

# Machine Learning

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## 1. Given

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |\Sigma|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu)}$$

Where  $x, \mu \in \mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $\Sigma$  is a  $k$ -by- $k$  positive definite matrix and  $|\Sigma|$  is its determinant. Show that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} f(x) dx = 1$ .

Proof:

$\Sigma$  can be transformed into  $\Sigma = Q\Lambda Q^T$ , where  $Q$  is  $k$ -by- $k$  orthogonal matrix,  $\Lambda$  is  $k$ -by- $k$  diagonal matrix. Let  $y = x - \mu$ , then  $(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) = y^T Q \Lambda^{-1} Q^T y$ . And let  $u = Q^T y$ , so  $(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) = u^T \Lambda^{-1} u$ .

Continuously, let  $z = \Lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} u$ ,  $u = \Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}} z$ , then  $u^T \Lambda^{-1} u = \|z\|^2$ .

Since  $z = \Lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} Q^T (x - \mu)$ ,  $\frac{dz}{dx} = \left| \Lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} Q^T \right|$ ,  $dx = \left| \Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}} Q^T \right| dz = \sqrt{|\Sigma|} dz$

Then,

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |\Sigma|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \|z\|^2},$$

$$\int f(x) dx = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \|z\|^2} dz = 1$$

Notice that  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \|z\|^2}$  is the density of  $k$  independent  $N(0,1)$  variables, hence its integral is equal to 1.

**2. Let A, B be n-by-n matrices and x be a n-by-1 vector.**

**(a) Show that  $\frac{\partial}{\partial A} \text{trace}(AB) = B^T$ .**

Assume A, B is 2-by-2 matrices,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{bmatrix}$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} ap + br & \# \\ \# & cq + ds \end{bmatrix}, \text{trace}(AB) = ap + br + cq + ds.$$

and derived by every element of A (a, b, c, d) respectively, then it will be

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial A} \text{trace}(AB) = \begin{bmatrix} p & r \\ q & s \end{bmatrix}, \text{ which is } B^T.$$

$$\text{trace}(AB)_{n \times n} = \sum_i (AB)_{ii} = \sum_i \sum_j A_{ij} B_{ji}, \text{ and derive it by } A_{kl},$$

The result will be  $B_{lk} = B^{-1}$ .

**(b) Show that  $x^T A x = \text{trace}(x x^T A)$ .**

$x^T A x$  is **scalar**, so  $x^T A x = \text{trace}(x^T A x)$ ,

by  $\text{trace}(AB) = \text{trace}(BA)$ ,

$$\text{trace}(x^T A x) = \text{trace}(A x x^T) = \text{trace}(A x x^T).$$

**(c) Derive the maximum likelihood estimators for a multivariate Gaussian.**

$$L(\mu, \Sigma) = \prod_i^n f(x) = \left( \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \right)^N e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu)},$$

$$\ln L(\mu, \Sigma) = -\frac{nk}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \ln |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \sum (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu),$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln L(\mu, \Sigma)}{\partial \mu} = -\frac{1}{2} \Sigma^{-1} (-2 \sum x_i - n\mu) = 0, \quad \boxed{\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i}.$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln L(\mu, \Sigma)}{\partial \Sigma}, \text{ first compute } \frac{d}{d\Sigma} \ln |\Sigma|, \quad \frac{d}{d\Sigma} \ln |\Sigma| = (\Sigma^{-1})^T = \Sigma^{-1},$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln L(\mu, \Sigma)}{\partial \Sigma} = -\frac{n}{2} \Sigma^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \Sigma^{-2} \sum (x_i - \mu)^T (x_i - \mu) = 0,$$

$$-\frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \Sigma^{-1} \sum (x_i - \mu)^T (x_i - \mu) = 0, \quad \boxed{\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} \sum (x_i - \mu)^T (x_i - \mu)}.$$

### 3. Unanswered Questions

上一個作業：台灣氣候資料分類問題，很難用一條線去區分有無資料，因為台灣是有許多離島且外圍是一個番薯形狀，那我的問題是，假設圖畫出來，有資料的地方僅僅是一個圓，包圍的部分就是無資料，這樣又如何去分類呢？問題會變得比較簡單嗎？

還是最大的問題是在離島分布不規則的狀況？