## 1 Maximum Likelihood Estimator

- Consitent, asymptotic unbiased.  $\hat{\theta}_n^{\text{MLE}} \stackrel{\mathbb{P}}{\to} \theta_0$ .
- Asymptotic normal.  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n^{\text{MLE}} \theta_0) \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{\rightarrow}$  $\mathcal{N}(0, I_n), I_n(\theta_0) = \mathbb{E}[-\dot{s}_{\theta}] = \mathbb{E}[s_{\theta}s_{\theta}^{\top}]$  fisher info,  $s_{\theta}(x) = \partial_{\theta} \ln p_{\theta}(x)$  score func,  $\mathbb{E}_{\theta} s_{\theta} = 0$ .
- Asymptotic efficient.  $\hat{\theta}_n^{\text{MLE}}$  reaches CRLB when  $n \to \infty$ .  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}$  not efficient if *n* finite. Stein estimator always better.
- Equivariance, if  $\hat{\theta}_n$  is MLE,  $\hat{\gamma} = g(\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}})$  is MLE of  $\mathcal{L}(g^{-1}(\gamma))$ . Proof by optimally of MLE. Cramer-Rao lower bound (CRLB): for any unbiased  $\hat{\theta}$  of  $\theta_0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)^2 \geq 1/I_n(\theta_0)$ Proof:  $Cov[s_{\theta}, \hat{\theta}] = \mathbb{E}[s_{\theta} \cdot \hat{\theta}] = \partial_{\theta} \mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}] =$  $\partial_{\theta}\theta = 1$ . Cauchy-Schwarz  $Cov^{2}[s_{\theta}, \hat{\theta}] \leq$  $\operatorname{Var}[s_{\theta}]\operatorname{Var}[\hat{\theta}] = I_n(\theta)\mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)^2 \text{ QED.}$ However, when dimension of problem goes to

infinity while data-dim ratio is fixed, MLE is

biased and the *p*-values are unreliable.

## 2 Regression

## **Bias-Variance trade-off**

 $\mathcal{D}$  training dataset, f predictive function.  $\mathbb{E}_D \mathbb{E}_{Y|X} (\hat{f}(X) - Y)^2 = \mathbb{E}_D (\hat{f}(x) - \mathbb{E}_D \hat{f}(x))^2 +$  $\left(\mathbb{E}_D \hat{f}(x) - \mathbb{E}(Y \mid X)\right)^2 + \mathbb{E}_D(\mathbb{E}(Y \mid X) - Y)^2 =$ Model Variance + Bias<sup>2</sup> + Intrinsic Noise. The optimal trade-off is achieved by avoiding under-fitting (large bias) and over-fitting (large variance). Note that here the variance of output is computed by refitting the regressor on a new dataset.

#### Regularization

Ridge and Lasso can be viewed as MAP estimation with a prior on  $\beta$ . Ridge = Gaussian Prior and LASSO = Laplacian prior. Using SVD, we get Ridge has built-in model selection:  $X\beta^{\text{Ridge}} = \sum_{i=1}^{d} [d_i^2/(d_i^2 + \lambda)] u_i u_i^T Y$  (each 1. Probabilistic Generative, modeling p(x, y):  $u_i u_i^T Y$  can be viewed as a model). Lasso has more sparse estimations because the gradient of regularization does not shrink as Ridge.

## 3 BLR and GP

# **Bayesian Linear Regression**

 $Y = X\beta + \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ . Prior  $\beta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Lambda^{-1})$ . 3. Discriminative, modeling y = f(x): (1) no Posterior  $\beta | X, Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{\beta}, \Sigma_{\beta}), \Sigma_{\beta} = (\sigma^{-2}X^{T}X +$  $\Lambda$ )<sup>-1</sup>,  $\mu_{\beta} = \sigma^2 \Sigma_{\beta} X^T Y$ .

# **Gaussian Process**

 $Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y_0 \\ V_{\cdot} \end{pmatrix}$  is the combination of observed and prediction value. Assume a Gaussian prior of  $\mathcal{N}(0, K + \sigma^2 I)$ , where  $K_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j)$  is kertion family and (2) infer param by MLE.

nel. GP regression is the conditional/Posterior Compute  $p(y \mid x)$  by discriminant analysis (DA) distribution on  $Y_0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[Y_1|Y_0] = K_{10}(\sigma^2 I_0 +$  $(K_{00})^{-1}Y_0$ ,  $Cov[Y_1] = \sigma^2I_1 + K_{11} - K_{10}(\sigma^2I_0 + I_0)$  $(K_{00})^{-1}K_{01}$ . Bayesian LR is a special case of GP with linear kernel  $k(x, y) = x^{\top} \Lambda^{-1} y$ .

#### **Kernel Function**

A function is a kernel iff (1) symmetry k(x, x') = k(x', x) and (2) semi-positive definite  $\int_{\Omega} k(x,x')f(x)f(x')dxdx' \ge 0$  for any  $f \in L_2$ and  $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^d$  (continuous) or  $K(X) \geq 0$  (discrete). The latter is equivalent to (1)  $a^{\top}Ka \geq$  $0, \forall a \text{ or } (2) k(x, x') = \phi(x)^T \phi(x') \text{ for some } \phi.$ 

#### **Kernel Construction**

If  $k_{1,2}$  are valid kernels, then followings are valid: (1)  $k(x, x') = k_1(x, x') + k_2(x, x')$ . (2) k(x, x') = $k_1(x,x') \cdot k_2(x,x')$ . Proof: expand by Mercer's thm. (3)  $k(x, x') = ck_1(x, x')$  for constant c > 0. (4)  $k(x,x') = f(k_1(x,x'))$  if f is a polynomial with positive coefficients or the exp. Proof: polynomial can be proved by applying the product, positive scaling and addition. Exp can be proved by taking limit on the polynomial. (5)  $k(x,x') = f(x)k_1(x,x')f(x')$ . (6)  $k(x, x') = k_1(\phi(x), \phi(x'))$  for any function  $\phi$ .

Example: RBF kernel  $k(x,y) = e^{-\|x-y\|^2/2\sigma^2} =$  $e^{-\|x\|^2/2\sigma^2} \times e^{x^T y/2\sigma^2} \times e^{-\|y\|^2/2\sigma^2}$  is valid. (1)  $x^T y$ linear kernel is valid (2) then  $\exp(\frac{1}{a^2}x^Ty)$  is valid, (3) let  $f(x) = \exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}||x||^2)$ , by rules f(x)k(x,y)f(y) RBF is valid.

**Mercer's Theorem**: Assume k(x, x') is a valid kernel. Then there exists an orthogonal basis  $e_i$  and  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ , s.t.  $k(x, x') = \sum_i \lambda_i e_i(x) e_i(x')$ .

# 4 Linear Methods for Classification **Concept Comparison**

- (1) can create new samples, (2) outlier detection, (3) probability for prediction, (4) high computational cost and (5) high bias.
- 2. Probabilistic Discriminative, modeling  $p(y \mid$ x): (1) probability for prediction, (2) medium computational cost and (3) medium bias.
- probability for prediction, (2) low computational cost and (3) low bias.

# Infer p(x, y) for classification problems

Use  $p(x,y) = p(y)p(x \mid y)$ . Since y has finite states, model p(y) and p(x | y) for different y. The modeling requires to (1) guess a distribu-

**Linear DA** Assumption: classify a sample into two Gaussian distribution with  $\Sigma_0$  $\Sigma_1$ . After calculation,  $p(y = 1 \mid x) = 1/(1 + x)$  $\exp(-\log \frac{p(x|y=1)p(y=1)}{p(x|y=0)p(y=0)})) = 1/(1 + \exp(w_1^T x + w_0))$ since the quadratic term is eliminated due to  $\Sigma_0 = \Sigma_1$ .

Quadratic DA Assumption: classify a sample into two Gaussian distribution with  $\Sigma_0 \neq$  $\Sigma_1$ . After calculation,  $p(y = 1 \mid x) = 1/(1 + x)$  $\exp(x^T W x + w_1^T x + w_0)$ .

## **Optimization Methods**

Optimal Learning Rate for Gradient Descent

Goal: find  $\eta^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\eta} L(w^k - \eta \cdot \nabla L(w^k))$ . By Taylor expansion of  $L(w^{k+1})$  at  $w^k$  and

solve for the optimal  $\eta$ , we get  $\eta^* =$  $\|\nabla L(w^k)\|^2/(\nabla L(w^k)^T H_L(w^k)\nabla L(w^k)).$ 

Cons of naive gradient descent: (1) zig-zag behavior, especially in a very narrow, long and slightly downward valley; (2) gradient update is small near the stationary point. Mitigated by adding momentum into update,  $w^{k+1} = w^k - \eta \nabla L(w^k) + \mu^k (w^k - w^{k-1})$ , this speeds update towards "common" direction. Newton's Method

Taylor-expand L(w) at  $w_k$  to derive the optimal  $w^{k+1}$ :  $L(w) \approx L(w^k) + (w - w^k)^T \nabla L(w^k) +$  $\frac{1}{2}(w-w^k)^T H_L(w^k)(w-w^k) \implies w^{k+1} = w^k H_{\tau}^{-1}(w^k)\nabla L(w^k)$ .

Pros: (1) better updates compared to GD since it uses the second Taylor term and (2) does not require learning rate.

Cons: requires  $H_I^{-1}$  which is expensive.

# **Bayesian Method**

In most cases, the posterior is intractable. Use approximation of posterior instead.

Laplacian Method

Idea: approximate posterior near the MAP estimation with a Gaussian distribution.  $p(w \mid$  $(X,Y) \propto p(w,X,Y) \propto \exp(-R(w))$ , where R(w) = $-\log p(w, X, Y)$ . Let  $w^* = \operatorname{argmin} R(w)$  be the MAP estimation and Taylor-expand R(w) at  $w^*$ :  $R(w) \approx R(w^*) + \frac{1}{2}(w - w^*)^T H_R(w^*)(w - w^*)^T H_R(w^*)$  $w^*$ ). Therefore,  $p(w \mid X, Y) \propto \exp(-R(w^*) - R(w^*))$  $\frac{1}{2}(w-w^*)^T H_R(w^*)(w-w^*)$  and thus (w  $(X,Y) \sim \mathcal{N}(w^*, H_p^{-1}(w^*)).$ AIC & BIC

• Define BIC =  $k \log N - 2 \log \hat{L}$ , where k is #parameters and  $\hat{L}$  is the likelihood  $p(x \mid w^*)$ . A lower BIC means a better model.

• Define AIC =  $2k - 2\log \hat{L}$ . A lower AIC means a better model.

## LDA by loss minimization

**Perceptron** for  $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$ , find w, s.t.  $y_i w^T x_i >$ 0 for any i. Prediction is  $c(x) = \operatorname{sgn}(w^T x)$ .  $LossL(y,c(x)) = min\{0,-yw^Tx\}.$  By GD  $w^{(k+1)} \leftarrow w^{(k)} + \eta(k) \sum_{i \text{ wrong}} y_i x_i$ , Perceptron will converge if (1) data linearly separable, (2) learning rate  $\eta(k) > 0$ , (3)  $\sum_{k} \eta(k) \to +\infty$ and (4)  $(\sum_k \eta(k)^2)/(\sum_k \eta(k))^2 \to 0$ . However, multiple solutions permitted if data linearly separable, solution unstable. Fisher's LDA

Idea: project the two distribution into one dimension and maximize the ratio of the variance between the classes and the variance within the classes, i.e.,  $\max(w^T u_1 - w^T u_0)^2 / (w^T S w)$ , where  $S = \Sigma_0 + \Sigma_1$ . Let gradient be zero and solve for  $w^*$ , we get  $w^* \propto S^{-1}(u_1 - u_0)$ .

We first compute  $w^*$  and fit distributions of the two-class projection. Then apply Bayesian decision theory to make classification.

## 5 Optimization with Constraint

**Problem**  $\min_{x} f(x)$  s.t.  $g_{i \in [I]}(x) \leq 0$  and  $h_{i \in [I]}(x) = 0$ . Solve it with **KKT Cond**: (1) Stationary  $\nabla f + \sum_{i} \lambda_{i} \nabla g_{i} + \sum_{i} \mu_{i} \nabla h_{i} = 0$ , (2)  $h_i(x) = 0$ , (3) primal feasibility  $g_i(x) \le 0$ , (4) dual feasibility  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ , (5) complementary slackness  $\lambda_i g_i(x) = 0$ .

**Weak Duality**: Lagrangian  $L(x, \lambda, \mu) = f(x) +$  $\lambda^{\top} g(x) + \mu^{\top} h(x), \lambda > 0$ . Dual function  $F(\lambda, \mu) :=$  $\min_{x} L(x, \lambda, \mu)$ . Denote  $\tilde{x}$  optima of original problem, then  $\lambda^{\top} g(\tilde{x}) + \mu^{\top} h(\tilde{x}) \leq 0, \forall \lambda, \mu$ ,  $F(\lambda, \mu) = \min_{x} L(x, \lambda, \mu) \le L(\tilde{x}, \lambda, \mu) \le f(\tilde{x}) =$  $\min_{x,h(x)=0,g(x)\leq 0} f(x)$ 

# **Strong Duality in Convex Optimization**

If **Slater's cond** (1) f convex (2) g convex (3) h linear (4)  $\exists \overline{x}$  s.t.  $g_i(\overline{x}) < 0$  and  $h_i(\overline{\mathbf{x}}) = 0$ , then Strong Duality  $\max_{\lambda,\mu} F(\lambda,\mu) =$  $\min_{x,h(x)=0,g(x)\leq 0} f(x)$  holds.

# **6 Support Vector Machine Linear Separable Case**

s.t.  $(\alpha_i \ge 0) \land (\sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0)$ 

**Primal**:  $\max_{w,b} \left\{ \frac{1}{\|w\|} \min_i y_i(w^\top x_i + b) \right\} \Leftrightarrow$  $\max_{w,b,t} t \text{ s.t. } \forall i,t \leq y_i(w^\top x_i + b) \text{ and } ||w|| = 1$  $\Leftrightarrow \min_{w,h} \frac{1}{2} w^2 \text{ s.t. } \forall i, 1 \leq y_i (w^\top x_i + b)$ (1) KKT cond:  $\forall i, \alpha_i \geq 0, (1 - y_i(w^\top x_i + b)) \leq$  $0, \alpha_i(1 - y_i(w^{\top}x_i + b)) = 0$ (2) **Dual**:  $\max_{\alpha} \sum_{i} \alpha_{i} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_{i} \alpha_{j} y_{i} y_{j} K(x_{i}, x_{j})$ 

## Non-separable Case

Introduce slack variables  $\xi_i := \max\{1 - 1\}$  $y_i(w^{\top}x_i + b), 0\} = [1 - y_i(w^{\top}x_i + b)]_+ \text{ into loss.}$ 

**Primal**:  $\min_{w,b} \frac{1}{2} w^2 + C \sum_i \xi_i = \min_{w,b} \frac{1}{2} w^2 +$  $C[1-y_i(w^{\top}x_i+\bar{b})]_+$ . Hinge loss  $[1-x]_+$ .

Equivalent form:  $\min_{w,b} \frac{1}{2}w^2 + C\sum_i \xi_i$  s.t.  $y_i(w^\top x_i + b) \ge 1 - \xi_i$  and  $\xi_i \ge 0$ 

**Dual**:  $\max_{\alpha} \sum_{i} \alpha_{i} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_{i} \alpha_{j} y_{i} y_{j} K(x_{i}, x_{j})$  s.t.  $\sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0$  and  $0 \le \alpha_i \le C$ 

#### **Multi-class SVM**

 $\min_{w=[w_{0:K-1}],b=[b_{0:K-1}]} \frac{1}{2} ||w||^2 + \sum_i C\xi_i \text{ s.t. } \xi_i \ge 0$ and  $(w_{v_i}^{\top} x + b_{v_i}) - (w_v^{\top} x + b_v) \ge 1 - \xi_i, \forall y \ne y_i$ 

#### Structural SVM

y is structured, e.g. trees, maximum margin between  $y_i, y_i$  depends on their similarity, so the condition changes to  $w^{\top}\Psi(x_i,y_i)$ ) –  $w^{\top}\Psi(x_i,y) \geq \Delta(y_i,y) - \xi_i, \forall y \neq y_i.$ 

#### 7 Ensemble

Bagging Each bagged estimator have bias  $\beta = \mathbb{E}(y - b(x))^2$ , variance  $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}b(x)$  covariance  $\rho^2 = \text{Cov}(b(x), b'(x))/\sigma^2$ . Then  $\mathbb{E}(y - y)$  $\sum_{m} b^{(m)}(x)/M)^{2} = \beta^{2} + \sum_{m} \mathbb{E}(\beta - b^{(m)}(x))^{2}/M^{2} =$  $\beta^2 + \sigma^2/M + \sigma^2 \rho^2 (1 - 1/M)$ . In class we assume  $\rho = 0$ . Anyway Bagging reduces variance. Random Forest is a case of Bagging. Bagging

**Adaboost** Initial  $w_i^{(0)} = 1/n$ . For  $t \in [M]$ , (1) train  $f_t(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_{b(x)} \sum w_i^{(t)} \mathbb{I}_{\{v_i \neq b(\mathbf{x}_i)\}}$  (2) error  $\epsilon_t =$  $(\sum w_i^{(t)} \mathbb{I}_{\{v_i \neq f_t(x_i)\}}) / \sum w_i^{(t)}$  (3) estimator weight  $\alpha_t =$  $\log(\frac{1-\epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t})$  (4) data weight  $w_i^{(t+1)} = w_i^{(t)} e^{\alpha_t \mathbb{I}_{\{y_i \neq f_t(\mathbf{x}_i)\}}}$ 

**Prediction**  $\hat{c} = \operatorname{sgn}(\sum_{t=1}^{M} \alpha_t f_t(\mathbf{x}))$ 

induces implicit regularization.

**Gradient Boosting** Initial  $f_0(x) = 0$ . For  $t \in [M]$ , (1) train  $(\alpha_t, b^{(t)}) \leftarrow \operatorname{arg\,min}_{\alpha > 0, b \in \mathcal{H}}$  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} L(y_i, \alpha b(x_i) + f_{t-1}(x_i))$  (2) update function  $f_t(x) \leftarrow \alpha_t b^{(t)}(x) + f_{t-1}(x)$ . Prediction  $\hat{c}(x) =$  $\operatorname{sgn}(f_M(x))$ . Adaboost is GB with  $L(y, \hat{y}) = e^{-y\hat{y}}$ .

#### 8 Generative Models

**ELBO** 
$$\ln p(y) = \ln \int p(y \mid \theta) p(\theta) d\theta$$
  $\ln \mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim q} \left[ p(y \mid \theta) \frac{p(\theta)}{q(\theta)} \right] \ge \mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim q} \left[ \ln \left( p(y \mid \theta) \frac{p(\theta)}{q(\theta)} \right) \right]$   $\mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim q} [\ln p(y \mid \theta)] - KL(q \mid p(\cdot))$ 

**VAE** Goal: Find a latent representation z of x with simple prior  $p_{\theta}(z)$ . Problem:  $p_{\theta}(x) =$  $\mathbb{E}_{\theta} p(x|z)$  intractable. Solution: use encoder net  $q_e(x|z)$  and  $q_d(z|x)$  to model conditional and posterior prob.

**ELBO for VAE training** loss  $l = \sum \ln (p_{\theta}(x_i))$ 

$$\begin{split} & \ln\left(p_{\theta}\left(x_{i}\right)\right) = \underset{Z \sim q_{\phi}\left(z\mid x_{i}\right)}{\mathbb{E}}\left[\ln p_{\theta}\left(x_{i}\right)\right] = \mathbb{E}_{Z}\left[\ln \frac{p_{\theta}\left(x_{i}\mid z\right)p_{\theta}(z)}{p_{\theta}\left(z\mid x_{i}\right)}\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{Z}\left[\ln \frac{p_{\theta}\left(x_{i}\mid z\right)p_{\theta}(z)}{p_{\theta}\left(z\mid x_{i}\right)}\frac{q_{\phi}\left(z\mid x_{i}\right)}{q_{\phi}\left(z\mid x_{i}\right)}\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{Z}\left[\ln p_{\theta}\left(x_{i}\mid z\right)\right] - \mathbb{E}_{Z}\left[\ln \frac{q_{\phi}\left(z\mid x_{i}\right)}{p_{\theta}(z)}\right] + \mathbb{E}_{Z}\left[\ln \frac{q_{\phi}\left(z\mid x_{i}\right)}{p_{\theta}\left(z\mid x_{i}\right)}\right] \\ &= \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{Z}\left[\ln p_{\theta}\left(x_{i}\mid z\right)\right] - \mathrm{KL}\left(q_{\phi}\left(z\mid x_{i}\right)||p_{\theta}(z)\right)}_{\mathrm{ELBO}\,\mathcal{L}\left(x_{i},\theta,\phi\right)} \end{split}$$

+ KL  $(q_{\phi}(z \mid x_i) || p_{\theta}(z \mid x_i)) \ge ELBO$ .

Generative Adversarial Network: Generator G and Discriminator D. Optimize  $\min_{G} \max_{D} V(D,G)$  where V(D,G) = $\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}(x)} [\ln D(x)] + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_{z}(z)} [\ln (1 - D(G(z)))]$ 

# 9 Convergence of SGD, Robbins-Monro

Loss gradient  $\ell(\cdot)$ , SGD update  $z^{(t)} \leftarrow \ell\theta^{(t)} +$  $\gamma^{(t)}, \theta^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \theta^{(t)} - \eta(t)z^{(t)}, \gamma^{(t)}$  noise. Problem: Whether  $\theta^{\infty} \to \arg_{\theta^*} \mathbb{E}[\ell(\theta^*)] \triangleq 0$ ? Assume: (1)  $\mathbb{E}[\gamma] = 0$ , (2)  $\mathbb{E}[\gamma^2] = \sigma$  (3)  $(\theta - \theta^*)\ell(\theta) > 0, \forall \theta \neq \theta^*$  (4)  $\exists b, \ell(\theta) < b, \forall \theta$ . If (1)  $\eta^{(t)} \to 0$  (2)  $\sum_{t < \infty} \eta(t) = \infty$  (3)  $\sum_{t < \infty} \eta^2(t) < \infty$ ,

then  $\mathbb{P}\left(\theta^* = \theta^{(t)}\right) \underset{t \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} 1$ .

Proof:  $\mathbb{E}[(\theta^{(t+1)} - \theta^*)^2] = \mathbb{E}[((\theta^{(t)} - \theta^*) - \eta(t)l(\theta^{(t)}) - \theta^*)]$  $\eta(t)\gamma^{(t)}$ ].  $\gamma^{(t)}$  independent with  $\theta^{(t)}$ ,  $\ell(\theta^{(t)})$ , LHS =  $\mathbb{E}[(\theta^* - \theta^{(t)})^2] - 2\eta(t)\mathbb{E}[\ell(\theta^{(t)})(\theta^* - \theta^{(t)})]$  $|\theta^{(t)}| + \eta^2(t) (\mathbb{E}[\ell^2(\theta^{(t)})] + \mathbb{E}[\gamma^2(t)]) \le \mathbb{E}[(\theta^* - \theta^{(0)})^2] - 1$  $2\sum_{i < t} \eta(i) \mathbb{E}[\ell(\theta^{(i)})(\theta^* - \theta^{(i)})] + \sum_{i < t} \eta^2(i)(b^2 + \sigma^2)$  Since  $0 \le \mathbb{E}[(\theta^* - \theta^{(t+1)})^2] < -\infty, 0 = \lim \mathbb{E}[\ell(\theta^{(i)})(\theta^* - \theta^{(i)})] =$  $\lim \mathbb{P}(\theta^* = \theta^{(i)}) \mathbb{E}[\ell(\theta^{(i)})(\theta^* - \theta^{(i)})|\theta^* = \theta^{(i)}] + \mathbb{P}(\theta^* \neq \theta^{(i)})$  $\theta^{(i)})\mathbb{E}[\ell(\theta^{(i)})(\theta^* - \theta^{(i)})|\theta^* \neq \theta^{(i)}], \lim_{i \to \infty} \mathbb{P}(\theta^* \neq \theta^{(i)}) = 0$ 

## 10 Non-parametric Bayesian Inference (BI) **Exact Conjugate Prior of Multivariate Gaussian**

Data:  $x_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$  i.i.d.. Inverse Wishart:  $\Sigma \sim \mathcal{W}^{-1}(S, v) \propto |\Sigma|^{(v+p+1)/2} \exp(-\operatorname{Tr}(\Sigma^{-1}S)/2).$ Normal Inverse Wishart as conjugate prior:  $p(\mu, \Sigma | m_0, k_0, v_0, S_0) = \mathcal{N}(\mu | m, \Sigma / k_0) \mathcal{W}^{-1}(\Sigma | S_0, v_0)$ Three Methods of Sampling from DP Update rule:  $m_p = (k_0 m_0 + N\overline{x})/(k_0 + N)$ ,  $k_p =$  $k_0 + N$ ,  $v_p = v_0 + N$ ,  $S_p = S_0 + k_0 m_0 m_0^{\top} - k_p m_p m_p^{\top} +$  $\sum (x_i - \overline{x})(x_i - \overline{x})^{\top}$ .

## **BI with Semi-Conjugate Prior**

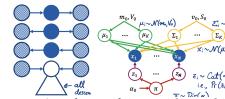
New prior:  $\mu \sim \mathcal{N}(m_0, V_0)$ ,  $\Sigma \sim \mathcal{W}^{-1}(S_0, v_0)$ , then posterior  $p(\mu, \Sigma | X)$  is intractable, but condition posterior is exact,  $p(\mu|\Sigma, X) = \mathcal{N}(m_p, V_p)$ ,  $V_p^{-1} = V_0^{-1} + N\Sigma^{-1}, V_p^{-1}m_p = V_0^{-1}m_0 + N\Sigma^{-1}\overline{x};$  $p(\Sigma|\mu,X) = \mathcal{W}^{-1}(S_p,v_p), v_p = v_0 + N, S_p = S_0 +$  $\sum x_i x_i^{\top} + N \mu \mu^{\top} - 2N \overline{x} \mu^{\top}$ .

**Gibbs sampling:** random variable  $p(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ intractable, cyclically resample  $z_i$  according to tractable conditional distribution  $p(z_i|z_{ii})$ *n* times, when  $n \to \infty$ ,  $(z_1, \dots, z_p) \sim p(z_1, \dots, z_p)$ Finally, replace posterior with MC sampling:  $\mathbb{E}_{\theta|X} f(x|\theta) \approx \sum f(x|\theta_i)/N$ 

## **BI for Gaussian Mixture Model**

Data model: latent K class variable  $z_i \sim \text{Cat}(\pi)$ , observed  $x_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{z_i}, \Sigma_{z_i})$ . Prior:  $\mu_k \sim \mathcal{N}(m_0, V_0)$ ,  $\Sigma_k \sim \mathcal{W}^{-1}(S_0, v_0), \ \pi \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha) \propto \prod_k^K p_k^{\alpha_k - 1}.$  Prior also intractable.

Goal Gibbs sampling for BI, but to simplify conditional distribution.



d-seperation: for verifying conditional independence. Given with observed variable set C, if every path from variable A to B is blocked on probability graph, then A and B are independent condition on C. By this thm: (1)  $z_i$  $z_i$  (2)  $\mu$ ,  $\pi$  (3)  $\Sigma$ ,  $\pi$  all independent condition on other parameter. Sampling procedure:  $(1) z^{(t)} \leftarrow p(\cdot|x, \mu^{(t-1)}, \Sigma^{(t-1)}), (2) \mu^{(t)} \leftarrow p(\cdot|x, \Sigma^{(t-1)}, z^{(t)}),$  $(3) \Sigma^{(t)} \leftarrow p\left(\cdot | x, \mu^{(t)}, z^{(t)}\right), (4) \pi^{(t)} \leftarrow p\left(\cdot | x, z^{(t)}\right)$ 

#### **BI for Non-Parametric GMM**

Goal: sample from infinite categorical distri. Dirichlet Process (DP): ⊖ parameter space, H prior distri on  $\Theta$ ,  $A_1, \dots, A_r$  arbitrary partition of  $\Theta$ . G a categorical distribution over  $\{A_i\}$  is  $G \sim DP(\alpha, H)$  if  $(G(A_1),\ldots,G(A_r))\sim \operatorname{Dir}(\alpha H(A_1),\ldots,\alpha H(A_r)).$ 

**Posterior**:  $G|\{\theta_i\}_{i=1}^n \sim DP\left(\alpha + n, \frac{\alpha H + \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{\theta_i}}{\alpha + n}\right)$ 

Condition on  $\theta$ , Margin over G:  $\theta_{n+1}$  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n \sim \frac{1}{\alpha + n} \left( \alpha H + \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{\theta_i} \right)$ , Leads to CRP

In  $K \to \infty$  GMM,  $\theta$  in DP is z, G is  $\pi$ . (1) Chinese Restaurant Process (CRP), sample z, marginalize over  $\pi$ :

 $p(z_n = k | \theta_{i < n}) = \begin{cases} n_k / (\alpha + n - 1), \text{ existing } k \\ \alpha / (\alpha + n - 1), \text{ new } k \end{cases}$ 

Expect # of Class  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+i-1} \sim eq\alpha \log \left(1+\frac{n}{\alpha}\right)$ 

- (2) Stick-breaking Construction samples  $\pi$ :  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i, P\{S_n \mathbb{E}_X S_n \leq t\} \leq \exp\left(-2t^2/\sum_{i=1}^{n} (b_i a_i)^2\right)$  $\beta_k \sim \text{Beta}(1, \alpha), \ \theta_k^* \sim H, \ \pi_k = \beta_k \prod_{l=1}^{k-1} (1 - \beta_l)$
- (3) Marginalize over  $\mu$ ,  $\Sigma$  when sampling z (if intractable), less variance (Rao-Blackwall).

**Exchangeability:**  $p(\{\theta_i\}) = \prod_{n=1}^N p(\theta_n | \{\theta_{i < n}\})$ unchanged after permuting sampling order. **DeFinetti's Thm** any exchangeable distri is a mixture model  $P(\{\theta_i\}) = \prod_{i=1}^n G(\theta_i) dP(G)$ 

## 11 PAC Learning

- A learning algorithm A can learn  $c \in C$  if there is a poly(.,.), s.t. for (1) any distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  on  $\mathcal{X}$  and (2)  $\forall \epsilon \in [0, 1/2], \delta \in [0, 1/2],$ A outputs  $\hat{c} \in \mathcal{H}$  given a sample of size at least poly( $\frac{1}{6}$ ,  $\frac{1}{8}$ , size(c)) such that  $P(\mathcal{R}(\hat{c}) \inf_{c \in C} \mathcal{R}(c) \leq \epsilon \geq 1 - \delta$ .
- A is called an efficient PAC algorithm if it runs in polynomial of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{\delta}$ .
- C is (efficiently) PAC-learnable from H if there is an algorithm A that (efficiently) learns C from  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- VC inequality  $\mathcal{R}(\hat{c}_n^*) \mathcal{R}(c^*) \le 2 \sup_{c \in \mathcal{C}} |\hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(c) \mathcal{R}(c)|$ .
- $|\mathcal{C}| < \infty$ , feasible case  $\min_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{R}(c) =$ 0,  $\mathbf{P}\{\mathcal{R}(\hat{c}_n^*) > \epsilon\} \leq |\mathcal{C}| \exp(-n\epsilon)$ . Proof  $\mathbf{P}\{\mathcal{R}(\hat{c}_n^{\star}) > \epsilon\} \le \mathbf{P}\{\max_{c \in \mathcal{C}: \hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(c) = 0} \mathcal{R}(c) > \epsilon\} =$  $\mathbb{E}\{\max_{c\in\mathcal{C}}\mathbb{I}_{\{\hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(c)=0\}}\mathbb{I}_{\{\mathcal{R}(c)>\epsilon\}}\} \leq \sum_{c\in\mathcal{C}:\mathcal{R}(c)>\epsilon}\mathbf{P}\{$  $\hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(c) = 0$   $\leq |\mathcal{C}| \exp(-n\epsilon)$
- VC dim: max n s.t.  $s(A, n) = 2^n$ . Growth function(shattering num) s(A, n) is the maximum number of concept class a hypothesis space can express.  $s(A, n) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{V_A} \binom{n}{i}$
- $|\mathcal{C}| < \infty$ , infeasible,  $P(\mathcal{R}(\hat{c}_n^*) \inf_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{R}(c) >$  $|\epsilon| \le 2|\mathcal{C}| \exp(-2n\epsilon^2)$  is PAC-learnable. Proof  $\mathcal{D}^m(\{S : \exists h \in \mathcal{H}, |L_S(h) - L_{\mathcal{D}}(h)| > \epsilon\}) \leq$  $\sum_{h\in\mathcal{H}}\mathcal{D}^m(\{S:|L_S(h)-L_{\mathcal{D}}(h)|>\epsilon\})$ , Hoeffiding  $\mathbb{P}[|L_S(h) - L_D(h)| > \epsilon] \le 2 \exp(-2m\epsilon^2).$
- $\mathcal{C}$  with  $\dim_{VC} = d < \infty$  is PAC-learnable,  $\mathbf{P}(\mathcal{R}(\hat{c}_n^*) - \inf_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{R}(c) > \epsilon) \le 9n^d \exp(-\frac{n\epsilon^2}{22})$

# A Appendix

(1)  $\partial_x(AB) = A\partial_x B + (\partial_x A)B$ , (2)  $\partial_x A^{-1} = -A^{-1}(\partial_x A)A^{-1}$ , (3)  $\partial_x \ln \det A = \operatorname{Tr} (A^{-1} \partial_x A)$ ,

Define  $(\partial_A f)_{ij} := \partial_{a_{ji}} f$ , then (4)  $\partial_A \text{Tr}(BA) = \partial_A \text{Tr}(AB) =$  $B_{A}(5) \partial_{A} \ln \det A = A^{-1}, (6) \partial_{A} \operatorname{Tr}(ABA^{\top}) = (B + B^{\top})A^{\top},$  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) = (2\pi)^{-d/2} |\Sigma|^{-1/2} e^{-(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu)/2}$ , Conditional  $\mathbb{E}[y_2|y_1] = \mu_2 + \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}(y_1 - \mu_1), \text{ Cov}[y_2 \mid y_1] = \Sigma_{22} - \mathbb{E}[y_2|y_1] = \mathbb{E}[y_2 \mid y_1] = \mathbb{$  $\Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \Sigma_{12}$ . Marginal  $\mathbb{E}(y_2) = \mu_2$ ,  $Cov[y_2] = \Sigma_{22}$  $(A + UC^{-1}V)^{-1} = A^{-1} - A^{-1}U(C + VA^{-1}U)^{-1}VA^{-1}$ . Markov  $P\{X \ge \epsilon\} \le \mathbb{E}[X]/\epsilon$ . Hoeffiding (1)  $\mathbb{E}[X] = 0, X \in$ [a,b],  $\mathbb{E}[\exp(sX)] \le \exp(s^2(b-a)^2/8)$  (2)  $X_i \in [a_i.b_i]$ ,  $S_n =$