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# Advanced Machine Learning

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## 1 Basics

- General p-norm:  $\|x\|_p = (\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p)^{1/p}$
- Taylor:  $f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \dots$ 
  - $f(a) + \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x} \Big|_a - \frac{1}{2}(x-a)^\top \left( \frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x \partial x^\top} \Big|_a \right) (x-a)$
  - Power series of exp.:  $\exp(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$
- Entropy:  $H(X) = \mathbb{E}_X[-\log \mathbb{P}(X=x)]$
- Diverg.:  $D_{KL}(P \parallel Q) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} P(x) \log \left( \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \right) \geq 0$
- $1-z \leq \exp(-z)$
- Cauchy-Schwarz:  $|\mathbb{E}[X, Y]|^2 \leq \mathbb{E}[X^2] \mathbb{E}[Y^2]$
- Jensen,  $f(X)$  convex:  $f(\mathbb{E}[X]) \leq \mathbb{E}[f(X)]$

## 1.1 Probability / Statistics

- Gaussian:  $\mathcal{N}(x | \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{\sigma^2}\right)$   
 $\mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d |\Sigma|}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} (x-\mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu)\right)$   
 $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma), Y = A + BX \Rightarrow Y \sim \mathcal{N}(A + B\mu, B\Sigma B^\top)$
- Binom.:  $f(k, n; p) = \mathbb{P}(X=k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$
- $\mathbb{V}[X] = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2$   
 $\mathbb{V}[X+Y] = \mathbb{V}[X] + \mathbb{V}[Y] + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$
- $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])(Y - \mathbb{E}[Y])]$   
 $= \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$   
 $\text{Cov}(aX, bY) = ab \text{Cov}(X, Y)$

## 1.2 Calculus

- $\int uv' dx = uv - \int u'v dx$  •  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{g}{h} = \frac{g'h - gh'}{h^2}$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (b^\top A x) = A^\top b$  •  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (b^\top x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^\top b) = b$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial X} (c^\top X^\top b) = bc^\top$  •  $\frac{\partial}{\partial X} (c^\top X b) = cb^\top$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^\top A x) = (A^\top + A)x \stackrel{A \text{ sym.}}{=} 2Ax$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial X} \text{Tr}(X^\top A) = A$  • Tr. trick:  $x^\top A x \stackrel{\text{inner prod.}}{=} \text{Tr}(x^\top A x) \stackrel{\text{cyclic perm.}}{=} \text{Tr}(A x x^\top) = \text{Tr}(A x x^\top)$
- $|X^{-1}| = |X|^{-1}$  •  $\frac{\partial}{\partial X} \log|X| = X^{-\top}$  •  $\frac{d}{dx} |x| = \frac{x}{|x|}$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \|x\|_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^\top x) = 2x$  •  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \|x-b\|_2 = \frac{x-b}{\|x-b\|_2}$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \|x\|_1 = \text{sgn}(x)$   $\text{sgn}(x) \in \{\pm 1\}^p$  is row-wise
- $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+\exp(-x)} \Rightarrow \nabla \sigma(x) = \sigma(x)(1-\sigma(x))$
- $\tanh x = \frac{2 \sinh x}{2 \cosh x} = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$  •  $\nabla \tanh x = 1 - \tanh^2 x$

## 2 Density Estimation

**Bayesianism:** Define prior  $P(\theta)$ , define likelihood  $P(X | \theta)$ , compute posterior  $P(\theta | x_{1:n})$ .  
**Bayes:**  $P(\theta | X) = \frac{P(X|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(X)}, P(X) = \sum_{\theta} P(X|\theta_i)P(\theta_i)$   
**Frequentism:** Define param. model  $P(Y | X, \theta)$ , compute likelihood of data  $P(X, Y | \theta)$  and compute  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$  via  $\arg \max_{\theta}$  of likelihood.

## 2.1 Estimation - MLE Properties

**Consistency:**  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \mathbb{P}[|\hat{\theta}_n - \theta^*| > \epsilon] \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$   
**Equivariance:** If  $\hat{\theta}_n$  is MLE of  $\theta$ , then  $g(\hat{\theta}_n)$  is MLE of  $g(\theta)$ .  
**Asympt. normality:**  
 $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta^*) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, J^{-1}(\theta^*) I_n(\theta^*) J^{-1}(\theta^*))$   
**Asympt. efficiency:**  $\hat{\theta}_n$  minimises  $\mathbb{E}[(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta^*)^2]$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e.  $\mathbb{E}[(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta^*)^2] \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{I_n(\theta^*)}$  (Rao Cr.)  
Among all consistent estimators  $\hat{\theta}_n$  has *smallest variance*:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathbb{V}[\hat{\theta}_n] I_n(\theta^*))^{-1} = 1$

## 2.2 Rao Cramer inequality all $\mathbb{W}$ w.r.t. $P(x | \theta^*)$

Score func.:  $\Lambda = \frac{\partial \log \mathbb{P}(x|\theta)}{\partial \theta}, \mathbb{E}[\Lambda] = 0$   
Fisher info.:  $I_n(\theta) = \mathbb{V}[\Lambda]$   
 $J(\theta) = \mathbb{E}[\Lambda^2] = -\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \log \mathbb{P}(x|\theta)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta^\top}\right] = -\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial \theta}\right]$   
**General bound:**  $\mathbb{E}[(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta^*)^2] \geq \frac{(1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} b_{\hat{\theta}})^2}{\mathbb{E}[\Lambda^2]} + b_{\hat{\theta}}^2$   
**Unbiased case:**  $\mathbb{E}[(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta^*)^2] = \mathbb{V}[\hat{\theta}_n] \geq \frac{1}{I_n(\theta^*)}$   
**Tradeoff:**  $\mathbb{E}[(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta^*)^2] = \mathbb{V}[\hat{\theta}_n] + \text{bias}^2(\hat{\theta}_n)$   
**Bias:**  $\text{bias}(\hat{\theta}_n) \equiv b_{\hat{\theta}}(\theta^*) = \mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_n] - \theta^* \stackrel{\text{unbiased}}{=} 0$

## 3 (Linear) Regression model: $\hat{y} = X\beta$

Assuming  $X^\top X$  non-singular.  
Bayesian view:  $(Y | X, \beta) \sim \mathcal{N}(X^\top \beta, \sigma^2 \mathbb{I})$   
Distrib. of estimator  $\hat{\beta}_{LS} \sim \mathcal{N}(\beta, (X^\top X)^{-1} \sigma^2)$   
**Ridge:**  $\epsilon_{RSS}(\beta, \lambda) = (y - X^\top \beta)^\top (y - X^\top \beta) + \lambda \beta^\top \beta$   
 $\hat{\beta} = (X^\top X + \lambda \mathbb{I})^{-1} X^\top y$ , prior:  $\beta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{\sigma^2}{\lambda} \mathbb{I})$   
**(Ridge) Shrinkage:** Decompose  $X = U D V^\top$   
 $X \hat{\beta} = U D (D^2 + \lambda \mathbb{I})^{-1} D U^\top y = \sum_{j=1}^d u_j \frac{d_j^2}{d_j^2 + \lambda} u_j^\top y$   
**Lasso:**  $\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1:n} (y_i - x_i^\top \beta)^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1$   
(no closed form), prior:  $p(\beta_i) = \frac{\lambda}{4\sigma^2} \exp(-|\beta_i| \frac{\lambda}{2\sigma^2})$   
**Bias-variance:**  $\mathbb{E}_D[\mathbb{E}_{Y|X=x}[(\hat{f}(x) - Y)^2]]$   
 $= \mathbb{E}_D[(\hat{f}(x) - \mathbb{E}_D[\hat{f}(x)])^2] + (\mathbb{E}_D[\hat{f}(x)] - \mathbb{E}[Y|X=x])^2$   
 $+ \mathbb{E}_D[(Y - \mathbb{E}[Y|X=x])^2] = \text{variance} + \text{bias}^2 + \text{noise}$

**Gauss-Markov Theorem:**  
For any linear estimator  $\tilde{\theta} = c^\top y = a^\top (\hat{\beta} + D y)$  that is unbiased for  $a^\top \beta$ , it holds:  $\mathbb{V}[a^\top \tilde{\beta}] \leq \mathbb{V}[c^\top y]$ .  
Among all linear u-estimators,  $\hat{\beta}_{LS}$  minimises the gen. error! What about **biased** estimators? We ↗ bias a bit in the hope that the variance ↘.

**Combining Regressors:**  $\hat{f}(x) := \frac{1}{B} \sum_{i \leq B} \hat{f}_i(x)$   
 $\text{bias}[\hat{f}(x)] = \frac{1}{B} \sum \text{bias}[\hat{f}_i(x)]$   
 $\mathbb{V}[\hat{f}] = \frac{1}{B^2} \sum \mathbb{V}_D[\hat{f}_i] + \frac{1}{B^2} \sum \sum_{i \neq j} \text{Cov}(\hat{f}_i, \hat{f}_j) \approx \frac{\sigma^2}{B}$

## 4 Gaussian Processes

### 4.1 Bayesian Linear Regression

**Model:**  $y = X^\top \beta + \epsilon$ , with  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\epsilon | 0, \sigma^2 \mathbb{I})$   
Likelihood:  $P(y | X, \beta, \sigma) = \mathcal{N}(y | X^\top \beta, \sigma^2 \mathbb{I})$   
Prior:  $P(\beta | \Lambda) = \mathcal{N}_d(\beta | 0, \Lambda^{-1})$   
(Ridge regr. if  $\Lambda = \lambda \mathbb{I}$  and  $\sigma = 1$ )  
Posterior:  $P(\beta | X, y, \Lambda) = \mathcal{N}(\beta | \mu_\beta, \Sigma_\beta)$   
with  $\mu_\beta = (X^\top X + \sigma^2 \Lambda)^{-1} X^\top y$   
and  $\Sigma_\beta = \sigma^2 (X^\top X + \sigma^2 \Lambda)^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow y \sim \mathcal{N}(y | 0, X \Lambda^{-1} X^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbb{I})$  using  $\mathbb{E}_{\beta, \epsilon}[\cdot]$   
kernel  $k(x_i, x_j) := x_i^\top \Lambda^{-1} x_j$

### 4.2 Gaussian Process

$y \sim \mathcal{N}(y | m(X), K(X, X) + \sigma^2 \mathbb{I})$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} y \\ y_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} y \\ y_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} \middle| \begin{bmatrix} m(X) \\ m(x_{n+1}) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} C_n & k \\ k^\top & c \end{bmatrix}\right)$   
 $p(y_{n+1} | x_{n+1}, X, y) = \mathcal{N}(y_{n+1} | \mu_{n+1}, \sigma_{n+1}^2)$   
with  $\mu_{n+1} = m(x_{n+1}) + k^\top C_n^{-1} (y - m(X))$   
and  $\sigma_{n+1}^2 = c - k^\top C_n^{-1} k$   
where  $K = K(X, X)$ ,  $k = k(x_{n+1}, X)$ ,  
 $C_n = K + \sigma^2 \mathbb{I}$ ,  $c = k(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + \sigma^2$

### 4.3 Kernels scalar product $K_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j)$

**Valid kernel:** must be symmetric and p.s.d.  
( $x^\top K x \geq 0 \forall x$  or pos. eigenvalues or pos. principal minors). Must have a (pot.  $\infty$ -dim.) feature vector  $\phi$  s.t.  $k(x, x') = \phi(x)^\top \phi(x')$ .

#### Common kernels:

- Linear:  $x^\top x'$
- Polynomial:  $(x^\top x' + 1)^p, p \in \mathbb{N}$
- RBF (Gaussian):  $\exp(-\|x - x'\|^2 / h^2)$
- Sigmoid:  $\tanh(k \cdot x^\top x' - b)$
- Kernel construction:** •  $k_1 + k_2$  •  $c \cdot k_1, c > 0$
- $k_1 \cdot k_2$  •  $f(x) k_1(x, x') f(x')$
- $k(\phi(x), \phi(x'))$  with  $\phi: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$
- $g(k_1)$  with  $g$ : exp. or polyn. w/ all pos. coeff.

## 5 Linear Classification $y, z \in \{\pm 1\}, z \equiv c(x)$

- (1) Prob. gener.  $p(x, y)$  + outlier det.
- (2) Prob. discr.  $p(y | x)$  + deg. of belief
- (3) Purely discr.  $c: X \rightarrow y$  + easiest

**Loss Functions:**  $\mathcal{L}(y, z)$   $z := w^\top x$

- $\mathcal{L}^{CE} = -[y' \log z' + (1 - y') \log(1 - z')]$
- $\mathcal{L}^{0/1} = \mathbb{I}(\text{sign}(z) \neq y)$
- $\mathcal{L}^{\text{hinge}} = \max(0, 1 - yz)$  for SVM's
- $\mathcal{L}^{\text{percep}} = \max(0, -yz)$
- $\mathcal{L}^{\text{logistic}} = \log(1 + \exp(-yz))$
- $\mathcal{L}^{\text{exp}} = \exp(-yz)$  for AdaBoost

CE (log loss):  $y' = (1+y)/2, z' = (1+z)/2$

### 5.1 Linear Discriminant Analysis (1)

Assume  $Y \sim \text{Ber}(\beta)$ ,  $P(X|Y=i) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \Sigma_i)$ .  
 $\Rightarrow P(y_i | x_i) = \sigma(\underline{w}_i^\top \underline{W} \underline{x}_i + w_i)$  if  $\Sigma_0 = \Sigma_1$

Min. gener. error.:  $\min_f \mathbb{E}_{X, Y}[\mathcal{L}(y, c(x))]$   
 $\rightsquigarrow c^*(x) = \arg \min_c \sum_y p(y | x) \mathcal{L}(y, c(x))$

### 5.2 Prob. discr. approach (2)

Assume  $P(y=1 | x_i, w) = \sigma(w^\top x_i) \Rightarrow L(w)$  via  $P(X, Y | w) = \prod_i P(y_i | x_i, w) P(x_i | w)$  const w.r.t. w  
 $\propto \prod_i \sigma(w^\top x_i)^{y_i} (1 - \sigma(w^\top x_i))^{1-y_i}$   
Note:  $w^*$  intractable but diff'able  $\rightarrow$  GD!

### 5.3 Purely discriminative (3)

**Perceptron:**  $f(x) = \text{sgn}(w^\top x)$   
**Loss:**  $L(w) = \sum_i \text{misclass.}(-y_i w^\top x_i)$  use (S)GD  
Converges if data is linearly separable, and  $\eta(k) \geq 0, \sum_k \eta(k) \rightarrow \infty, \sum_k \eta^2(k) < \infty$ .  
**Gradient Descent:**  $NL(w) := -L(w)$

$w^{(k+1)} \leftarrow w^{(k)} - \eta(k) \cdot \nabla_w NL(w^{(k)})$

Opt. learning rate:  $\eta(k) = \arg \min_{\eta} NL(w^{(k+1)})$   
(Taylor &  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta(k)} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$ )  $= \frac{\|\nabla NL(w^{(k)})\|^2}{\nabla NL(w^{(k)})^\top H_{NL}(w^{(k)}) \nabla NL(w^{(k)})}$

**Newton's Method:**  $w^{(k+1)} \leftarrow \arg \min_w NL(w)$   
(Taylor &  $\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$ )  $= w^{(k)} - H_{NL}^{-1}(w^{(k)}) \nabla NL(w^{(k)})$

#### Fisher's LDA:

$J(w) = \frac{w^\top \Sigma_B w}{w^\top \Sigma_W w} \xrightarrow{(*)} w^* \propto \Sigma_W^{-1} (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)$   
 $*: \frac{\partial J(w)}{\partial w} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \rightsquigarrow (w^\top \Sigma_B w) \Sigma_W w = (w^\top \Sigma_W w) \Sigma_B w$

$\Sigma_B = (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)^\top$  between-class covariance  
 $\Sigma_W = \sum_k \sum_{x \in C_k} (x - \bar{x}_k)(x - \bar{x}_k)^\top$  within-class covariance

## 6 Support Vector Machine (SVM)

**Primal (soft margin):**  $\min_{w, w_0, \xi} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_i \xi_i$

s.t.  $y_i(w^\top x_i + w_0) \geq 1 - \xi_i$  and  $\xi_i \geq 0$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  intractable if  $\phi(x_i)$  instead of  $x_i$   
 $\hookrightarrow \xi_i = 0$  means  $x_i$  was not neglected

**Dual:**  $\max_{\alpha} \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(i,j)} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j x_i^\top x_j$   
s.t.  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C; \sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  solve  $\alpha$  via quadratic optimisation

Optimal hyperplane:  $w^* = \sum_i \alpha_i^* y_i x_i$   
 $\hookrightarrow \alpha_i^* \neq 0$  only for support vectors

Optimal slack:  $\xi_i^* = \max(0, 1 - y_i(w^{*\top} x_i + w_0^*))$

### 6.1 Structural SVMs

$\min_{w, \xi} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + \frac{C}{n} \sum_{i \leq n} \xi_i$  s.t.  $\xi_i \geq 0$  and  $\forall y' \neq y_i$ :  
 $w^\top \Psi(x_i, y_i) \geq \Delta(y_i, y') + \frac{w^\top \Psi(x_i, y')}{\epsilon} - \xi_i - \epsilon$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  mislabelings

$\Psi$ : joint-feature map;  $\Delta$ : loss / class dissimilarity func.;  $w^\top \Psi(x, y)$ : compatibility score btw.  $x$  and  $y$ ;  $\epsilon$ : tolerance / universal slack variable.

**Prediction:**  $c(x) = \arg \max_y w^\top \Psi(x, y)$   
Note: For optimal  $w^*, \xi^*$ , emp. risk( $w^*$ )  $\leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \xi_i^*$   
**Training:** Start without any constraints.

In each iteration, add for each  $(x_i, y_i)$  the constraint with  $y' \neq y_i$  that is the “most violated” and solve again with quadr. optimisation.

## 7 Ensemble Methods

### 7.1 Bagging (Bootstrap aggregation)

1. Draw  $M$  bootstrap sets  $Z_1', \dots, Z_M'$
2. Train  $M$  base models  $b^{(1)}, \dots, b^{(M)}$
3. **Aggregate:**  $\hat{b}^{(M)}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{t \leq M} b^{(t)}(x) & \text{regr.} \\ \text{sign}(\sum_t b^{(t)}(x)) & \text{class.} \end{cases}$

**Why it works:** Small *variance* (weak learners), small *covariance* (almost indep. since  $Z_i' \neq Z_j'$ ).

For finite range  $y$  and large enough  $M$ :

$$\mathbb{E}_{Y|X}[(y - \hat{b}^{(M)}(x))^2] \leq \mathbb{E}_{Y|X}[(y - b(x))^2]$$

**Random Forest:** At each splitting step, u.a.r. choose  $m$  of  $p$  features and split only one (best) feature.  $\rightarrow$  reduce *correlation* between trees.

**Validation:** *Out-of-bag error*  $\rightarrow$  validate each  $x_i$  with trees that didn't use it for training.

### 7.2 Boosting

*Sequentially* train weak learners on all data, but  $\nearrow$  weight of misclass. samples ( $\searrow$  bias).

**AdaBoost:** Stat. learning (*forward stagewise additive modeling*) with **exp. loss**, trains max-margin (=  $y_i \hat{b}(x_i)$ ), self-avg. and interpolating ( $\searrow$  overfitting) classifiers.

[Init]:  $b^{(0)} \leftarrow 0, w_i \leftarrow 1/n \forall i \leq n$   
for  $t = 1 \dots M$ :

[Train]:  $b^{(t)} = \arg \min_b \mathcal{L}^w(b) = \sum_i w_i \mathbb{I}\{b(x_i) \neq y_i\}$

[Eval]:  $\text{err}_t = \mathcal{L}^w(b^{(t)})$

[Aggr]:  $\hat{b}^{(t)} = \hat{b}^{(t-1)} + \alpha_t b^{(t)}; \alpha_t = \frac{1}{2} \log(\frac{1}{\text{err}_t} - 1)$

[Reweight]:  $w_i = w_i \cdot \exp(\alpha_t \mathbb{I}\{b^{(t)}(x_i) \neq y_i\})$  normalize!

Return  $\hat{b}^{(M)}(x) = \text{sign}(\sum_t \alpha_t b^{(t)}(x))$

## 8 Deep Learning

**Sigmoid:**  $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)} = \frac{e^x}{e^x + 1}$

$$\sigma'(x) = \sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x)) = \sigma(x)\sigma(-x)$$

**Softmax:**  $y_i \propto \exp(\beta_i z_i)$

**Backpropagation:** Gradient:  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_{jk}} = \delta_j^{(l)} v_k^{(l-1)}$

Error signal for unit  $k$  on layer  $l$ :

$$\delta^{(L)} = [\dots \delta_k^{(L)} \dots] = [\dots \ell'_k(f_k) \dots]$$

$$\delta_k^{(l)} = \sigma'(z_k) \sum_{j \in \text{layer}(l+1)} w_{jk} \delta_j$$

**Robbins-Monro Algorithm for SGD:**

**Goal:**  $\min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_Z[f(Z; \theta)] \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \mathcal{L}(y_i, \text{NN}_{\theta}(x_i))$

**Input:** learn. rate  $\eta(k)$ , samples  $\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2, \dots \sim Z$

**Iteratively:**  $\theta^{(k)} \leftarrow \theta^{(k-1)} - \eta(k) f(\mathbf{z}_k; \theta^{(k-1)})$

for SGD:  $f(z, \theta) = \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(y, \text{NN}_{\theta}(x))$

**Convergence:** if  $\mathbb{E}_Z[f(z, \theta)]$  satisfies some regulatory conditions and  $\eta(k)$  c.f. section ??.

## 8.1 Variational Autoencoders

**Def:**  $\frac{p_{\theta'}(z)}{\text{prior}} \xrightarrow{\text{likelihood}} \mathcal{Z} \xrightarrow{\text{approx. posterior}} \mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{\text{enc. } \phi(x)=q_{\phi}(z|x)} \mathcal{Z}$   
sample/obs.  $\mathcal{X}_i$  from latent representation  $\mathcal{Z}$

**Train:**  $\max_{\theta', \theta, \phi} \sum_i \log p_{\theta', \theta}(x_i)$  (\*) indep. of  $Z$

$$\begin{aligned} (*) &= \mathbb{E}_{Z \sim q_{\phi}(\cdot | x_i)} \left[ \log \left( \frac{p_{\theta', \theta}(x_i | Z)}{p_{\theta', \theta}(Z | x_i)} \frac{q_{\phi}(Z | x_i)}{q_{\phi}(Z)} \right) \right] \\ &\quad \mathcal{L}(x_i, \theta, \phi) = \text{ELBO} = \text{Infomax} - \text{Regularisation term} \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\log p_{\theta}(x_i | Z)] - D_{\text{KL}}(q_{\phi}(\cdot | x_i) \parallel p_{\theta'}(\cdot)) \\ &\quad + D_{\text{KL}}(q_{\phi}(\cdot | x_i) \parallel p_{\theta', \theta}(\cdot | x_i)) \geq \mathcal{L}(x_i, \theta, \phi) \end{aligned}$$

**Train:**  $\theta^*, \phi^* = \arg \max_{\theta, \phi} \mathcal{L}(x_i, \theta, \phi)$

Requirements for good representation:

- **informative:**  $\theta^* = \arg \max_{\theta} I(X; Z)$   
=  $\arg \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{X, Z}[\log p(X | Z)] - \text{const}_{w.r.t. \theta}$   
 $\approx \arg \max_{\theta} \sum_i \mathbb{E}_{Z|X}[\log p(x_i | Z)]$
- **disentangled:** components in  $Z$  associated with distinct feature in  $\mathcal{X}$  (see  $D_{\text{KL}}$  in ELBO).
- **robust:** noise in  $Z$  doesn't substantially affect  $\mathcal{X}$  (and vice versa).  $\rightarrow$  choice of approx. post.!

## 9 Model Selection

Derive posteriors  $p^{(i)}(\theta | X')$  and  $p^{(i)}(\theta | X'')$ .

**ERM:** linear in noise fluctuations

$$p^*(\cdot | \cdot) = \arg \min_i \mathbb{E}_{\theta|X'}[-\log p^{(i)}(\theta | X'')]$$

**PA:** (only) quadratic in noise fluctuations

$$p^*(\cdot | \cdot) = \arg \max_i \mathbb{E}_{\theta|X'}[p^{(i)}(\theta | X'')] \quad \text{Jensen}$$

**Note:**  $\min_p \mathbb{E}_{\theta|X'}[-\log p(\theta | X'')] \geq -\max_p \log \mathbb{E}_{\theta|X'}[p(\theta | X'')]$

## 10 Clustering

**k-means:**  $\arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{i \leq n} \|x_i - \theta_{c(x_i)}\|^2$

### 10.1 Mixture Models

**Assume:**  $x \sim p(x | \pi_{1 \dots K}, \theta_{1 \dots K}) = \sum_{c \leq K} \pi_c p(x | \theta_c)$

**Find:**  $\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} p(\mathcal{X} | \pi, \theta) = \prod_{i \in \mathcal{X}} p(x_i | \pi, \theta)$

**Gaussian Mixtures:**  $\rightarrow p(x | \theta_c) = p(x | \mu, \Sigma)$

Introduce *latent indicator variables* for mode assignments  $M_{xc} \in \{0, 1\}$ . Then, the **log-likelihood**:

$$L(\mathcal{X}, \mathbf{M} | \theta) = \sum_x \sum_{c \leq K} M_{xc} \log(\pi_c p(x | \theta_c))$$

### 10.1.1 EM-Algorithm for Gaussian Mixtures

**E-step:** Calculate

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\theta; \theta^{(t)}) &= \mathbb{E}_{M|X, \theta^{(t)}}[L(\mathcal{X}, \mathbf{M} | \theta)] = \dots \\ &= \sum_x \sum_{c \leq K} \left( \mathbb{E}_{M|X, \theta^{(t)}}[M_{xc}] \cdot \log \pi_c p(x | \theta_c) \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\gamma_{xc} = \frac{p(x | \theta_c, \theta^{(t)}) p(c | \theta^{(t)})}{p(x | \theta^{(t)})}$ ,  $\sum_{c \leq K} \gamma_{xc} = 1$

**M-step:**  $\theta^{(t+1)} \in \arg \max_{\theta} Q(\theta; \theta^{(t)})$

s.t.  $\sum_c \pi_c = 1$ . Solve via Lagrangian, yields

$$\pi_c = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{X}|} \sum_x \gamma_{xc}, \quad \mu_c = \frac{\sum_x \gamma_{xc} x}{\sum_x \gamma_{xc}}, \quad \sigma_c^2 = \frac{\sum_x \gamma_{xc} (x - \mu_c)^2}{\sum_x \gamma_{xc}}$$

### 10.2 Non-parametric Bayesian Methods

$\text{Dir}(x | \alpha) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha)} \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\alpha_k - 1}$ ,  $B(\alpha) = \frac{\prod_{k=1}^n \Gamma(\alpha_k)}{\Gamma(\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k)}$

Rewrite **Finite mixture models:**

$$p(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k p(x | \theta_k) = \int p(x | \theta) G(\theta) d\theta$$

where  $G(\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \pi_k \delta_{\theta_k}(\theta) \leftarrow$  discrete distr.

**Stick-breaking process:**

Draw  $\theta_k \sim H$  and  $\beta_k \sim \text{Beta}(1, \alpha)$  for  $k=1, 2, \dots$

$$\pi_k = \beta_k (1 - \sum_{k=1}^{k-1} \pi_i) \Rightarrow \pi = \{\pi_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \sim \text{GEM}(\alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \pi_k \delta_{\theta_k}(\theta) = G(\theta) \sim \text{DP}(\alpha, H)$$

Sample  $\theta^{(1)}, \theta^{(2)}, \dots$  from  $G$ . Denote  $\theta^{(i)} = \theta_{k_i}$ .

$\Rightarrow \theta^{(i)}, \theta^{(j)}$  with  $k_i = k_j$  belong to same “cluster”

**Chinese Rest. Process:**

$$P(\text{cust}_{n+1} \text{ joins table } \tau | \mathcal{P}) = \begin{cases} \frac{|\tau|}{\alpha + n} & \text{if } \tau \in \mathcal{P}, \\ \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + n} & \text{new table} \end{cases}$$

$$P(\text{partition } \mathcal{P}) = \frac{\alpha^{|\mathcal{P}|}}{\alpha^{(n)}} \prod_{\tau \in \mathcal{P}} (|\tau| - 1)!$$

**exp. #clusters:**  $\mathbb{E}[1] = \sum_{i \leq N} \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + i} \sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha \log N)$

**De Finetti:**  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  are i.i.d. **exchangable**

RVs if  $P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \int \left( \prod_{i=1}^n p(X_i | G) \right) dP(G)$

### 10.2.1 Finite GMM

1. Cluster centers:  $\mu_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \sigma_0)$
2. Prob's of clusters:  $\pi_{1 \dots K} \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha_{1 \dots K})$
3. Cluster assignments:  $z_i \sim \text{Categorical}(\pi_{1 \dots K})$
4. Coordinates of data:  $x_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{z_i}, \sigma_{z_i})$

### 10.2.2 DP Mixture Model (DP-GMM)

1. Cluster centers:  $\mu_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \sigma_0)$ ,  $k=1, 2, \dots$
2. Prob's of clusters:  $\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots) \sim \text{GEM}(\alpha)$
3. Cluster assignments:  $z_i \sim \text{Categorical}(\pi)$
4. Coordinates of data:  $x_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{z_i}, \sigma)$ ,  $i=1 \dots N$

**Fitting a DP-MM:** Collapsed Gibbs sampler

$p(z_i = k | z_{-i}, x, \alpha, \mu) \propto \text{Prior} \times \text{Likelihood}$

$$\propto \begin{cases} \frac{|x_{-i,k}|}{\alpha + N - 1} p(x_i | x_{-i,k}, \mu) & \text{for existing } k \\ \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + N - 1} p(x_i | \mu) & \text{otw.} \end{cases}$$

$x_{-i,c} := \{x_j | z_j = c, j \neq i\}$  data assigned to clust.  $c$

## 11 PAC Learning

**Want:** Distribution indep. error guarantees!

**Expec./Gener. error:**  $\mathcal{R}(\hat{c}_n) = P_{X,Y}(\hat{c}_n(x) \neq c(x))$

**Empirical error:**  $\hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(\hat{c}_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{\{\hat{c}_n(x_i) \neq y_i\}}$

**PAC learnable:**  $\mathcal{A}$  can learn a concept class  $\mathcal{C}$  from  $\mathcal{H}$  if, given a **suff. large sample**, it outputs a hypothesis that **generalizes well w/ high prob.**

(1)  $0 < \epsilon < 1/2$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1/2$ , (2)  $P_{X,Y}$  on  $\mathcal{X} \times \{0, 1\}$ :  
If  $n \geq \text{poly}(1/\epsilon, 1/\delta, \dim(\mathcal{X}))$ ,

Then  $P_{X,Y}(\mathcal{R}(\hat{c}_n) - \inf_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{R}(c) \leq \epsilon) \geq 1 - \delta$ .

If  $\mathcal{A}$  runs in time polynomial in  $1/\epsilon$  and  $1/\delta$ , we say that  $\mathcal{C}$  is **efficiently PAC learnable**.

### 11.1 VC Inequality $P(\dots \geq \epsilon) \leq \dots \leq \delta$

Select ERM:  $\hat{c}_n^* = \arg \min_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(c)$

Under uniform convergence:

$$P(\mathcal{R}(\hat{c}_n^*) - \inf_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{R}(c) > \epsilon) \leq P\left(\sup_{c \in \mathcal{C}} |\hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(c) - \mathcal{R}(c)| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)$$

• **|C| Finite:**  $P(\sup_{c \in \mathcal{C}} |\cdot| > \epsilon) \leq 2|C| \exp(-2n\epsilon^2)$

• **|C| Unbounded:**  $P(\dots) \leq 9n^{VC} \exp(-\frac{n\epsilon^2}{32})$

### 11.2 Rectangle Learning

$$P((\hat{c}_n^* > \epsilon) \leq |C| \cdot (1 - \epsilon)^n \leq |C| \cdot \exp(-n\epsilon) < \delta$$

**Union bound:**  $P(\bigcup_i T_i) \leq \sum_i P(T_i)$

## 12 Appendix

**Complete the square:** If  $p(x) \propto \exp(-\frac{1}{2} x^T A x + x^T b)$ , then  $p(x) = \mathcal{N}(x | A^{-1}b, A^{-1})$

**Constrained optimisation:**

**primal:**  $\min_x f(x)$  s.t.  $g_i(x) = 0; h_j(x) \leq 0$

**Lagrangian:** with each  $\alpha_j \geq 0$

$$\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda, \alpha) = f(x) + \sum_i \lambda_i g_i(x) + \sum_j \alpha_j h_j(x)$$

Solve:  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = 0; g_i(x) = 0; \alpha_j \geq 0; h_j(x) \leq 0$

If **Slater's cond.** holds,  $\exists x : g_i(x) = 0, h_j(x) < 0$ ,

then we can solve the **dual** instead:

$$\max_{\lambda, \alpha} \{ \min_x \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda, \alpha) \} \text{ s.t. } \alpha_j \geq 0$$

Solve:  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = 0; \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda} = 0; \alpha_j h_j(x) = 0; \alpha_j \geq 0$

$$\text{Metrics: } \text{acc} = \frac{\text{TP} + \text{TN}}{\text{TP} + \text{FP} + \text{TN}} \text{ prec} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FP}} \text{ FPR} = \frac{\text{FP}}{\text{FP} + \text{TN}}$$

$$\text{Recall/TPR} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}} \text{ balanced acc} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \text{TPR}_i$$

$$\text{F1-score} = \frac{2\text{TP}}{2\text{TP} + \text{FP} + \text{FN}} \text{ ROC} = \text{FPR/TPR}$$

**Conditional Gaussians:**

$$P_{X,Y} = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{XX} & \Sigma_{XY} \\ \Sigma_{YX} & \Sigma_{YY} \end{bmatrix}\right), \Sigma_{ij} \text{ p.s.d.}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y|X \sim \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\Sigma}), \text{ where } \tilde{\mu} = \mu_Y + \Sigma_{YX} \Sigma_{XX}^{-1} (X - \mu_X), \tilde{\Sigma} = \Sigma_{YY} - \Sigma_{YX} \Sigma_{XX}^{-1} \Sigma_{XY}$$