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**Unit II- CLASSIFIERS BASED ON BAYESIAN DECISION
THEORY**

**Topic :Discriminant Functions, and Decision
Surfaces**



1. Introduction to Discriminant Functions

Purpose:

Discriminant functions are mathematical functions used to classify data points into different classes by calculating a score for each class and assigning the data point to the class with the highest score.

Usage: They are commonly used in pattern recognition, machine learning, and statistics to build classifiers, especially in scenarios where data is linearly or non-linearly separable.



2. Types of Discriminant Functions

Linear Discriminant Function:

Formula: A linear discriminant function for class ω_i is given by

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{x} + w_{i0}$$

where \mathbf{w}_i is the weight vector and w_{i0} is the bias term.

Interpretation:

The function $g_i(x)$ represents a hyperplane in the feature space. The data point x is classified into the class for which the discriminant function value is the highest.



Quadratic Discriminant Function:

Formula: A quadratic discriminant function for class ω_i is given by

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_i^T \mathbf{x} + c_i$$

where \mathbf{A}_i is a matrix, \mathbf{b}_i is a vector, and c_i is a scalar.

Interpretation:

This function allows for more complex decision boundaries that can handle non-linearly separable data.



Generalized Discriminant Function:

Formula: A generalized discriminant function can be any function that maps the feature vector x to a scalar score:

$$g_i(x) = f(x; \theta_i)$$

where θ_i represents the parameters of the function.

Interpretation:

This allows for a wide range of decision boundaries, depending on the form of the function $f(x; \theta_i)$.



3. Decision Surfaces

Definition: A decision surface (or decision boundary) is a surface in the feature space that separates different classes based on the discriminant functions.

It is the locus of points where two or more discriminant functions are equal.

Types:

Linear Decision Surface:

Arises from linear discriminant functions.

The decision surface is a hyperplane.

Example: In a 2D feature space, the decision boundary is a straight line.



Non-linear Decision Surface:

Arises from quadratic or higher-order discriminant functions.

The decision surface can be a curve or any other complex shape.

Example: In a 2D feature space, the decision boundary could be a circle, ellipse, or any arbitrary curve.



4. Examples of Discriminant Functions and Decision Surfaces

Example 1: Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA): LDA uses linear discriminant functions to classify data. The decision surface is linear, resulting in hyperplanes separating different classes.

Example 2: Quadratic Discriminant Analysis (QDA): QDA uses quadratic discriminant functions, allowing for non-linear decision surfaces that can separate more complex class distributions.



Any Query?????

Thank you.....