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To solve part 1, we first need to compute $p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{Z})$.

$$p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{Z}) \propto p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{Z}) p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{Z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}|\bar{\mathbf{k}}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{P}) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{t}|0, \bar{\mathbf{K}})$$

where $\bar{\mathbf{k}} = [\bar{\mathbf{k}}_1 \bar{\mathbf{k}}_2 \dots \bar{\mathbf{k}}_N]$ is an $M \times N$ matrix and \mathbf{P} is a diagonal matrix with each diagonal entry given by $p_{ii} = \kappa(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_i) - \bar{\mathbf{k}}_i^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}_i$. Consider the exponent in the RHS side. We have,

$$\left((\mathbf{f} - \bar{\mathbf{k}}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \mathbf{t})^T \mathbf{P}^{-1} (\mathbf{f} - \bar{\mathbf{k}}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \mathbf{t}) + \mathbf{t}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \mathbf{t} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{f} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} + \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} & -\bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \\ -\mathbf{P}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} & \mathbf{P}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{f} \end{bmatrix}$$

We know $p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{Z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{t}|\mu_{\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{f}}, \Sigma_{\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{f}})$. Using Gaussian conditional formulae, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{f}} &= \Lambda_{\mathbf{t}\mathbf{t}}^{-1} = \left(\bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} + \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \bar{\mathbf{K}} - \bar{\mathbf{k}} \left(\mathbf{P} + \bar{\mathbf{k}}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}} \right)^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}^T = \bar{\mathbf{K}} - \bar{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}^T \quad (\text{using Woodbury Inverse}) \end{aligned}$$

Note that the variance in \mathbf{t} has reduced after conditioning on \mathbf{f} . The matrix \mathbf{Q} is of the form,

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \kappa(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_1) & \bar{\mathbf{k}}_1^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}_2 & \dots & \bar{\mathbf{k}}_1^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}_N \\ \bar{\mathbf{k}}_2^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}_1 & \kappa(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_2) & \dots & \bar{\mathbf{k}}_2^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}_N \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \bar{\mathbf{k}}_N^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}_1 & \bar{\mathbf{k}}_N^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}_2 & \dots & \kappa(\mathbf{x}_N, \mathbf{x}_N) \end{bmatrix}$$

We'd prefer the initial form for $\Sigma_{\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{f}}$ which involves an inverse of $M \times M$ matrix instead of the form obtained after using the Woodbury identity, since it involves inverse of \mathbf{Q} which is $N \times N$. The time to compute the initial form is of $\mathcal{O}(M^2 N)$ owing to the computation of $\bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1}$. Note that computing \mathbf{P}^{-1} is $\mathcal{O}(N)$ since \mathbf{P} is a diagonal matrix.

We can write $\mathbf{f} = \bar{\mathbf{k}}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \mathbf{t} + \epsilon$, where $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\epsilon|0, \mathbf{P})$. Then, $p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}|\mu_{\mathbf{f}}, \Sigma_{\mathbf{f}})$ where $\mu_{\mathbf{f}} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{f}] = \bar{\mathbf{k}}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} (0) + 0 = 0$ and $\Sigma_{\mathbf{f}} = \bar{\mathbf{k}}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}} + \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Q}$. Using $\mu_{\mathbf{f}}$, we can now compute $\mu_{\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{f}}$ as follows :

$$\mu_{\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{f}} = \mu_{\mathbf{t}} - \Lambda_{\mathbf{t}\mathbf{t}}^{-1} \Lambda_{\mathbf{t}\mathbf{f}} (\mathbf{f} - \mu_{\mathbf{f}}) = \Sigma_{\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{f}} \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{f}$$

We know $p(y_{\star}|\mathbf{x}_{\star}, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) = \int p(y_{\star}|\mathbf{x}_{\star}, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{t}) p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) d\mathbf{t}$.

Now, we can write $y_{\star} = \mathbf{f}_{\star} = \bar{\mathbf{k}}_{\star}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \mathbf{t} + \epsilon$, with $\mathbf{t} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{f}}, \Sigma_{\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{f}})$ and $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\epsilon|0, \kappa(\mathbf{x}_{\star}, \mathbf{x}_{\star}) - \bar{\mathbf{k}}_{\star}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}_{\star})$. Then, $p(y_{\star}|\mathbf{x}_{\star}, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) = \mathcal{N}(y_{\star}|\mu_{\star}, \Sigma_{\star})$ where

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\star} &= \bar{\mathbf{k}}_{\star}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \mu_{\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{f}} = \bar{\mathbf{k}}_{\star}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \Sigma_{\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{f}} \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{f} = \bar{\mathbf{k}}_{\star}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \left(\bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} + \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \right)^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{f} \\ \Sigma_{\star} &= \bar{\mathbf{k}}_{\star}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \Sigma_{\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{f}} \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}_{\star} + \kappa(\mathbf{x}_{\star}, \mathbf{x}_{\star}) - \bar{\mathbf{k}}_{\star}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}}_{\star} \end{aligned}$$

Before, the posterior predictive involved the inversion of \mathbf{K} , which takes $\mathcal{O}(N^3)$ time complexity. With pseudo training data, we see that computation of $\Sigma_{\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{f}}$ takes $\mathcal{O}(M^2N)$, a significant reduction in time taken.

For part (2), we derive the MLE-II solution, that is, maximise the marginal likelihood $p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z})$. Earlier, we have derived the same - $p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}|\mu_{\mathbf{f}}, \Sigma_{\mathbf{f}})$ where $\mu_{\mathbf{f}} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\Sigma_{\mathbf{f}} = \bar{\mathbf{k}}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{k}} + \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Q}$. The MLE-II objective is given by,

$$\arg \max_{\mathbf{Z}} \log(p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z})) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{Z}} (\log |\Sigma_{\mathbf{f}}| + \mathbf{f}^T \Sigma_{\mathbf{f}}^{-1} \mathbf{f})$$

There is dependence on \mathbf{Z} through \mathbf{Q} , as in, $\bar{\mathbf{k}}_i = [\kappa(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_1) \kappa(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_2) \cdots \kappa(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_M)]$

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0.1 EM - I : not involving \mathbf{z}_n

We first marginalize over \mathbf{z}_n . Let us compute $p(\mathbf{x}_n | c_n = m, \Theta)$. Given $c_n = m$, we can write \mathbf{x}_n as $\mathbf{x}_n = \boldsymbol{\mu}_m + \mathbf{W}_m \mathbf{z}_n + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_n$ where $\mathbf{z}_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_n | \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_K)$ and $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_n | \mathbf{0}, \sigma_m^2 \mathbf{I}_D)$

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_n] = \boldsymbol{\mu}_m \quad \text{and} \quad V(\mathbf{x}_n) = \mathbf{W}_m \mathbf{W}_m^T + \sigma_m^2 \mathbf{I}_D = \mathbf{V}_m$$

So, $p(\mathbf{x}_n | c_n = m, \Theta) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_m, \mathbf{W}_m \mathbf{W}_m^T + \sigma_m^2 \mathbf{I}_D)$

Now let us compute the posterior probabilities of latent variables.

$$\begin{aligned} p(c_n = m | \mathbf{x}_n, \Theta) &\propto p(\mathbf{x}_n | c_n = m, \Theta) p(c_n = m) = \pi_m \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_m, \mathbf{V}_m) \\ \implies p(c_n = m | \mathbf{x}_n, \Theta) &= \frac{\pi_m \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_m, \mathbf{V}_m)}{\sum_{l=1}^M \pi_l \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_l, \mathbf{V}_l)} = r_{nm} \end{aligned}$$

The CLL is given as follows :

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{c} | \Theta) &= \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{m=1}^M (p(\mathbf{x}_n | c_n = m, \Theta) p(c_n = m | \Theta))^{\mathbb{I}[c_n=m]} \\ \implies \log p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{c} | \Theta) &= \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbb{I}[c_n = m] \left(\log \pi_m - \frac{1}{2} \log |\mathbf{V}_m| - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_m)^T \mathbf{V}_m^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_m) \right) \end{aligned}$$

The only expectation we need is $\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{I}[c_n = m]] = r_{nm}$. So the expected CLL is given by,

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^M r_{nm} \left(\log \pi_m - \frac{1}{2} \log |\mathbf{V}_m| - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_m)^T \mathbf{V}_m^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_m) \right) \quad (1)$$

The M-step update equations are as follows :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\pi}_m &= \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nm}}{N} = \frac{N_m}{N} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_m &= \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nm} \mathbf{x}_n}{N_m} \\ \hat{\mathbf{V}}_m &= \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nm} (\mathbf{x}_n - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_m) (\mathbf{x}_n - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_m)^T}{N_m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{W}_m \mathbf{W}_m^T + \sigma_m^2 \mathbf{I}_D = \hat{\mathbf{V}}_m \implies \hat{\mathbf{W}}_m = \mathbf{U}_K (\mathbf{L}_K - \hat{\sigma}_m^2 \mathbf{I}_K)^{1/2} \mathbf{R} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\sigma}_m^2 = \frac{1}{D-K} \sum_{k=K+1}^D \lambda_k$$

where \mathbf{U}_K is a $D \times K$ matrix of top K eigen vectors of $\hat{\mathbf{V}}_m$, $\mathbf{L}_K : K \times K$ diagonal matrix of top K eigen values $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_K$, \mathbf{R} is a $K \times K$ rotation matrix. While this method avoids z_n estimates, it is expensive due to eigen decomposition.

1 Initialize $\Theta = \{\pi_m, \boldsymbol{\mu}_m, \mathbf{W}_m, \sigma_m^2\}_{m=1}^M = \Theta^{(0)}$. Set $t = 1$;

2 **E-Step**

$$r_{nm}^{(t)} = \frac{\pi_m^{(t-1)} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_m^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{V}_m^{(t-1)})}{\sum_{l=1}^M \pi_m^{(t-1)} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_l^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{V}_l^{(t-1)})} \quad \forall n, m$$

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3 **M-Step** - Do for all m

$$\hat{\pi}_m^{(t)} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nm}^{(t)}}{N} = \frac{N_m^{(t)}}{N}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_m^{(t)} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nm}^{(t)} \mathbf{x}_n}{N_m^{(t)}}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{V}}_m^{(t)} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nm}^{(t)} (\mathbf{x}_n - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_m^{(t)}) (\mathbf{x}_n - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_m^{(t)})^T}{N_m^{(t)}}$$

$$(\hat{\sigma}_m^2)^{(t)} = \frac{1}{D - K} \sum_{k=K+1}^D \lambda_k^{(t)}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{W}}_m^{(t)} = \mathbf{U}_K^{(t)} \left(\mathbf{L}_K^{(t)} - (\hat{\sigma}_m^2)^{(t)} \mathbf{I}_K \right)^{1/2} \mathbf{R}^{(t)}$$

$$t = t + 1$$

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4 Go to E-Step if not converged.

The stepwise online algorithm sketch is as follows :

1 Initialize $\Theta = \{\pi_m, \boldsymbol{\mu}_m, \mathbf{W}_m, \sigma_m^2\}_{m=1}^M = \Theta^{(0)}$. Set $t = 1$;

2 Pick a random example \mathbf{x}_n ;

3 Compute $r_{nm}^{(t)}$ for all m ;

4 Compute learning rate ϵ_t ;

5 Compute $\hat{\Theta}$ using only example \mathbf{x}_n ;

6 $\Theta^{(t)} = (1 - \epsilon_t) \Theta^{(t-1)} + \epsilon_t \hat{\Theta}$;

7 Go to Step-2 if Θ not converged;

0.2 EM - II : Include Estimating \mathbf{z}_n

Conditional posterior of c_n is same as before, and is given by:

$$p(c_n = m | \mathbf{x}_n, \Theta) = \frac{\pi_m \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_m, \mathbf{V}_m)}{\sum_{l=1}^M \pi_m \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_l, \mathbf{V}_l)} = r_{nm}$$

Conditional posterior of \mathbf{z}_n is as follows:

$$p(\mathbf{z}_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \Theta) = \sum_{m=1}^M p(\mathbf{z}_n | \mathbf{x}_n, c_n = m, \Theta) p(c_n = m | \Theta)$$

$$p(\mathbf{z}_{nm} | \mathbf{x}_n, c_n = m, \Theta) \propto p(\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{z}_{nm}, c_n = m, \Theta) p(\mathbf{z}_{nm} | \Theta) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_m + \mathbf{W}_m \mathbf{z}_{nm}, \sigma_m^2 \mathbf{I}_D) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_{nm} | 0, \mathbf{I}_K)$$

Using Gaussian conditional properties, we get $p(\mathbf{z}_{nm} | \mathbf{x}_n, c_n = m, \Theta) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_{nm} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_{nm}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{nm})$ where $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{nm} = \sigma_m^2 (\mathbf{W}_m^T \mathbf{W}_m + \sigma_m^2 \mathbf{I}_K)^{-1} = \sigma_m^2 \mathbf{M}_m^{-1}$ and $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{nm} = \mathbf{M}_m^{-1} \mathbf{W}_m^T (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_m)$. So,

$$p(\mathbf{z}_n | \mathbf{x}_n, \Theta) = \sum_{m=1}^M \pi_m \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_{nm} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_{nm}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{nm})$$

The CLL is given as follows :

$$p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{z} | \Theta) = \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{m=1}^M \left(p(\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{z}_n, c_n = m, \Theta) p(\mathbf{z}_{nm} | c_n = m, \Theta) p(c_n = m | \Theta)^{\mathbb{I}[c_n=m]} \right)$$

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{c} | \Theta) =$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbb{I}[c_n = m] \left(\log \pi_m - \frac{D}{2} \log \sigma_m^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma_m^2} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_m - \mathbf{W}_m \mathbf{z}_{nm})^T (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_m - \mathbf{W}_m \mathbf{z}_{nm}) - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{z}_{nm}^T \mathbf{z}_{nm} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbb{I}[c_n = m] \left(\log \pi_m - \frac{D}{2} \log \sigma_m^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma_m^2} \|\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_m\|^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma_m^2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{z}_{nm} \mathbf{z}_{nm}^T \mathbf{W}_m^T \mathbf{W}_m) \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{2}{2\sigma_m^2} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_m)^T \mathbf{W}_m \mathbf{z}_{nm} - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{z}_{nm} \mathbf{z}_{nm}^T) \right)$$

$$\text{ECLL} = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{I}[c_n = m]] \left(\log \pi_m - \frac{D}{2} \log \sigma_m^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma_m^2} \|\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_m\|^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma_m^2} \text{tr}(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm} \mathbf{z}_{nm}^T] \mathbf{W}_m^T \mathbf{W}_m) \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{2}{2\sigma_m^2} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_m)^T \mathbf{W}_m \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}] - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm} \mathbf{z}_{nm}^T]) \right)$$

where $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{nm}$ and $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm} \mathbf{z}_{nm}^T] = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{nm} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{nm}^T + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{nm}$ and $\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{I}[c_n = m]] = r_{nm}$

The M-Step updates are given as follows :

$$\hat{\pi}_m = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nm}}{N} = \frac{N_m}{N}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_m = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nm} (\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{W}_m \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}])}{N_m}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{W}}_m = \left(\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nm} (\mathbf{x}_n - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_m) \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}]^T \right) \left(\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nm} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm} \mathbf{z}_{nm}^T] \right)^{-1}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_m^2 = \frac{1}{DN_m} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N \left(\|\mathbf{x}_n - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_m\|^2 - 2\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}]^T \hat{\mathbf{W}}_m^T (\mathbf{x}_n - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_m) + \text{tr} \left(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}\mathbf{z}_{nm}^T] \hat{\mathbf{W}}_m^T \hat{\mathbf{W}}_m \right) \right) \right)$$

1 Initialize $\Theta = \{\pi_m, \boldsymbol{\mu}_m, \mathbf{W}_m, \sigma_m^2\}_{m=1}^M = \Theta^{(0)}$. Set $t = 1$;

2 E-Step $\forall n, m$

$$r_{nm}^{(t)} = \frac{\pi_m^{(t-1)} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_m^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{V}_m^{(t-1)})}{\sum_{l=1}^M \pi_m^{(t-1)} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_l^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{V}_l^{(t-1)})}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_m^{(t)} = (\mathbf{W}_m^T)^{(t-1)} \mathbf{W}_m^{(t-1)} + (\sigma_m^2)^{(t-1)} \mathbf{I}_K$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}]^{(t)} = (\mathbf{M}_m^{-1})^{(t)} (\mathbf{W}_m^T)^{(t-1)} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_m)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}\mathbf{z}_{nm}^T]^{(t)} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}]^{(t-1)} \left(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}]^T \right)^{(t)} + (\sigma_m^2)^{(t-1)} (\mathbf{M}_m^{-1})^{(t)}$$

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3 M-Step - Do for all m

$$\hat{\pi}_m^{(t)} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nm}^{(t)}}{N} = \frac{N_m^{(t)}}{N}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_m^{(t)} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nm}^{(t)} (\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{W}_m^{(t-1)} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}]^{(t)})}{N_m^{(t)}}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{W}}_m^{(t)} = \left(\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nm}^{(t)} (\mathbf{x}_n - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_m^{(t)}) \left(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}]^T \right)^{(t)} \right) \left(\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nm}^{(t)} \left(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}\mathbf{z}_{nm}^T] \right)^{(t)} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{\sigma}_m^2)^{(t)} = & \frac{1}{DN_m^{(t)}} \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nm}^{(t)} \left(\left\| \mathbf{x}_n - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_m^{(t)} \right\|^2 - 2 \left(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}]^T \right)^{(t)} \left(\hat{\mathbf{W}}_m^T \right)^{(t)} (\mathbf{x}_n - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_m^{(t)}) \right. \\ & \left. + \text{tr} \left(\left(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}\mathbf{z}_{nm}^T] \right)^{(t)} \left(\hat{\mathbf{W}}_m^T \hat{\mathbf{W}}_m \right)^{(t)} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$t = t + 1$$

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4 Go to E-Step if not converged.

The stepwise online algorithm sketch is as follows :

- 1 Initialize $\Theta = \{\pi_m, \boldsymbol{\mu}_m, \mathbf{W}_m, \sigma_m^2\}_{m=1}^M = \Theta^{(0)}$. Set $t = 1$;
- 2 Pick a random example \mathbf{x}_n ;
- 3 Compute $r_{nm}^{(t)}, \mathbf{M}_m^{(t)}, (\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}])^{(t)}, (\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}_{nm}\mathbf{z}_{nm}^T])^{(t)}$ for all m ;
- 4 Compute learning rate ϵ_t ;
- 5 Compute $\hat{\Theta}$ using only example \mathbf{x}_n ;
- 6 $\Theta^{(t)} = (1 - \epsilon_t) \Theta^{(t-1)} + \epsilon_t \hat{\Theta}$;
- 7 Go to Step-2 if Θ not converged;

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Let the mean field approximation of posterior be given by $q(\mathbf{w}, \beta, \alpha) = q(\mathbf{w}|\phi_1) q(\beta|\phi_2) \prod_{d=1}^D q(\alpha_d|\phi_d)$. The complete data log likelihood is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}, \beta, \alpha | \mathbf{X}, \theta) &= \log p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{w}, \beta, \alpha, \mathbf{X}, \theta) + \log p(\mathbf{w} | \alpha, \theta) + \log p(\beta | \theta) + \sum_{d=1}^D \log p(\alpha_d | \theta) \\ &= \log \beta \left(\frac{N}{2} + a_0 - 1 \right) - \frac{\beta}{2} \left((\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}) + 2b_0 \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{d=1}^D w_d^2 \alpha_d + \left(e_0 - \frac{1}{2} \right) \sum_{d=1}^D \log \alpha_d - f_0 \sum_{d=1}^D \alpha_d + \text{const.} \end{aligned}$$

where $\theta = \{a_0, b_0, e_0, f_0\}$, $\alpha = [\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_D]$, $\mathbf{y} = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N]$ and \mathbf{X} is the matrix of $\{\mathbf{x}_n\}_{n=1}^N$. Now, using the mean-field VI algorithm, the optimal distributions are given as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \log \hat{q}(\mathbf{w}) &= \mathbb{E}_{q(\alpha)q(\beta)} [\log p(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}, \beta, \alpha | \mathbf{X}, \theta)] \\ &= -\frac{\mathbb{E}[\beta]}{2} \left(\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - 2\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w}^T \left(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}[\beta]} \mathbb{E}_\alpha [\text{diag}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_D)] \right) \mathbf{w} + 2b_0 \right) \\ &\quad + \text{constant terms} \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the above with the log of normal distribution $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w} | \mu_N, \Sigma_N)$, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_N &= (\mathbb{E}[\beta] \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \mathbb{E}_\alpha [\text{diag}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_D)])^{-1} \\ \mu_N &= \Sigma_N \mathbb{E}[\beta] \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$

Now, let us solve for β .

$$\begin{aligned} \log \hat{q}(\beta) &= \mathbb{E}_{q(\alpha)q(\mathbf{w})} [\log p(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}, \beta, \alpha | \mathbf{X}, \theta)] \\ &= \log \beta \left(\frac{N}{2} + a_0 - 1 \right) - \frac{\beta}{2} (\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - 2\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{w}] + \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{w}\mathbf{w}^T]) + 2b_0) + \text{const.} \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the above with the log of Gamma($\beta | a_N, b_N$), we get,

$$\begin{aligned} a_N &= a_0 + \frac{N}{2} \\ b_N &= b_0 + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - 2\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{w}] + \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{w}\mathbf{w}^T])) \end{aligned}$$

Next, we solve for α .

$$\begin{aligned} \log \hat{q}(\alpha) &= \mathbb{E}_{q(\beta)q(\mathbf{w})} [\log p(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}, \beta, \alpha | \mathbf{X}, \theta)] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{d=1}^D \mathbb{E}[w_d^2] \alpha_d + \left(e_0 - \frac{1}{2} \right) \sum_{d=1}^D \log \alpha_d - f_0 \sum_{d=1}^D \alpha_d + \text{const.} \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the above with $\prod_{d=1}^D \text{Gamma}(\alpha_d | e_{Nd}, f_{Nd})$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} e_{Nd} &= e_0 + \frac{1}{2} \quad \forall d \\ f_{Nd} &= f_0 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}[w_d^2] \end{aligned}$$

Now, let us write down the expectations.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{w}] &= \mu_N \\ \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{w}\mathbf{w}^T] &= \Sigma_N + \mu_N \mu_N^T \\ \mathbb{E}[\beta] &= \frac{a_N}{b_N} \\ \mathbb{E}[\alpha_d] &= \frac{e_{Nd}}{f_{Nd}} \\ \mathbb{E}[w_d^2] &= (\Sigma_N)_{dd} + \mu_{Nd}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Note that the updates of each of the optimum distributions depend on other distributions. So, we are required to perform cyclic updates. The algorithm is given as follows :

- 1 Given : $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, a_0, b_0, e_0, f_0$;
- 2 Set $e_{Nd} = e_0 + \frac{1}{2} \quad \forall d$. Set $a_N = a_0 + \frac{N}{2}$;
- 3 Set $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$. Set $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$. Set $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y}$;
- 4 Initialize $b_N^{(0)} = b_0 + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} + \text{tr}(\mathbf{K}))$;
- 5 Initialize $f_{Nd}^{(0)} = f_0 + \frac{1}{2} \quad \forall d$;
- 6 Initialize $\mathbb{E}[\beta]^{(0)} = \frac{a_N^{(0)}}{b_N^{(0)}}$;
- 7 Initialize $\mathbb{E}[\alpha_d]^{(0)} = \frac{e_{Nd}^{(0)}}{f_{Nd}^{(0)}} \quad \forall d$;
- 8 Set $t = 0$. While not converged:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_N^{(t+1)} &= \left(\mathbb{E}[\beta]^{(t)} \mathbf{K} + \mathbb{E}_\alpha [\text{diag}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_D)]^{(t)} \right)^{-1} \\ \mu_N^{(t+1)} &= \Sigma_N^{(t+1)} \mathbb{E}[\beta]^{(t)} \mathbf{P} \\ b_N^{(t+1)} &= b_0 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbf{Q} - 2\mathbf{P}^T \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{w}]^{(t+1)} + \text{tr} \left(\mathbf{K} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{w}\mathbf{w}^T]^{(t+1)} \right) \right) \\ \mathbb{E}[\beta]^{(t+1)} &= \frac{a_N}{b_N^{(t+1)}} \\ f_{Nd}^{(t+1)} &= f_0 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}[w_d^2]^{(t+1)} \quad \forall d \\ \mathbb{E}[\alpha_d]^{(t+1)} &= \frac{e_{Nd}}{f_{Nd}^{(t+1)}} \quad \forall d \\ t &= t + 1 \end{aligned}$$

\mathbf{P} and \mathbf{K} are introduced to avoid recomputation. Instead of making random initializations, we have assumed arbitrarily that \mathbf{w} is initially a standard normal variable.