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**Practice Quiz - 1**  
**CS 591Q/791V - Pattern Recognition**  
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**Note:**

Univariate normal density:  $N(\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$ .

1. [5 points] Briefly describe the following terms: (a) Reject Option; (b) Generative and Discriminative Models.
2. [8 points] Consider a two-class one-feature classification problem with the following Gaussian class-conditional densities:

$$p(x|C_1) \sim N(0, 1),$$
$$p(x|C_2) \sim N\left(\frac{1}{2}, 4\right).$$

Assume  $P(C_1) = P(C_2) = 1/2$ . Derive the Bayes decision boundary.

3. [7 points] Consider a random variable  $x$  having the following distribution:

$$p(x|\theta) = \theta^x (1 - \theta)^{1-x}.$$

Suppose that  $n$  samples  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  are drawn independently according to  $p(x|\theta)$ . What is the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\theta$ ?

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