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## 1 PCA

(a) Provide an expression for  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_n$ .

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathbf{x}_n \quad \rightarrow \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}}_n = \mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{x}} \quad \rightarrow \quad \hat{\mathbf{X}} = [\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1 \cdots \hat{\mathbf{x}}_N]$$

(b) Prove that the average of  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_n$  is the **0** vector.

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_n = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathbf{x}_n - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \bar{\mathbf{x}} = \bar{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{N}{N} \bar{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{0}$$

(c) Provide an expression for S in terms of  $\hat{X}$ .

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_n \hat{\mathbf{x}}_n^T = \frac{1}{N} \hat{\mathbf{X}} \hat{\mathbf{X}}^T$$

(d) What is the dimensionality of S?

Since **S** is the product of a  $D \times N$  and a  $N \times D$  matrix, it has dimensionality  $D \times D$ .

(e) What is the expression for the linear projection  $\mathbf{L}$  that maps data vectors  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_n$  onto a K-dimensional sub-space,  $y_n = \mathbf{L}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_n$ , such that it has zero mean and identity covariance. Prove that the average over N of  $y_n$  is  $\mathbf{0}$ . Prove that the covariance of  $y_n$  is the identity. What is this operation called?

Note that **S** is symmetric and (semi) positive definite. Consider the eigenvector equation  $\mathbf{SU} = \mathbf{U}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}$ . This equation has solution  $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{u}_1 \cdots \mathbf{u}_D]$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \operatorname{diag}([\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_D])$ , where  $\mathbf{u}_i$  is the *i*-th orthonormal eigenvector of **S**, corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ . Additionally,  $\{\mathbf{u}_i\}$  are an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^D$  and **U** is orthogonal. Therefore,  $\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}^T \to \boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{SU}$ .

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{\Lambda}_K^{-1/2} \mathbf{U}_K^T$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{y}_n = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{L} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_n = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{L} \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{\mathbf{x}}_n = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{y}_n \mathbf{y}_n^T = \mathbf{\Lambda}_K^{-1/2} \mathbf{U}_K^T \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{\mathbf{x}}_n \hat{\mathbf{x}}_n^T \right) \mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{\Lambda}_K^{-1/2} = \mathbf{\Lambda}_K^{-1/2} \mathbf{U}_K^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{\Lambda}_K^{-1/2} = \mathbf{\Lambda}_K^{-1/2} \mathbf{\Lambda}_K \mathbf{\Lambda}_K^{-1/2} = \mathbf{I}$$

where  $\Lambda_K$  and  $\mathbf{U}_K$  represent the matrices associated with the K chosen eigenvalues and eigenvectors. This operation is called *whitening* or *sphering*.

## 2 Mixture Models

(a) Write down the likelihood for the data set in terms of  $\{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_N\}$ ,  $\{\pi_k\}$ ,  $\{\lambda_k\}$ .

$$\mathscr{L}(\{x_n\}|\boldsymbol{\pi},\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \prod_{n=1}^N p(x_n|\boldsymbol{\pi},\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \prod_{n=1}^N \left(\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \frac{\lambda_k^{x_n}}{x_n!} e^{-\lambda_k}\right)$$

(b) Write down the log-likelihood for the data set in terms of  $\{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_N\}$ ,  $\{\pi_k\}$ ,  $\{\lambda_k\}$ .

$$\log \mathcal{L}(\{x_n\}|\boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log \left( \sum_{k=1}^{K} \pi_k \frac{\lambda_k^{x_n}}{x_n!} e^{-\lambda_k} \right)$$

(c) Find the expression for the responsibilities  $r_{nk}$ .

$$r_{nk} = p(z_k = 1 | x_n) = \frac{p(z_k = 1)p(x_n | z_k = 1)}{\sum_{j=1}^K p(z_j = 1)p(x_n | z_j = 1)} = \frac{\pi_k p(x_n | \lambda_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j p(x_n | \lambda_j)} = \frac{\pi_k \frac{\lambda_k^{x_n}}{x_n!} e^{-\lambda_k}}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \frac{\lambda_j^{x_n}}{x_n!} e^{-\lambda_j}}$$

where  $\{z_k\}$  represents the set of latent variables.

(d) Find the expression for  $\lambda_k$  that maximizes the log-likelihood.

$$\frac{\partial \log \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda_k} = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \frac{\lambda_j^{x_n}}{x_n!} e^{-\lambda_j}} \frac{\pi_k}{x_n!} \left[ x_n \lambda_k^{x_n - 1} e^{-\lambda_k} - \lambda_k^{x_n} e^{-\lambda_k} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\pi_k \frac{\lambda_k^{x_n}}{x_n!} e^{-\lambda_k}}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \frac{\lambda_j^{x_n}}{x_n!} e^{-\lambda_j}} \left[ \frac{x_n}{\lambda_k} - 1 \right]$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk} \left[ \frac{x_n}{\lambda_k} - 1 \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_k} \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk} x_n - \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \lambda_k^* = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk} x_n$$

where  $N_k = \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk}$ .

(e) Find the expression for  $\pi_k$  that maximizes the log-likelihood.

Define  $\tilde{\mathscr{L}} = \log \mathscr{L} + \theta(\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k - 1)$ , where  $\theta$  is the Lagrange multiplier associated to the constraint on the vector  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ .

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\mathcal{L}}}{\partial \pi_k} = \theta + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\frac{\lambda_k^{2n}}{x_n!} e^{-\lambda_k}}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \frac{\lambda_j^{2n}}{x_n!} e^{-\lambda_j}}$$
$$= \theta + \frac{1}{\pi_k} \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk} = 0 \quad \to \quad \pi_k^* = \frac{N_k}{-\theta^*}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{n=1}^{N} r_{nk} + \theta \sum_{k=1}^{K} \pi_k = 0 \quad \to \quad -\theta^* = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{n=1}^{N} r_{nk} = N \quad \to \quad \pi_k^* = \frac{N_k}{N}$$

where  $N_k = \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk}$ .

(f) Write down the log-joint distribution  $\log p(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N, \{\pi_k\}, \{\lambda_k\} | a, b, \alpha, K)$ . Let  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha/K, \dots, \alpha/K)$ . Recall that:

- $\log \mathcal{G}(\lambda_k|a, b) = a \log b \log \Gamma(a) + (a 1) \log \lambda_k b\lambda_k$
- $\bullet \ \frac{\partial \log \mathcal{G}(\lambda_k|a,b)}{\partial \lambda_k} = \frac{a-1}{\lambda_k} b$
- $\log \mathcal{D}(\boldsymbol{\pi}|\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \log C(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) + \sum_{k=1}^{K} (\alpha_k 1) \log \pi_k$
- $\bullet \ \frac{\partial \log \mathcal{D}(\boldsymbol{\pi}|\boldsymbol{\alpha})}{\partial \pi_k} = \frac{\alpha_k 1}{\pi_k}$

Applying the product rule p(x,y) = p(x|y)p(y), we have:

$$\mathcal{L}(\{x_n\}, \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\lambda} | a, b, \alpha, K) = \left(\prod_{n=1}^{N} p(x_n | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})\right) \left(\prod_{k=1}^{K} p(\lambda_k | a, b)\right) p(\boldsymbol{\pi} | \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

$$\log \mathcal{L} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log p(x_n | \boldsymbol{\pi}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) + \sum_{k=1}^{K} \log \mathcal{L}(\lambda_k | a, b) + \log \mathcal{D}(\boldsymbol{\pi} | \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

$$\log \mathcal{L} = \left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} \log \sum_{k=1}^{K} \pi_k \frac{\lambda_k^{x_n}}{x_n!} e^{-\lambda_k}\right) + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{K} \log \mathcal{L}(\lambda_k | a, b)\right) + \log C(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) + \sum_{k=1}^{K} (\alpha_k - 1) \log \pi_k$$

(g) Find the expression for  $\lambda_k$  that maximizes the log-joint.

$$\frac{\partial \log \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda_k} = \frac{1}{\lambda_k} \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk} x_n - \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk} + \frac{a-1}{\lambda_k} - b = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_k} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk} x_n + a - 1 \right) = N_k + b \quad \to \quad \lambda_k^* = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk} x_n + a - 1}{N_k + b}$$

where  $N_k = \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk}$ .

(h) Find the expression for  $\pi_k$  that maximizes the log-joint.

Define  $\tilde{\mathscr{L}} = \log \mathscr{L} + \theta(\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k - 1)$ , where  $\theta$  is the Lagrange multiplier associated to the constraint on the vector  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ .

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\mathcal{L}}}{\partial \pi_k} = \theta + \frac{1}{\pi_k} \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk} + \frac{\frac{\alpha}{K} - 1}{\pi_k} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_k \theta + \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk} + \frac{\alpha}{K} - 1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \pi_k^* = \frac{N_k + \frac{\alpha}{K} - 1}{-\theta^*}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk} + \theta \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k + \sum_{k=1}^K \left(\frac{\alpha}{K} - 1\right) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -\theta^* = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk} + \alpha - K = N + \alpha - K$$

$$\pi_k^* = \frac{N_k + \frac{\alpha}{K} - 1}{N + \alpha - K}$$

where  $N_k = \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk}$ .

(i) Write down an iterative algorithm using the above update equations; include initialization and convergence check steps.

Algorithm 1: EM Algorithm for Mixture of Poisson Distributions - Bayesian Approach

Initialize  $\pi_k^{(0)}$  (s.t  $\sum_k \pi_k^{(0)} = 1$ ),  $\lambda_k^{(0)}$ ,  $N_k^{(0)}$  and compute  $\log \mathcal{L}(\{x_n\}, \boldsymbol{\pi}^{(0)}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(0)} | a, b, \alpha, K)$ ;  $\frac{E\text{-step: Put } r_{nk}^{(\tau)} \coloneqq \frac{\pi_k^{(\tau)} \frac{\lambda_k^{(\tau)} x_n!}{x_n!} e^{-\lambda_k^{(\tau)}}}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j^{(\tau)} \frac{\lambda_j^{(\tau)} x_n}{x_n!} e^{-\lambda_j^{(\tau)}}};$   $\frac{M\text{-step: Put } \lambda_k^{(\tau+1)} \coloneqq \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk}^{(\tau)} x_n + a - 1}{N_k^{(\tau)} + b}, \pi_k^{(\tau+1)} \coloneqq \frac{N_k^{(\tau)} + \frac{\alpha}{K} - 1}{N + \alpha - K} \text{ and } N_k^{(\tau+1)} \coloneqq \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk}^{(\tau)};$ Compute  $\log \mathcal{L}(\{x_n\}, \boldsymbol{\pi}^{(\tau+1)}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(\tau+1)} | a, b, \alpha, K)$  and check for convergence (e.g. absolute change in  $\log \mathcal{L}$  less than threshold). If not, **repeat** EM-steps for  $\tau \coloneqq \tau + 1$ ;  $\operatorname{return } \boldsymbol{\pi}^{(\tau+1)}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(\tau+1)}, r_{nk}^{(\tau+1)}$ 

This algorithm converges to a local minimum of the log-likelihood. Use estimated  $\hat{r}_{nk}$  as a soft assignment of individual n to class k.

NB: For a Maximum Likelihood approach, set  $\alpha = K$ , a = 1, b = 0.