Machine Learning

Homework 12 solution

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1.

Let f(x) and g(x) denote the respective densities. Assuming the notation

$$\mu_{i} = (\mu_{i,1}, \dots, \mu_{i,n}), \sum_{i} = \text{diag}(\sigma^{2}_{i,1}, \dots, \sigma^{2}_{i,n})$$

For diagonal Gaussian, the components are independent and the pdf decomposes:

$$f(x) = \prod_{i} f_{i}(x_{i}) = \prod_{i} N(x_{i} | \mu_{1,i}, \sigma^{2}_{i,i})$$

and similarly for g.

$$KL(f \mid \mid g) = \int f(x) \ln(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}) dx$$

Since f and g factorize, the logarithm of the fraction turns into a sum of fractions. Linearity of expectation then gives us that the KL decomposes into a sum of KL divergences of the components:

$$KL(f \mid \mid g) = \sum_{j} KL(f_{j} \mid \mid g_{j})$$

We have reduced this to one dimensional case

$$KL(f \mid \mid g) = \sum_{j} KL(f_{j} \mid \mid g_{j}) = \frac{-n}{2} + \sum_{j} \left(\ln \frac{\sigma_{2,j}}{\sigma_{1,j}} + \frac{\sigma^{2}_{1,j} + (\mu_{1,j} - \mu_{2,j})^{2}}{2\sigma_{2,j}^{2}} \right)$$