

Foundations of Machine Learning AI2000 and AI5000

FoML-03

Probability - Expectation, Variance and Gaussian Distribution

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So far in FoML

- What is ML and the learning paradigms
- Probability refresher
 - Sum rule, product rule, Random variables, Bayes Theorem, Independence



Expectation, Variance and the Gaussian Distribution



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Expectation

- Random variable X and a function $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathbb{E}[f] = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p(X)}[f(x)] = \int_X \underline{f(x)} \underbrace{p(x)}_{\text{probability}} dx$$

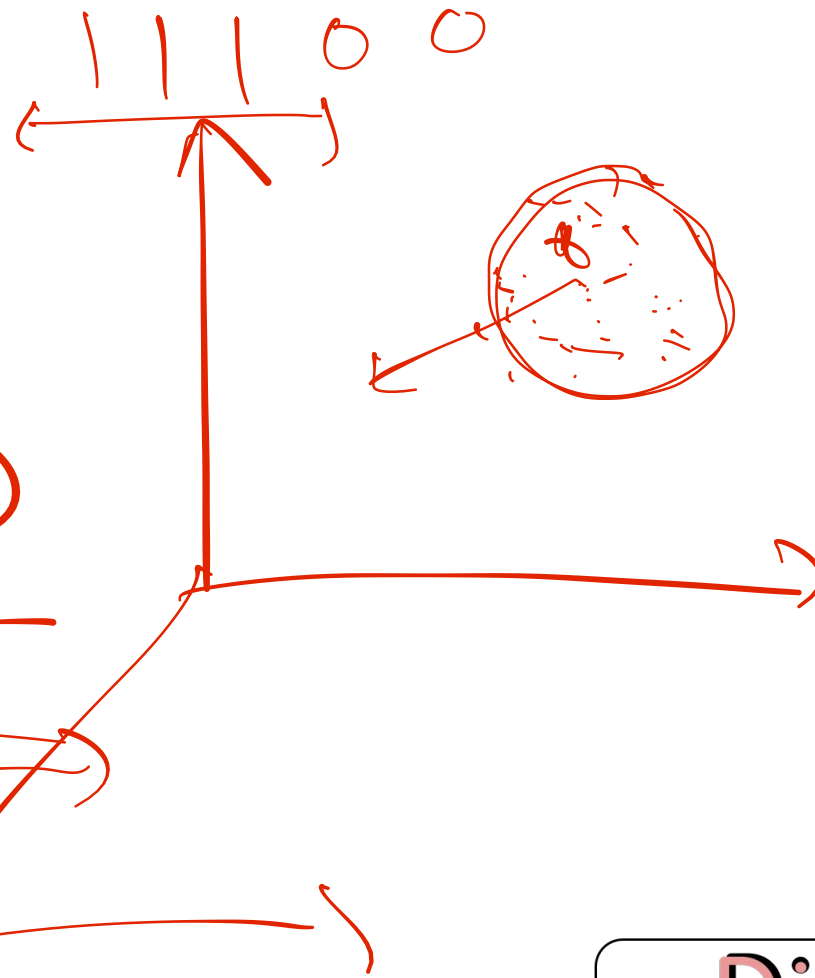
$$\sum_x \underline{f(x)} \uparrow p(x)$$



Expectation

- For N points drawn from $p(X)$

$$\mathbb{E}[f] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i)$$



Expectation

- Conditional expectation

$$\mathbb{E}[f/y] = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p(X/Y=y)}[f(x)] = \sum_{x \in A} f(x) P[X=x/Y=y]$$

$$[f(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha f(x) + \beta f(y)]$$



Variance

- Expected quadratic distance between f and its mean $\mathbb{E}[f]$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}(f) &= \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p(x)} \left(f(x) - \mathbb{E}[f(x)] \right)^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[f(x)^2] - \mathbb{E}[f(x)]^2\end{aligned}$$

$(x - \mathbb{E}[x])^2$



Covariance

- Measures the extent to which two random variables X and Y vary together

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cov}[X, Y] &= E\left[(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))\right] \\ &= E[XY] - E(X)E(Y) \\ &= \int \int xy \, p(x, y) \, dx \, dy - \int x \, p(x) \, dx \int y \, p(y) \, dy\end{aligned}$$



Covariance

$D \times D$

- X and Y are vectors of random variables
- Covariance matrix

$$\text{cov}[X, Y] = E [X - E(X)] [Y - E(Y)]^T$$

$D \times D$ \longleftrightarrow (i, j)

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} D \times D$



Covariance

- Between independent variables

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cov}[X, Y] &= E[xy] - E[x]E[y] \\ &= E(x)E(y) - \downarrow \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$



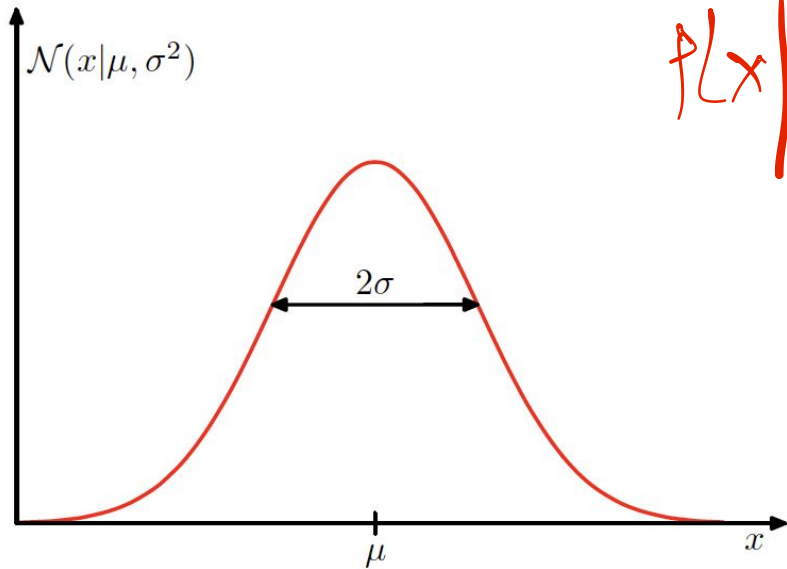
Gaussian Distribution



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Gaussian Distribution



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

Handwritten notes in red ink: $E_{x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)} \rightarrow \mu$ and $\rightarrow \sigma$. A red arrow points from the σ^2 in the denominator to the σ in the handwritten note.

$$x \sim \mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \mu \quad \text{Var}(x) = \sigma^2$$

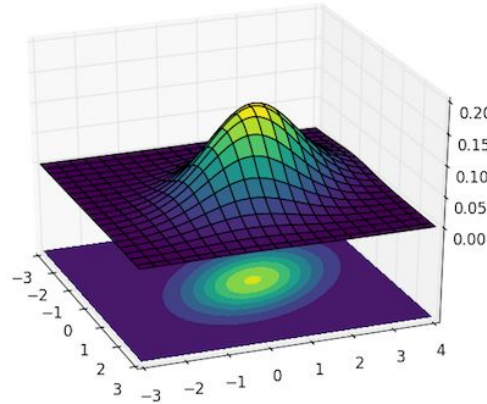
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Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

- D-dimensional vector $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_D)^T$

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)\right)$$



Next

Maximum Likelihood Principle



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