# PCML Cheat Sheet

## 1 Math Prerequisites

- Bayes rule

$$p(A,B) = \underbrace{p(A|B)}_{\text{Lik.}}\underbrace{p(B)}_{\text{Prior}} = \underbrace{p(B|A)}_{\text{Post}}\underbrace{p(A)}_{\text{Marg. Lik.}}$$

- Gaussian distribution

$$\mathcal{N}(x|\mu,\sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\exp(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2})$$

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|}}\exp(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^T\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu}))$$

- Production of independent variables:

$$\mathrm{Var}(XY) = \mathbb{E}(X^2)\,\mathbb{E}(Y^2) - [\mathbb{E}(X)]^2[\mathbb{E}(Y)]^2$$

- Covariance matrix of a data vector $\mathbf{x}$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N}(\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{x}))(\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{x}))^T$$

### 1.1 Convexity

- A function $f(x)$ is convex, if for any $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{X}$ and for any $0 \le \lambda \le 1$, we have :

$$f(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2) \le \lambda f(x_1) + (1-\lambda)f(x_2)$$

- Strictly convex if the inequality is strict.
- Sums of convex functions are also convex.
- A function with the form log-sum-exp is convex.
- The Hessian is related to the convexity: a twice differentiable function is convex i-o-if the Hessian is positive definite.
- The Hessian of a convex function is positive semi-definite and for a strictly-convex function it is positive definite.

$$\mathbf{H}_{i,j} = d^2 f/dx_i dx_j$$

### 1.2 Linear Algebra

- Column $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, rows $\mathbf{x}^T$, matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m\times n}$
- $\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x}$ is a scalar, $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T$ is a matrix
- $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ exist if $\mathbf{A}$ is full rank
- $(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T\mathbf{A}^T$
- **Condition number** of a function measures how much the output value can change for a small change in the input. A matrix with a high condition number is said to be **ill-conditioned**. If $\mathbf{A}$ is normal ($A^TA = AA^T$) then

$$k(\mathbf{A}) = \left|\frac{\lambda_{max}(\mathbf{A})}{\lambda_{min}(\mathbf{A})}\right|$$

- A positive definite matrix is **symmetric** with all positive eigenvalues
- The real symmetric $N \times N$ matrix $\mathbf{V}$ is said to be **positive semidefinite** if

$$\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{a} \ge 0$$

for any real $N \times 1$ vector $a$.

- **positive definite** if $\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{a} > 0$
- Cost of matrix inversion: $O(n^3) \to O(n^{2.372})$
- $det(\mathbf{A})$ using LU decomposition: $O(n^3)$

## 2 Cost functions

- Cost functions are used to learn parameters that explain the data well.
- It is essential to make sure that a global minimum exist → lower bounded

**Mean square error (MSE)**:

$$MSE(\boldsymbol{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N}(y_n - f(\mathbf{x}_n))^2$$

- MSE is **convex** thus it has only one global minumum value.
- MSE is not good when outliers are present.

**Mean Absolute Error (MAE)**:

$$MAE = \sum_{n=1}^{N}|y_n - f(\mathbf{x}_n)|$$

**Huber loss**

$$Huber = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}z^2 & ,|z| \le \delta \\ \delta|z| - \frac{1}{2}\delta^2 & ,|z| > \delta \end{cases}$$

- Huber loss is convex, differentiable, and also robust to outliers but hard to set $\delta$.

**Tukey's bisquare loss**

$$L(z) = \begin{cases} z(\delta^2 - z^2)^2 & ,|z| < \delta \\ 0 & ,|z| \ge \delta \end{cases}$$

Non-convex, non-diff., but robust to outliers.

**Hinge loss**

$$Hinge = [1 - y_n f(\mathbf{x}_n)]_+ = \max(0, 1 - y_n f(\mathbf{x}_n))$$

**Logistic loss**

$$Logistic = \log(1 - \exp(y_n f(\mathbf{x}_n)))$$

## 3 Regression

- **Data** consists of N pairs $(y_n, \mathbf{x}_n)$
  1. $y_n$ the n'th output
  2. $\mathbf{x}_n$ is a vector of D inputs
- **Prediction**: predict the ouput for a new input vector.
- **Interpretation**: understand the effect of inputs on output.
- **Outliers** are data that are far away from most of the other examples.

### 3.1 Linear Regression

- Model that assume linear relationship between inputs and the ouput.

$$y_n \approx f(\mathbf{x}_n) := w_0 + w_1 x_{n1} + \ldots = \omega_0 + \mathbf{x}_n^T\boldsymbol{w}$$

with $\boldsymbol{w}$ the parameters of the model.

- Variance grows only linearly with dimensionality

## 4 Optimization

### 4.1 Grid search

- Compute the cost over a grid of $M$ points to find the minimum
- Exponential Complexity
- Hard to find a good range of values

### 4.2 Gradient Descent

- Gradient descent uses only first-order information and takes steps in the direction of the gradient
- Given a cost function $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{w})$ we wish to find $\boldsymbol{w}$ that minimizes the cost:

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{w}} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{w})$$

### 4.3 Batch Gradient Descent

- Take steps in the opposite direction of the gradient

$$\boldsymbol{w}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)} - \gamma\boldsymbol{\nabla}\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})$$

with $\gamma > 0$ the learning rate.

- With $\gamma$ too big, method might diverge. With $\gamma$ too small, convergence is slow.

### 4.4 Gradients for MSE

- We define the error vector $\mathbf{e}$:

$$\mathbf{e} := \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{w}$$

- and MSE as follows:

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{w}) = \frac{1}{2N}\sum_{n=1}^{N}(y_n - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n^T\boldsymbol{w})^2 = \frac{1}{2N}\mathbf{e}^T\mathbf{e}$$

- then the gradient is given by

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla}\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{w}) = -\frac{1}{N}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{e}$$

- Optimality conditions:
  1. *necessary*: gradient equal zero: $\frac{d\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{w}^*)}{d\boldsymbol{w}} = 0$
  2. *sufficient*: Hessian matrix is positive definite: $\mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{w}^*) = \frac{d^2\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{w}^*)}{d\boldsymbol{w}d\boldsymbol{w}^T}$
- Very sensitive to illconditioning. Therefore, always normalize your feature otherwise step-size selection is difficult since different directions might move at different speed.
- *Complexity*: $O(NDI)$ with $I$ the number of iterations

### 4.5 Stochastic Gradient Descent

In ML, most cost functions are formulated as a sum over the training examples:

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{w}) = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N}\mathcal{L}_n(\boldsymbol{w})$$

⇒ SGD algo is given by update rule:

$$\boldsymbol{w}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)} - \gamma\boldsymbol{\nabla}\mathcal{L}_n(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})$$

*Idea*: Cheap but unbiased estimate of grad.

$$\mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{\nabla}\mathcal{L}_n(\boldsymbol{w})] = \boldsymbol{\nabla}(\boldsymbol{w})$$

### 4.6 Mini-batch SGD

Update direction ($B \subseteq [N]$):

$$\boldsymbol{g}^{(t)} := \frac{1}{|B|}\sum_{n\in B}\boldsymbol{\nabla}\mathcal{L}_n(\boldsymbol{w}^{(t)})$$

Update rule : $\boldsymbol{w}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{w}^{(t)} - \gamma\boldsymbol{g}^{(t)}$

### 4.7 Subgradients (Non-Smooth OPT)

A vector $\boldsymbol{g} \in \mathbb{R}^D$ s.t.

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{u}) \ge \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{w}) + \boldsymbol{g}^T(\boldsymbol{u} - \boldsymbol{w}) \quad \forall\boldsymbol{u}$$

is the subgradient to $\mathcal{L}$ at $\boldsymbol{w}$. If $\mathcal{L}$ is differentiable at $\boldsymbol{w}$, we have $\boldsymbol{g} = \boldsymbol{\nabla}\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{w})$

## 5 Least Squares

- In some cases, we can compute the minimum of the cost function analytically.
- use the first optimality conditions:

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla}L(\boldsymbol{w}^*) = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{X}^T(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{w}) = 0$$

- When $\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}$ is invertible, we have the closed-form expression

$$\boldsymbol{w}^* = (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{y}$$

- thus we can predict values for a new $\mathbf{x}_m$

$$y_m := \mathbf{x_m^T}\boldsymbol{w}^* = \mathbf{x_m^T}(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{y}$$

- The **Gram matrix** $\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}$ is positive definite and is also invertible iff $\mathbf{X}$ has full column rank.
- *Complexity*: $O(ND^2 + D^3) \equiv O(ND^2)$
- $\mathbf{X}$ can be rank deficient when $D > N$ or when the comlumns $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_d$ are nearly collinear. In this case, the matrix is ill-conditioned, leading to numerical issues.

## 6 Maximum Likelihood

- Let define our mistakes $\epsilon_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$.

$$\to y_n = \mathbf{x}_n^T\boldsymbol{w} + \epsilon_n$$

- Another way of expressing this:

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X},\mathbf{w}) = \prod_{n=1}^{N}p(y_n|\mathbf{x}_n,\mathbf{w}) = \prod_{n=1}^{N}\mathcal{N}(y_n|\mathbf{x}_n^T\mathbf{w},\sigma^2)$$

which defines the likelihood of observating $\mathbf{y}$ given $\mathbf{X}$ and $\boldsymbol{w}$

- Define cost with log-likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}_{lik}(\boldsymbol{w}) = \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X},\mathbf{w}) = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\sum_{n=1}^{N}(y_n - \mathbf{x}_n^T\mathbf{w})^2 + cnst$$

- Maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) gives another way to design cost functions

$$\operatorname*{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{w}}\mathcal{L}_{MSE}(\boldsymbol{w}) = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{w}}\mathcal{L}_{lik}(\boldsymbol{w})$$

- MLE can also be interpreted as finding the model under which the observed data is most likely to have been generated from.
- With Laplace distribution

$$p(y_n|\mathbf{x}_n,\boldsymbol{w}) = \frac{1}{2b}e^{-\frac{1}{b}|y_n - \mathbf{x}_n^T\mathbf{w}|}$$

$$\sum_n\log p(y_n|\mathbf{x}_n,\boldsymbol{w}) = \sum_n|y_n - \mathbf{x}_n^T\mathbf{w}| + cnst$$

## 7 Ridge Regression

- Linear models usually underfit. One way is to use nonlinear basis functions instead.

$$y_n = w_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{M}w_j\phi_j(\mathbf{x}_n) = \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\mathbf{x}_n)^T\boldsymbol{w}$$

- This model is linear in $\boldsymbol{w}$ but nonlinear in $\mathbf{x}$. Note that the dimensionality is now M, not D.
- Polynomial basis

$$\boldsymbol{\phi}(x_n) = [1, x_n, x_n^2, \ldots, x_n^M]$$

- The least square solution becomes

$$\boldsymbol{w}_{lse}^* = (\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}^T\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Phi}})^{-1}\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}^T\mathbf{y}$$

- Complex models overfit easily. Thus we can choose simpler models by adding a **regularization term** which penalizes complex models

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{w}}\left(\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{w}) + \frac{\lambda}{2N}\sum_{j=1}^{M}w_j^2\right)$$

$$\boldsymbol{w}^* = \operatorname*{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{w}}\left(\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{w})^T(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{w}) + \frac{\lambda}{2}\boldsymbol{w}^T\boldsymbol{w}\right)$$

- Note that $w_0$ is not penalized.
- By differentiating and setting to zero we get

$$\boldsymbol{w}_{ridge} = (\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}^T\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Phi}} + \boldsymbol{\Lambda})^{-1}\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}^T\mathbf{y}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \lambda I_m \end{bmatrix}$$

- Ridge regression improves the condition number of the Gram matrix since the eigenvalues of $(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}^T\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Phi}} + \lambda I_m)$ are at least $\lambda$
- **Maximum-a-posteriori (MAP) estimator**:
  - Maximizes the product of the likelihood *and* the **prior**.

$$\boldsymbol{w}_{MAP} = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{w}}(p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X},\boldsymbol{\Lambda})p(\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}))$$

  - Assume $w_0 = 0$

$$\boldsymbol{w}_{ridge} = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{w}}\left(\log\left[\prod_{n=1}^{N}\mathcal{N}(y_n|\mathbf{x}_n^T\boldsymbol{w},\boldsymbol{\Lambda}) \times \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{w}|0,\Sigma)\right]\right)$$

- **Lasso regularizer** forces some $w_i$ to be strictly 0 and therefore forces sparsity in the model.

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{w}}\frac{1}{2N}\sum_{n=1}^{N}(y_n - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\mathbf{x}_n)^T\boldsymbol{w})^2, \quad \text{such that } \sum_{i=1}^{M}|w_i| \le \tau$$

## 8 Cross-Validation

- We should choose $\lambda$ to minimize the mistakes that will be made in the future.
- We split the data into train and validation sets and we pretend that the validation set is the future data. We fit our model on the training set and compute a prediction-error on the validation set. This gives us an *estimate* of the *generalization error*.
- **K-fold cross validation** randomly partition the data into $K$ groups. We train on $K-1$ groups and test on the remaining group. We repeat this until we have tested on all $K$ sets. We then average the results.
- Cross-validation returns an unbiased estimate of the generalization error and its variance.

## 9 Bias-Variance decomposition

- The expected test error can be expressed as the sum of two terms
  - **Squared bias**: The average *shift* of the predictions
  - **Variance**: measure how data points vary around their average.

$$\text{expected loss} = (\text{bias})^2 + \text{variance} + \text{noise}$$

- Both model bias and estimation bias are important
- Ridge regression increases estimation bias while reducing variance
- Increasing model complexity increases test error
- Small $\lambda \to$ low bias but large variance
- Large $\lambda \to$ large bias but low variance

$$err = \sigma^2 + E[f_{lse} - E[f_{lse}]]^2 + [f_{true} - E[f_{lse}]]^2$$

## 10 Logistic Regression

- **Classification** relates input variables $\mathbf{x}$ to discrete output variable $y$
- **Binary classifier**: we use $y = 0$ for $\mathbf{C}_1$ and $y = 1$ for $\mathbf{C}_2$.
- Can use least-squares to predict $\hat{y}_*$

$$\hat{y} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{C}_1 & \hat{y}_* < 0.5 \\ \mathbf{C}_2 & \hat{y}_* \ge 0.5 \end{cases}$$

- **Logistic function**

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{\exp(x)}{1 + \exp(x)}$$

$$p(y_n = \mathbf{C}_1|\mathbf{x}_n) = \sigma(\boldsymbol{x}^T\boldsymbol{w})$$

$$p(y_n = \mathbf{C}_2|\mathbf{x}_n) = 1 - \sigma(\boldsymbol{x}^T\boldsymbol{w})$$

- The probabilistic model:

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X},\mathbf{w}) = \prod_{n=1}^{N}\sigma(\boldsymbol{x}_n^T\boldsymbol{w})^{y_n}(1 - \sigma(\boldsymbol{x}_n^T\boldsymbol{w}))^{1-y_n}$$

- The log-likelihood:

$$\mathcal{L}_{MLE}(\boldsymbol{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N}\left(y_n\boldsymbol{x}_n^T\boldsymbol{w} - \log(1 + \exp(\boldsymbol{x}_n^T\boldsymbol{w}))\right)$$

- We can use the fact that

$$\frac{d}{dx}\log(1 + \exp(x)) = \sigma(x)$$

- Gradient of the log-likelihood

$$\mathbf{g} = \frac{d\mathcal{L}}{d\boldsymbol{w}} = \sum_{n=1}^{N}\left(\boldsymbol{x}_n y_n - \boldsymbol{x}_n\sigma(\boldsymbol{x}_n^T\boldsymbol{w})\right) = -\mathbf{X}^T[\sigma(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{w}) - \mathbf{y}]$$

- The negative of the log-likelihood $-\mathcal{L}_{mle}(\boldsymbol{w})$ is convex
- **Hessian** of the log-likelihood
  - We know that

$$\frac{d\sigma(t)}{dt} = \sigma(t)(1 - \sigma(t))$$

  - Hessian is the derivative of the gradient

$$\mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{w}) = -\frac{d\mathbf{g}(\boldsymbol{w})}{d\boldsymbol{w}^T} = \sum_{n=1}^{N}\frac{d}{d\boldsymbol{w}^T}\sigma(\boldsymbol{x}_n^T\boldsymbol{w})\boldsymbol{x}_n = \sum_{n=1}^{N}\boldsymbol{x}_n\sigma(\boldsymbol{x}_n^T\boldsymbol{w})(1 - \sigma(\boldsymbol{x}_n^T\boldsymbol{w}))\boldsymbol{x}_n^T = \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T\mathbf{S}\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$$

  where $\mathbf{S}$ is a $N \times N$ diagonal matrix with diagonals

$$S_{nn} = \sigma(\boldsymbol{x}_n^T\boldsymbol{w})(1 - \sigma(\boldsymbol{x}_n^T\boldsymbol{w}))$$

  - The negative of the log-likelihood is not strictly convex.
- **Newton's Method**
  - Uses second-order information and takes steps in the direction that minimizes a quadratic approximation

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{w}) = \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{w}^{(k)}) + \mathbf{g}_k^T(\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{w}^{(k)}) + (\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{w}^{(k)})^T\mathbf{H}_k(\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{w}^{(k)})$$

  and it's minimum is at

$$\boldsymbol{w}^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{w}^{(k)} - \alpha_k\mathbf{H}_k^{-1}\mathbf{g}_k$$

  where $\mathbf{g}_k$ is the gradient and $\alpha_k$ the learning rate.
  - Complexity: $O((ND^2 + D^3)I)$
- **Penalized Logistic Regression**

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{w}}\left(-\sum_{n=1}^{N}\log p(y_n|\mathbf{x}_n^T\boldsymbol{w}) + \lambda\sum_{d=1}^{D}w_d^2\right)$$

## 11 Generalized Linear Model

- **Exponential family distribution**

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\eta}) = \frac{h(y)}{Z}\exp(\boldsymbol{\eta}^T\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{y}) - A(\boldsymbol{\eta}))$$

  - Bernoulli distribution

$$p(y|\mu) = \mu^y(1-\mu)^{1-y} = \exp(y\log(\frac{\mu}{1-\mu}) + \log(1-\mu)))$$

  - there is a relationship between $\eta$ and $\mu$ throught the **link function**

$$\eta = \log(\frac{\mu}{1-\mu}) \leftrightarrow \mu = \frac{e^\eta}{1+e^\eta}$$

  - Note that $\mu$ is the mean parameter of $y$
- Relationship between the mean $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ is defined using a link function $g$

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} = \mathbf{g}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) \Leftrightarrow \boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{g}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\eta})$$

- First and second derivatives of $A(\eta)$ are related to the mean and the variance

$$\frac{dA(\eta)}{d\eta} = \mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{\phi}(\eta)], \quad \frac{d^2A(\eta)}{d\eta^2} = \mathrm{Var}[\boldsymbol{\phi}(\eta)]$$

- $A(\eta)$ is convex
- The generalized maximum likelihood cost to minimize is

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{w}}\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{w}) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N}\log(p(y_n|\boldsymbol{x}_n^T\boldsymbol{w}))$$

where $p(y_n|\boldsymbol{x}_n^T\boldsymbol{w})$ is an exponential family distribution

- We obtain the solution

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{d\boldsymbol{w}} = \mathbf{X}^T[\mathbf{g}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\eta}) - \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{y})]$$

## 12 k-Nearest Neighbor (k-NN)

- The k-NN prediction for $\mathbf{x}$ is

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{k}\sum_{\mathbf{x}_n \in nbh_k(\mathbf{x})} y_n$$

where $nbh_k(\mathbf{x})$ is the neightborhood of $\mathbf{x}$ defined by the k closest points $\mathbf{x}_n$ in the training data
- **Curse of dimensionality**: Generalizing correctly becomes exponentially harder as the dimensionality grows.
- Gathering more inputs variables may be a bad thing

## 13 Support Vector Machine

- Combination of the kernel trick plus a modified loss function (Hinge loss)
- Solution to the dual problem is sparse and non-zero entries will be our **support vectors**.
- **Kernelised feature vector** where $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$ are centroids

$$\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) = [k(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_1), \ldots, k(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_K)]$$

- In practice we'll take a subset of data points to be prototype $\rightarrow$ **sparse vector machine**.
- Assume $y_n \in \{-1, 1\}$
- SVM optimizes the following cost

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{w}) = \min_{\boldsymbol{w}} \sum_{n=1}^{N}[1 - y_n\boldsymbol{\phi}_n^T\boldsymbol{w}]_+ + \frac{\lambda}{2}\sum_{j=1}^{M} w_j^2$$

- Minimum doesn't change with a rescaling of $\boldsymbol{w}$
- choose the hyperplane so that the distance from it to the nearest data point on each side is maximized
- **Duality**:
  - Hard to minimize $g(\boldsymbol{w})$ so we define

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{w}) = \max_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} G(\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

  - we use the property that

$$C[v_n]_+ = \max(0, Cv_n) = \max_{\alpha_n \in [0, C]} \alpha_n v_n$$

  - We can rewrite the problem as

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{w}} \max_{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in [0,C]^N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n(1 - y_n\boldsymbol{\phi}_n^T\boldsymbol{w}) + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{j=1}^{M} w_j^2$$

  - This is differentiable, convex in $\boldsymbol{w}$ and concave in $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$
  - **Minimax theorem**:

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{w}} \max_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} G(\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \max_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \min_{\boldsymbol{w}} G(\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

    because $G$ is convex in $\boldsymbol{w}$ and concave in $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$.
  - Derivative w.r.t. $\boldsymbol{w}$:

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\boldsymbol{w}} G(\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n y_n \boldsymbol{x}_n + \lambda\boldsymbol{w}$$

  - Equating this to 0, we get:

$$\boldsymbol{w}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{\lambda}\sum_{n=1}^{N} \alpha_n y_n \boldsymbol{x}_n = \frac{1}{\lambda}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}\boldsymbol{\alpha}$$

$$\mathbf{Y} := \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{y})$$

  - Plugging $\boldsymbol{w}^*$ back in the dual problem

$$\max_{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in [0,1]^N} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T\mathbf{1} - \frac{1}{2\lambda}\boldsymbol{\alpha}^T\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}\boldsymbol{\alpha}$$

  - This is a differentiable least-squares problem. Optimization is easy using Sequential Minimal Optimization. It is also naturally kernelized with $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}$
  - The solution $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ is sparse and is non-zero only for the training examples that are instrumental in determining the decision boundary.

## 14 Kernel Ridge Regression

- The following is true for ridge regression

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{w}^* &= (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X} + \lambda\mathbf{I}_D)^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{y} \\ &= \mathbf{X}^T(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T + \lambda\mathbf{I}_N)^{-1}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}^T\boldsymbol{\alpha}^*\end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

- Complexity of computing $\boldsymbol{w}$: (1) $O(D^2N + D^3)$, (2) $O(DN^2 + N^3)$
- Thus we have

$$\boldsymbol{w}^* = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\alpha}^*, \quad \text{with } \boldsymbol{w}^* \in \mathbb{R}^D \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\alpha}^* \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

- The representer theorem allows us to write an equivalent optimization problem in terms of $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$.

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \underset{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}{\text{argmax}}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\alpha}^T(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X} + \lambda\mathbf{I}_N)\boldsymbol{\alpha} + \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T\mathbf{y}\right)$$

- $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T$ is called the **kernel matrix** or **Gram matrix**.
- If $\mathbf{K}$ is positive definite, then it's called a **Mercer Kernel**.
- $\mathbf{K}_{i,j} = k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$
- If the kernel is Mercer, then there exists a function $\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$ s.t.

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x})^T\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}')$$

- **Kernel trick**:
  - We can work directly with $\mathbf{K}$ and never have to worry about $\mathbf{X}$
  - Replace $\langle\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'\rangle$ with $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$.
  - Kernel function can be interpreted as a measure of similarity
  - The evaluation of a kernel is usually faster with $k$ than with $\boldsymbol{\phi}$
- Kernelized rigde regression might be computationally more efficient in some cases.
- **Radial Basis function kernel (RBF)**

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \exp(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'))$$

- Properties of a kernel to ensure the existance of a corresponding $\boldsymbol{\phi}$:
  - $\mathbf{K}$ should be symmetric: $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = k(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x})$
  - $\mathbf{K}$ should be positive semidefinite.
- Thus we get

$$\mathbf{y} = \boldsymbol{w}^T\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{K}\alpha_i\mathbf{x}_i^T\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{K}\alpha_i k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i)$$

## 15 K-means

- **Unsupervised learning**: Represent particular input patterns in a way that reflects the statistical structure of the overall collections of input partterns.
- **Cluster** are groups of points whose inter-point distances are small compared to the distances outside the cluster.

$$\min_{\mathbf{r}, \boldsymbol{\mu}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{r}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \sum_{k=1}^{K}\sum_{n=1}^{N} r_{nk}||\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k||_2^2$$

such that $r_{nk} \in \{0, 1\}$ and $\sum_{k=1}^{K} r_{nk} = 1$
- K-means algorithm:
  Initialize $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$, then iterate
  1. For all n, compute $\mathbf{r}_n$ given $\boldsymbol{\mu}$

$$r_{nk} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = \text{argmin}_j\ ||\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}||_2^2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise}\end{cases}$$

  2. For all $k$, compute $\mu_k$ given $\mathbf{r}$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_k = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N} r_{nk}\mathbf{x}_n}{\sum_{n=1}^{N} r_{nk}}$$

- A good initialization procedure is to choose the prototypes to be equal to a random subset of $K$ data points.
- Probabilistic model

$$p(\mathbf{r}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \prod_{n=1}^{N}\prod_{k=1}^{K}[\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \mathbf{I})]^{r_{nk}}$$

- Computation can be heavy, each example can belong to only on cluster and clusters have to be spherical.

## 16 Gaussian Mixture Models

- Clusters can be spherical using a full covariance matrix instead of isotropic covariance.

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \mathbf{r}) = \prod_{n=1}^{N}\prod_{k=1}^{K}[\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \Sigma_k)]^{r_{nk}}$$

- **Soft-clustering**: Points can belong to several cluster by defining $r_n$ to be a random variable.

$$p(r_{nk} = 1) = \pi_k \text{ where } \pi_k > 0, \forall k, \sum_{k=1}^{K}\pi_k = 1$$

- Joint distribution of Gaussian mixture model

$$\begin{aligned}p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{r}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{\pi}) &= \prod_{n=1}^{N}[p(\mathbf{x}_n|\mathbf{r}_n, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})p(\mathbf{r}_n|\boldsymbol{\pi})] \\ &= \left[\prod_{k=1}^{K}[(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k))^{r_{nk}}]\right]\prod_{k=1}^{K}[\pi]^{r_{nk}}\end{aligned}$$

- $r_n$ are called *latent* unobserved variables
- Unknown parameters are given by $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{\pi}\}$
- We get the **marginal likelihood** by marginalizing $r_n$ out from the likelihood

$$\begin{aligned}p(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \sum_{k=1}^{K} p(\mathbf{x}_n, r_{nk} = 1|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{K} p(r_{nk} = 1|\boldsymbol{\theta})p(\mathbf{x}_n|r_{nk} = 1, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{K} \pi_k\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)\end{aligned}$$

- Without a latent variable model, number of parameters grow at rate $O(N)$
- After marginalization, the growth is reduced to $O(D^2K)$
- To get maximum likelihood estimate of $\boldsymbol{\theta}$, we maximize

$$\max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log \sum_{k=1}^{K} \pi_k\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$$

## 17 Expectation Maximization Algorithm

- *[ALGORITHM]* Start with $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(1)}$ and iterate
  1. *Expectation step*: Compute a lower bound to the cost such that it is tight at the previous $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(i)}$ with equality when,

$$\gamma(r_{nk}) = \frac{\pi_k\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_{k=1}^{K}\pi_k\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}$$

  2. *Maximization step*: Update $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(i+1)} = \underset{\boldsymbol{\theta}}{\text{argmax}}\,\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(i)})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{(i+1)} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N}\gamma^{(i)}(r_{nk})\mathbf{x}_n}{\sum_{n=1}^{N}\gamma^{(i)}(r_{nk})}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{(i+1)} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N}\gamma^{(i)}(r_{nk})(\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{(i+1)})(\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{(i+1)})^T}{\sum_{n=1}^{N}\gamma^{(i)}(r_{nk})}$$

$$\pi_k^{(i+1)} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N}\gamma^{(i)}(r_{nk})$$

- If covariance is diagonal $\rightarrow$ K-means.

## 18 Matrix factorization

- We have $D$ movies and $N$ users
- $\mathbf{X}$ is a matrix $D \times N$ with $x_{dn}$ the rating of n'th user for d'th movie.
- We project data vectors $\mathbf{x}_n$ to a smaller dimension $\mathbf{z}_n \in \mathbb{R}^M$
- We have now 2 latent variables:
  - $\mathbf{Z}$ a $N \times M$ matrix that gives features for the users
  - $\mathbf{W}$ a $D \times M$ matrix that gives features for the movies

$$x_{dn} \approx \mathbf{w}_d^T\mathbf{z}_n$$

- We can add a regularizer and minimize the following cost:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Z}) = \frac{1}{2}\sum_{n=1}^{N}\sum_{d=1}^{D}(x_{dn} - \mathbf{w}_d^T\mathbf{z}_n)^2$$

$$+\frac{\lambda_w}{2}\sum_{d=1}^{D}\mathbf{w}_d^T\mathbf{w}_d + \frac{\lambda_z}{2}\sum_{n=1}^{N}\mathbf{z}_n^T\mathbf{z}_n$$

- We can use coordinate descent algorithm, by first minimizing w.r.t. $\mathbf{Z}$ given $\mathbf{W}$ and then minimizing $\mathbf{W}$ given $\mathbf{Z}$. This is called **Alternating least-squares (ALS)**:

$$\mathbf{Z}^T \leftarrow (\mathbf{W}^T\mathbf{W} + \lambda_z\mathbf{I}_M)^{-1}\mathbf{W}^T\mathbf{X}$$

$$\mathbf{W}^T \leftarrow (\mathbf{Z}^T\mathbf{Z} + \lambda_w\mathbf{I}_M)^{-1}\mathbf{Z}^T\mathbf{X}^T$$

- *Complexity*: $O(DNM^2 + NM^3) \rightarrow O(DNM^2)$
- Probabilistic model

$$\prod_{n=1}^{N}\prod_{d\in O_n}\mathcal{N}(x_{dn}|\mathbf{w}_d^T\mathbf{z}_n, I) \times \prod_{n=1}^{N}\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_n|0, \frac{1}{\lambda_z}I) \times \prod_{d=1}^{D}\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}_d|0, \frac{1}{\lambda_w}I)$$

- Since many ratings are missing we cannot normalize the data. A solution is to add offset terms:

$$\frac{1}{2}\sum_{n=1}^{N}\sum_{d\in O_n}(x_{dn} - \mathbf{w}_d^T\mathbf{z}_n - w_{0d} - z_{0n} - \mu)^2$$

## 19 Singular Value Decomposition

- Matrix factorization method

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{V}^T$$

  - $\mathbf{U}$ is an $D \times D$ matrix
  - $\mathbf{V}$ is an $N \times N$ matrix
  - $\mathbf{S}$ is a non-negative diagonal matrix of size $D \times N$ which are called **singular values** appearing in a descending order.
  - Columns of $\mathbf{U}$ and $\mathbf{V}$ are the left and right **singular vectors** respectively.
- Assuming $D < N$ we have

$$\mathbf{X} = \sum_{d=1}^{D} s_d\mathbf{u}_d\mathbf{v}_d^T$$

This tells you about the spectrum of $\mathbf{X}$ where higher singular vectors contain the *low-frequency information* and lower singular values contain the *high-frequency information*.
- Let's now truncate these matrices

$$\mathbf{X} \approx \mathbf{U}_{tr}\mathbf{S}_{tr}\mathbf{V}_{tr}^*, \mathbf{T}_{tr} \approx \mathbf{U}_{tr}\mathbf{S}_{tr}, \mathbf{T}_{te} \approx \mathbf{X}_{te}\mathbf{V}_{tr}$$

with $\mathbf{T}_{tr}$ the reduced feature set of $\mathbf{X}$ and $\mathbf{T}_{te}$ the reduced feature set of $\mathbf{X}_{te}$

## 20 Principal Componement Analysis

- PCA is a dimensionality reduction method and a method to decorrelate the data
  $\mathbf{X} \approx \tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z}^T$ such that columns of $\mathbf{W}$ are orthogonal.
- If the data is zero mean

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{N}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T \Rightarrow \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}^2\mathbf{U}^T$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}^2\mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{S}^2$$

- Thus the columns of matrix $\mathbf{U}$ are called the **principal components** and they decorrelate the covariance matrix.
- Using SVD, we can compute the matrices in the following way

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}^{1/2}, \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{S}^{1/2}$$

## 21 Belief Propagation

- the goal is to learn *inference of the latent variables using belief propagation*
- Given a directed acyclic graph $G$ and parameters $\theta$, a **Bayesian network** defines the joint distribution as follows

$$p_\theta(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{k=1}^{K} p_\theta(x_k|\text{parents}_k)$$

- Reduce complexity using bayesian rule.
- Message Passing:
  1. Assign each $\phi_k$ to a cluster $\mathbf{C}_i$
  2. Initial potential $\psi_i(\mathbf{C}_i) = \prod_{\phi_k \in \mathbf{C}_i}\phi_k$
  3. Initial all messages to 1
  4. Repeat: select and edge $(i, j)$ and:

$$m_{i\rightarrow j}(\mathbf{S}_{i,j}) = \sum_{\mathbf{C}_i - \mathbf{S}_{i,j}}\psi_i \times \prod_{k\in(\mathcal{N}_i - j)} m_{k\rightarrow i}$$

- Belief: $w_i(\mathbf{C}_i) = \psi_i \times \prod_{k\in\mathcal{N}_i}\delta_{k\rightarrow i}$

## 22 Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)

- There are nonlinear function classes, whose conveninent layered structure leads to efficient computation of gradients.
- Known as **feed-forward neural network**
- $\mathbf{z}_n^{(k)}$ is the k'th hidden vector
- $\mathbf{a}_n^{(k)}$ is the corresponding activation
- There are a total of $K$ layers

$$a_{mn}^{(k)} = (\boldsymbol{w}_m^{(k)})^T\mathbf{z}_n^{(k-1)}, \quad z_{mn}^{(k)} = h(a_{mn}^{(k)})$$

- For the first layer we have $\mathbf{z}_n^{(0)} = \mathbf{x}_n$
- For the last layer, we use a link function to map $\mathbf{z}_n^{(K-1)}$ to the output $\mathbf{y}_n$
- A 1-layer MLP is simply a generalization of linear/logistic regression
- $\mathbf{B}^{(k)}$ a matrix with rows $(\boldsymbol{w}_m^{(k)})^T$

$$\mathbf{a}_n^{(k)} = \mathbf{B}^{(k)}\mathbf{z}_n^{(k-1)}, \quad \mathbf{z}_n^{(k)} = h(\mathbf{a}_n^{(k)})$$

- thus we have the input-output relationship

$$\hat{y}_n = g((\boldsymbol{w}^{(K-1)})^T * h(\mathbf{B}^{(K-2)} * h(* \ldots * h(\mathbf{B}^{(1)} *$$

with $g()$ the link function
- We learn parameters $\mathbf{B}$ using stochastic gradient-descent
- Frequently used transfer function

$$g(a) = \tanh(a) = \frac{e^a - e^{-a}}{e^a + e^{-a}}$$

- **Backpropagation**: technic to compute the gradient in time linear in the number of training points and the number of weights and is nothing else than a chain rule of differential calculus.
- The key-idea is to express the derivatives in terms of activations and hidden variables.
  1. **Forward**: compute $\mathbf{a}_n^{(k)}$ and $\mathbf{z}_n^{(k)}$
  2. **Backward**: compute $\boldsymbol{\delta}_n^{(k)} = d\boldsymbol{\mathcal{L}}/d\mathbf{a}_n^{(k)}$ using

$$\boldsymbol{\delta}_n^{(k-1)} = diag[(h'(\mathbf{a}_n^{(k-1)})](\mathbf{B}^{(k)})^T\boldsymbol{\delta}_n^{(k)}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\delta}_n^K = \mathbf{a}_n^K - t_i$$

  3. Compute $d\boldsymbol{\mathcal{L}}/d\mathbf{B}^{(k)}$ using

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{\mathcal{L}}}{d\mathbf{B}^{(k)}} = \sum_n \boldsymbol{\delta}_n^{(k)}(\mathbf{z}_n^{(k)})^T$$

## 23 Gaussian Process (GP)

- GP are a family of statistical distributions in which time plays a role and for which any finite linear combination of samples has a joint Gaussian distribution.
- **non-parametric** method (rather uses latent variables) that compute a probability dist. over predictions
- They can be completely defined by their second-order statistics which means that if they have mean zero, then defining the covariance function completely defines the process behaviour.
- Let us place a probabilistic prior shape on the approximation of a function.
- A GP process defines a prior over function f

$$p(\mathbf{f}|X) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{0}, K(X))$$

- $K(X)$ defines shape and prior knowledge about our problem

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}_*, \mathbf{X}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu', \sigma')$$

$$\mu' = K(\mathbf{X}_*, \mathbf{X})[K(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) + \sigma_n^2 I]^{-1}\mathbf{y}$$

$$\sigma' = K(\mathbf{X}_*, \mathbf{X}_*) - K(\mathbf{X}_*, \mathbf{X})[K(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) + \sigma_n^2 I]K(\mathbf{X},$$

with $\sigma_n$ the variance of the noise
- Quadratic kernel

$$k(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{x}_m) = (1 + \mathbf{x}_n^T\mathbf{x}_m)^2$$

## 24 Decision Trees (DT)

- A decision tree is a structure in which each internal node represents a test on an attribute and each branch represents the outcome of the test and each leaf represents a class label.
- Fast to train and fast to make predictions
- Efficient for very high dimensional feature spaces and very large amounts of training data
- Lack of smoothness and high variance (overfitting)
- Goal: find a split (k, $\tau$) that minimizes an impurity measure at the leaves
  - Find best feature to split on
  - Find best threshold

## 25 Random Forests (RF)

- RF correct the overfitting bad "habit" of DTs.
- Training: Learn M trees on different subsets (random) of training data

- Prediction: Average of prediction of each tree
- Variance of the model averaging:

$$z_1 = f_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad z_M = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} f_i$$

$$V(z_1) = \sigma^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad V(z_M) = \frac{1}{M}\sigma^2 + \rho \frac{M-1}{M}\sigma^2$$

- Variance reduction ratio:

$$\frac{V(z_1)}{V(z_M)} = \frac{M}{1 + \rho(M-1)}$$

- 2 techniques for decorrelating trees:
  - **Bagging**: Randomize training data
  - Randomized feature selection