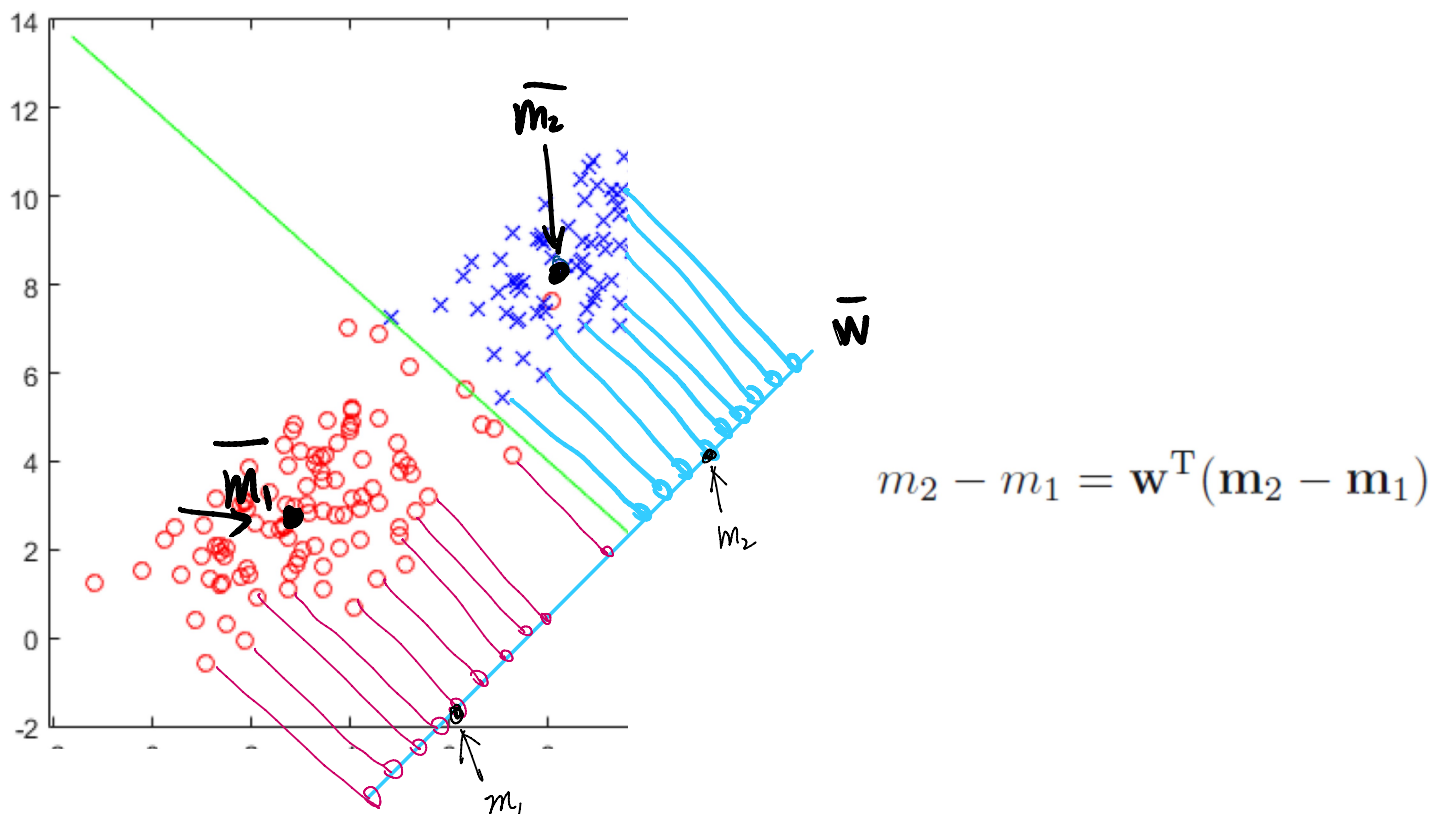


# Lecture 17

## Fisher's discriminant (cont'd)



Since  $(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_W \mathbf{w})$ ,  $(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_B \mathbf{w})$  and  $(m_2 - m_1)$  are all scalar factors, we can drop them if we care only about the direction of the weight vector  $\mathbf{w}$ , instead of its magnitude. Thus we can obtain

$$\mathbf{w} \propto \mathbf{S}_W^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{m}}_2 - \bar{\mathbf{m}}_1)$$

$n \times 1$       $n \times n$       $n \times 1$

$$\mathbf{S}_W = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{C}_1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{m}}_1)(\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{m}}_1)^T + \sum_{n \in \mathcal{C}_2} (\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{m}}_2)(\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{m}}_2)^T$$

Extension of Fisher's discriminant to multiple classes:

- This criterion can then be rewritten as an explicit function of the projection matrix  $\mathbf{W}$  in the form:

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \text{Tr} \{ (\mathbf{W}\mathbf{S}_W\mathbf{W}^T)^{-1}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{S}_B\mathbf{W}^T) \}$$

- It can be shown that the weight values are determined by those eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{S}_W^{-1}\mathbf{S}_B$ , which correspond to the  $D'$  largest eigenvalues.
- It can be shown  $\mathbf{S}_B$  has rank at most equal to  $(K - 1)$  and so there are at most  $(K - 1)$  nonzero eigenvalues. So we are therefore unable to find more than  $(K - 1)$  linear "features".

- LDA

In general, discriminant analysis assumes that the class conditional densities to have multivariate Gaussian distributions.

the model assumes **the same covariance matrix** for each class only the means vary

Shrinkage: covariance matrix estimation

<http://www.ledoit.net/honey.pdf>

# Two Classes As an Example

Decision functions (with a common covariance matrix  $C$ , where  $C^T = C$ ):

$$d_1(\mathbf{x}) = \ln P(\omega_1) - \frac{1}{2} \ln |C| - \frac{1}{2} [(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1)^T C^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1)]$$

$$d_2(\mathbf{x}) = \ln P(\omega_2) - \frac{1}{2} \ln |C| - \frac{1}{2} [(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_2)^T C^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_2)]$$

Decision Boundary (assuming equal class probabilities):  $d_1(\mathbf{x}) = d_2(\mathbf{x})$

$$(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1)^T C^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1) = (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_2)^T C^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{x}^T C^{-1} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_1^T C^{-1} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{m}_1^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ &= \mathbf{x}^T C^{-1} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_2 - \mathbf{m}_2^T C^{-1} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{m}_2^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_1 &= (\mathbf{x}^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_1)^T \\ & \parallel \\ & \mathbf{m}_1^T (C^{-1})^T (\mathbf{x}^T)^T \\ & \parallel \\ & \mathbf{m}_1^T C^{-1} \mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

Cancellation due to the assumption of same covariance (LDA); otherwise quadratic function of  $\mathbf{x}$ , thus QDA results.

$$(\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)^T C^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{m}_1^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_2)$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & -\mathbf{x}^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_1^T C^{-1} \mathbf{x} \\ &= -2 \mathbf{m}_1^T C^{-1} \mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$(\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)^T C^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{m}_1^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_2)$$

Let weight vector  $\mathbf{w} = C^{-1}(\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)$ , then

$$(\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)^T C^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}^T (\mathbf{m}_1 + \mathbf{m}_2) &= (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)^T C^{-1} (\mathbf{m}_1 + \mathbf{m}_2) \\ &= \mathbf{m}_1^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_1^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_2 - \mathbf{m}_2^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_1 + \mathbf{m}_2^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_2 \\ &= \mathbf{m}_1^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2^T C^{-1} \mathbf{m}_2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the decision function is a function of a linear combination of the observations:

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T (\mathbf{m}_1 + \mathbf{m}_2), \text{ where } \mathbf{w} = C^{-1}(\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)$$

Consistent with Fisher's linear discriminant with projection:

$$\mathbf{w} \propto \mathbf{S}_W^{-1} (\mathbf{m}_2 - \mathbf{m}_1), \text{ where } \mathbf{S}_W = 2C$$