

1 Basics

$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{\sigma^2}}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma)$   
 $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d \det \Sigma}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \Sigma)$   
 $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$ ,  $Y = A + BX \Rightarrow Y \sim \mathcal{N}(A + B\mu, B\Sigma B^T)$   
 $\log(\mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \Sigma)) = \frac{1}{2} \log|\Sigma^{-1}| - \frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu) + \text{const} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \log \mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \Sigma)}{\mu} = \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)$ ,  $\frac{\partial \log \mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \Sigma)}{\Sigma^{-1}} = \frac{1}{2} \Sigma - \frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)(x-\mu)^T$   
**f(x) on a:**  $f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \dots$   
 $p\left(\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}\right)$ ,  $p(a_2|a_1) = \mathcal{N}(u_2 + \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}(a_1 - u_1), \Sigma_{22} - \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{12})$   
•  $\text{Var}[X] = \int_{\mathbb{X}} (x - \mu)^2 p(x) dx$   
•  $\text{Var}[aX] = a^2 \text{Var}[X]$   
•  $\text{Var}[X] = E[(X - E[X])^2] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$   
•  $\text{Var}[X+Y] = \text{Var}[X] + \text{Var}[Y] + 2\text{Cov}[X, Y]$   
•  $\text{Cov}[X, Y] = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]$   
•  $\text{Cov}[aX, bY] = ab\text{Cov}[X, Y]$  •  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{b}$  •  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}) = 2\mathbf{x}$   
•  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{A})\mathbf{x} \stackrel{\text{A sym.}}{=} 2\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$   
•  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$  •  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{c} \mathbf{b}^T$   
•  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{b} \mathbf{c}^T$  •  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2) = \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2}$   
•  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T)$   
•  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{A}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{B}^T$  •  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{A}} \log|\mathbf{A}| = \mathbf{A}^{-T}$   
•  $\text{sigmoid}(x) = \sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}$   
•  $\forall \text{sigmoid}(x) = \text{sigmoid}(x)(1 - \text{sigmoid}(x))$   
•  $CE(y, \hat{y}) = -(y \log \hat{y} + (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y}))$

2 Normality Detection

**Dimensionality Reduction:** Simpler case:  $d = 1$  ( $\pi : R^D \rightarrow R$ ); Assume  $\pi(X) = u_1 X$  with  $\|u_1\|^2 = 1$ : Mean of proj. data:  $u_1^T \bar{X}$  ( $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{x \in X} x$ ); Variance of proj. data:  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \leq n} (u_1^T \bar{X} - u_1^T x_i)^2 = u_1^T \text{Cov}(X) u_1 := u_1^T S u_1$   
Objective:  $\max_{u_1 \in R^D} u_1^T S u_1$  s.t.  $\|u_1\|^2 = 1$   
Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L}(u_1) = u_1^T S u_1 + \lambda(1 - u_1^T u_1)$ ;  
 $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u_1} = 0 \Rightarrow S u_1 = \lambda u_1$ ;  $u_1^* S u_1^* = \lambda$   
**GMM:**  $\max_{\pi_k, \mu_k, \Sigma_k} \log(p(x)) = \log(\sum_k \pi_k \mathcal{N}(x|\mu_k, \Sigma_k))$  s.t.  $\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1$ ,  $\Sigma_k$  is p.d.;  $\log p_\theta(X) = \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q}[\log p_\theta(X)] = \mathbb{E}_z[\log p_\theta(X, z)] - \mathbb{E}_z[\log q(z)] + \mathbb{E}_z[\log(\frac{q(z)}{p_\theta(z|X)})] := M(q, \theta) + E(q, \theta)$  (intractable).  
**EM:** Properties: 1)  $E(q, \theta) \geq 0$ ,  $M(q, \theta) \leq \log p_\theta(X)$  2)  $E(q^*, \theta) = 0$  for  $q^* = \min_q E(q, \theta) = p_\theta(z|X)$ ,  $M(q^*, \theta) = \log p_\theta(X)$

3)  $\log p_\theta(X) = M(q, \theta) + E(q, \theta) = M(q^*, \theta) + 0 = \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q^*}[\log p_\theta(X, z)] - \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q^*}[\log q(z)] \leq \max_\theta M(q^*, \theta)$ ; E-step:  $q_i^* = \min_q E(q, \theta^t)$ ; M-step:  $\theta^{(t+1)} = \max_\theta M(q_i^*, \theta)$   
**3 Density Estimation**  
**Fisher Info & Cramér–Rao Bound:**  $E_X[(\theta - \hat{\theta})^2] \geq \frac{(\frac{\partial \text{bias}(\hat{\theta}) + 1)^2}{I_n(\theta)} + \text{bias}^2(\hat{\theta})$ , where  $I_n(\theta) = n I_1(\theta) = \mathbb{E}[(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log p(x|\theta))^2] = \mathbb{E}[\Lambda^2]$ ,  $\Lambda := \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} p(x|\theta)}{p(x|\theta)}$ ; Properties: 1)  $\mathbb{E}_X[\Lambda] = \int p(X|\theta) \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} p(x|\theta)}{p(x|\theta)} dX = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int p(X|\theta) dX = 0$  2)  $\mathbb{E}_X[\Lambda \hat{\theta}] = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int p(X|\theta) \hat{\theta}(X) dX = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathbb{E}_X[\hat{\theta}] = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \text{bias}(\hat{\theta}) + 1$   
Proof:  $\text{Cov}(\Lambda, \hat{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}_X[(\Lambda - \mathbb{E}_X[\Lambda])(\hat{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_X[\hat{\theta}])] = \mathbb{E}[\Lambda \hat{\theta}] - \mathbb{E}[\Lambda] \mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}] = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \text{bias}(\hat{\theta}) + 1$   
 $\text{Cov}(\Lambda, \hat{\theta})^2 \leq \mathbb{E}_X[(\Lambda - \mathbb{E}_X[\Lambda])^2] \mathbb{E}_X[(\hat{\theta} - \mathbb{E}_X[\hat{\theta}])^2] = \mathbb{E}_X[\Lambda^2] \mathbb{E}_X[(\hat{\theta} - \theta - \mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}] + \theta)^2] = \mathbb{E}[\Lambda^2](\mathbb{E}[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2] - \text{bias}^2(\hat{\theta}))$   
**Approaches:** Frequentism (MLE): Desiderata, asymptotically unbiased but large variance (out-performed by biased estimators, e.g. shrinked estimators and Stein's). Frequentism fulfills the desiderata: 1) Asymptotic Efficiency:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2] = \frac{1}{I_n(\theta)}$  2) Consistency  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(|\hat{\theta}_n - \theta| > \epsilon) = 0$ ,  $\forall \epsilon > 0$  3) Asymptotic Normality  $\hat{\theta}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(\theta, \sigma^2)$ ,  $\sigma > 0$   
Bayesianism: Prior induces a regularization effect that raises the bias but decreases the variance; To avoid intractability issues, use conjugate priors.  
Statistical Learning: tractable with low bias and variance, but hard to select model.  
**Logistic Regression, Frequentism:**  $\mathbb{E}[y|X = x, \hat{\theta}] = p(y = 1|X = x, \hat{\theta}) = \frac{p(X=x|y=1, \hat{\theta})p(y=1|\hat{\theta})}{p(X=x|y=1, \hat{\theta})p(y=1|\hat{\theta}) + p(X=x|y=0, \hat{\theta})p(y=0|\hat{\theta})} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{p(X=x|y=0, \hat{\theta})}{p(X=x|y=1, \hat{\theta})}} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-w^T x + w_0)} = \sigma(w^T x + w_0)$   
**LR, Bayesianism:** Prior:  $p(w) = \mathcal{N}(w|m_0, S_0) = \mathcal{N}(w|0, \alpha I)$ ; Likelihood:  $p(X, y|w) = \prod_i \sigma(x_i^T w)^{y_i} (1 - \sigma(x_i^T w))^{1-y_i}$ ; intractable  
Approximate by Laplace's Method:  $p(w|x, y) = \frac{p(w, x, y)}{p(x, y)} \propto \exp(-(-\log p(w, x, y))) := \exp(-(R(w)))$ ;  $R(w) \approx R(w^*) + (w - w^*)^T \nabla R(w^*) + \frac{1}{2}(w - w^*)^T H_R(w - w^*)$ , with  $w^* = \min_w R(w) \Rightarrow p(w|x, y) \approx \mathcal{N}(w|w^*, H_R^{-1}(w^*))$   
**LR, Statistical Learning:** Model:  $\mathcal{H} = \{f|f :$

$R^d \rightarrow [0, 1], f(x) = \sigma(w^T x)$   
Loss function:  $\mathcal{L}(y, f(x)) = -\log p_{f(x)}(y)$ ;  
Expected loss:  $\mathbb{E}_{X, y \sim p^*}[\mathcal{L}(y, f(X))] = \mathbb{E}_X \mathbb{E}_{y|X}[-\log p_{f(x)}(y)]$ ; Empirical loss:  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \leq n} (-y_i \log \sigma(w^T x_i) - (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \sigma(w^T x_i)))$  (same as frequentist approach)  
**BIC:** for  $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, d\}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_S = \{f : R^{|S|} \rightarrow [0, 1]\}$ ;  
When  $p(w) = \mathcal{N}(w|m_0, \alpha_0 I)$  (for large  $\alpha_0$ ),  $\log p(x, y) \approx \log p(w^*) + \log(x, y|w^*) - \frac{|S|}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log |H_R| \approx \text{const} - \frac{1}{2}(|S| \log n - 2 \log p(x, y|w^*))$ ;  
Lower BIC, better model.  
**4 Regression**  
**Linear Regression:**  $RSS(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x_i^T \beta)^2 = (y - X\beta)^T (y - X\beta) \Rightarrow \hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$   
Prove  $\hat{\beta}$  is unbiased:  $\hat{\theta} := a^T \hat{\beta}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}_\epsilon[\hat{\theta}] = \mathbb{E}_\epsilon[a^T (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y] = a^T (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \mathbb{E}_\epsilon[y] = a^T (X^T X)^{-1} X^T (X\beta + \mathbb{E}_\epsilon[\epsilon]) = a^T \beta$   
Alternative unbiased estimator:  $\tilde{\theta} = c^T y = a^T \hat{\beta} + a^T D y = a^T \beta + a^T D X \beta = a^T \beta$ ;  $a^T D X = 0$   
**Gauss Markov Theorem:**  $\forall \tilde{\theta} = c^T y$  unbiased for  $a^T \hat{\beta}$ ,  $\mathbb{V}(a^T \hat{\beta}) \leq \mathbb{V}(c^T y)$ ; Proof:  $\mathbb{V}(c^T y) = \mathbb{E}[(c^T y)^2] - \mathbb{E}[c^T y]^2 = c^T (\mathbb{E}[y y^T] - \mathbb{E}[y] \mathbb{E}[y]^T) c = \sigma^2 c^T c = \sigma^2 (a^T (X^T X)^{-1} a + a^T D D^T a) = \mathbb{V}(a^T \hat{\beta}) + \sigma^2 a^T D D^T a$   
**Bias-variance Tradeoff:**  $\mathbb{E}_D \mathbb{E}_{Y|X=x}(\hat{f}(x) - Y)^2 = \mathbb{E}_D(\hat{f}(x) - \mathbb{E}(Y|X=x))^2 + \mathbb{E}(Y - \mathbb{E}(Y|X=x))^2 = \mathbb{E}_D(\hat{f}(x) - \mathbb{E}_D \hat{f}(x))^2 + (\mathbb{E}_D \hat{f}(x) - \mathbb{E}(Y|X=x))^2 + \mathbb{E}(Y - \mathbb{E}(Y|X=x))^2 = \text{var} + \text{bias}^2 + \text{noise}$   
**Regularization:** Can be viewed as MAP estimation with a prior. Ridge:  $\beta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{\sigma^2}{\lambda I})$ ; Laplace:  $p(\beta_i) = \frac{\lambda}{4\sigma^2} \exp(-|\beta_i| \frac{\lambda}{2\sigma^2})$  (Laplace, no closed-form solution since  $l_1$  norm is not differentiable, more sparse estimations since the gradient of regularization does not shrink as Ridge)  
**Bayesian LR:** Assume  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I)$ ,  $\beta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Lambda^{-1})$ ,  $p(\beta|Y, X, \sigma^2, \Lambda) = \mathcal{N}((X^T X + \sigma^2 \Lambda)^{-1} X^T Y, \sigma^2 (X^T X + \sigma^2 \Lambda)^{-1})$   
Bayesian LR is a special case of Gaussian Processes with linear kernel  $k(x, x') = x^T \Lambda^{-1} x'$   
**5 Gaussian Processes**  
**Prediction with GP:**  $p(y_{n+1}|x_{n+1}, X, y) = \mathcal{N}(k(x_{n+1}, X)^T (k(X, X) + \sigma^2 I)^{-1} y, k(x_{n+1} x_{n+1}) + \sigma^2 - k(x_{n+1}, X)^T (k(X, X) + \sigma^2 I)^{-1} k(x_{n+1}, X))$   
**Kernels:** Properties: 1)  $k(x, x') = k(x', x)$  2)  $x^T K x \geq 0 \forall x$  3)  $k(x, x') = \phi(x)\phi(x')$ ; Composition: addition, multiplication, scaling,  $k(x, x') = f(k_1(x, x')) = f(x)k_1(x, x')f(x')$  for positive polynomial or exponential  $f$ ; Con-

structions: 1)  $k(x, x') = k_1(x, x') + k_2(x, x')$ , Proof:  $\exists$  symmetric gram matrices  $K_1, K_2$  s.t.  $x^T K_1 x, x^T K_2 x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x^T K x = x^T (K_1 + K_2) x \geq 0$  2)  $k(x, x') = k_1(x, x')k_2(x, x')$ , Proof:  $k_1(x, x')k_2(x, x') = \Sigma_{i,j}(f_i(x)g_j(x))(f_i(x')g_j(x')) = \Sigma_{i,j}h_{i,j}(x)h_{i,j}(x') = \phi(x)\phi(x')$  3)  $k(x, x') = \exp(k_1(x, x'))$ , Proof:  $\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{k_1(x, x')^i}{i!} \rightarrow k(x, x')$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  4) RBF:  $k(x, x') = \exp(-\frac{1}{2\gamma^2} \|x - x'\|_2^2) = \exp(-\frac{1}{2\gamma^2} \|x\|_2^2) \exp(\frac{1}{\gamma^2} x^T x') \exp(-\frac{1}{2\gamma^2} \|x'\|_2^2)$  (larger bandwidth  $\gamma \rightarrow$  smoother curves)  
**6 Ensemble Methods**  
**Bagging:**  $\mathbb{E}[(y - b^{(M)}(x))^2] = \text{bias}^2(b^{(M)}(x)) + \text{var}(b^{(M)}(x)) = \text{bias}^2(b(x)) + \frac{1}{M} \text{var}(b(x)) \leq \mathbb{E}[(y - b(x))^2]$ ; Random Forests chooses  $m$  random features at each splitting step (i.d. base models). Randomized feature selection induces implicit regularization; no overfitting  
**AdaBoost:**  $b^{(0)} = 0, w_i^{(0)} = \frac{1}{n}$ ; 1)  $b^{(t)} = \min_\beta \Sigma_i w_i^{(t)} \mathbb{I}\{b(x_i) \neq y_i\}$  2) Evaluate  $err_t$  3)  $\tilde{\alpha}_t = \frac{1}{2} \log(\frac{1 - err_t}{err_t})$ ,  $b^{(t)} = b^{(t-1)} + \tilde{\alpha}_t b^{(t)}$  4)  $w_i^{(t+1)} = w_i^{(t)} \exp(-\tilde{\alpha}_t y_i b^{(t)})$  5) Renormalize  $w_i^{(t+1)}$ ; Output  $\sum(\tilde{\alpha}_i b^i(x))$   
Forward stagewise additive modeling: Proof of 3):  $\mathbb{E}[f(x)] := \mathbb{E}[\exp(-y f(x))] = P(Y = 1|X = x) \exp(-f(x)) + P(Y = -1|X = x) \exp(f(x))$   
 $\frac{\partial \mathbb{E}[f(x)]}{\partial f(x)} = 0 \Rightarrow f^*(x) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{P(Y=1|X=x)}{P(Y=-1|X=x)}$ ;  
Proof of 1):  $\min_{\alpha > 0, b \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_i \mathcal{L}(y_i, \alpha b(x_i)) + f_{t-1}(x_i) = \min_{\alpha, b} \sum_i w_i^{(t)} \exp(-\alpha y_i b(x_i)) = \min_{\alpha, b} \sum_{i, y_i \neq b(x_i)} w_i^{(t)} e^\alpha + (\sum_i w_i^{(t)} e^{-\alpha} - \sum_{i, y_i \neq b(x_i)} w_i^{(t)} e^{-\alpha})$ ;  $w_i^{(t)} = \exp(-y_i f_{t-1}(x_i))$   
**Gradient Boosting:**  $\hat{f}_0(x) = \min_{\eta} \Sigma_{i=1}^n (y_i - h(x_i))^2$ ; 1)  $g_t(x_i) = [\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(y_i, f(x_i))}{\partial f(x_i)}]_{f=f_{t-1}(x_i)}$  2)  $h_t = \min_{\eta} \Sigma_i (-g_t(x_i) - h(x_i))$  3)  $\beta_t = \min_{\beta} \Sigma_i \mathcal{L}(y_i, \hat{f}_{t-1}(x_i) + \beta h_t(x_i))$  4)  $\hat{f}_t(x) = \hat{f}_{t-1} + \beta_t h_t(x)$ ; Output  $\hat{f}$ ;  
**7 Convex Optimization & SVMs**  
**Duality:** Primal:  $\min_\omega f(\omega)$  s.t.  $g_i(\omega) = 0$  and  $h_j(\omega) \leq 0$  Dual:  $\max_{\lambda, \alpha} \theta(\lambda, \alpha)$  s.t.  $\alpha_j \geq 0$   
Weak duality:  $\theta(\lambda, \alpha) = \inf_{\omega \in \mathbb{R}^d} \mathcal{L}(\omega, \lambda, \alpha \geq 0) \leq \mathcal{L}(\omega^*, \lambda, \alpha) = f(\omega^*) + \sum_i \lambda_i g_i(\omega^*) (= 0) + \sum_j \alpha_j h_j(\omega^*) (\leq 0) \leq f(\omega^*)$   
Slater's condition (check if strong duality holds):  $\exists \omega$  s.t.  $g_i(\omega) = 0, h_i(\omega) < 0 \forall i, j$   
Strong Duality (if Slater's holds, convex  $f$ , non-

convex  $g$ , linear  $h$ ): 1)  $\omega^* = \min_{\omega} \mathcal{L}(\omega, \lambda^*, \alpha^*)$  2) Complementary slackness:  $\alpha_j h_j(\omega^*) = 0, \forall j$   
**Linearly separable SVM:** Primal:  $\max_{w, w_0} 2m(w, w_0) = \frac{|w^T x^+ - w^T x^-|}{\|w\|} = \max_{w, w_0} \frac{2}{\|w\|} = \min_{w, w_0} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2$  for **random**  $x^+, x^-$ ;  $y_i(w^T x_i + w_0) \geq 1, \forall i$   
 Slater's: take  $(\gamma w, \gamma w_0)$ ,  $\gamma y_i(w^T x_i + w_0) > 1$   
 Dual:  $\theta(\alpha) = \min_{w, w_0} \mathcal{L}(w, w_0, \alpha)$  s.t.  $\alpha_i \geq 0, \forall i$   
 $= \min_{w, w_0} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + \sum_i \alpha_i (1 - y_i(w^T x_i + w_0)) \Leftrightarrow \max_{\alpha} -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j + \sum_i \alpha_i (\sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0; w^* = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i x_i; w_0^* = -\frac{1}{2} (w^{*T} x^+ - w^{*T} x^-))$   
 Compl. slack.:  $\alpha_i^*(1 - y_i(w^{*T} x_i + w_0^*)) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_i^* = 0 \Rightarrow w^*$  is a sparse comb. of support vectors

**Linearly inseparable SVM:** Primal:  $\min_{w, w_0, \xi} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_i \xi_i; y_i(w^T x_i + w_0) \geq 1 - \xi_i; \xi_i \geq 0$ ; **larger C means narrower margin, fewer neglected samples, and fewer support vectors.**  
 Dual:  $L(w, w_0, \xi, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{2} w^T w + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \xi_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (y_i(w^T \phi(x_i) + w_0) - 1 + \xi_i); 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C; \xi_i^* = \max(0, 1 - y_i(w^{*T} x_i + w_0^*))$   
**Kernelization:** Dual:  $\max_{\alpha} -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \phi(x_i)^T \phi(x_j) + \sum_i \alpha_i; w^{*T} \phi(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i^* y_i \phi(x_i)^T \phi(x) k(x_i, x)$

**Extensions:** SVM Regression:  $\epsilon$ -sensitive loss:  $\max(0, |y - f(x)| - \epsilon)$ ; Primal:  $\min_{w, \xi, \epsilon} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_i (\xi_i + \hat{\xi}_i)$  s.t.  $(w^T x_i + w_0) - y_i \leq \epsilon + \xi_i, y_i - (w^T x_i + w_0) \leq \epsilon + \hat{\xi}_i, \xi_i, \hat{\xi}_i \geq 0$ ; Dual:  $\max_{\alpha, \hat{\alpha}} \sum_i (\hat{\alpha} - \alpha) y_i - \epsilon \sum_i (\hat{\alpha} + \alpha) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} (\hat{\alpha}_i - \alpha_i)(\hat{\alpha}_j - \alpha_j) x_i x_j$  s.t.  $0 \leq \alpha_i, \hat{\alpha}_i \leq C, \sum_{ij} (\hat{\alpha}_i - \alpha_i) = 0, \forall i$ ; Multi-class SVM: Constraint:  $\forall y \in \{1, \dots, M\}, \forall x_i \in X, (w_{y_i}^T x_i + w_{y_i, 0}) - \max_{y \neq y_i} (w_y^T x_i + w_{y, 0}) \geq 1 - \xi_i$ ; Structural SVM: Constraint:  $w^T \Phi(y_i, x_i) - \max_{y \neq y_i} [\Delta(y, y_i) + w^T \Phi(y, x_i)] \geq -\xi_i, \forall x_i \in X$

## 8 Deep Learning & Generative Models

**Robbins-Monro Method:**  $X_{n+1} = X_n - \alpha_n(f(x_n) + \gamma_n)$ ; Conditions: 1)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$  (convergence) 2)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$  (slow enough to find root) 3)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n^2 < \infty$  (bounded variance); Proof:  $x_{n+1} - x_0 = x_n - x_0 - \alpha_n(f(x_n) + \gamma_n) \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{E}[x_{n+1} - x_0] = \mathbb{E}[x_n - x_0] - 2\alpha_n \mathbb{E}[(x_{n+1} - x_0)(f(x_n) + \gamma_n)] + \alpha_n^2 \mathbb{E}[f^2(x_n) + 2f(x_n)\gamma_n + \gamma_n^2] = \mathbb{E}[x_n - x_0] + \alpha_n^2 \mathbb{E}[f^2(x_n)] - 2\alpha_n \mathbb{E}[\gamma_n^2]$ ; Iterate  $n-1$  times to reduce  $x_n$  s.t.  $\mathbb{E}[(x_{n+1} - x_0)] - \mathbb{E}[x_1 - x_0] \leq (b + \sigma^2) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i^2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i \mathbb{E}[(x_i - x_0)f(x_i)]$ ; LHS bounded from below & RHS

$\rightarrow -\infty$  iff  $(x_i - x_0)f(x_i) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(x_n = x_0) = 1$ .

**Optimality for step size:**  $f(x_n + \Delta x) = f(x_n) + \nabla f(x_n)^T \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^T H \Delta x$ ; Since  $\Delta x = x_{n+1} - x_n = -\alpha_n \nabla f(x_n)$ ,  $f(x_{n+1}) = f(x_n) - \alpha_n \nabla f(x_n)^T \nabla f(x_n) + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_n^2 \nabla f(x_n)^T H \nabla f(x_n)$ ; Assume  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_n} f(x_{n+1}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_n} f(x_0) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \alpha_n = \frac{\nabla f^T \nabla f}{\nabla f^T H \nabla f} = H^{-1}$   
**SGD:** Nesterov Momentum:  $y_{n+1} = x_n + \beta(x_n - x_{n-1}); x_{n+1} = y_{n+1} - \alpha_n \nabla f(y_{n+1})$  for  $\beta > 0$ ; SGD with Momentum:  $x_{n+1} = y_{n+1} - \alpha_n \nabla f_{I(n)}(y_{n+1})$  with  $I(n) \sim \text{Unif}\{1, \dots, n\}$ ; Sign SGD:  $x_{n+1} = x_n - \alpha_n \text{sign}(\nabla f_{I(n)}(x_n))$ ; Mini-batch:  $x_{n+1} = x_n - \alpha_n \frac{1}{B} \sum_{i \in B} \nabla f_i(x_n)$ ; Unbiased grad:  $\mathbb{E}_{I(n)}[\nabla f_{I(n)}] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla f_i(x) = \nabla f(x)$

**VAEs:** Problem:  $\max_{\theta} p_{\theta}(x) = \int p_{\theta}(z) p_{\theta}(x|z) dz$  is intractable; Solution: define encoder  $q_{\theta}(z|x)$  that approximates  $p_{\theta}(z|x)$ ;  $\log p_{\theta}(x) = \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q_{\theta}(z|x)} [\log p_{\theta}(x|z)] = \mathbb{E}_z [\log \frac{p_{\theta}(x|z)p_{\theta}(z)}{q_{\theta}(z|x)}] = \mathbb{E}_z [\log p_{\theta}(x|z)] - \mathbb{E}_z [\log \frac{q_{\theta}(z|x)}{p_{\theta}(z)}] = \mathbb{E}_z [\log \frac{q_{\theta}(z|x)}{p_{\theta}(z)}] + \mathbb{E}_z [\log \frac{q_{\theta}(z|x)}{p_{\theta}(z)}] = \mathbb{E}_z [\log \frac{q_{\theta}(z|x)}{p_{\theta}(z)}] - KL(q_{\theta}(z|x) || p_{\theta}(z))$  (ELBO)

**HVAEs:** Hierarchical latent vectors, top-down shared model with learnable mean and variance to keep long-range data correlations and avoid posterior collapse  
**GANs:** Objective:  $\min_G \max_D \{\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}(x)} [\log D(x)] + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p(z)} [\log(1 - D(G(z)))]\}$   
 This loss is essentially 2 KL divergences. At early stages, the 2 distributions don't overlap substantially, which leads to **vanishing gradient**. Solution: Wasserstein Distance  $WG_r(p_1, p_2) = (\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_1, y \sim p_2} [\|x - y\|^r])^{\frac{1}{r}}$

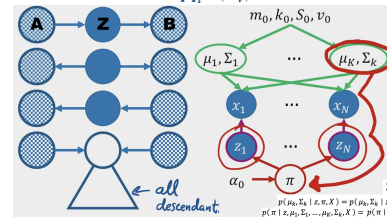
**Extracting representations invariant from domains:** Conditional GANs:  $D \subseteq W \times X \times y$  1)  $E : X \rightarrow Z$  2)  $F : Z \rightarrow [0, 1]^y$  3)  $D : Z \times y \rightarrow [0, 1]^W$  Objective:  $\min_{E, F} \max_D \mathbb{E}_X [CE(p(y|x), \hat{p}_E(x)(\cdot))] - \lambda \mathbb{E}_{X, y} [CE(p_{w|x, y}, \hat{p}_E(x, y)(\cdot))]$   
 Maximum-mean discrepancy: Goal: view representations from 2 domains as 2 samples from the same distribution.  $MMD(p, q) = \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} (\mathbb{E}_{X \sim p} [f(X)] - \mathbb{E}_{Y \sim q} [f(Y)])^2 \approx \sup_{f \in \mathcal{H}_0} (\sum_i w_i \mathbb{E}[x_i] - \sum_i w_i \mathbb{E}[y_i]) = \sup_{f \in \mathcal{H}_0} (w^T (\mathbb{E}[x^i] - w^T (\mathbb{E}[y^i])) = \sup_{f \in \mathcal{H}_0} \langle f, \mu_p - \mu_q \rangle = \|\mu_p - \mu_q\|^2 = \mathbb{E}[\sum_i \phi_i(x_1) \phi_i(x_2) - 2 \sum_i \phi_i(x) \phi_i(y) +$

$\sum_i \phi_i(y_1) \phi_i(y_2)]$ ; Objective:  $\min_{E, F} \mathcal{L}_C(E, F) + \lambda \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{MMD}(E)$   
**Diffusion Models:**  $Z_i = \beta_i z_{i-1} + \beta_i \epsilon, \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I), q(z_i | z_{i-1}) = \mathcal{N}(z_i | \beta_i z_{i-1}, \beta_i I); q(z_t | x) = q(z_t | z_{t-1}) \dots q(z_1 | x) = \mathcal{N}(z_t | \beta_t z_{t-1}, \beta_t I) \dots \mathcal{N}(z_1 | \beta_1 x, \beta_1 I) = \mathcal{N}(z_t | \sqrt{\tilde{\alpha}_t} x, (1 - \tilde{\alpha}_t) I)$ , where  $\tilde{\alpha}_t = \prod_{s=1}^t (1 - \beta_s)$ ; Forward posterior:  $q(z_{t-1} | z_t, x) = \mathcal{N}(z_{t-1} | \tilde{\mu}_t(z_t, x), \tilde{\beta}_t I)$ , where  $\tilde{\mu}_t = \frac{\sqrt{\tilde{\alpha}_{t-1}} \beta_t}{1 - \tilde{\alpha}_t} x + \frac{\sqrt{1 - \beta_t(1 - \tilde{\alpha}_{t-1})}}{1 - \tilde{\alpha}_t} z_t, \tilde{\beta}_t = \frac{1 - \tilde{\alpha}_{t-1}}{1 - \tilde{\alpha}_t} \beta_t$ ; New ELBO:  $\mathbb{E}[\log p(x|z_1)] - KL(q(z_n|x) || p(z_n)) - \sum_i \mathbb{E}[KL(q(z_{i-1}|z_i, x) || p(z_{i-1}|z_i))]$

## 9 Non-parametric Bayesian Inference

**BI for multivariate Gaussian:**  $p(x^*|X) = \int p(x^*|\theta) p(\theta|X) d\theta = \mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim p(\cdot|X)} [p(x^*|\theta)] \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_t p(x^*|\theta^{(t)})$  where  $\theta^{(t)} \sim p(\cdot|X); \mu \sim \mathcal{N}(m_0, V_0), \Sigma \sim IW(S_0, v_0) \Rightarrow \mu|\Sigma, X \sim \mathcal{N}(m_p, V_p), \Sigma|\mu, X \sim IW(S_p, v_p)$  Gibbs sampling: For semi-conjugate priors, iteratively resample acc. to tractable cond. dist. n times. The update does not need to be in exact order for 1-dim and first M samples are discarded.

**BI for GMM:** Dirichlet distribution (DP) on  $\pi$ :  $Dir(\pi|\alpha) = \frac{\Gamma(\sum_i \alpha_i)}{\prod_i \Gamma(\alpha_i)} \prod_i \pi_i^{\alpha_i - 1}, \sum_i \pi_i = 1$



If every path from variable A to B is blocked by d-separation Z, then A and B are independent conditioned on Z.

**Collapsed Gibbs sampling:** first sample  $z$ :  $p(z_i = k | z_{-i} = \zeta, X) \propto p(z_i = k | z_{-i} = \zeta) p(X|z_i = k, z_{-i} = \zeta) \propto p(z_i = k | z_{-i} = \zeta) p(x_i | X_{-i}, z_i = k, z_{-i} = \zeta) p(X_{-i} | z_i = k, z_{-i} = \zeta) \propto p(z_i = k | z_{-i} = \zeta) p(x_i | \{x_j : j \leq N_{i \neq j}, z_j = k\}) \text{const}$ ;  
 Rao-Blackwellization:  $Var_Z[\mathbb{E}_{\theta}[f(\theta, Z)|Z]] = \mathbb{E}_Z[(\mathbb{E}_{\theta, Z}[f(\theta, Z)] - \mathbb{E}_{\theta'}[f(\theta', Z)])^2] = \mathbb{E}_Z[(\mathbb{E}_{\theta'}[\mathbb{E}_{\theta, Z}[f(\theta, Z)] - f(\theta', Z)])^2] \leq \mathbb{E}_Z[\mathbb{E}_{\theta'}[(\mathbb{E}_{\theta, Z}[f(\theta, Z)] - f(\theta', Z))^2]] = \mathbb{E}_{Z, \theta'}[(\mathbb{E}_{\theta, Z}[f(\theta, Z)] - f(\theta', Z))^2] = Var_{\theta, Z}[f(\theta', Z)]$

**BI for non-parametric GMMs:** Sampling prior: 1) Draw  $\pi$  from  $GEM(\alpha)$  with Stick-breaking Process:  $\pi_1 = \beta_1 \sim \text{Beta}(1, \alpha), \pi_{i, i \geq 2} = \prod_{j < i} (1 - \beta_j) \beta_i$ ; 2) Chinese Restaurant

Process (metaphor of DP, draw  $z$  directly):

$p(z_n = k) = \begin{cases} n_k / (\alpha + n - 1), & \text{for existing } k \\ \alpha / (\alpha + n - 1), & \text{for leftmost empty } k \end{cases}$   
 $z_1, \dots, z_n$  are not independent but exchangeable. Proof:  $p(z_1 = k_1, \dots, z_n = k_n) = \prod_i p(z_i = k_i | z_1 = k_1, \dots, z_{i-1} = k_{i-1}) = \prod_i \frac{f(\alpha, k_i)}{\alpha + i - 1} = \prod_i \frac{f(\alpha, k_{\pi^{-1}(i)})}{\alpha + i - 1} = p(z_{\pi(1)} = k_1, \dots, z_{\pi(n)} = k_n)$ ; Asymptotics of the expected # of distinct samples drawn / expected # of occupied tables in CRP:  $S(n) = \sum_k \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + k - 1} \geq I(n) = \int_1^{n+1} \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + x - 1} dx = \alpha(\ln(\frac{\alpha+n}{\alpha}))$   
 DeFinetti's Theorem: any exchangeable distribution admits a mixture model,  $p(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n) = \int \prod_i p(x_i|\theta) p(\theta) d\theta$

## 10 PAC Learning

Algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  can learn  $c \in \mathcal{C}$  if  $\exists \text{poly}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$ , s.t. (1)  $\forall$  dist.  $D$  on  $X$  and (2)  $\forall \epsilon \in [0, \frac{1}{2}], \delta \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs  $\hat{c} \in H$  given a sample of size at least  $\text{poly}(\frac{1}{\epsilon}, \frac{1}{\delta}, \text{size}(c))$  s.t.  $p_{Z \sim D^n}(\mathcal{R}(\hat{c}) \leq \epsilon + \inf_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{R}(c)) \geq 1 - \delta$ ;  $\mathcal{A}$  is an efficient PAC algorithm if it runs in polynomial of  $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$  and  $\frac{1}{\delta}$ .  $\mathcal{C}$  is (efficiently) PAC-learnable from  $\mathcal{H}$  if there is an algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  that learns  $\mathcal{C}$  from  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Rectangle Problem:**  $n \geq \frac{4}{\epsilon} \ln \frac{4}{\delta}$ , suffices to prove  $p(\mathcal{R}(\hat{R}) \leq \epsilon) \geq p(\hat{R}IG) \geq 1 - 4 \exp(-\frac{n\epsilon}{4})$ ; Proof:  $p(\neg \hat{R}IG) \leq \sum_i \prod_i p(x_i \notin T_i^\epsilon) = 4(1 - \frac{\epsilon}{4})^n \leq 4 \exp(-\frac{n\epsilon}{4})$ ; Generalization: for  $n \geq \frac{1}{\epsilon} (\log |\mathcal{H}| + \log \frac{1}{\delta})$ ,  $\hat{R}(\hat{h}) = 0 \Rightarrow 1$  prove  $|\mathcal{H}|(1 - \epsilon)^n \leq \delta$ ; 2) prove  $p(\hat{R}(\hat{h}) \geq \epsilon) \leq |\mathcal{H}|(1 - \epsilon)^n$ :  $p(\mathcal{R}(\hat{h}) \geq \epsilon) \leq p(\exists h \in \mathcal{H} : \hat{R}(h) = 0 \text{ and } \mathcal{R}(h) \geq \epsilon) \leq \sum_{h \in \mathcal{H}} p(\hat{R}(h) = 0 | \mathcal{R}(h) \geq \epsilon) p(\mathcal{R}(h) \geq \epsilon) \leq \sum_h p(\hat{R}(h) = 0 | \mathcal{R}(h) \geq \epsilon) \leq \sum_h (1 - \epsilon)^n$

**VC Dimension:**  $VC(\mathcal{C}) = \max$  dimension  $n$  s.t.  $\exists S \subseteq X, |S| = n$  and  $S$  can be shattered (**any subset is bounded**) by  $\mathcal{C}$ ; e.g.  $VC(\text{intervals}) = 2$ .

**Hoeffding's Theorem:**  $p(S_n - \mathbb{E}_X S_n \geq t) \geq \exp(-\frac{2t^2}{\sum_i (b_i - a_i)^2})$ ; Proof: 1)  $p(x \geq t) = p(\exp(sX) \geq \exp(st)) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}_X[\exp(sX)]}{\exp(st)}$ ; 2)  $p(S_n - \mathbb{E}_X S_n \geq t) \leq e^{-st} \mathbb{E}_X[\exp(s \sum_i (X_i - \mathbb{E} X_i))] = e^{-st} \prod_i \mathbb{E}_{X_i}[\exp(s(X_i - \mathbb{E} X_i))] \leq e^{-st} \prod_i \exp(s^2(b_i - a_i)^2/8), s = \frac{4t}{\sum_i (b_i - a_i)^2}$

**VC Inequality (distribution independent):** For finite  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $p(\mathcal{R}(\hat{c}_n^*) - \inf_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{R}(c) \geq \epsilon) \leq p(\mathcal{R}(\hat{c}_n^*) - \hat{\mathcal{R}}(\hat{c}_n^*) + \hat{\mathcal{R}}(\hat{c}_n^*) - \mathcal{R}(c^*) \geq \epsilon) \leq p(2 \sup_{c \in \mathcal{C}} |\hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(c) - \mathcal{R}(c)| > \epsilon) \leq \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} p(|\hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(c) - \mathcal{R}(c)| > \epsilon) \leq 2|\mathcal{C}| \exp(-2n\epsilon^2) \Rightarrow \mathcal{R}(c) \text{ exp. } \leq \hat{\mathcal{R}}_n(c)$

**emp.**  $\sqrt{\frac{\ln |\mathcal{C}| - \ln(\delta/2)}{2n}} \text{ var.}$