Chapter 7

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1 Proofs

Equation 7.54

One of the results that I did not find trivial was equation 7.54. Perhaps it was proven somewhere in Chapter 4. I prove the in this subsection. As a reminder, the equation in question is

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) \propto \exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} ||\mathbf{y} - \bar{y}\mathbf{1}_N - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}||_2^2).$$

As the author says, we must "integrate $[\mu]$ out":

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) = \int p(\mathbf{y}, \mu|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) d\mu.$$

Since μ is independent and $p(\mu)$ is constant for all $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) \propto \int p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \mu, \sigma^2) d\mu$$

$$\propto \int \exp\left(\frac{(\mathbf{y} - \mu \mathbf{1}_N - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^2}{-2\sigma^2}\right) d\mu.$$

In this section, $\mathbf{v}^2 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ for any vector \mathbf{v} .

Next, we expand and take all terms that are independent of μ out of the integral:

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \sigma^{2}) \propto$$

$$\int \exp\left(\frac{\mathbf{y}^{2} - 2\mathbf{y}.(\mu\mathbf{1}) + (\mu\mathbf{1})^{2} + 2(\mu\mathbf{1}).(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}) + (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^{2} + 2(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}).\mathbf{y}}{-2\sigma^{2}}\right) d\mu$$

$$\propto \exp\left(\frac{\mathbf{y}^{2} + 2(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}).\mathbf{y} + (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^{2}}{-2\sigma^{2}}\right)$$

$$\int \exp\left(\frac{-2\mathbf{y}.(\mu\mathbf{1}) + (\mu\mathbf{1})^{2} + 2(\mu\mathbf{1}).(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})}{-2\sigma^{2}}\right) d\mu.$$

Since $\sum_{i} x_{ij} = 0$, we can ignore $\mu \mathbf{1}.\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}$, and complete the square:

$$\int \exp\left(\frac{-2\mathbf{y}.(\mu\mathbf{1}) + (\mu\mathbf{1})^2 + (\mu\mathbf{1}).(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})}{-2\sigma^2}\right) d\mu$$

$$= \int \exp\left(\frac{N(-2\mu\bar{y} + \mu^2)}{-2\sigma^2}\right) d\mu$$

$$= \exp\left(\frac{-N\bar{y}^2}{-2\sigma^2}\right) \int \exp\left(\frac{N(\mu - \bar{y})^2}{-2\sigma^2}\right) d\mu$$

$$\propto \exp\left(\frac{-N\bar{y}^2}{-2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(\frac{-(\bar{y}\mathbf{1})^2}{-2\sigma^2}\right)$$
(1)

Plugging this result back into equation (1) yields

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \sigma^{2}) \propto \exp\left(\frac{\mathbf{y}^{2} - (\bar{y}\mathbf{1})^{2} - 2(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}).\mathbf{y} + (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^{2}}{-2\sigma^{2}}\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(\frac{(\mathbf{y} - \bar{y}\mathbf{1})^{2} - 2(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}).\mathbf{y} + (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^{2}}{-2\sigma^{2}}\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(\frac{(\mathbf{y} - \bar{y}\mathbf{1})^{2} - 2(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}).(\mathbf{y} - \bar{y}\mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^{2}}{-2\sigma^{2}}\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}}\|\mathbf{y} - \bar{y}\mathbf{1}_{N} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}\|_{2}^{2}\right).$$
(2)

Exercises

Exercise 9

In this exercise we use the results of section 4.3.1 to arrive at the same formula as that of exercise 7.5:

$$\mathbb{E}[y|\mathbf{x}] = \bar{y} - \mathbf{w}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$$

(this formula is not the exact one given in the question but they are equivalent). First, we find the covariance matrices Σ_{XX} and Σ_{XY} of the joint distribution:

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{YY} & \Sigma_{YX} \\ \Sigma_{XY} & \Sigma_{XX} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} & \mathbf{X} \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} & \mathbf{X} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} & \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} & \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus,

$$\Sigma_{XX} = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$$

$$\Sigma_{YX} = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X}.$$
(3)

I know the question said to find Σ_{XY} , but I think we are supposed to find Σ_{YX} . Finding the means μ_x and μ_y is a lot easier:

$$\mu_x = \bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum \mathbf{x}_i$$

$$\mu_y = \bar{y} = \frac{1}{N} \sum y_i$$
(4)

Now, we plug (3) and (4) into equation 4.69 and replace 1 with y and 2 with x. Given \mathbf{x} our prediction for y is

$$\mu_{y|x} = \mu_y + \mathbf{\Sigma}_{YX} \mathbf{\Sigma}_{XX}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})$$

$$= \bar{y} + \mathbf{y} \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})$$

$$= \bar{y} + ((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y})^T (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})$$

$$= \bar{y} + -\mathbf{w}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[y|\mathbf{x}].$$

Recall that $\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}$ is symmetric so $(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-T} = (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}$. I find it reassuring that the discriminative and generative approach converge to the same solution. That being said, I am not sure what the author is looking for in part b) as in both approaches, one ends up doing the same calculations.