

# PAC - Bayes

## Question 1

Consider two multivariate Gaussian distributions over  $\mathbb{R}^r$  -  $N(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)$  and  $N(\mu_1, \Sigma_1)$  where  $\Sigma_0$  and  $\Sigma_1$  are non-singular (positive definite). Then it holds that:

$$KL(N(\mu_0, \Sigma_0) || N(\mu_1, \Sigma_1)) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \text{tr}(\Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_0) + (\mu_1 - \mu_0)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (\mu_1 - \mu_0) - r + \ln \left( \frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right) \right]$$

## Solution

First, let's sign the two distributions as:

$$P = N(\mu_0, \Sigma_0) \quad \text{and} \quad Q = N(\mu_1, \Sigma_1).$$

$$\text{By definition: } KL(P || Q) = \mathbb{E}_P \left[ \ln \left( \frac{P}{Q} \right) \right].$$

Remember that the density function of a multivariate Gaussian distribution  $N(\mu, \Sigma)$  is:

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{r}{2}} (\det \Sigma)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2} (x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu)}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \cdot \frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{r}{2}} (\det \Sigma_0)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2} (x-\mu_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1} (x-\mu_0)} \cdot \frac{(2\pi)^{\frac{r}{2}} (\det \Sigma_1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{e^{-\frac{1}{2} (x-\mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x-\mu_1)}}$$

$$= \frac{(\det \Sigma_1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(\det \Sigma_0)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2} (x-\mu_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1} (x-\mu_0) - (-\frac{1}{2} (x-\mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x-\mu_1))}$$

$$= \left( \frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot e^{\frac{1}{2} [(x-\mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x-\mu_1) - (x-\mu_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1} (x-\mu_0)]}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} KL(P \parallel Q) &= \mathbb{E}_P \left[ \ln \left( \frac{P}{Q} \right) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_P \left[ \ln \left( \left( \frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot e^{\frac{1}{2} \left[ (x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1) - (x - \mu_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1} (x - \mu_0) \right]} \right) \right] \\ \left[ \ln(a+b) = \ln(a) + \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \right] &= \mathbb{E}_P \left[ \ln \left( \left( \frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) + \ln \left[ e^{\frac{1}{2} \left[ (x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1) - (x - \mu_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1} (x - \mu_0) \right]} \right] \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_P \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[ (x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1) - (x - \mu_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1} (x - \mu_0) \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

linearity of  $\mathbb{E}(\cdot)$   $\rightarrow$  
$$\begin{aligned} &= \mathbb{E}_P \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right) \right] + \mathbb{E}_P \left[ \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1) \right] \\ &\quad - \mathbb{E}_P \left[ \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1} (x - \mu_0) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right) + \mathbb{E}_P \left[ (x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1) \right] - \mathbb{E}_P \left[ (x - \mu_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1} (x - \mu_0) \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

claim

For each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^r, A \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$ :  $X^T A x = \text{tr}(A x x^T)$

proof

$$\begin{aligned} x^T A x &= (x_1 \dots x_r) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ A x \end{pmatrix} = (x_1 \dots x_r) \begin{pmatrix} (A x)_1 \\ \vdots \\ (A x)_r \end{pmatrix} = (x_1 \dots x_r) \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^r a_{1j} x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^r a_{rj} x_j \end{pmatrix} = \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^r a_{1j} x_1 x_j + \dots + \sum_{j=1}^r a_{rj} x_r x_j = \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^r a_{1j} (x x^T)_{j1} + \dots + \sum_{j=1}^r a_{rj} (x x^T)_{jr} = \\ &= (A x x^T)_{11} + \dots + (A x x^T)_{rr} = \text{tr}(A x x^T) \end{aligned}$$

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Thus:

$$KL(P||Q) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right) + \mathbb{E}_P[(x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1)] - \mathbb{E}_P[(x - \mu_0)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_0)] \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right) + \mathbb{E}_P[\text{tr}(\Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1)(x - \mu_1)^T)] - \mathbb{E}_P[\text{tr}(\Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_0)(x - \mu_0)^T)] \right]$$

$\text{tr}(\mathbb{E}[A]) = \mathbb{E}[\text{tr}(A)]$   
by linearity of  $\mathbb{E}[\cdot]$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right) + \text{tr}(\mathbb{E}_P[\Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1)(x - \mu_1)^T]) - \text{tr}(\mathbb{E}_P[\Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_0)(x - \mu_0)^T]) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_1^{-1} \mathbb{E}_P[x x^T - \mu_1 x^T - x \mu_1^T + \mu_1 \mu_1^T]) - \text{tr}(\Sigma_1^{-1} \mathbb{E}_P[x x^T - \mu_0 x^T - x \mu_0^T + \mu_0 \mu_0^T]) \right] \quad \textcircled{=}$$

By definition,  $P = N(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)$  thus

$$\mathbb{E}_P[x] = \mu_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}_P[(x - \mu_0)(x - \mu_0)^T] = \Sigma_0$$

and  $\mathbb{E}_P[x x^T] = \Sigma_0 + \mu_0 \mu_0^T$ , so:

$$\textcircled{=} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_1^{-1} (\Sigma_0 + \mu_0 \mu_0^T - \mu_1 \mu_0^T - \mu_0 \mu_1^T + \mu_1 \mu_1^T)) \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \text{tr}(\Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_0) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_1^{-1} (\mu_0 \mu_0^T - \mu_1 \mu_0^T - \mu_0 \mu_1^T + \mu_1 \mu_1^T)) \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \text{tr}(\Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_0)$$

$x^T A x$   
 $= A x x^T$   
by claim  
we proved

$$\leftarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right) - r + \text{tr}(\Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_0) + \text{tr}(\mu_0^T \Sigma_1^{-1} \mu_0 - \mu_0^T \Sigma_1^{-1} \mu_1 - \mu_1^T \Sigma_1^{-1} \mu_0 + \mu_1^T \Sigma_1^{-1} \mu_1) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right) - r + \text{tr}(\Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_0) + (\mu_1 - \mu_0)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (\mu_1 - \mu_0) \right]$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$KL(N(\mu_0, \Sigma_0) || N(\mu_1, \Sigma_1)) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right) - r + \text{tr}(\Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_0) + (\mu_1 - \mu_0)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (\mu_1 - \mu_0) \right]$$

as required.

