

Homework week 2

1. Multivariate Gaussian distribution

For a D-dimensional vector x , the multivariate Gaussian distribution takes the form

$$p(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^D |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T |\Sigma|^{-1} (x - \mu)\right)$$

where μ is a D-dimensional mean of vector, Σ is a DxD covariance matrix, $|\Sigma|$ denotes the determinant of Σ . Set $\Delta^2 = (x - \mu)^T |\Sigma|^{-1} (x - \mu)$ (1)

The eigenvector equation for the covariance matrix $\Sigma u_i = \lambda_i u_i$ where $i = 1, \dots, D$

Because Σ is symmetric \Rightarrow Its eigenvalues are real and its eigenvectors have the form of an orthonormal set is $u_i^T u_j = I_{ij}$ where I_{ij} is the i, j element of identity matrix

The covariance matrix Σ can be expressed as an expansion in terms of its eigenvectors

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma &= \sum_{i=1}^D \lambda_i u_i u_i^T \\ \Rightarrow \Sigma^{-1} &= \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{1}{\lambda_i} u_i u_i^T \quad (2)\end{aligned}$$

$$(1)(2) \Rightarrow \Delta^2 = \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{y_i^2}{\lambda_i} \text{ with } y_i = u_i^T (x - \mu)$$

Because the determinant of a matrix is equal to the product of its eigenvalues $\Rightarrow |\Sigma|^{1/2} = \prod_{j=1}^D \lambda_j^{1/2}$

Then, the Multivariate Gaussian distribution can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned}p(y) &= \prod_{j=1}^D \frac{1}{(2\pi\lambda_j)^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{y_j^2}{2\lambda_j}\right) \\ \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(y) dy &= \prod_{j=1}^D \frac{1}{(2\pi\lambda_j)^{1/2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{y_j^2}{2\lambda_j}\right) dy_j\end{aligned}$$

The right equation has the form of Univariate Gaussian distribution and Univariate Gaussian distribution is normalized

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(y) dy = \prod_{j=1}^D \frac{1}{(2\pi\lambda_j)^{1/2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{y_j^2}{2\lambda_j}\right) dy_j = 1$$

Hence, Multivariate Gaussian distribution is normalized.

2. Conditional Gaussian distribution

$$\mu_{ab} = \mu_a + \Sigma_{ab} \Sigma_{bb}^{-1} (x_b - \mu_b)$$

$$\Sigma_{a|b} = \Sigma_{aa} - \Sigma_{ab} \Sigma_{bb}^{-1} \Sigma_{ba}$$

$$\Rightarrow p(x_a|x_b) = N(x_a|x_b, \Sigma_{a|b})$$

3. Marginal Gaussian distribution

$$E[x_a] = \mu_a$$

$$\text{cov}[x_a] = \Sigma_{aa}$$

$$\Rightarrow p(x_a) = N(x_a|\mu_a, \Sigma_{aa})$$