

## Tutorial 2

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### P2.6 - MLE for m.v. Gaussian.

$$D = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$$

data log-likelihood:  $\log p(D) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(x_i)$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \log \left[ \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \|x_i - \mu\|_{\Sigma}^2} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ -\frac{d}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \|x_i - \mu\|_{\Sigma}^2 \right]$$

$$\log p(D) = -\frac{Nd}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{N}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \|x_i - \mu\|_{\Sigma}^2$$

#### a) MLE for $\mu$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \log p(D) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu) \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N [x_i^T \Sigma^{-1} x_i + \mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu - 2x_i^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu] \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left( N \mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu - 2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^T \right) \Sigma^{-1} \mu \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} a^T x &= a & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} ax &= a \\ \textcircled{2} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x^T A x &= Ax + A^T x = 2Ax \text{ if } A \text{ symmetric.} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} ax^2 &= 2ax \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \log p(D) = -\frac{1}{2} (N \cdot 2 \Sigma^{-1} \mu - 2 \Sigma^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \right)) = 0$$

$$N \Sigma^{-1} \mu = \Sigma^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \quad \text{pre-multiply by } \Sigma$$

$$N \mu = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$$

#### b) MLE for $\Sigma$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} \log p(D) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} \left[ -\frac{N}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu) \right]$$

$$a^T b = \text{trace}(a^T b) = \text{trace}(b a^T)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} \left[ -\frac{N}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \text{tr}(\Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T) \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} \left[ -\frac{N}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Sigma^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log |x| = x^{-1} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log x = \frac{1}{x} = x^{-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \text{tr}(x^T A) = - (x^{-T} A^T x^{-T}) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{a}{x} = -\frac{a}{x^2}$$

$$= -\frac{N}{2} \Sigma^{-T} - \frac{1}{2} \left( - \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T \right) \Sigma^{-T} = 0$$

prepost multiply by  $\Sigma$

$$= -\frac{N}{2} \Sigma + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T$$



# PS 2-8 LS regression & MLE

*function*  
 $f(x, \theta) = \phi(x)^T \theta \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^p, \phi(x) \in \mathbb{R}^p$

*observation model*  
 $y = f(x, \theta) + \epsilon, \quad \epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$

$$p(y|x, \theta) = N(y | \phi(x)^T \theta, \sigma^2)$$

Given dataset:  $D = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(D) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(y_i | x_i, \theta) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y_i - \phi(x_i)^T \theta)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\propto -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \phi(x_i)^T \theta)^2$$

*negating the objective  
 → max into min.*

$$\arg \max_{\theta} \log p(D) = \arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \underbrace{\phi(x_i)^T \theta}_{f(x_i)})^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{Least squares formulation}$$

$$= \arg \min_{\theta} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - \phi(x_1)^T \theta \\ \vdots \\ y_N - \phi(x_N)^T \theta \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - \phi(x_1)^T \theta \\ \vdots \\ y_N - \phi(x_N)^T \theta \end{bmatrix} = \arg \min_{\theta} \|y - \Phi^T \theta\|^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \phi(x_1) & \dots & \phi(x_N) \end{bmatrix}}_{\Phi}^T \theta$$

*y*      *Φ*

$$\begin{aligned} x \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x \\ x^2 \\ \vdots \\ x^p \end{bmatrix} &= \phi(x) \Rightarrow f(x) \phi(x)^T \theta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x \\ x^2 \\ \vdots \\ x^p \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_p \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 + \dots + \theta_p x^p \end{aligned}$$

Solve for  $\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{2\theta} \|y - \Phi^T \theta\|^2 &= \frac{2}{2\theta} (y - \Phi^T \theta)^T (y - \Phi^T \theta) \\ &= \frac{2}{2\theta} \left[ \underbrace{y^T y}_x - 2 \underbrace{y^T \Phi^T \theta}_{x^T x} + \underbrace{\theta^T \Phi \Phi^T \theta}_{x^T A x} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= -2 \Phi y + 2 \Phi \Phi^T \theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi \Phi^T \theta = \Phi y$$

*premultiply by  $\Phi^{-1}$   
 $(\Phi \Phi^T)^{-1}$*

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\theta} = (\Phi \Phi^T)^{-1} \Phi y$$

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \phi(x_1) & \dots & \phi(x_N) \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \uparrow p \\ \leftarrow N \end{matrix}$$

We assume  $\Phi \Phi^T$  is invertible

$$\Phi \Phi^T \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$$

$\Rightarrow$  we want the columns of  $\Phi$  to span  $\mathbb{R}^p$