

Exercise sheet 3

Due May 6, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. local time in electronic form via the ISIS website. See the corresponding submission page for formatting details (.zip archives, source code without fancy non-ASCII symbols etc.)

3. The SSA Cost Function (30 + 20 P)

(a) Let $X_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \Sigma_1)$ and $X_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \Sigma_2)$ be Gaussian random variables with values in \mathbb{R}^n , with mean $\mu_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and covariance matrix $\Sigma_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, i.e., the probability density function of X_i is

$$p_i(x) = ((2\pi)^n \det \Sigma)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_i)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu_i) \right).$$

Derive the following explicit formula for the KL-divergence from X_2 to X_1 :

$$D_{\text{KL}}(X_2 \parallel X_1) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\log \left(\frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_2} \right) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_2) + (\mu_1 - \mu_2)^\top \Sigma_1^{-1} (\mu_1 - \mu_2) - n \right).$$

(b) Derive the cost function for gradient based SSA. That is, consider the following scenario: Let D be the dimension of the input data, $d < D$ the number of stationary sources and N the number of epochs. Denote the estimates of the means and covariances in each of the N epochs by $\hat{\mu}_1, \dots, \hat{\mu}_N \in \mathbb{R}^D$ and $\hat{\Sigma}_1, \dots, \hat{\Sigma}_N \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times D}$. In SSA, a centering and whitening is performed on the data; that is, you may assume that

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \hat{\mu}_i = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{\Sigma}_i = I,$$

where I is the $(D \times D)$ identity matrix. Given the rotational component $R \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times D}$ (with $R^\top R = I$) of the estimated demixing matrix, the mean and covariance matrix of the estimated stationary sources of epoch i can be formulated as

$$\hat{\mu}_i^s = I^d R \hat{\mu}_i \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\Sigma}_i^s = I^d R \hat{\Sigma}_i (I^d R)^\top,$$

where $I^d \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times D}$ is the identity matrix, truncated to the first d rows.

Show the following explicit formula for the SSA cost function:

$$\begin{aligned} L(R) &= \sum_{i=1}^N D_{\text{KL}} \left[\mathcal{N}(\hat{\mu}_i^s, \hat{\Sigma}_i^s) \parallel \mathcal{N}(0, I) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(-\log \det \hat{\Sigma}_i^s + \hat{\mu}_i^{s\top} \hat{\mu}_i^s \right) - \frac{N-1}{2} d. \end{aligned}$$

This means: show that the first line, written out, equates to the second.

Hint: Use the explicit formula for the Kullback-Leibler divergence derived in (a).

4. Finding the stationary subspace (50 P)

On ISIS, you can find a data set and a MATLAB implementation of SSA. *Determine* the number of stationary sources, and the projection onto the stationary sources. *Plot* the unmixed sources. *Write* a brief report on what you have done. That is, *describe* the data set, which experiments you have done, *make* suitable plots, and *discuss* your findings.

5. Uniqueness and identifiability of the SSA model (10* + 10* + 10* P)

Assume the standard mixing model for SSA, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = A\mathbf{s}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} A^s & A^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}^s(t) \\ \mathbf{s}^n(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

where $\mathbf{s}^s(t) = [s_1(t), s_2(t), \dots, s_d(t)]^\top$ are the stationary sources, $\mathbf{s}^n(t) = [s_{d+1}(t), s_{d+2}(t), \dots, s_D(t)]^\top$ are non-stationary sources, and $A \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times D}$ is the mixing matrix. Furthermore, assume that the number of stationary sources d is exactly known.

(a*) *Show*, by giving an example: Given any data sample $\mathbf{x}(t)$, the mixing matrix A can in general not be identified exactly.

Furthermore, *prove* that in every model for A which only assumes that $\mathbf{s}^s(t)$ is stationary and $\mathbf{s}^n(t)$ is non-stationary, the matrix $A^n \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times (D-d)}$ is only determined up to right multiplication with an invertible $((D-d) \times (D-d))$ matrix, and A^s is not determined at all (from perfect knowledge of all possible data).

(b*) *Show* that the mixing model in Equation 1 is uniquely determined by the column span of A^n . That is, show that the invariances found in exercise (a) are all there exist.

(c*) Assume $D = 2, d = 1$. Furthermore assume that exact epoch covariance matrices $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_N$ are available. In the cases $N = 1, 2, 3, 4$, *discuss* whether the Σ_i suffice to determine A^s uniquely, and/or under which conditions.

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