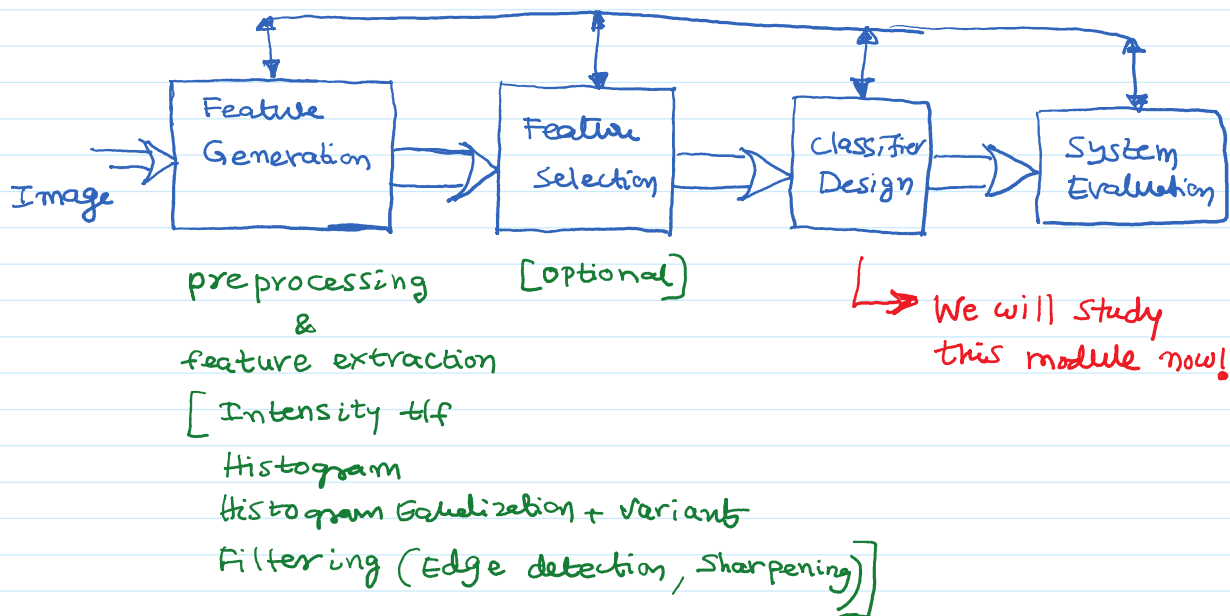


Bayesian Classification Part-1



2.1 Classifier Design Based on Bayes Decision Theory:

* Design of classifier is critical because of
(i) statistical variations of the pattern, and
(ii) noise in the measuring sensors.

* Given a feature vector, classify it into the "most probable" class!

* Let the number of classes be 'M' with each of them denoted by w_1, w_2, \dots, w_M
let \vec{x} be the feature vector characterizing the given sample

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{bmatrix} \quad (d\text{-Dimensional space})$$

* The goal now is to compute $P(w_i | \vec{x})$ for $i = 1:M$;
then assign \vec{x} to the class j where

$$P(w_j | \vec{x}) > P(w_i | \vec{x}), \forall i \neq j$$

$P(w_i | \vec{x})$ is referred to as
conditional probability (or)
a posteriori probability