

# MA060129, Bayesian ML Homework 2: Theoretical Problems

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## Problem 1 [24 pts]

We observe the iid dataset  $\{(x_n, y_n)\}_{n=1}^N, y_n \in \mathbb{R}, x_n \in \mathbb{R}^D, \forall n$ . We would like to solve the regression task with the mixture of linear regression models. We consider  $K$  components and assign each observation  $(x_n, y_n)$  to one of  $K$  components using a binary random variable  $z_{nk}$ . Each component is described as following:

$$p(z_{nk} = 1) = \pi_k, \\ p(y_n, w \mid x_n, z_{nk} = 1) = \mathcal{N}(y_n \mid x_n^T w, \beta_k) \mathcal{N}(w \mid \mu_k, \alpha I), w \in \mathbb{R}^D.$$

Consider the model with latent variables  $w, \{z_{nk}\}_{n,k=1}^{N,K}$  and parameters  $\alpha, \{\pi_k, \beta_k, \mu_k\}_{k=1}^K$  and derive EM updates.

- (a) (12 points) Derive Expectation step of the EM-algorithm for the given model: find posteriors and expectations which is necessary for M-step.
- (b) (12 points) Derive Maximization step of the EM-algorithm for the given model: take the gradients of the M-step objective and find new values of the parameters.

**Note:** You are required to demonstrate all the relevant calculations.

Recap:

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

## Solution

Let  $\theta$  denotes adaptive parameters  $\alpha, \{\pi_k, \beta_k, \mu_k\}_{k=1}^K$ .

(a)

$$p(w, z \mid y, x, \theta) = p(w \mid x, y, z, \theta) p(z \mid \theta)$$

Since  $w_k$  independent

$$p(w \mid x, y, z, \theta) = \prod_{k=1}^K p(w_k \mid x, y, z, \theta)$$

$w_k$  depends only on  $x_n, y_n$  where  $z_{nk} = 1$  (denote it as  $X_k, Y_k$ )  $\Rightarrow$

$$p(w_k \mid x, y, z, \theta) = p(w_k \mid X_k, Y_k, \theta) - \text{usual bayesian linear regression} \Rightarrow$$

posterior  $w_k = \mathcal{N}(w_k \mid \hat{\mu}_k, \hat{\Sigma}_k)$  is given by:

$$\hat{\mu}_k = \hat{\Sigma}_k (\alpha^{-1} \mu_k + \beta_k^{-1} X_k^T Y_k), \quad \hat{\Sigma}_k^{-1} = \alpha^{-1} I + \beta_k^{-1} X_k^T X_k$$

$$p(z \mid \theta) = \prod_{n,k: z_{nk}=1} \pi_k$$

$$\mathbb{E}_q \log p(y \mid x, w, z, \theta) = \mathbb{E}_z \mathbb{E}_w \log p(y \mid x, w, z, \theta)$$

I don't know how to proceed analytically :,)

## Problem 2 [26 pts]

We would like to build a small recommendation system for the video service of Russian comedy films. We observe a matrix  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times d}$ , where  $M_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$  is the rating from user  $i$  for the movie  $j$ . We would like to decompose it on the latent vectors of the user preferences  $U_i \in \mathbb{R}^k$  and movie description  $V_j \in \mathbb{R}^k$  :

$$p(M_{ij} | U, V) = \mathcal{N}(M_{ij} | U_i^T V_j, \tau^2).$$

Also, for these comedy films we will use normal distribution prior with zero mean, since we are unbiased critics:

$$p(U_{ik}) = \mathcal{N}(U_{ik} | 0, \sigma_k^2)$$

$$p(V_{jk}) = \mathcal{N}(V_{jk} | 0, \beta_k^2)$$

We would like to find the mean-field approximation of the posterior  $p(U, V | M) \approx q(U)q(V)$

(a) (12 points) Derive mean-field update for  $q(U)$ .

(b) (12 points) Derive mean-field update for  $q(V)$ .

(c) (2 points) Provide full iterative process.

**Note:** You are required to demonstrate all the relevant calculations.

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \ln p(M_{ij}, U, V) &= \ln p(M_{ij} | U_i, V_j) + \ln p(U_i | 0, \sigma_i^2 I) + \ln p(V_j | 0, \beta_j^2 I) = \\ &= \ln \frac{1}{\tau \sqrt{2\pi}} - \frac{1}{2\tau^2} (M_{ij} - U_i^T V_j)^2 + \\ &\quad \frac{k}{2} \ln \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2 2\pi} - \frac{1}{2\sigma_i^2} U_i^T U_i + \\ &\quad + \frac{k}{2} \ln \frac{1}{\beta_j^2 2\pi} - \frac{1}{2\beta_j^2} V_j^T V_j \end{aligned}$$

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \ln q(U_i) &= \mathbb{E}_{V_j} \left[ -\frac{1}{2\tau^2} (M_{ij} - U_i^T V_j)^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma_i^2} U_i^T U_i \right] + \text{const1} = \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{V_j} \left[ \frac{M_{ij}}{2\tau^2} (U_i^T V_j + V_j^T U_i) - \frac{1}{2\tau^2} U_i^T V_j V_j^T U_i - \frac{1}{2\sigma_i^2} U_i^T U_i \right] + \text{const2} = \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{V_j} \left[ \frac{M_{ij}}{2\tau^2} (U_i^T V_j + V_j^T U_i) - \frac{1}{2} U_i^T \left( \frac{1}{\tau^2} V_j V_j^T + \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} I \right) U_i \right] + \text{const2} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{V_j} \left[ - \left( U_i - \frac{M_{ij}}{\tau^2} \Sigma V_j \right)^T \Sigma^{-1} \left( U_i - \frac{M_{ij}}{\tau^2} \Sigma V_j \right) \right] + \text{const4}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Sigma = \left( \frac{1}{\tau^2} V_j V_j^T + \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} I \right)^{-1}$ . Hence,

$$q(U_i) = \mathcal{N} \left( U_i | \frac{M_{ij}}{\tau^2} \mathbb{E}_{V_j} [\Sigma V_j], \mathbb{E}_{V_j} [\Sigma] \right)$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \ln q(V_j) &= \mathbb{E}_{U_i} \left[ -\frac{1}{2\tau^2} (M_{ij} - U_i^T V_j)^2 - \frac{1}{2\beta_j^2} V_j^T V_j \right] + \text{const1} = \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{U_i} \left[ -\frac{1}{2\tau^2} (M_{ij} - V_j^T U_i)^2 - \frac{1}{2\beta_j^2} V_j^T V_j \right] + \text{const1} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly (a):

$$q(V_j) = \mathcal{N} \left( V_j | \frac{M_{ij}}{\tau^2} \mathbb{E}_{U_i} [\Sigma U_i], \mathbb{E}_{U_i} [\Sigma] \right),$$

where  $\Sigma = \left( \frac{1}{\tau^2} U_i U_i^T + \frac{1}{\beta_j^2} I \right)^{-1}$ .

- (c) (a) Initialize mean and covariance matrix of any (e.g.  $q(U_1)$ ) vector to some arbitrary value.
- (b) Using  $U_1$  calculate means and covariance matrices of  $q(V_j)$ ,  $j = 1..d$ .
- (c) Using  $V_1$  calculate means and covariance matrices of  $q(U_i)$ ,  $i = 1..D$ .
- (d) Repeat the last two steps until neither of the values change much.