



## Written assignment

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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  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} f(x) dx = 1$ .

1. Since  $\Sigma$  is positive definite matrix.

$\exists L \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$  matrix s.t.  $\Sigma = LL^T$ , and  $|\Sigma| = |L|^2$ , then  $|L| = \sqrt{|\Sigma|}$

Let  $z = L^{-1}(x-\mu)$ , then  $x = \mu + Lz$

By the differential transformation, we have  $dx = |L| dz$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } (x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu) &= (x-\mu)^T (LL^T)^{-1} (x-\mu) = (x-\mu)^T L^{-T} L^{-1} (x-\mu) \\ &= (L^{-1}(x-\mu))^T (L^{-1}(x-\mu)) = z^T z. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} f(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |\Sigma|}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} z^T z\right\} \cdot |L| dz$$

By  $|L| = \sqrt{|\Sigma|}$ , we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |\Sigma|}} \sqrt{|\Sigma|} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} z^T z\right\} dz = \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} z^T z\right\} dz$$

Since  $z^T z = \sum_{i=1}^k z_i^2$ , we have

$$\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} z^T z\right\} = \prod_{i=1}^k \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} z_i^2\right\}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} z^T z\right\} dz &= \prod_{i=1}^k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} z_i^2\right\} dz_i \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k}} \prod_{i=1}^k \sqrt{2\pi} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

(a) we have  $\text{trace}(AB) = \sum_{i=1}^n [AB]_{ii} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} B_{ji}$

Thus,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial A_{ij}} \text{trace}(AB) = B_{ji} = B^T.$$

(b) left side:

$$x^T A x = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_i A_{ij} x_j$$

right side:

$$\text{trace}(x x^T A) = \sum_{i=1}^n [x x^T A]_{ii}$$

$$\text{where } [x x^T A]_{ii} = \sum_{k=1}^n [x x^T]_{ik} A_{ki} = \sum_{k=1}^n x_i x_k A_{ki},$$

Then we have

$$\text{trace}(x x^T A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n x_i x_k A_{ki}$$

let  $k=j$  and since  $A_{ji}$  is scalar, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n x_i x_k A_{ki} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_i A_{ij} x_j = x^T A x.$$

(c) Suppose  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  with i.i.d  $\sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$

the likelihood function is:

$$L(\mu, \Sigma) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |\Sigma|}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu) \right\}$$

and the log-likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\mu, \Sigma) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ -\frac{k}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \ln|\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu) \right] \\ &= -\frac{nk}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \ln|\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu) \end{aligned}$$

derive to  $\mu$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \mu}(\mu, \Sigma) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left( -\frac{nk}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \ln|\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu) \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (-2 \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu) = 0 \quad (\text{to find } \mu) \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu) &= 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu) = 0 \Rightarrow n\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i. \text{ Thus, } \hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i. \end{aligned}$$

derive to  $\Sigma$  :

let  $S = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T$ , then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu) = \text{trace}(\Sigma^{-1} S)$$

we can simplify log-likelihood function to

$$l(\Sigma) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \text{trace}(\Sigma^{-1} S) + C, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}$$

we have  $\frac{\partial \ln |\Sigma|}{\partial \Sigma} = \Sigma^{-1}$ ,  $\frac{\partial \text{trace}(\Sigma^{-1} S)}{\partial \Sigma} = -\Sigma^{-1} S \Sigma^{-1}$

Thus,

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \Sigma} = -\frac{n}{2} \Sigma^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \Sigma^{-1} S \Sigma^{-1} = 0 \quad (\text{to find } \hat{\Sigma})$$

Then

$$-\frac{n}{2} \Sigma^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \Sigma^{-1} S \Sigma^{-1} = 0 \Rightarrow \Sigma^{-1} S \Sigma^{-1} = n \Sigma^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma \Sigma^{-1} S \Sigma^{-1} \Sigma = \Sigma n \Sigma^{-1} \Sigma$$

$$\Rightarrow S = n \Sigma$$

Thus,

$$S = n \Sigma \Rightarrow \hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} S = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu})(x_i - \hat{\mu})^T$$

3. 如果  $\Sigma$  是 positive semidefinite matrix 而不是 positive definite matrix,

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