

# Gaussian Distribution

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## 1 Proof that

(a) Gaussian distribution is normalized

To proof a distribution is normalized:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x|\mu, \sigma^2) dx = 1$$

Gaussian distribution:

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

Therefore, we need to proof:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\} dx = 1 \quad (1)$$

Let  $t = x - \mu$

$$dt = dx$$

$$(1) \leftrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left\{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\} dt = \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2} \quad (2)$$

Let  $I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left\{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\} dt$

$$I^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left\{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\} dt dy$$

Let  $t = r\cos\theta, y = r\sin\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} dt dy &= \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial t}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial t}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix} dr d\theta \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \cos\theta & -r\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & r\cos\theta \end{vmatrix} dr d\theta \\ &= r(\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta) dr d\theta \\ &= r dr d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Let  $u = r^2 \rightarrow du = 2r dr$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
I^2 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \exp\{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}\} r dr d\theta \\
&= 2\pi \int_0^\infty \exp\{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}\} r dr \\
&= \pi \int_0^\infty \exp\{-\frac{u}{2\sigma^2}\} du \\
&= -2\sigma^2 \pi (e^{-\infty} - e^0) \\
&= 2\sigma^2 \pi \\
I &= \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}
\end{aligned}$$

We have equation (2) proved.

(b) Expectation of Gaussian distribution is  $\mu$

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^\infty x f(x) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \int_{-\infty}^\infty x \exp\{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\} dx
\end{aligned}$$

Substitute  $t = \frac{x-\mu}{\sqrt{2\sigma^2}} \rightarrow dt = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\sigma^2}} dx$

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^\infty (\sqrt{2\sigma^2}t + \mu) \exp\{-t^2\} dt \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} (\sqrt{2\sigma^2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty t \exp\{-t^2\} dt + \mu \int_{-\infty}^\infty \exp\{-t^2\} dt) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} (\frac{-\sqrt{2\sigma^2}}{2} \exp\{-t^2\} \Big|_{-\infty}^\infty + \mu \int_{-\infty}^\infty \exp\{-t^2\} dt) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} (0 + \mu \int_{-\infty}^\infty \exp\{-t^2\} dt)
\end{aligned}$$

Using polar coordinates methods, we proved

$$\int_{-\infty}^\infty \exp\{-t^2\} dt = \sqrt{\pi}$$

So

$$E(X) = \mu$$

(c) Variance of Gaussian distribution is  $\sigma^2$

Considering the simplest Gaussian distribution, standardized normal distribution.

$$\begin{aligned}
var(X) &= E(X^2) - E(X)^2 \\
E(X^2) &= \int_{-\infty}^\infty x^2 f(x) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^\infty x^2 \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}x^2\} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^\infty x \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}x^2\} x dx
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $y = \frac{x^2}{2} \rightarrow dy = x dx$

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X^2) &= 2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty \sqrt{2y} \exp\{y\} dy \\
&= 2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty \sqrt{y} \exp\{y\} dy \\
&= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty y^{(0.5+1)-1} \exp\{y\} dy
\end{aligned}$$

Using Gamma function:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma(a) &= \int_0^\infty y^{a-1} e^{-y} dy \\
\rightarrow E(X^2) &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + 1\right) \\
&= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{1}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

In general,  $N(T)$  is Gaussian distribution

$$\begin{aligned}
var(T) &= var(\sigma X + \mu) \\
&= \sigma^2 var(X) \\
&= \sigma^2
\end{aligned}$$

(d) Multivariate Gaussian distribution is normalized

For a D-dimensional vector  $x$

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

$\mu$  is a D-dimensional mean vector,  $\Sigma$  is a DxD covariance matrix. Set

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta^2 &= (x - \mu)^T \sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} x^T \Sigma^{-1} x + x^T \sigma^{-1} \mu + const
\end{aligned}$$

is a quadratic form of Gaussian distribution Considering eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\Sigma$

$$\Sigma u_i = \lambda_i u_i, i = 1, \dots, D$$

Because  $\Sigma$  is a real, symmetric matrix, its eigenvalues will be real and its eigenvectors form an orthonormal set.

$$\Sigma = \sum_{i=1}^D \lambda_i u_i u_i^T \rightarrow \Sigma^{-1} = \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{1}{\lambda_i} u_i u_i^T$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta^2 &= (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{1}{\lambda_i} (x - \mu)^T u_i u_i^T (x - \mu) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{y_i^2}{\lambda_i} |\Sigma|^{1/2} = \prod_{j=1}^D \lambda_j^{1/2}
\end{aligned}$$

with  $y_i = u_i^T(x - \mu)$

$$p(y) = \prod_{j=1}^D \frac{1}{2\pi\lambda_j} \exp\left\{-\frac{y_j^2}{2\lambda_j}\right\}$$

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

## 2 Calculate

(a) The conditional of Gaussian distribution.

Suppose  $x$ : D-dimensional vector with Gaussian distribution

We partition  $x$  into 2 disjoint subsets  $x_a, x_b$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_a \\ x_b \end{pmatrix}$$

We define mean vector

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_a \\ \mu_b \end{pmatrix}$$

and covariance matrix

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{aa} & \Sigma_{ab} \\ \Sigma_{ba} & \Sigma_{bb} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow A = \Sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{aa} & A_{ab} \\ A_{ba} & A_{bb} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Sigma$  is symmetric  $\rightarrow \Sigma_{aa}, \Sigma_{bb}$  are symmetric;

$$\Sigma_{ab} = \Sigma_{ba}^T$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu) &= -\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T A(x - \mu) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(x_a - \mu_a)^T A_{aa}(x_a - \mu_a) - \frac{1}{2}(x_a - \mu_a)^T A_{ab}(x_b - \mu_b) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}(x_b - \mu_b)^T A_{ba}(x_a - \mu_a) - \frac{1}{2}(x_b - \mu_b)^T A_{bb}(x_b - \mu_b) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}x_a^T A_{aa}^{-1}x_a + x_a^T (A_{aa}\mu_a - A_{ab}(x_b - \mu_b)) + const \end{aligned}$$

It is quadratic form of  $x_a$ .

Comparing with Gaussian distribution

$$\Sigma_{a|b} = A_{aa}^{-1}\mu_{a|b} = \mu_a - A_{aa}^{-1}A_{ab}(x_b - \mu_b)$$

By using Schur complement,

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} M & -MBD^{-1} \\ -D^{-1}CMD^{-1} & D^{-1}CMBD^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M = (A - BD^{-1}C)^{-1}$$

$$\rightarrow A_{aa} = (\Sigma_{aa} - \Sigma_{ab}\Sigma_{bb}^{-1}\Sigma_{ba})^{-1}A_{ab} = -(\Sigma_{aa} - \Sigma_{ab}\Sigma_{bb}^{-1}\Sigma_{ba})^{-1}\Sigma_{ab}\Sigma_{bb}^{-1}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{a|b} &= \mu_a + \Sigma_{ab}\Sigma_{bb}^{-1}(x_b - \mu_b) \\ \Sigma_{a|b} &= \Sigma_{aa} - \Sigma_{ab}\Sigma_{bb}^{-1}\Sigma_{ba} \\ \rightarrow p(x_a|x_b) &= N(x_a|b|\mu_{a|b}, \Sigma_{a|b}) \end{aligned}$$

(b) The marginal of Gaussian distribution.

The marginal distribution given by

$$p(x_a) = \int p(x_a; x_b) dx_b$$

We need to integrate out  $x_b$  by looking the quadratic form related to  $x_b$

$$-\frac{1}{2}x_b^T A_{bb}x_b + x_b^T m = -\frac{1}{2}(x_b - A_{bb}^{-1}m)^T A_{bb}(x_b - A_{bb}^{-1}m) + \frac{1}{2}m^T A_{bb}^{-1}m$$

with  $m = A_{bb}\mu_b - A_{ba}(x_a - \mu_a)$  We can integrate over unnormalized Gaussian

$$\int \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}(x_b - A_{bb}^{-1}m)^T A_{bb}(x_b - A_{bb}^{-1}m)\}dx_b$$

The remaining term

$$-\frac{1}{2}x_a^T (A_{aa} - A_{ab}A_{bb}^{-1}A_{ba})x_a + x_a^T (A_{aa} - A_{ab}A_{bb}^{-1}A_{ba})^{-1}\mu_a + const$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[x_a] &= \mu_a \\ cov[x_a] &= \Sigma_{aa} \\ \longrightarrow p(x_a) &= N(x_a|\mu_a; \Sigma_{aa}) \end{aligned}$$