

# Unifying Cosine and PLDA Back-ends for Speaker Verification: Appendix for proofs

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**Q1:** Consider a set of  $N$  embeddings  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{n_1}$  that come from the same speaker  $y$ . Each embedding  $x_n$  is of  $D$  dimensions. Prove that

$$\log p(\mathcal{X}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( n_1^2 \mu_1^T W (B + n_1 W)^{-1} W \mu_1 - \sum_{n=1}^{n_1} x_n^T W x_n + C \right) \quad (1)$$

$$C = \log |B| + n_1 \log |W| - \log |B + n_1 W| - n_1 D \log(2\pi) \quad (2)$$

where  $\mu_1 = \frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{n=1}^{n_1} x_n$ .

**Proof:** Recall Eq.(3) in the original paper (note that  $\mu = 0$  as mentioned in Section 2.3),

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathcal{X}, y) &\propto \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (y^T B y + \sum_{n=1}^{n_1} (x_n - y)^T W (x_n - y)) \right) \\ &\propto \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left[ y^T (B + n_1 W) y - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{n_1} x_n^T W y + \sum_{n=1}^{n_1} x_n^T W x_n \right] \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Let  $\mu_* = n_1 (B + n_1 W)^{-1} W \mu_1$ , it can be derived that,

$$p(\mathcal{X}, y) \propto \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left[ (y - \mu_*)^T (B + n_1 W) (y - \mu_*) - \mu_*^T (B + n_1 W) \mu_* + \sum_{n=1}^{n_1} x_n^T W x_n \right] \right) \quad (4)$$

Thus the marginal distribution  $p(\mathcal{X})$  can be expressed as,

$$p(\mathcal{X}) \propto \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{n_1} x_n^T W x_n - \mu_*^T (B + n_1 W) \mu_* \right] \right) \quad (5)$$

Taking logarithm to both sides, it can be shown that,

$$\log p(\mathcal{X}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \mu_*^T (B + n_1 W) \mu_* - \sum_{n=1}^{n_1} x_n^T W x_n + C_{\mathcal{X}} \right) \quad (6)$$

where  $C_{\mathcal{X}}$  is a constant. The first two terms in the RHS of (6) exactly match those in the RHS of (1). Next we prove that  $C_{\mathcal{X}} = C$ .

Consider a variable  $z$  that is multivariate Gaussian,

$$p(z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}|G|^{-1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T G(x-\mu)\right) \quad (7)$$

Taking logarithm to both sides, it can be shown that,

$$\log p(z) = \frac{1}{2} (\log |G| - D \log(2\pi) - (x-\mu)^T G(x-\mu)) \quad (8)$$

Let  $C_z$  be the double of the constant part of  $\log p(z)$ , e.g.,  $C_z = \log |G| - D \log(2\pi)$ .

According to the bayes' theorem,

$$\log p(\mathcal{X}) = \log p(\mathcal{X}, y) - \log p(y|\mathcal{X}) \quad (9)$$

Thus, it can be derived that,

$$C_{\mathcal{X}} = C_{\mathcal{X},y} - C_{y|\mathcal{X}} \quad (10)$$

According to Eq.(3),

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\mathcal{X},y} &= C_y + C_{\mathcal{X}|y} \\ &= (\log |B| + n_1 \log |W| - (n_1 + 1)D \log(2\pi)) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned} p(y|\mathcal{X}) &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left[y^T(B + n_1 W)y - 2\sum_{n=1}^{n_1} x_n^T W y\right]\right) \\ \Rightarrow C_{y|\mathcal{X}} &= \log |B + n_1 W| - D \log(2\pi) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Thus,

$$C_{\mathcal{X}} = \log |B| + n_1 \log |W| - \log |B + n_1 W| - n_1 D \log(2\pi) \quad (13)$$

This completes the proof.

**Q2:** Given two embeddings  $x_i, x_j$ , show that the LLR of PLDA can be expressed as

$$S_{\text{PLDA}}(x_i, x_j) \doteq \frac{1}{2} (x_i^T Q x_i + x_j^T Q x_j + 2x_i^T P x_j) \quad (14)$$

, where  $\doteq$  means equivalence up to a negligible additive constant, and

$$Q = W((B + 2W)^{-1} - (B + W)^{-1})W \quad (15)$$

$$P = W(B + 2W)^{-1}W \quad (16)$$

**Proof:** According to Eq.(4) in the original paper,

$$S_{\text{PLDA}}(x_i, x_j) = \log \frac{p(x_i, x_j)}{p(x_i)p(x_j)} \quad (17)$$

With Eq.(1), it is known that,

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(x_i, x_j) &\doteq \frac{1}{2} ((x_i + x_j)^T W (B + 2W)^{-1} W (x_i + x_j) - x_i^T W x_i - x_j^T W x_j) \\ \log p(x_i) &\doteq \frac{1}{2} (x_i^T W (B + W)^{-1} W x_i - x_i^T W x_i) \\ \log p(x_j) &\doteq \frac{1}{2} (x_j^T W (B + W)^{-1} W x_j - x_j^T W x_j) \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Putting Eq.(18) into Eq.(17), Eq.(14-16) can be derived.

**Q3:** Consider two sets of embeddings  $\mathcal{X}_1$  and  $\mathcal{X}_2$  of size  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , respectively. Their centroids are denoted by  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ . Show that

$$S_{\text{PLDA}}(\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2) = \frac{K_1 K_2}{1 + K_1 + K_2} S_{\cos}(\mu_1, \mu_2) + \frac{1}{2} C(K_1, K_2) \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} C(K_1, K_2) &= \frac{K_1^2 + K_2^2}{1 + K_1 + K_2} - \frac{K_1^2}{1 + K_1} - \frac{K_2^2}{1 + K_2} \\ &\quad + \log(1 + \frac{K_1 K_2}{1 + K_1 + K_2}) \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

under the condition of  $W = B = I$ .

**Proof:** The LLR of PLDA for two sets of embeddings  $\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2$  is defined as:

$$S_{\text{PLDA}}(\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2) = \log \frac{p(\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2)}{p(\mathcal{X}_1)p(\mathcal{X}_2)} \quad (21)$$

Given the condition  $W = B = I$ , according to Eq.(6),

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(\mathcal{X}_1) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{K_1^2}{K_1 + 1} \mu_1^T \mu_1 - \sum_{n=1}^{K_1} x_n^1{}^T x_n^1 + C_{\mathcal{X}_1} \right) \\ \log p(\mathcal{X}_2) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{K_2^2}{K_2 + 1} \mu_2^T \mu_2 - \sum_{n=1}^{K_2} x_n^2{}^T x_n^2 + C_{\mathcal{X}_2} \right) \\ \log p(\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{(K_1 + K_2)^2}{K_1 + K_2 + 1} \mu_{1,2}^T \mu_{1,2} - \sum_{n=1}^{K_1} x_n^1{}^T x_n^1 - \sum_{n=1}^{K_2} x_n^2{}^T x_n^2 + C_{\mathcal{X}_1 + \mathcal{X}_2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Putting Eq.(22) into Eq.(21), it can be derived that,

$$S_{\text{PLDA}}(\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{(K_1 + K_2)^2}{K_1 + K_2 + 1} \mu_{1,2}^T \mu_{1,2} - \frac{K_1^2}{K_1 + 1} \mu_1^T \mu_1 - \frac{K_2^2}{K_2 + 1} \mu_2^T \mu_2 + C_*(K_1, K_2) \right) \quad (23)$$

, where  $C_*(K_1, K_2) = C_{\mathcal{X}_1 + \mathcal{X}_2} - C_{\mathcal{X}_1} - C_{\mathcal{X}_2} = \log(1 + \frac{K_1 K_2}{1 + K_1 + K_2})$  and  $\mu_{1,2} = \frac{K_1 \mu_1 + K_2 \mu_2}{K_1 + K_2}$ . The Eq.(23) can be further simplified as,

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{PLDA}}(\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2) = & \frac{K_1 K_2}{K_1 + K_2 + 1} \mu_1^T \mu_2 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{K_1^2}{K_1 + K_2 + 1} - \frac{K_1^2}{K_1 + 1} \right) \mu_1^T \mu_1 \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{K_2^2}{K_1 + K_2 + 1} - \frac{K_2^2}{K_2 + 1} \right) \mu_2^T \mu_2 + \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \frac{K_1 K_2}{1 + K_1 + K_2}) \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Consider the common case that in PLDA scoring, the centroids are also length-normalized, e.g.,  $\mu_1^T \mu_1 = 1$ . In this regard, the Eq.(24) can be finally simplified as,

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{PLDA}}(\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2) = & \frac{K_1 K_2}{K_1 + K_2 + 1} \mu_1^T \mu_2 \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{K_1^2 + K_2^2}{K_1 + K_2 + 1} - \frac{K_1^2}{K_1 + 1} - \frac{K_2^2}{K_2 + 1} + \log(1 + \frac{K_1 K_2}{1 + K_1 + K_2}) \right) \\ = & \frac{K_1 K_2}{K_1 + K_2 + 1} S_{\cos}(\mu_1, \mu_2) + \frac{1}{2} C(K_1, K_2) \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$