; the maximum Bayesian error will be attained when p(k)=1 for the class k with the highest class error  $\epsilon(k)$ .
- ullet Thus, to minimize the Bayesian error  $\epsilon$  under this setting, the solution is to minimize the error of the hardest-to-classify class.
- ◆ Therefore, Minimax formulation and the Bayesian formulation with Unknown Priors lead to the same solution.

#### Wald Task (1)



- Let us consider classification with two states,  $K = \{1, 2\}$ .
- We want to set a threshold  $\epsilon$  on the classification error of both of the classes:  $\epsilon_1 \leq \epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon_2 \leq \epsilon$ .
- $\bullet$  It is clear that there may be **no** feasible solution if  $\epsilon$  is set too low.
- That is why the possibility of decision "do not know" is introduced. Thus  $D = K \cup \{?\}$
- lack A strategy q:X o D is characterized by:

$$\epsilon_1 = \sum_{x: q(x)=2} p(x \mid 1)$$
 (classification error for 1) (30)

$$\epsilon_2 = \sum_{x: q(x)=1} p(x \mid 2)$$
 (classification error for 2) (31)

$$\kappa_1 = \sum_{x: q(x)=?} p(x \mid 1) \quad \text{(undecided rate for 1)} \tag{32}$$

$$\kappa_2 = \sum_{x: q(x)=?} p(x \mid 2) \quad \text{(undecided rate for 2)} \tag{33}$$

#### Wald Task (2)

 $\bullet$  The optimal strategy  $q^*$ :

$$q^* = \underset{q:X \to D}{\operatorname{argmin}} \max_{i = \{1,2\}} \kappa_i \tag{34}$$

subject to: 
$$\epsilon_1 \le \epsilon, \ \epsilon_2 \le \epsilon$$
 (35)

- The task is again solvable using LP (even for more than 2 classes)
- The optimal solution is again based on the likelihood ratio

$$r(x) = \frac{p(x \mid 1)}{p(x \mid 2)} \tag{36}$$

• The optimal strategy is constructed using suitably chosen thresholds  $\mu_l$  and  $\mu_h$  such that:

$$q(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{for } r(x) < \mu_l \\ 1 & \text{for } r(x) > \mu_h \\ ? & \text{for } \mu_l \le r(x) \le \mu_h \end{cases}$$

$$(37)$$

#### **Example: Male/Female Recognition (Wald)**

Solve the Wald task for  $\epsilon = 0.05$ .

p(x F)					
$h_1$	.197	.145	.094	.017	
$h_2$	.077	.299	.145	.017	
$h_3$	.001	.008	.000	.000	
	2111	2110	2110	2114	

p(x M)						
$h_1$	.011	.005	.011	.011		
$h_2$	.005	.071	.408	.038		
$h_3$	.002	.014	.255	.169		
	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$		

$$r(x) = p(x|2)/p(x|1)$$
 $\begin{vmatrix} h_1 & 0.056 & 0.034 & 0.117 & 0.647 \\ h_2 & 0.065 & 0.237 & 2.814 & 2.235 \\ h_3 & 2.000 & 1.750 & \infty & \infty \end{vmatrix}$ 
 $\begin{vmatrix} w_1 & w_2 & w_3 & w_4 \\ w_4 & w_4 & w_4 & w_4 \end{vmatrix}$ 

Tank, and $q_{-}(x) = \{1, 2, 1\}$						
$h_1$	2	1	4	6		
$h_2$	3	5	10	9		
$h_3$	8	7	11	12		
	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$		

rank and  $a^*(x) = \{1, 2, 2\}$ 

**Result:**  $\epsilon_2 = 0.032$ ,  $\epsilon_1 = 0$ ,  $\kappa_2 = 0.544$ ,  $\kappa_1 = 0.487$ 

$$(r_4 < \mu_l < r_5, r_{10} < \mu_h < \infty)$$