

# Machine Intelligence 2 2.2 ICA: The Infomax method

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# Statistical Independence & Infomax

$$I(X,Y) = KL[P_j(X,Y); P_i(X,Y)] = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$$
PG/DKL divergence Entropy

# Statistical independence

#### Scenario Data



 $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$  with distribution  $P_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x})$ observations:

estimated sources:  $\widehat{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{x}$  Model Parameter: Matrix W

 $P_{\mathbf{s}}(\widehat{\underline{\mathbf{s}}})$ : family of true (unknown) densities, parametrized by  $\mathbf{W}$ 

$$\rightarrow P_{\underline{\mathbf{s}}}(\widehat{\mathbf{s}}) = P_{\underline{\mathbf{s}}}(\underline{\mathbf{W}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{x}})$$

#### Model selection

$$\widehat{P}_{\underline{\mathbf{s}}}(\widehat{\underline{\mathbf{s}}}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \widehat{P}_{s_i}(\widehat{s}_i) \leftarrow \text{ assumption: statistical independence}$$



formance measure 
$$\mathrm{D_{KL}} = \mathrm{D_{KL}}[P_{\mathbf{s}}(\widehat{\mathbf{s}}), ...$$

Performance measure 
$$D_{\mathrm{KL}} = D_{\mathrm{KL}}[P_{\underline{\mathbf{s}}}(\widehat{\underline{\mathbf{s}}}), \widehat{P}_{\underline{\mathbf{s}}}(\widehat{\underline{\mathbf{s}}})] = \int d\widehat{\underline{\mathbf{s}}} P_{\underline{\mathbf{s}}}(\widehat{\underline{\mathbf{s}}}) \ln \frac{P_{\underline{\mathbf{s}}}(\widehat{\underline{\mathbf{s}}})}{\prod_{i=1}^{N} \widehat{P}_{\underline{\mathbf{s}}_{i}}(\widehat{s}_{i})} \stackrel{!}{=} \min_{\underline{\mathbf{W}}}$$

$$\frac{P_{\underline{\mathbf{s}}}(\underline{\mathbf{s}})}{\prod_{i=1}^{N} \widehat{P}_{s_i}(\widehat{s}_i)}$$

# Equally distributed sources

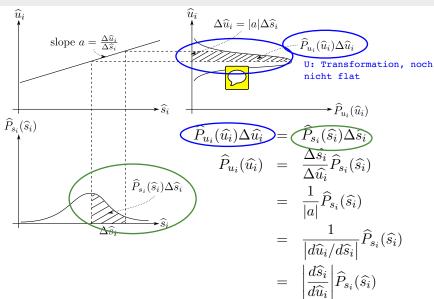


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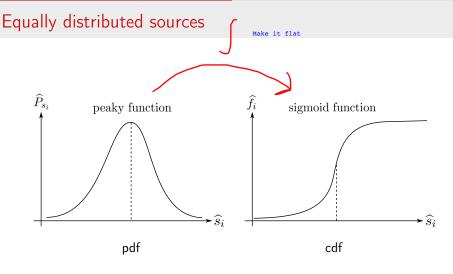
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$$\widehat{P}_{u_i}(\widehat{u}_i) = \left| \frac{d\widehat{s}_i}{d\widehat{u}_i} \right| \widehat{P}_{s_i}(\widehat{s}_i) = \frac{1}{|\widehat{f}_i'(\widehat{s}_i)|} \widehat{P}_{s_i}(\widehat{s}_i) \stackrel{!}{=} 1$$

It follows:

$$\left|\widehat{f}_{i}'(\widehat{s}_{i})\right| = \widehat{P}_{s_{i}}(\widehat{s}_{i}) \qquad \Rightarrow \widehat{f}_{i}(\widehat{s}_{i}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\widehat{s}_{i}} dy \widehat{P}_{s_{i}}(y)$$

 $\widehat{f}_i$  : cumulative density function (cdf) of  $\widehat{P}_{s_i}(\widehat{s}_i)$ 



Flat is good bc no density required?

# The Infomax principle

#### Statistical independence:



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$$D_{\mathrm{KL}} = \int d\widehat{\underline{\mathbf{s}}} P_{\underline{\mathbf{s}}}(\widehat{\underline{\mathbf{s}}}) \ln \frac{P_{\underline{\mathbf{s}}}(\widehat{\underline{\mathbf{s}}})}{\prod_{i=1}^{N} \widehat{P}_{s_{i}}(\widehat{s}_{i})} \stackrel{!}{=} \min$$

Transformation:

Nonlinear Transformation of s 
$$\widehat{u}_i = \widehat{f_i}(\underbrace{\mathbf{W}}_{\widehat{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}}} \underbrace{\mathbf{x}})$$

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#### The Infomax principle (Bell, Sejnowski, 1995)

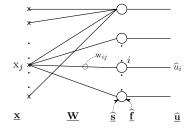


$$H = -\int d\widehat{\underline{\mathbf{u}}} P_{\underline{\mathbf{u}}}(\widehat{\underline{\mathbf{u}}}) \ln P_{\underline{\mathbf{u}}}(\widehat{\underline{\mathbf{u}}}) \stackrel{!}{=} \max_{\mathbf{W}}$$



# Perceptron implementation

#### Architecture



perceptron: 
$$\widehat{u}_i = \widehat{f}_i \Big( \sum_j \mathbf{w}_{ij} \mathbf{x}_j \Big)$$

observations:  $\underline{\mathbf{x}}^{(\alpha)} \in \mathbb{R}^N, \alpha = 1, \dots, p$ 

#### Cost function

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# **Empirical Risk Minimization**

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Model selection: maximize  $E^G$ 



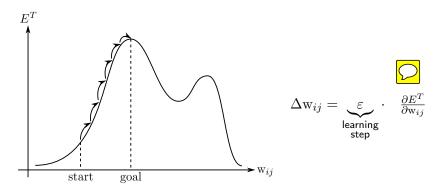
$$E^{G} = \ln|\det \underline{\mathbf{W}}| + \int d\underline{\mathbf{x}} P_{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}(\underline{\mathbf{x}}) \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^{N} \ln \widehat{f}_{l}' \left( \sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{lk} \mathbf{x}_{k} \right) \right\}$$

ERM principle: mathematical expectation  $E^G \longrightarrow \text{empirical average } E^T$  Approximation weil nicht berechenbar

$$E^{T} = \ln|\det \mathbf{\underline{W}}| + \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{p} \sum_{l=1}^{N} \ln \widehat{f}_{l}' \left( \sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{lk} \mathbf{x}_{k}^{(\alpha)} \right)$$

### Gradient based optimization

#### **Gradient Ascent**



Gradient ascent on the training cost.

#### Gradient based optimization

Batch Learning: 
$$\Delta \mathbf{w}_{ij} = \frac{\partial E^T}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{ij}} = \frac{\varepsilon}{p} \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\partial e^{\alpha}}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{ij}}$$



On-line learning:  $\Delta w_{ij}=\eta rac{\partial e^{lpha}}{\partial w_{ij}}$  and time-dependent ( $\searrow$ ) learning rate  $\eta$ 

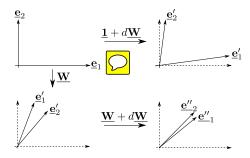
## Gradient based optimization

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$$\begin{split} e^{(\alpha)} &= \ln |\det \underline{\mathbf{W}}| + \sum_{l=1}^{N} \ln \widehat{f}_{l}^{\prime} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{lk} \mathbf{x}_{k}^{(\alpha)}\right) \\ & \mathcal{O}^{\mathsf{I}(\sigma^{\prime})} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial e^{(\alpha)}}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{ij}}}_{\substack{\text{costly} \\ \text{computation}}} + \underbrace{\frac{\widehat{f}_{i}^{\prime\prime} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{ik} \mathbf{x}_{k}^{(\alpha)}\right)}{\widehat{f}_{i}^{\prime} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{ik} \mathbf{x}_{k}^{(\alpha)}\right)} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{j}^{(\alpha)} \quad \text{Learning Step} \end{split}$$

#### linear transformations: $d\underline{\mathbf{W}}, \underline{\mathbf{W}}$



Normalized step size:

$$d\mathbf{Z} = \underbrace{d\mathbf{W}}_{\text{then do } d\mathbf{W}} \cdot \underbrace{\mathbf{W}}_{\text{transform back to } \mathbf{1}}$$

⇒ make learning steps "comparable"

Taylor expansion of e ( $e^{(\alpha)}$ , but  $\alpha$  suppressed in the following):

$$\begin{array}{lcl} e_{(\underline{\mathbf{W}} + d\underline{\mathbf{W}})} & = & e_{(\underline{\mathbf{W}})} + \nabla e_{(\underline{\mathbf{W}})} d\underline{\underline{\mathbf{W}}} \\ & \underbrace{=}_{d\underline{\mathbf{W}} = \varepsilon \underline{\mathbf{D}}_{\mathbf{w}}} & e_{(\underline{\mathbf{W}})} + \varepsilon \big[ \nabla e_{(\underline{\mathbf{W}})} \big]^T \cdot \underline{\underline{\mathbf{D}}}_{\mathbf{w}} \end{array}$$

learning step:

$$d\mathbf{Z} = d\mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{W}^{-1}$$
$$= \varepsilon \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{w}} \cdot \mathbf{W}^{-1}$$

direction of steepest ascent under normalized step-size:

$$[\nabla e_{(\underline{\mathbf{W}})}] \underline{\mathbf{D}}_{\mathbf{w}} \stackrel{!}{=} \max_{\underline{\mathbf{D}}_{\mathbf{w}} }$$

$$(\underline{\mathbf{D}}_{\mathbf{w}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{W}}^{-1})^{2} \stackrel{!}{=} 1$$

Solution using Lagrange multipliers:

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{N} \frac{\partial e}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{ij}} \left(\underline{\mathbf{D}}_{\mathbf{w}}\right)_{ij} - \lambda \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{N} \left(\underline{\mathbf{D}}_{\mathbf{w}}\right)_{ij} \left(\underline{\mathbf{W}}^{-1}\right)_{jl} \left(\underline{\mathbf{D}}_{\mathbf{w}}\right)_{ik} \left(\underline{\mathbf{W}}^{-1}\right)_{kl} \stackrel{!}{=} \max_{\underline{\mathbf{D}}_{\mathbf{w}}}$$

Taking the derivative w.r.t.  $(\underline{\mathbf{D}})_{ps}$  and setting to zero yields:

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial (\underline{\mathbf{D}}_{\mathbf{w}})_{ps}} = \frac{\partial e}{\partial (\underline{\mathbf{W}})_{ps}} - \lambda \sum_{k,l=1}^{N} (\underline{\mathbf{W}}^{-1})_{sl} (\underline{\mathbf{D}}_{\mathbf{w}})_{pk} (\underline{\mathbf{W}}^{-1})_{kl} 
- \lambda \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} (\underline{\mathbf{D}}_{\mathbf{w}})_{pj} (\underline{\mathbf{W}}^{-1})_{jl} (\underline{\mathbf{W}}^{-1})_{sl} 
= \frac{\partial e}{\partial (\underline{\mathbf{W}})_{ps}} - 2\lambda \sum_{k,l=1}^{N} (\underline{\mathbf{D}}_{\mathbf{w}})_{pk} (\underline{\mathbf{W}}^{-1})_{kl} (\underline{\mathbf{W}}^{-1})_{sl} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 
\frac{\partial e}{\partial \underline{\mathbf{W}}} = 2\lambda \underline{\mathbf{D}}_{\mathbf{w}} \underline{\mathbf{W}}^{-1} (\underline{\mathbf{W}}^{-1})^{T} 
\underline{\mathbf{D}}_{\mathbf{w}} = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \frac{\partial e}{\partial \underline{\mathbf{W}}} \underline{\mathbf{W}}^{T} \underline{\mathbf{W}}$$

$$e_{(\mathbf{W}+d\mathbf{W})} = e_{(\mathbf{W})} + \varepsilon \left[ \nabla e_{(\mathbf{W})} \right] \cdot \underline{\mathbf{D}}_{\mathbf{w}}$$

Inserting the optimal direction for "natural" gradient ascent yields:

$$\Delta \underline{\mathbf{W}} = \varepsilon \frac{\overbrace{\partial e}^{\text{"original"}}}{\partial \underline{\mathbf{W}}} \underbrace{\underline{\mathbf{W}}^T \underline{\mathbf{W}}}_{\text{normalization of step size}}$$

i.e.

$$\Delta \mathbf{w}_{ij} = \varepsilon \sum_{l=1}^{N} \left\{ \delta_{il} + \frac{\widehat{f}_{i}^{"} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{ik} \mathbf{x}_{k}^{(\alpha)}\right)}{\widehat{f}_{i}^{"} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{ik} \mathbf{x}_{k}^{(\alpha)}\right)} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{lk} \mathbf{x}_{k}^{(\alpha)} \right\} \mathbf{w}_{lj}$$

# Summary: The Infomax method

$$\begin{array}{ll} \operatorname{data} & \underline{\mathbf{x}}^{(\alpha)}, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, p \\ & & \\ \operatorname{model} & \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i = \hat{f}_i(\underline{\mathbf{e}_i^T} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{W}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{x}}) \\ & & \\ \operatorname{performance} & H = -\int d\widehat{\mathbf{u}} P_{\underline{\mathbf{u}}}(\widehat{\mathbf{u}}) \ln P_{\underline{\mathbf{u}}}(\widehat{\mathbf{u}}) \stackrel{!}{=} \max_{\underline{\mathbf{W}}} \\ \operatorname{measure} & E^T = \ln |\det \underline{\mathbf{W}}| + \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\alpha = 1}^p \sum_{l = 1}^N \ln \widehat{f}_l' \left(\sum_{k = 1}^N \mathbf{w}_{lk} \mathbf{x}_k^{(\alpha)}\right) \stackrel{!}{=} \max_{\underline{\mathbf{W}}} \\ \operatorname{optimization} & \operatorname{Natural Gradient ascent on } E^T \end{array}$$

# Practical aspects: Source amplitudes

**Problem:** Undetermined source amplitudes → convergence problems

Bell-Sejnowski solution:

$$\Delta w_{ii} = 0$$
 and  $w_{ii} = 1$  for all  $i$ 

Amari solution: Learning steps are always orthogonal to subspace of equivalent unmixing matrices.

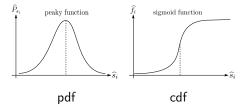
$$\Delta \mathbf{w}_{ij} = \varepsilon \frac{\widehat{f}_{i}^{"} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{ik} \mathbf{x}_{k}^{(\alpha)}\right)}{\widehat{f}_{i}^{"} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{ik} \mathbf{x}_{k}^{(\alpha)}\right)} \sum_{l \neq i}^{N} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{lk} \mathbf{x}_{k}^{(\alpha)}\right) \mathbf{w}_{lj}$$

# Practical aspects: Choice of $f_i$

**Problem:** True distribution (of u and s) and its cumulative distribution

function is unknown.

**Solution:** Choose peaky PDF → sigmoid CDF



typical choice:

$$\widehat{f}_{(y)} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-y)} \Rightarrow \frac{\widehat{f}''_{(y)}}{\widehat{f}'_{(y)}} = 1 - 2\widehat{f}_{(y)}$$

**Observation:** ICA is fairly robust against details of the choice of  $\hat{f}$ !

# Practical aspects: Choice of $\widehat{f}_i$

Natural Gradient (batch):

$$\Delta \mathbf{w}_{ij} = \varepsilon \sum_{l=1}^{N} \left\{ \delta_{il} + \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{p} \frac{\widehat{f}_{i}^{"} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{ik} \mathbf{x}_{k}^{(\alpha)} \right)}{\widehat{f}_{i}^{"} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{ik} \mathbf{x}_{k}^{(\alpha)} \right)} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{lk} \mathbf{x}_{k}^{(\alpha)} \right\} \mathbf{w}_{lj}$$

Stationary state:

$$\Delta \underline{\mathbf{w}}_{ij} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta_{il} \stackrel{!}{=} -\frac{1}{p} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{p} \underbrace{\frac{\widehat{f}_{i}^{"} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{ik} \mathbf{x}_{k}^{(\alpha)}\right)}{\widehat{f}_{i}^{'} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{ik} \mathbf{x}_{k}^{(\alpha)}\right)}}_{\varphi_{i} \left(\widehat{s}_{i}^{(\alpha)}\right)} \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}_{lk} \mathbf{x}_{k}^{(\alpha)}}_{\widehat{s}_{l}^{(\alpha)}}$$

# Practical aspects: Choice of $f_i$

$$-\frac{1}{p}\sum_{\alpha=1}^{p}\varphi_{i}\left(\widehat{s}_{i}^{(\alpha)}\right)\widehat{s}_{i}^{(\alpha)} \stackrel{!}{=} \delta_{il}$$

Ansatz:  $\hat{s}_i = \lambda_i s_i \rightarrow \text{estimated} \sim \text{true source signals}$ i=l: Through proper choice of  $\lambda_i$  we can always fulfill:

$$-\frac{1}{p} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{p} \varphi_i \left( \widehat{s}_i^{(\alpha)} \right) \lambda_i s_i^{(\alpha)} \stackrel{!}{=} 1$$

 $i \neq l$ : Limit of large number of observations:

$$\frac{1}{p} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{p} \varphi_{i} \left( \widehat{s}_{i}^{(\alpha)} \right) \lambda_{l} s_{l}^{(\alpha)} \to \left\langle \varphi_{i} \left( \widehat{s}_{i}^{(\alpha)} \right) \lambda_{l} s_{l}^{(\alpha)} \right\rangle_{P_{\underline{s}}}$$

$$\left\langle \varphi_{i} \left( \lambda_{i} s_{i} \right) \lambda_{l} s_{l} \right\rangle = \left\langle \varphi_{i} \left( \lambda_{i} s_{i} \right) \right\rangle \left\langle \lambda_{l} s_{l} \right\rangle \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$
is statistical.

Can always be fulfilled if data is centered:  $\langle s_l \rangle = 0$ 

# Practical aspects: Choice of $\widehat{f_i}$

True (independent) source signals are always a fixed point of the natural gradient ascent  $\rightarrow$  independent of choice of  $\hat{f}_i$ 

**However:** if  $\widehat{f}_i$  deviates too strongly from its true shape, the fixed point may become unstable:

- ⇒ if in doubt (and enough data available):
  - $\rightarrow$  make a parametrized ansatz for  $\hat{f}_i$
  - $\rightarrow$  estimate parameters in addition to w