

Homework #(**HW7**)
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Anything that is received after the deadline will be considered to be late and we do not receive late homeworks. We do however ignore your lowest homework grade.
- Answers to every theory questions need to be submitted electronically on ETL. Only PDF generated from LaTeX is accepted.
- Make sure you prepare the answers to each question separately. This helps us dispatch the problems to different graders.
- Collaboration on solving the homework is allowed. Discussions are encouraged but you should think about the problems on your own.
- If you do collaborate with someone or use a book or website, you are expected to write up your solution independently. That is, close the book and all of your notes before starting to write up your solution.

1 Getting familiar with KL Divergence

Theorem 1. if p follows $N(\mu, \Sigma)$, $Pr(p = x) = \frac{e^{-0.5(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)}}{2\pi^n/2 \det(\Sigma)^{0.5}}$

$$\begin{aligned} D(p||q) &= E_p[\log p - \log q] \\ &= 0.5 * E_p[-\log \det \Sigma_1 - (x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1) + \log \det \Sigma_2 + (x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_1^{-1} (x - \mu_1)] \\ &= 0.5 * (\log \frac{\det \Sigma_2}{\det \Sigma_1} + E_p[-tr(\Sigma_1^{-1}(x - \mu_1)(x - \mu_1)^T) + tr(\Sigma_2^{-1}(x - \mu_2)(x - \mu_2)^T)]) \\ &= 0.5 * (\log \frac{\det \Sigma_2}{\det \Sigma_1} - n + E_p[tr(\Sigma_2^{-1}(x - \mu_2)(x - \mu_2)^T)]) \\ &= 0.5 * (\log \frac{\det \Sigma_2}{\det \Sigma_1} - n + tr(\Sigma_2^{-1}(\Sigma_1 + (\mu_1 \mu_1^T) - 2\mu_2 \mu_1^T + \mu_2(\mu_2)^T))) \\ &= 0.5 * (\log \frac{\det \Sigma_2}{\det \Sigma_1} - n + tr(\Sigma_2^{-1}\Sigma_1) + (\mu_2 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_2^{-1} (\mu_2 - \mu_1)) \end{aligned}$$

2 Forward and Reverse KL Divergence

2.1 Forward KL

$$\begin{aligned}\theta^* &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} D_{KL}(p(x) \| q_{\theta}(x)) \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} E_p[\log(p(x)) - \log(q(x))] \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} E_p[-\log(q(x))] - H(p(x)) \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} E_p[-\log(q(x))] , \text{ since } p \text{ is fixed distribution.}\end{aligned}$$

2.2 Reverse KL

$$\begin{aligned}\theta^* &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} D_{KL}(q_{\theta}(x) \| p(x)) \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} E_q[-\log(p(x)) + \log(q(x))] \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} E_q[-\log(q(x))] - H(q(x))\end{aligned}$$

2.3 Meaning

$E_p[-\log(q(x))]$ and $E_q[-\log(p(x))]$ is log - likelihood between p and q.

Whenever P has high probability, Q must also have high probability. We consider this mean-seeking behavior in Forward KL, and Mode-seeking behavior in reverse KL.

$H(q(x))$ is Entropy of q.

When p is a unimodal Gaussian, q_{θ} will follow same Gaussian distribution with same parameter.

When P is a bimodal Gaussian, The forward KL q will approximate distribution centers itself between the two modes, so that it can have high coverage of both. The forward KL divergence does not penalize Q for having high probability mass where P does not.

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However, in reverse KL, q will approximate distribution within a mode of P since it's required that sample from q have high probability under P . The entropy term prevents the approximate distribution collapsing to very narrow mode.

3 Mutual Information and independence

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$$\begin{aligned} I(X; Y) &= D_{KL}(p(X, Y) \| p(X)p(Y)) \\ &= E_{X, Y}(\log \frac{p(X, Y)}{p(X)p(Y)}) \end{aligned}$$

As X and Y are independent,

$$p(X, Y) = p(X) * p(Y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } E_{X, Y}(\log \frac{p(X, Y)}{p(X)p(Y)}) &= E_{X, Y}(\log \frac{p(X)p(Y)}{p(X)p(Y)}) \\ &= E_{X, Y}(\log(1)) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

3.2 2

Using Jensen's Inequality, we can show KL Divergence $D_{KL}(p \| q) \geq 0$,

and it meets equality ($= 0$) if and only if $p(x) = q(x), \forall x$

which means p and q have exactly same density function.

Jensen's Inequality has equality condition if and only if inner function (\log in $I(X; Y)$) is affine function or variable ($P(X, Y)/P(X)P(Y)$ in $I(X; Y)$) is constant. Therefore, for KL Divergence to be 0, $P(X, Y)/P(X)P(Y)$ should be constant, exactly "1" as $pdf \leq 1$,

Thus $I(X; Y) = D_{KL}(p(X, Y) \| p(X)p(Y)) = 0 \rightarrow$

$$p(X, Y) = p(X)p(Y).$$

Therefore X and Y are Independent.

4 Entropy of a multivariate normal distribution

$$\begin{aligned} H(x) &= - \int p(x) * \log\left(\frac{e^{-0.5(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)}}{2\pi^{n/2} \det(\Sigma)^{0.5}}\right) dx \\ &= - \int p(x) * \log(e^{-0.5(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)}) dx + \int p(x) * \log(2\pi^{n/2} \det(\Sigma)^{0.5}) dx \end{aligned}$$

Using trace trick,

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0.5 * \int p(x) * (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) dx + \log(2\pi^{n/2} \det(\Sigma)^{0.5}) \\ &= 0.5 * \int p(x) * \text{tr}((x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)) dx + \frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(\Sigma)) \\ &= 0.5 * \text{tr}(\int \Sigma^{-1} p(x) (x - \mu)(x - \mu)^T dx) + \frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(\Sigma)) \\ &= 0.5 * \text{tr}(\Sigma^{-1} \Sigma) + \frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(\Sigma)) \\ &= \frac{N}{2} + \frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(\Sigma)) \end{aligned}$$