Multiplication of two Gaussian KDEs

A Gaussian KDE is a weighted sum of Gaussians centered at the data points $\{\mu_i\}$ and having the same covariance matrix Σ estimated based on the samples. Mathematically, it can be written as

$$KDE = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} w_i \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \Sigma), \tag{1}$$

where $\{w_i\}$ are the weights for each sample.

The main concept to be noted is that the product of two Gaussians is also a Gaussian. In particular,

$$\mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \Sigma_1) \times \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \Sigma_2) \propto \mathcal{N}(\mu_3, \Sigma_3),$$
 (2)

where

$$\Sigma_3 = \Sigma_1 (\Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2)^{-1} \Sigma_2,$$

$$\mu_3 = \Sigma_2 (\Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2)^{-1} \mu_1 + \Sigma_1 (\Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2)^{-1} \mu_2.$$
(3)

As a result, the product of two Gaussian KDEs can be computed as

$$KDE_{1} \times KDE_{2}$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} w_{i} \mathcal{N}(\mu_{i}, \Sigma_{1}) \times \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} w_{j} \mathcal{N}(\mu_{j}, \Sigma_{2})$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} w_{i} w_{j} \mathcal{N}(\mu_{i}, \Sigma_{1}) \mathcal{N}(\mu_{j}, \Sigma_{2})$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{MN-1} w_{k} \mathcal{N}(\mu_{k}, \Sigma_{3})$$

$$\equiv KDE_{3}$$

$$(4)$$

where

$$\Sigma_{3} = \Sigma_{1}(\Sigma_{1} + \Sigma_{2})^{-1}\Sigma_{2},$$

$$\mu_{k} = \Sigma_{2}(\Sigma_{1} + \Sigma_{2})^{-1}\mu_{i} + \Sigma_{1}(\Sigma_{1} + \Sigma_{2})^{-1}\mu_{j}$$

$$w_{k} = w_{i} \times w_{j}$$
(5)

with k = Nj + i.

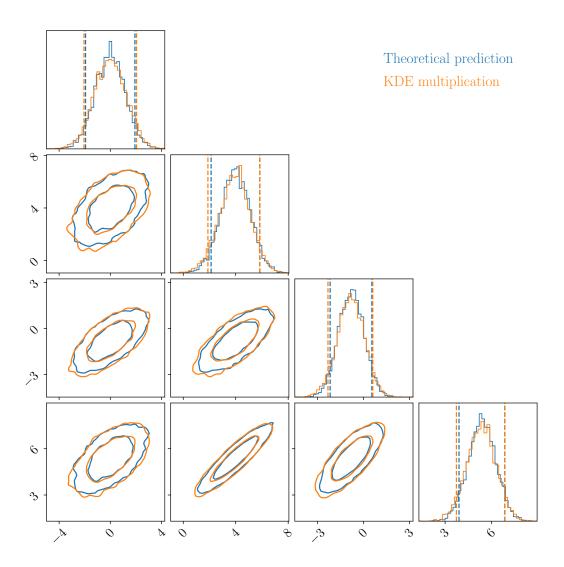


Figure 1: Comparison between the resulting distribution of multiply two Gaussians with analytical prediction (blue) and the previously described KDE multiplication method (or-ange).