

Gaussian Maximum Likelihood

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$$\begin{aligned} X &\stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2) \\ L(theta|X) &= p(X|theta) \\ &= p(X|\mu, \sigma^2) \\ &= \prod p(x_i|\mu, \sigma^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mu, \sigma^2} L(theta|X) &= \max_{\mu, \sigma^2} \prod p(x_i|\mu, \sigma^2) \\ &= \max_{\mu, \sigma^2} \ln(\prod p(x_i|\mu, \sigma^2)) \\ &= \max_{\mu, \sigma^2} \sum \ln(p(x_i|\mu, \sigma^2)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(x|\mu, \sigma^2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \\ &= \max_{\mu, \sigma^2} \sum \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}\right) \\ &= \max_{\mu, \sigma^2} \sum \left[\ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\right) + \ln\left(e^{-\frac{(x_i-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}\right)\right] \\ &= \max_{\mu, \sigma^2} \sum \left[\ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\right) + -\frac{(x_i-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \\ &= \max_{\mu, \sigma^2} \sum \left[\ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\right)\right] - \sum \left[\frac{(x_i-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \\ &= \max_{\mu, \sigma^2} \sum \left[\ln((2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{1}{2}})\right] - \sum \left[\frac{(x_i-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \\ &= \max_{\mu, \sigma^2} \left[\ln((2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{1}{2}})\right] \sum 1 - \sum \left[\frac{(x_i-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \\ &= \max_{\mu, \sigma^2} \left[\frac{1}{2}\ln(2\pi\sigma^2)\right] \sum 1 - \sum \left[\frac{(x_i-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \\ &= \max_{\mu, \sigma^2} \left[\frac{1}{2}\ln(2\pi\sigma^2)\right] N - \sum \left[\frac{(x_i-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \end{aligned}$$

TODO

$$\begin{aligned}\mu^* &= \frac{1}{N} \sum x_i \\ \sigma^{*2} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum (x_n - \mu^*)^2\end{aligned}$$