

Regression and Optimization

**Square Error (featurized):**  
 $L(w) = \frac{1}{n} \sum (y_i - w^\top \phi_j(x_i))^2 = \frac{1}{n} \|y - \Phi w\|_2^2$   
 $\nabla_w L(w) = \frac{2}{n} \Phi^\top (\Phi \hat{w} - y)$  ( $\Phi^\top \Phi$  psd)  
**Gradient Descent:**  $w^{t+1} = w^t - \eta \nabla_w L(w^t)$   
**Convergence:**  $\|w^{t+1} - \hat{w}\|_2^2 \leq \rho^{t+1} \|w^0 - \hat{w}\|_2^2$   
with speed  $\rho = \|I - \eta X^\top X\|_{op}$  for  $\eta \leq \frac{2}{\lambda_{\max}}$ .  
 $\eta^* : \frac{2}{\lambda_{\min} + \lambda_{\max}}, \rho^* : 1 - \eta^* \lambda_{\min} = \frac{\kappa - 1}{\kappa + 1}, \kappa : \frac{\lambda_{\max}}{\lambda_{\min}}$   
**Momentum:**  $w^{t+1} = w^t + \Delta w^{t-1} - \eta \nabla L(w^t)$   
**SGD:**  $w^{t+1} = w^t - \eta \nabla L_{\mathcal{S}}(w^t), \mathcal{S} \subset [n]$

Model Selection

**Empirical Risk:**  $L(\hat{f}; D) = \frac{1}{n} \sum l(\hat{f}(x_i), y_i)$   
**Exp. Estimation Err.:**  $\mathbb{E}_X l(\hat{f}_D(x), f^*(x))$   
**Gen. Err.:**  $L(\hat{f}_D; \mathbb{P}_{X,Y}) = \mathbb{E}_{X,Y} l(\hat{f}_D(X), Y)$   
**Test Err.:**  $\frac{1}{|D_{\text{test}}|} \sum l(\hat{f}(x), y) \xrightarrow{\text{LLN}} L(\hat{f}; \mathbb{P}_{X,Y})$   
For  $\mathbb{E}[\text{Gen. Err.}]$ :  $D = D_{\text{train}} \uplus D_{\text{val}} \uplus D_{\text{test}}$   
 $D_{\text{val}}$  is used for independent model selection.  
**K-Fold CV:**  $D_{\text{train}}, D_{\text{val}} \xrightarrow{\text{find}} \lambda, \dots \xrightarrow{\text{use}} \hat{f}_{D_{\text{train}} \uplus D_{\text{val}}}$

Bias-Variance Tradeoff

$\mathbb{E}[\text{Gen. Err.}] = \text{Bias}^2 + \text{Variance} + \text{Noise}$   
 $\mathbb{E}[L(\hat{f}_D; \mathbb{P}_{X,Y})] = \mathbb{E}_X[(\mathbb{E}_D[\hat{f}_D(X)] - f^*(X))^2] + \mathbb{E}_X[\mathbb{E}_D[(\hat{f}_D(x) - \mathbb{E}_D[\hat{f}_D])^2]] + \sigma^2$

**Bias:** Diff. of average model  $\mathbb{E}_D[\hat{f}_D]$  to  $f^*$ .  
**Variance:** Diff. of some model  $\hat{f}$  to  $\mathbb{E}_D[\hat{f}_D]$ .

Regularization

**Lasso:**  $\text{argmin}(\|y - Xw\|_2^2 + \lambda \|w\|_1)$   $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$   
**Ridge:**  $\text{argmin}(\|y - Xw\|_2^2 + \lambda \|w\|_2^2)$   $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$   
With closed form:  $\hat{w} = (X^\top X + \lambda I^d)^{-1} X^\top y$ .  
Thus  $\lambda \nearrow \implies \text{bias} \nearrow$  and  $\text{variance} \searrow$ .

Classification

**Zero-One Loss:**  $l_{0-1}(\hat{f}(x), y) = \mathbb{I}_{\{y \neq \text{sign}(\hat{f}(x))\}}$ .  
**a<sub>0-1</sub>:**  $l(\hat{y}, y) : c_{FP} \mathbb{I}_{\hat{y}=1, y=-1} + c_{FN} \mathbb{I}_{\hat{y}=-1, y=1}$   
Prop.  $l(\hat{f}(x), y) = g(y\hat{f}(x))$ : •  $\searrow$  • conv. • diff.  
• 0 if  $y = \hat{y}$  • robust to noise •  $\rightarrow$  \* - Grad for  $y \neq \hat{y}$   
**Exponential loss:**  $g_{\text{exp}}(y\hat{f}(x)) = e^{-y\hat{f}(x)}$  (\*)  
**Logistic Loss:**  $g_{\log}(y\hat{f}(x)) = \log(1 + e^{-y\hat{f}(x)})$   
**Linear loss:**  $g_{\text{lin}}(y\hat{f}(x)) = -y\hat{f}(x)$   
**Cross Entropy:**  $-\log(e^{f_j(x)}) / \sum_{k \in \text{class}} e^{f_k(x)}$   
**Softmax:**  $[\text{softmax}(f(x))]_i = e^{f_i(x)} / \sum_k e^{f_k(x)}$   
**Logistic/Sigmoid:**  $\sigma(z) = 1/(1 + e^{-z})$

Linear Classifiers  $w^\top x$  (with log. loss)

**GD**  $\rightarrow w \|w_{MM} = \text{argmax}_{\|w\|=1} \text{margin}(w) / \text{margin}(w) = \min_i y_i \langle w, x_i \rangle$  (min distance to  $x_i$ )  
**Hard SVM:**  $\min_w \|w\|_2$  s.t.  $\forall i. y_i w^\top x_i \geq 1$

Other Methods

**kNN:** Classify by  $k$  nearest neighbors classes.  
**Decision Trees:** Tree w/ rules  $r_v(x) = \mathbb{I}_{\{x_i > t_i\}}$ .

Hypothesis Testing

|  |                    |                   |  |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|--|
|  | $y_{+1}$           | $y_{-1}$          | FNR = $\frac{\# \text{FN}}{\# y = -1}$             |
| $\hat{y}_{+1}$                         | TP                 | FP/T <sub>I</sub> | FDR = $\frac{\# \text{FP}}{\# y = -1}$             |
| $\hat{y}_{-1}$                         | FN/T <sub>II</sub> | TN                | Precision = $\frac{\# \text{TP}}{\# \hat{y} = +1}$ |
| FPR = $\frac{\# \text{FP}}{\# y = -1}$ |                    |                   | Recall/TPR = $\frac{\# \text{TP}}{\# y = +1}$      |

$\tau$  decision instead of 0:  $\tau$  small: TPR/FPR  $\uparrow$ ;  
 $\tau$  medium: FNR/FPR  $\downarrow$ ;  $\tau$  big: FPR/TPR  $\downarrow$   
**AUROC:** Plot TPR(1-FNR)/FPR, with diff.  $\tau$   
**F1-Score:**  $\frac{2}{\text{recall} + \text{precision}}$ , want both large.

Generalizations (Gen. Err. = GE)

**Worst-group GE:**  $\sup_{g \in G} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y)}^g \mathbb{I}_{\{y \neq \hat{y}\}}$   
**Domain-shift GE:** Accurate on data  $\sim D_{\text{test}}$ .  
**Adversarially robust:**  $\mathbb{E}_{(x,y)} \sup_{x' \in T(x)} \mathbb{I}_{\{y \neq \hat{y}\}}$

Kernel Trick

As  $w \in \text{Im}(\Phi^\top) \Rightarrow w = \Phi^\top \alpha$ ;  $K_{i,j} = k(x_i, x_j)$ .  
Conditions for a valid kernel function  $k$ :  
•  $k(x, z) = k(z, x)$  •  $K$  psd s.t.  $\forall x. x^\top K x \geq 0$   
Want to find map  $\phi$  s.t.  $k(x, y) = \langle \phi(x), \phi(y) \rangle$ .  
**Inner Product kernel:**  $k(x, z) = h(\langle x, z \rangle)$   
**Poly ker.:**  $k(x, z) = (c_{\geq 0} + \langle x, z \rangle)^m, d_\phi = \binom{d+m}{d}$   
**RFB kernel:**  $k(x, z) = \exp\left(\frac{\|x - z\|_2^2}{\tau}\right)$  which is  
**Gaussian** :  $\alpha = 2$ , **Laplacian** :  $\alpha = 1$ .  $d_\phi = \infty$   
**Kernel Composition:** •  $k_1 + k_2$  •  $c \cdot k$  ( $c > 0$ )  
•  $k((x, y), (x', y')) = k_1(x, x') + k_2(y, y')$   
**Kernelized Ridge:**  $\frac{1}{n} \|y - K\alpha\|^2 + \lambda \alpha^\top K \alpha$   
The final model is  $\hat{f}(x) = \hat{\alpha}^\top [k(x_i, x)]_i$ .

Neural Networks

**Activation Function:**  $\phi(x; w) = \varphi(w^\top x)$   
• **tanh:**  $\frac{\exp(z) - \exp(-z)}{\exp(z) + \exp(-z)}$  • **relu:**  $\max\{0, z\}$  •  $\sigma(z)$   
**Universal Approx. Thm.:**  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$  neural network that approximates any function within  $\epsilon$ .

Forward Propagation  $W \in \mathbb{R}^{\text{out} \times \text{in}}$

**Input l.:**  $v^{(0)} = [x; 1]$  **Output l.:**  $f = W^{(L)} v^{(L-1)}$   
**Hidden l.:**  $z^{(l)} = W^{(l)} v^{(l-1)}$  &  $v^{(l)} = [\varphi(z^{(l)}); 1]$

Backward Propagation

**Given from L+1, to compute, given from FP.**

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_{W^{(L)}} l)^\top &= \frac{\partial l}{\partial f} \frac{\partial f}{\partial W^{(L)}} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial f} v^{(L-1)} \\ (\nabla_{W^{(L-1)}} l)^\top &= \frac{\partial l}{\partial f} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L-1)}}{\partial W^{(L-1)}} = \dots v^{(L-2)} \\ (\nabla_{W^{(L-2)}} l)^\top &= \frac{\partial l}{\partial f} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L-1)}}{\partial z^{(L-2)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L-2)}}{\partial W^{(L-2)}} \end{aligned}$$

Where error  $\delta^{(l)} = \varphi(z^{(l)}) \odot (W^{(l+1)^\top} \delta^{(l+1)})$   
and  $\nabla_{W^{(l)}} l = \delta^{(l)} v^{(l-1)^\top}$  to calc the gradient.

Overfitting and Robustness

To avoid 0, \* grad. keep  $\nabla$  of activation const.  
Init  $W$ : tanh:  $\mathcal{N}(\frac{1}{n_{in}} \text{ or } \frac{2}{n_{in} + n_{out}})$ ; relu:  $\mathcal{N}(\frac{2}{n_{in}})$ .  
**GD:**  $\eta$  piecewise const.  $\downarrow$  or w/ momentum.  
**Prevent Overfitting:** • Dropout (Eval  $\hat{w} = wp$ )  
• Regularization • Normalization • Early Stop

CNN and other architectures

**CNN-Formulas:** Chan., **Ker. size**,  $m = \# \text{Ker.}$   
• Dim:  $f(W) \times f(H) \times m, f(i) = \frac{i+2P-K_i}{S} + 1$   
• Params:  $p = (K_W \cdot K_H \cdot C + 1) \cdot m, +1 \triangleq \text{Bias}$   
**Pooling Layers:** Pool units to decrease width.  
**ResNet:**  $v^{(l+1)} = v^{(l)} + r(v^{(l)})$  w/ skip conn.

Clustering / K-Means Problem

**Problem.:** Minimize  $\sum \min_{j \in [k]} \|x_i - \mu_j\|_2^2$   
**Lloyd's heuristic:** 1. Init  $\mu_j$  2. Assign  $x_i$  to closest  $\mu_j$  3. Set  $\mu_j$  as mean of assigned points.  
Conv. to local opt (exp.).  $\mathcal{O}(nkd)$  per iter.  
**K-Means++:**  $\mu_1 = x_i$  with  $i \sim \mathcal{U}\{1, \dots, n\}$ , then given  $\mu_{1:j}$ , pick  $\mu_{j+1} = x_i$  with prob.  
 $p(i) \propto \min_{l \in [j]} \|x_i - \mu_l^{(0)}\|_2^2$ .  $\mathcal{O}(\log k)$  opt. sol.  
Pick  $k$  by heuristics, regularization, etc.

Dimensionality Reduction

$w^* = \text{argmin}_{w, z, \|w\|_2=1} \sum_i \|x_i - w z_i\|_2^2$   
 $z_i^* = w^\top x_i \implies w^* = \text{argmin}_{\|w\|_2=1} w^\top \Sigma w$   
With  $\Sigma = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i x_i x_i^\top$  as the empirical covariance matrix (assuming  $\mu = 0$ ). Solution given by principal CV of  $\Sigma$ . (= max. empirical var.)  
**PCA problem** ( $k > 1$ ):  $w \rightarrow W$  s.t.  $W^\top W = I$ ,  $W = [v_1 | \dots | v_k]$  the  $k$ -first eigenvectors of  $\Sigma$ .

Repr.  $z_i = W^\top x_i$ . Recon.  $\tilde{x}_i = W W^\top x_i$   
**PCA via SVD:**  $X = U \Sigma V^\top \rightarrow W = V_{:,1:k}$   
**Kernelized PCA:** With  $w = \sum \alpha_j \phi(x_j)$  and  $\text{argmax}_{\|w\|=1} w^\top \Sigma w = \text{argmax}_w w^\top X^\top X w \implies$

$\alpha^* = \text{argmax}_\alpha \frac{\alpha^\top K^\top K \alpha}{\alpha^\top K \alpha}$   
With closed form solution (for any  $k$ ):  
 $\alpha^{(i)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_i}} v_i$  from  $K = \sum_i \lambda_i v_i v_i^\top, \lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ .  
 $\implies z_i = \sum_j \alpha_j^{(i)} k(x_j, x)$  as projection.

**Autoencoder:**  $W^* = \text{argmin} \sum \|x_i - f_W(x_i)\|_2^2$   
Thus  $f(x; \theta) = f_{\text{dec}}(f_{\text{enc}}(x; \theta_{\text{enc}}); \theta_{\text{dec}})$  and if activation is identity and square loss  $\equiv$  PCA.

Probabilistic Modeling

Suppose we have access to  $\mathbb{P}_{XY}$  then opt. sol.:  
**Reg, (SE):**  $\hat{f}(x) = \mathbb{E}[Y | X = x], Y = f^*(X) + \epsilon$   
**C<sub>0-1</sub>:**  $\hat{f}(x) = \mathbb{P}_{Y|X}(Y \neq \text{sgn} f(X)), y = \epsilon y^*(x)$   
Get  $\mathbb{P}(Y | X)$  from  $\mathbb{P}(X, Y)$ , but not vice versa.  
**Naive  $\mathbb{P}_{XY}$  Est.:** Kernel density est./histogram

Parametric Models for  $\mathbb{P}_{XY}$

Best of distribution family  $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathbb{P}_{XY}; \theta \in \Theta\}$   
**MLE:** Likelihood:  $p(D; \theta) = \prod p(x_i; \theta)$  with its estimator  $\theta_{\text{MLE}} = \text{argmax} \log p(D; \theta)$ .

Discriminative  $p(x, y) = p(y | x; \gamma) p(x; \pi)$

**Ex. Reg.**  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, 1), \mathbb{P}_{Y|x;w} = \mathcal{N}(w^\top x, 1)$ :

- $\hat{\mu}_{\text{MLE}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i$  as sample mean for  $\mathbb{P}_X$ .
- $\hat{w}_{\text{MLE}} = \text{argmin} \sum (y_i - w^\top x_i)^2$  for  $\mathbb{P}_{Y|x;w}$ .
- $\hat{p}(x, y) = p(x; \hat{\mu}_{\text{MLE}}) \cdot p(y | x; \hat{w}_{\text{MLE}})$

**Ex. Cl.**  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, 1), p(y | x; w) = \sigma(y w^\top x)$ .  
1.  $\mu = \hat{\mu}_{\text{MLE}}$  2.  $\hat{w}_{\text{MLE}} = \text{argmin} \sum g_{\log}(y_i w^\top x_i)$

Generative  $p(x, y) = p(x | y; \gamma) p(y; \pi)$

**Setup Ex.**  $Y \sim \text{Cat}(\pi), \mathbb{P}_{X|y; \mu_y, \Sigma_y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_y, \Sigma_y)$  with  $\pi \in \Pi, \Sigma_y \in S$  and  $y \in \{1, 2\}$ .

**Gaus. Naïve Bayes:**  $\Sigma_y = \text{diag}[\sigma_{y,1}^2, \dots, \sigma_{y,d}^2]$ .

- $[\hat{\pi}]_j = \hat{p}_j = \frac{\#\{Y=j\}}{n}$  2.  $\hat{\mu}_y = \frac{1}{\#\{Y=y\}} \sum_{i: y_i=y} x_i$
  - $\hat{\sigma}_{y,k} = \frac{1}{\#\{Y=y\}} \sum_{i: y_i=y} (x_{i,k} - \mu_{y,k})^2$  w/ MLE.
- GNB performs better for small sample sizes. Has correct uncertainty for big samples. If iid:  $\hat{y} = \text{argmax}_y p(y | x) = \text{argmax}_y p(y) \prod p(x_i | y)$ .  
**GBC/QDA:** Same as GNB, less restrictive:  
 $\hat{\Sigma}_y = \frac{1}{\#\{Y=y\}} \sum_{i: y_i=y} (x_i - \hat{\mu}_y)(x_i - \hat{\mu}_y)^\top$ .  
**Linear Discriminant Analysis:**  $\forall y : \sigma_y = \sigma$

## Bayesian Modeling

Ass. data iid. from  $\mathbb{P}_{|\theta}$  with prior distribution  $\theta \sim \mathbb{P}_\theta$ . Then  $p(D) = \int p(D | \theta) p(\theta) d\theta$ .

**MAP:** Posterior:  $p(\theta | D) = \frac{p(D|\theta)p(\theta)}{\int p(D|\theta)p(\theta)d\theta}$  &  $\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \log p(\theta | D) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \log p(D, \theta)$

**Ex. Reg.:**  $y_i = w^\top x_i + \varepsilon_i$ ,  $w \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_w^2 I_d)$ ,  $\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ ,  $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathbb{P}_{Y|X;w} = \mathcal{N}(\langle w, x \rangle, 1)\}$ .

$$\hat{w}_{\text{MAP}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\frac{1}{2}} \|y - Xw\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2\sigma_w^2} \|w\|^2$$

= ridge sol. If  $p(w) = \frac{1}{z} e^{-\frac{\|w\|_1}{\sigma_w}}$  laplacian then

$$\hat{w}_{\text{MAP}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\frac{1}{2}} \|y - Xw\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma_w} \|w\|_1$$

which is the lasso sol.  $\rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{P}}_{Y|X} = \mathbb{P}_{Y|X; \hat{w}_{\text{MAP}}}$ .

**Bayes. Model Avg:** Gives distribution of  $f^*$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{p}(y | x; D) &= \hat{E}_{\theta|D} p(y | x; \theta) \\ &= \int_{\Theta} p(y | x; \theta) \hat{p}(\theta | D) d\theta \end{aligned}$$

## Decision Theory

Decision rules  $a : X \rightarrow A$ , with  $A$  as action set.

Find  $a^*(x) = \operatorname{argmin} \mathbb{E}[l(a(x), y) | X = x]$

**Applications of decision theory w/  $\mathbb{P}(Y | X)$ :**

• Reg. SE:  $\hat{f}(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_a \mathbb{E}[(Y - a)^2 | X = x] = \hat{E}[Y | X = x]$  • 0-1:  $\hat{y}(x) = \operatorname{argmax}_y \hat{p}(y | x)$

=  $\operatorname{argmin}_a \hat{E}[\mathbb{I}_{a \neq Y} | X = x]$  • a0-1: Boundary

$\pi(x)$  to  $\pi(x) = \frac{CFN}{CFP + CFN}$  • Abstention 0-1: with

$A = \{-1, +1, r\}$  and  $l(\hat{y}, y) = \mathbb{I}_{\hat{y} \neq y} \mathbb{I}_{\hat{y} \neq r} + c \mathbb{I}_{\hat{y} = r}$

obtain  $\hat{y} = r$  if  $c < \hat{p}(y = -1 | x) < 1 - c$ .

## Summary (Gen. Classification)

1. Est.  $p(y)$  2. Est.  $p(x | y)$  3. Obtain  $p(y | x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{y} &= \operatorname{argmax}_y p(y | x) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_y \log p(y) + \log p(x | y) \end{aligned}$$

## Gaussian Mixture Models

We assume  $p(x | \theta) = \sum_j w_j \mathcal{N}(x | \mu_j, \Sigma_j)$  and thus the optimization problem is defined as

$$\operatorname{argmin} - \sum_i \log \sum_j w_j \mathcal{N}(x_i | \mu_j, \Sigma_j)$$

Fitting a GMM  $\equiv$  GBC without labels.

## Hard-EM

**E-Step:** Predict most likely class for each  $x_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned} z_i^{(t)} &= \operatorname{argmax}_z p(z | x_i, \theta^{(t-1)}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_z p(z | \theta^{(t-1)}) p(x_i | z, \theta^{(t-1)}) \end{aligned}$$

**M-Step:** Compute MLE as for GBC.

Uniform  $w_j$ , identical spherical  $\Sigma_j \Rightarrow$  k-means

## Soft-EM

**E-Step:** Calc cluster membership weights:

$$\gamma_j^{(t)} = p(Z = j | x, \Sigma, \mu, w) = \frac{w_j p(x_i | \Sigma_j, \mu_j)}{\sum_l w_l p(x_i | \Sigma_l, \mu_l)}$$

**M-Step:** Fit cluster to weighted  $x_i$  (MLE):

$$w_j^{(t)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_j^{(t)}(x_i) \quad \mu_j^{(t)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \gamma_j^{(t)}(x_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_j^{(t)}(x_i)}$$

$$\Sigma_j^{(t)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_j^{(t)}(x_i) (x_i - \mu_j^{(t)}) (x_i - \mu_j^{(t)})^\top}{\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_j^{(t)}(x_i)}$$

Hard-EM props. + variance  $\rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$  k-means. CV for  $j$ , maximize log-likelihood on val set.

## EM for SSL

**E-Step:** For  $x_i$  with label  $y_i$ :  $\gamma_j^{(t)}(x_i) = \mathbb{I}_{\{y_i = y_j\}}$ .

**GM Bayes Cl.:** 1. Est.  $\mathbb{P}_Y$  2. Est.  $p(x | y)$  via GMM 3.  $p(y | x) = \frac{1}{z} p(y) p(x | y)$ .

**Density Est.:** Anomaly detection/data imputation. Compare est. density of  $x_i$  against threshold  $\tau$  (CV)  $\rightarrow$  control estimated FPR.

## General EM

$E$ : expected sufficient statistic,  $M$ : MLE

**E-Step:** Calculate the expected complete data log-likelihood (function of  $\theta$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\theta; \theta^{(t-1)}) &= \mathbb{E}_Z[\log p(X, Z | \theta) | X, \theta^{(t-1)}] \\ &= \sum_i \sum_{z_i} \gamma_{z_i}(x_i) \log p(x_i, z_i | \theta) \end{aligned}$$

W/  $\gamma_z(x) = p(z | x, \theta^{(t-1)})$ , depends on  $\theta^{(t-1)}$ .

**M-Step:** Max.  $\theta^{(t)} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} Q(\theta; \theta^{(t-1)})$ .

Equivalent to train a GBC with weighted data.

Each EM-iteration increases data likelihood.

**EM-Init:**  $w$  unif,  $\mu$  k-m++,  $\Sigma$  spherical ( $S^2$ )

**Degeneracy:** Loss  $\rightarrow -\infty$  as  $\mu \rightarrow x, \sigma \rightarrow 0$ .

Thus add  $v^2 I$  to covariances ( $v$  by CV). Same as adding a Wishart prior on  $\Sigma$  and calc. MAP.

## Generative Modeling with NN

Model word  $X_i \in [N]$  as categorical variable.

$p(\text{Sentence}) = p(X_1, \dots, X_m) \rightarrow N^m - 1$  param.

**Key idea:** Estimate conditional distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(X_t = x | X_{1:t-1} = x_{1:t-1}) \\ \approx \mathbb{P}(X_t = x | X_{t-k:t-1} = x_{t-k:t-1}, \theta) \\ := \operatorname{Cat}(x | \operatorname{softmax}(f(x_{t-k:t-1}, \theta))) \end{aligned}$$

With  $f$  as NN with params  $\theta$ . Use CE-Loss:

$$L(\theta) = \sum_t \log \mathbb{P}(X_t = x | X_{t-k:t-1} = x_{t-k:t-1}, \theta)$$

**Self-supervision:** Use next word as label.

## Simple transformer (decoder only)

**Computational Model:**  $Z_0 = XW_e + W_p$  with  $X = (x_{t-k}, \dots, x_{t-1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times N}$  and  $W_e$  is (learnable word embedding matrix),  $W_p$  is a (fixed) position embedding matrix,  $Z_l$  = transformer block and  $P = \operatorname{softmax}(Z_n W_e^\top)$ .

**(Self-)Attention:** Learn to predict a weighted, directed graph.  $z_i^{l+1} = \sum_{j=1:k} \operatorname{score}_{i,j} v_j^l$ . Score measures directed similarity of word  $i$  to  $j$ . Self-attention needs both sides to be the same phrase. Each word has a "key" vector  $k_i$ , a "query" vector  $q_i$  and a "value" vector  $v_i$  all **predicted**. Then we can add masking, such that only attend to preceding words (adding  $m_{i,j} = -\infty$  if  $j > i$ , else 0).

$$\operatorname{score}_{i,j} = q_i^\top k_j \propto \frac{\exp(q_i k_j^\top / \sqrt{d_k} + m_{i,j})}{\sum_{j'} \exp(q_i k_{j'}^\top / \sqrt{d_k} + m_{i,j'})}$$

$Z' := \operatorname{softmax}\left(\frac{QK^\top}{\sqrt{d_k}} + M\right) V$  (SM rowwise)

Right of  $\propto$  is the normalized scaled dot product attention, to remove 0-gradients.

**Multi-Head Attention:** Use multiple queries, keys, values for each word ( $Q_h, K_h, V_h$ ) each in  $\mathbb{R}^{k \times d_v}$ . Then concatenate to get single output  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times (h \cdot d_v)}$ .

In reality "tokens" are used instead of words (e.g. BPE: byte-pair encoding). Text generated from LLMs often is not directly useful, need "RL from Human Feedback".

## Math Additions

**Convexity:**

0.  $f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda)f(y)$

1.  $f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle \nabla f(x), y - x \rangle$

2.  $D^2 f(x) \succeq 0$  (psd)

•  $\alpha f + \beta g, \alpha, \beta > 0$  convex if  $f, g$  convex.

•  $f \circ g$  convex if  $f$  convex,  $g$  affine or  $f$  non-decreasing,  $g$  convex.

•  $\max(f, g)$  convex if  $f, g$  convex.

**Derivatives (Denom. lay.):** •  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} A x = A^\top$

•  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} x^\top A = A \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \alpha = \vec{0} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x^\top a = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} a^\top x = a$

•  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} b^\top X x = A^\top b \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x^\top A x = (A + A^\top) x$

•  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} x^\top x = 2x \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \|y - Xx\|_2^2 = 2X^\top (Xx - y)$

**Density of  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$ :**

$$p(x | y; \mu_y, \Sigma_y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} (\det \Sigma_y)^{\frac{1}{2}}} e^{-\frac{(x - \mu_y)^\top \Sigma_y^{-1} (x - \mu_y)}{2}}$$

## Shortcuts, Tips and Tricks

**Covariances and PCA:**  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i x_i^\top = \frac{1}{n} X^\top X$ .

Let  $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_d \geq 0$  denote eigenvalues of  $\frac{1}{n} X^\top X$  (spd/sym) and  $\sigma_i$  denote  $i$ -th singular value of  $X$ , then  $\lambda_i = \sigma_i^2 / n$ .  $L(k) = \sum_{j=k+1}^d \lambda_j$ .

If  $\operatorname{Cov}(X, Y) > 0$ , then data:  $\nearrow, < 0: \searrow$ .

$\operatorname{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}((X - \mathbb{E}(X))(Y - \mathbb{E}(Y))^\top)$

$$\mathbb{V}(WX) = W \mathbb{V}(X) W^\top$$

**Trace Tr:** • Linear •  $\operatorname{Tr}(ABCD) = \operatorname{Tr}(DABC)$

•  $\operatorname{Tr}(A) = \sum_i \lambda_i$  •  $\operatorname{Tr}(XX^\top) = \sum_{i,j} X_{i,j}^2 = \|X\|_2^2$

**Kernels: Valid:** •  $\frac{1}{1-xy}$  •  $2^{xy}$  •  $e^{k(x,y)}$  •  $\cos(x-y)$

•  $\min(x, y) \cdot \frac{\min(x, y)}{\max(x, y)} \cdot g(x)k(x, y)g(y)$  **Invalid:**

•  $\max(x, y) \cdot f(k(x, y))$ ,  $f$  any poly. •  $\cos(x+y)$

**MLE:** •  $\hat{p}_{\text{poi}} = \hat{\mu}_{\mathcal{N}} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n}$  •  $\hat{\lambda}_{\text{exp}} = \hat{p}_{\text{geo}} = \frac{n}{\sum x_i}$

•  $\hat{p}_{\text{bin}} = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{n} \cdot \hat{\sigma}_{\mathcal{N}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum (x_i - \hat{\mu}_{\mathcal{N}})^2$

**KL-Divergence:** Divergence between reference distribution  $P$  and another distribution  $Q$ .

$$\begin{aligned} D_{KL}(P \| Q) &:= \mathbb{E}_{X \sim P}[\log \frac{p(X)}{q(X)}] \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx \end{aligned}$$