

# ML derivations

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Here is my personal notes for deriving ML models

- Topic 1: Some useful facts about distributions, linear algebra, etc
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## Topic 1: Some useful facts

**Probabilities:** Gaussian distribution:  $f(x \mid \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$

Its negative log-likelihood is  $l(\mu, \sigma^2 \mid x) = \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} + \log(\sigma) + \log(\sqrt{2\pi})$

Here is the derivatives w.r.t  $\mu, \sigma^2$ :

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu} = -\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \sigma^2} = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^4}$$

Multi-variate Gaussian distribution:  $f(x \mid \mu, \Sigma) = (2\pi)^{-k/2} \det(\Sigma)^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)\right)$

Its negative log-likelihood is  $l(\mu, \Sigma \mid x) = \frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu) + \frac{k}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(\Sigma))$

Here is the derivatives w.r.t  $\mu, \Sigma$  (reference here):

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu} = -\Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \Sigma} = \frac{1}{2} \left( -\Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} + \Sigma^{-1} \right)$$

## Gaussian Discriminate Model

Let  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$ ,  $y \in \{0, 1\}$ . We assume:

$$\begin{aligned} y_i &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(\phi) \\ x_i \mid y_i = 0 &\sim N(\mu^0, \Sigma) \\ x_i \mid y_i = 1 &\sim N(\mu^1, \Sigma) \end{aligned}$$

For one instance, we can write the joint distribution as:

$$\begin{aligned} P(x_i, y_i) &= P(y_i) \cdot P(x_i \mid y_i) \\ &= \phi^{y_i} (1 - \phi)^{1-y_i} \cdot [f_N(\mu^1, \Sigma)]^{y_i} \cdot [f_N(\mu^0, \Sigma)]^{1-y_i} \end{aligned}$$

The log-likelihood can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} l(\phi, \mu^1, \mu^0, \Sigma \mid (x_i, y_i)) &= \log(\phi^{y_i} (1 - \phi)^{1-y_i} \cdot [f_N(\mu^1, \Sigma)]^{y_i} \cdot [f_N(\mu^0, \Sigma)]^{1-y_i}) \\ &= y_i \log(\phi) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \phi) - \\ &\quad y_i \left( \frac{1}{2} (x_i - \mu^1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu^1) + \frac{d}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(\Sigma)) \right) - \\ &\quad (1 - y_i) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} (x_i - \mu^0)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu^0) + \frac{d}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(\Sigma)) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Here I will write the derivative for a single instance. The derivative for the entire dataset  $D[x, y]$  is simply the average across each sample.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial l}{\partial \phi} &= \frac{y_i}{\phi} - \frac{1 - y_i}{1 - \phi} \\ \frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu^1} &= y_i \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu^1) \\ \frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu^0} &= (1 - y_i) \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu^0) \\ \frac{\partial l}{\partial \Sigma} &= -\frac{y_i}{2} [-\Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu^1) (x_i - \mu^1)^T \Sigma^{-1} + \Sigma^{-1}] - \frac{1 - y_i}{2} [-\Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu^0) (x_i - \mu^0)^T \Sigma^{-1} + \Sigma^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

I will first solve  $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial l}{\partial \phi} = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial l}{\partial \phi} &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{y_i}{\phi} - \frac{1 - y_i}{1 - \phi} \right) = 0 \\ \phi &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m y_i}{m} \end{aligned}$$

Here we solve  $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu^1} = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu^1} &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu^1)) = 0 \\ \mu^1 &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \Sigma^{-1} \right)^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \Sigma^{-1} x_i \right) \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \right)^{-1} \Sigma^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m y_i x_i \right) \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m y_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^m y_i} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m \mathbb{I}(y_i = 1) x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^m \mathbb{I}(y_i = 1)}\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can solve  $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu^0} = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu^0} &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m ((1 - y_i) \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu^0)) = 0 \\ \mu^0 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (1 - y_i) x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^m (1 - y_i)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m \mathbb{I}(y_i = 0) x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^m \mathbb{I}(y_i = 0)}\end{aligned}$$

Then I will need to find the root for  $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial l}{\partial \Sigma} = 0$ . It's a bit complicated, but here are the steps:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left( -\frac{y_i}{2} [-\Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu^1) (x - \mu^1)^T \Sigma^{-1} + \Sigma^{-1}] \right) &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left( -\frac{1 - y_i}{2} [-\Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu^0) (x - \mu^0)^T \Sigma^{-1} + \Sigma^{-1}] \right) \\ \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{y_i}{2} \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu^1) (x - \mu^1)^T \Sigma^{-1} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{y_i}{2} \Sigma^{-1} &= \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{y_i - 1}{2} \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu^0) (x - \mu^0)^T \Sigma^{-1} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{y_i - 1}{2} \Sigma^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

We might re-arrange the terms, with:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{left: } \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{y_i}{2} \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu^1) (x_i - \mu^1)^T \Sigma^{-1} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{y_i - 1}{2} \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu^0) (x_i - \mu^0)^T \Sigma^{-1} \right) \\ \text{right: } \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{y_i}{2} \Sigma^{-1} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{y_i - 1}{2} \Sigma^{-1} \right)\end{aligned}$$

For the left term, we have the pattern of  $\Sigma^{-1} v_1 v_1^T \Sigma^{-1} + \Sigma^{-1} v_2 v_2^T \Sigma^{-1} + \dots$ . This can be simplified to  $\Sigma^{-1} (v_1 v_1^T + v_2 v_2^T + \dots) \Sigma^{-1}$ . With this rule, we can further reduce the left to:

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

It's important to notice that  $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$  for each instance. This allows us to compactly write the expression as:

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

On the right hand side, we can simplify it to:

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{y_i}{2} \Sigma^{-1} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{y_i - 1}{2} \Sigma^{-1} \right) = \frac{m}{2} \Sigma^{-1}$$

Let left = right, then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{1}{2} (x_i - \mu^{y_i})(x_i - \mu^{y_i})^T \right) \right) \Sigma^{-1} &= \frac{m}{2} \Sigma^{-1} \\ \Sigma \Sigma^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{1}{2} (x_i - \mu^{y_i})(x_i - \mu^{y_i})^T \right) \right) \Sigma^{-1} \Sigma &= \frac{m}{2} \Sigma \Sigma^{-1} \Sigma \\ \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{1}{2} (x_i - \mu^{y_i})(x_i - \mu^{y_i})^T \right) &= \frac{m}{2} \Sigma \\ \Sigma &= \frac{1}{m} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i - \mu^{y_i})(x_i - \mu^{y_i})^T \right) \end{aligned}$$

In summary, we have the following results for GDA (assume same covariance matrix):

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m y_i}{m} \\ \mu^1 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m y_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^m y_i} \\ \mu^0 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (1 - y_i) x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^m (1 - y_i)} \\ \Sigma &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i - \mu^{y_i})(x_i - \mu^{y_i})^T \end{aligned}$$

It's well known that the GDA is identical to logistic regression. Here is why:

$$\begin{aligned} P(y = 1 | x) &= \frac{P(x | y = 1) \cdot P(y = 1)}{P(x | y = 0) \cdot P(y = 0) + P(x | y = 1) \cdot P(y = 1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{P(x|y=0) \cdot P(y=0)}{P(x|y=1) \cdot P(y=1)} + 1} \end{aligned}$$

Let's focus on the term  $\frac{P(x|y=0) \cdot P(y=0)}{P(x|y=1) \cdot P(y=1)}$  for a moment:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P(x | y = 0) \cdot P(y = 0)}{P(x | y = 1) \cdot P(y = 1)} &= \exp \left( \log \left( \frac{P(x | y = 0)}{P(x | y = 1)} \right) + \log \frac{P(y = 0)}{P(y = 1)} \right) \\ &= \exp \left( \log \left( \frac{\exp[-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu^0)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu^0)]}{\exp[-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu^1)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu^1)]} \right) + \log \left( \frac{1 - \phi}{\phi} \right) \right) \\ &= \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} [(x - \mu^0)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu^0) + (x - \mu^1)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu^1)] + \log \left( \frac{1 - \phi}{\phi} \right) \right) \\ &= \exp \left( (\mu^0 - \mu^1)^T \Sigma^{-1} x + \log \left( \frac{1 - \phi}{\phi} \right) + \frac{1}{2} (\mu^1 - \mu^0)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mu^1 + \mu^0) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\theta = -(\mu^0 - \mu^1)^T \Sigma^{-1}$ ,  $\theta_0 = -\log(\frac{1-\phi}{\phi}) - \frac{1}{2}(\mu^1 - \mu^0)^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mu^1 + \mu^0)$ , then:

$$P(y = 1 \mid x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\theta x - \theta_0)}$$

which is the same as logistic regression.