

PRML Solutions

C01 Introduction

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Ex 1.1(*). *Solutions*. We have $y(x, \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{j=0}^M w_j x^j$ and $E(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \{y(x_n, \mathbf{w}) - t_n\}^2$ then differentiate with respect to w_i , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_i} = \sum_{n=1}^N (y(x_n, \mathbf{w}) - t_n) x_n^i = 0 \quad (1)$$

which is equal to $\sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{j=0}^M w_j x_n^{j+i} = \sum_{n=1}^N t_n x_n^i$.
Let $A_{ij} = \sum_{n=1}^N x_n^{i+j}$ and $T_i = \sum_{n=1}^N x_n^i t_n$, so we get

$$\sum_{j=0}^M A_{ij} w_j = T_i$$

□

Ex 1.2(*). *Solutions*. We have $E(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \{y(x_n, \mathbf{w}) - t_n\}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{i=0}^M w_i^2$ then differentiate with respect to w_i , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_i} = \sum_{n=1}^N (y(x_n, \mathbf{w}) - t_n) x_n^i + \lambda w_i = 0 \quad (2)$$

which is equal to $\sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{j=0}^M w_j x_n^{j+i} + \lambda w_i = \sum_{n=1}^N t_n x_n^i$.
Let $A_{ij} = \sum_{n=1}^N x_n^{i+j}$ and $T_i = \sum_{n=1}^N x_n^i t_n$, we have

$$\sum_{j=0}^M A_{ij} w_j + \lambda w_i = T_i$$

Let $\tilde{A}_{ij} = A_{ij} + \lambda I_{ij}$, so we get

$$\sum_{j=0}^M \tilde{A}_{ij} w_j = T_i$$

□

Ex 1.3().** *Solutions.* Let us denote apples, oranges and limes by a , o and l respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} p(a) &= p(a|r)p(r) + p(a|b)p(b) + p(a|g)p(g) \\ &= 0.3 \times 0.2 + 0.5 \times 0.2 + 0.3 \times 0.6 \\ &= 0.34 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

and by using Bayes' theorem, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} p(g|o) &= \frac{p(o|g)p(g)}{\sum_{x=r,g,b} p(o|x)p(x)} \\ &= 0.5 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

□

Ex 1.4().** *Solutions.*

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Ex 1.5(*). *Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[(f(x) - \mathbb{E}f(x))^2] &= \mathbb{E}[f^2(x) - 2f(x)\mathbb{E}f(x) + \mathbb{E}^2f(x)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}f^2(x) - \mathbb{E}^2f(x) \end{aligned}$$

□

Ex 1.6(*). *Proof.* if x and y are independent, we have $p(x, y) = p(x)p(y)$. So we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Cov[x, y] &= \mathbb{E}[xy] - \mathbb{E}[x]\mathbb{E}[y] \\ &= \iint xyp(x, y)dxdy - \int xp(x)dx \int yp(y)dy \\ &= \iint xyp(x)p(y)dxdy - \iint xyp(x)p(y)dxdy \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

Ex 1.7().** *Proof.* From Cartesian to polar coordinates, the transformation is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r\cos\theta \\ y &= r\sin\theta \end{aligned}$$

The Jacobian of the change of variables is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} &= \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \cos\theta & -r\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & r\cos\theta \end{vmatrix} \\ &= r \end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
I^2 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}} r dr d\theta \\
&= 2\pi \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{u}{2\sigma^2}} \frac{1}{2} du \\
&= 2\pi\sigma^2
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$I = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2} \quad (5)$$

Finally, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
y &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma^2) dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}} dt \\
&= \frac{I^2}{2\pi\sigma^2} \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

□

Ex 1.8().** *Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[x] &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} x dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} (x-\mu) dx + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \mu dx \right) \\
&= \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \\
&= \mu
\end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Because we have $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} (x-\mu)^2 dx = \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}$, then we differentiate both side of uppon with respect to σ^2 . We obtain

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} (x-\mu)^2 dx = \sigma^2 \quad (7)$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[x^2] &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} [(x-\mu)^2 + 2x\mu - \mu^2] dx \\
&= \sigma^2 + 2\mu^2 - \mu^2 \\
&= \sigma^2 + \mu^2
\end{aligned}$$

□

Ex 1.9(*). *Solutions*. We simply differentiate it with respect to x to obtain

$$\frac{d}{dx}\mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = -\mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma^2)\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma^2} = 0 \quad (8)$$

Thus $x = \mu$. Similarly, we obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = -\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \quad (9)$$

Thus $\mathbf{x} = \boldsymbol{\mu}$ □

Ex 1.10(*). *Solutions*. Because of the independence, we have $p(x, z) = p(x)p(z)$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[x + z] &= \iint (x + z)p(x, z)dx dz \\ &= \iint (x + z)p(x)p(z)dx dz \\ &= \int xp(x)dx + \int zp(z)dz \\ &= \mathbb{E}[x] + \mathbb{E}[z] \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for variance, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[x + z] &= \mathbb{E}[\{x + z - \mathbb{E}[x + z]\}^2] \\ &= \iint \{x + z - \mathbb{E}[x + z]\}^2 p(x)p(z)dx dz \\ &= \iint \{x + z - \mathbb{E}[x] - \mathbb{E}[z]\}^2 p(x)p(z)dx dz \\ &= \int (x - \mathbb{E}x)^2 p(x)dx + \int (z - \mathbb{E}z)^2 p(z)dz + \\ &\quad 2 \iint (x - \mathbb{E}x)(z - \mathbb{E}z)p(x)p(z)dx dz \\ &= \text{Var}[x] + \text{Var}[z] \end{aligned}$$

□

Ex 1.11(*). *Solutions*. Too trivial to do it. □

Ex 1.12()**. *Solutions*. If $n = m$, we obtain $\mathbb{E}[x_n x_m] = \mathbb{E}[x_n^2] = \mu^2 + \sigma^2$. If $n \neq m$, we obtain $\mathbb{E}[x_n]\mathbb{E}[x_m] = \mu^2$. Thus

$$\mathbb{E}[\mu_{ML}] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbb{E}[x_n] = \mu \quad (10)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\sigma_{ML}^2] &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbb{E}[(x_n - \mu_{ML})^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbb{E}[x_n^2 - 2\frac{x_n}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i + \frac{1}{N^2} (\sum_{i=1}^N x_i)^2] \\ &= \left(\frac{N-1}{N}\right)\sigma^2 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

□

Ex 1.13(*). *Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_{ML}^2 &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \\
\mathbb{E}[\sigma_{ML}^2] &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbb{E}[x_n^2 - 2\mu x_n + \mu^2] \\
&= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mu^2 + \sigma^2 - 2\mu^2 + \mu^2) \\
&= \sigma^2
\end{aligned}$$

□

Ex 1.14(*). *Proof.* We want to rewrite the \mathbf{w} as $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w}^S + \mathbf{w}^A$ where \mathbf{w}^S satisfy $\mathbf{w}^S = (\mathbf{w}^S)^T$ and $\mathbf{w}^A = -(\mathbf{w}^A)^T$. So we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{w}^T &= (\mathbf{w}^S)^T + (\mathbf{w}^A)^T \\
\mathbf{w} &= \mathbf{w}^S + \mathbf{w}^A
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{w}^S &= \frac{\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w}^T}{2} \\
\mathbf{w}^A &= \frac{\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}^T}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^D \sum_{j=1}^D w_{ij}^S x_i x_j &= \sum_{i=1}^D \sum_{j=1}^D \frac{w_{ij} + w_{ji}}{2} x_i x_j \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^D \sum_{j=1}^D w_{ij} x_i x_j + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^D \sum_{j=1}^D w_{ji} x_i x_j \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^D \sum_{j=1}^D w_{ij} x_i x_j
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the number of independent parameters in the matrix w_{ij}^S is

$$num(i.d) = \frac{D^2 - D}{2} + D = \frac{D(D+1)}{2} \tag{12}$$

□

Ex 1.15().** *Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
n(D, M) &= \sum_{i_1=1}^D \sum_{i_2=1}^{i_1} \cdots \sum_{i_M=1}^{i_{M-1}} 1 \\
&= \sum_{i_1=1}^D \left\{ \sum_{i_2=1}^{i_1} \cdots \sum_{i_M=1}^{i_{M-1}} 1 \right\} \\
&= \sum_{i_1=1}^D n(i_1, M-1)
\end{aligned}$$

Then use proof by induction to show that the following result holds

$$\sum_{i=1}^D \frac{(i+M-2)!}{(i-1)!(M-1)!} = \frac{(D+M-1)!}{(D-1)!M!}$$

If $D = 1$, it is simple to show that the result holds.

If $D = k$, we assume the result holds.

If $D = k + 1$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \frac{(i+M-2)!}{(i-1)!(M-1)!} &= \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(i+M-2)!}{(i-1)!(M-1)!} + \frac{(k+M-1)!}{k!(M-1)!} \\ &= \frac{(k+M-1)!}{(k-1)!M!} + \frac{(k+M-1)!}{k!(M-1)!} \\ &= \frac{(k+M)!}{k!M!} \end{aligned}$$

so the equation is proved.

Finally, we want to prove the following result holds

$$n(D, M) = \frac{(D+M-1)!}{(D-1)!M!}$$

If $M = 2$, we have $n(D, 2) = \frac{D(D+1)}{2}$ which is proved in equation 12.

We assume that when $M = k$, the equation holds. If $M = k + 1$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} n(D, k+1) &= \sum_{i=1}^D n(i, k) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{(i+M-1)!}{(i-1)!M!} \\ &= \frac{(D+M)!}{(D-1)!(M+1)!} \end{aligned}$$

□

Ex 1.16(*)**. *Proof.* If $M = 0$, for all D , we have $N(D, 0) = 1$, which is obviously true.

We assume that when $M = k$, the equation holds.

If $M = k + 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(D, k+1) &= \sum_{m=0}^k n(D, m) + n(D, k+1) \\ &= N(D, k) + n(D, k+1) \\ &= \frac{(D+k)!}{D!k!} + \frac{(D+k)!}{(D-1)!(k+1)!} \\ &= \frac{(D+k+1)!}{D!(k+1)!} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if $D \gg M$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
N(D, M) &= \frac{(D+M)!}{D!M!} \\
&\simeq \frac{(D+M)^{D+M} e^{-(D+M)}}{D^D e^{-D} M!} \\
&= D^M \left(1 + \frac{M}{D}\right)^{D+M} \frac{e^{-M}}{M!} \\
&\simeq D^M \left(1 + M + \frac{M^2}{D}\right) \frac{e^{-M}}{M!}
\end{aligned}$$

which grows like D^M

□

Ex 1.17().** *Proof.* First, we prove $\Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma(x+1) &= \int_0^\infty u^x e^{-u} du \\
&= -u^x e^{-u} \Big|_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty x u^{x-1} e^{-u} du \\
&= 0 + x\Gamma(x)
\end{aligned}$$

Second, we obtain

$$\Gamma(1) = \int_0^\infty u e^{-u} du = -e^{-u} \Big|_0^\infty = 1$$

Third, if $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma(x+1) &= x\Gamma(x) \\
&= x(x-1)\Gamma(x-1) \\
&\dots \\
&= x!
\end{aligned}$$

□

Ex 1.18().** *Proof.* Using the equation 5, we obtain

$$\sqrt{2\sigma^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} d\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\sigma^2}} = \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}$$

which is equal to

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-t^2} dt = \sqrt{\pi} \quad (13)$$

Otherwise, using the gamma function, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^\infty e^{-r^2} r^{D-1} dr &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-r^2} (r^2)^{D/2-1} dr^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{D}{2}\right)
\end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Thus, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_D &= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^D \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-x_i^2} dx_i}{\int_0^\infty e^{-r^2} r^{D-1} dr} \\
 &= \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}^D}{\Gamma(D/2)}
 \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

So, the surface area with radius r in D dimension wil equal to $S_D r^{D-1}$.
Thus, we obtain

$$V_D = \int_0^1 S_D r^{D-1} dr = \frac{S_D}{D} \tag{16}$$

□