# Homework set 1 Machine Learning 1

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## 2 Multivariate Calculus

### Question 2.1

2.1 a)

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\mu}}(\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^{\top} \Sigma^{-1}(\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\mu}}(\boldsymbol{x}^{\top} - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{\top}) \Sigma^{-1}(\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

$$\tag{1}$$

$$= \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\mu}} [\boldsymbol{x}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{x}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu} - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{\mu}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}]$$
 (2)

$$= \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\mu}} [-\boldsymbol{x}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu} - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{\mu}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}]$$
 (3)

$$= \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\mu}} [-\boldsymbol{x}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu} - (\boldsymbol{\mu}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{x})^{\top} + \boldsymbol{\mu}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}]$$
(4)

$$= \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\mu}} [-2\boldsymbol{x}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu} + \boldsymbol{\mu}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}]$$
 (5)

$$= \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\mu}} (-2\boldsymbol{x}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}) + \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\mu}} \boldsymbol{\mu}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}$$
 (6)

$$= -2x^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} + \mu^{\top} (\Sigma^{-1} + (\Sigma^{-1})^{\top})$$
 (7)

$$= -2\boldsymbol{x}^{\top}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} + 2\boldsymbol{\mu}^{\top}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \tag{8}$$

$$= 2(\boldsymbol{\mu} - \boldsymbol{x})^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \tag{9}$$

Since  $\boldsymbol{x}^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{x}$  does not depend on  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ , it was left out of Eq. (3). In Eq. (5) and (8) we used  $(\Sigma^{-1})^{\top} = \Sigma^{-1}$ . The identities  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}} \boldsymbol{a}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{a}^{\top}$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}} \boldsymbol{x}^{\top} \boldsymbol{B} \boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{x}^{\top} (\boldsymbol{B} + \boldsymbol{B}^{\top})$ , as given in section 5.5 of "Mathematics for Machine Learning", are used in Eq. (7).

**2.1 b)** Assuming  $\log(\cdot) = \ln(\cdot)$  (not clearly specified in the exercise):

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{q}} - \boldsymbol{p}^{\top} \log \boldsymbol{q} = -\boldsymbol{p}^{\top} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{q}} \log \boldsymbol{q}$$
 (10)

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$$\left[ \frac{\partial \log \boldsymbol{q}}{\partial \boldsymbol{q}} \right]_{i,j} = \frac{\partial \log q_i}{\partial q_j} = \frac{\delta_{i,j}}{q_i},$$
(11)

where  $\delta$  is the Kronecker delta. We then get the answer:

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{q}} - \boldsymbol{p}^{\top} \log \boldsymbol{q} = -\boldsymbol{p}^{\top} \begin{bmatrix} 1/q_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1/q_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1/q_N \end{bmatrix},$$
(12)

for  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**2.1 c)**  $W \in \mathbb{R}^{2\times 3}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , so  $f \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . This means we should get a final answer  $\frac{\partial}{\partial W} f \in \mathbb{R}^{2\times (3\times 2)}$ .

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{W}} \mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{W}} f_1 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{W}} f_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (13)

$$\left[\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \mathbf{W}}\right]_{1,j,k} = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial W_{k,j}} \tag{14}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{k,i}} W_{i,1} x_1 + W_{i,2} x_2 + W_{i,3} x_3. \tag{15}$$

Working this out gives a matrix of which the i'th column is equal to x, and the rest of the elements are zero. For our final answer we thus get:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 \\ x_2 & 0 \\ x_3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & x_1 \\ 0 & x_2 \\ 0 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$
(16)

2.1 d)

$$f = (\boldsymbol{\mu} - \boldsymbol{W}\boldsymbol{x})^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu} - \boldsymbol{W}\boldsymbol{x})$$
(17)

$$= (\boldsymbol{\mu} - \boldsymbol{y})^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu} - \boldsymbol{y}), \tag{18}$$

where  $\boldsymbol{y} := \boldsymbol{W}\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ . We can then apply the chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{W}} \tag{19}$$

From similarity with exercise 2.1a we can see that

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \boldsymbol{y}} = 2(\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^{\top} \Sigma^{-1}.$$
 (20)

The last part is given by solving  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{W}} \mathbf{y}$ , which is similar to exercise 2.1e. However now, instead of fixed matrix dimensions we have

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{y}}{\partial \boldsymbol{W}} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times (K \times M)},\tag{21}$$

so we get

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \begin{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ x_K & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
\begin{bmatrix} 0 & x_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & x_K & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
& & \vdots \\
\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & x_1 \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & x_K \end{bmatrix}
\end{bmatrix}, \tag{22}$$

with M matrices on the vertical, each consisting of K rows and M columns. Combining Eqs. (20) and (22) gives us

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \boldsymbol{W}} = 2(\boldsymbol{W}\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} [\boldsymbol{x} & \boldsymbol{0} & \cdots & \cdots & \boldsymbol{0}] \\ [\boldsymbol{0} & \boldsymbol{x} & \boldsymbol{0} & \cdots & \boldsymbol{0}] \\ & & \vdots & & \\ [\boldsymbol{0} & \cdots & \cdots & \boldsymbol{0} & \boldsymbol{x}] \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times (K \times M)}, \tag{23}$$

in which  $\boldsymbol{x} = [x_1, x_2, ..., x_K]^{\top}$  and  $\boldsymbol{0} = [0, ..., 0]^{\top} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ . (Sorry, I was struggling to get the matrices to align properly.)

## 3 Probability Theory

### Question 3.1

- **3.1 a)** Most of the times when people experience a man climbing through a broken window a jewelry store with a bag over his shoulder, either on television or in stories, the man in question is a criminal. We learn from experience, so a man with this exact description would be classified by many people as a criminal.
- **3.1 b)** Say, c stands for "the man being a criminal" and o stands for the described observation. The chance of the man being a criminal given our observation is given by Bayes' theorem:

$$p(c|o) = \frac{p(o|c)p(c)}{p(o)}$$
(24)

3.1 c)

$$p(c) = 10^{-5} (25)$$

$$p(o|c) = 0.8 \tag{26}$$

$$p(o|\neg c) = 10^{-6} \tag{27}$$

$$p(o) = p(o|c)p(c) + p(o|\neg c)p(\neg c)$$
(28)

$$p(\neg c) = 1 - p(c) \tag{29}$$

So, by combining Eqs. (24), (28) and (29) and using the given values gives:

$$p(c|o) = \frac{p(o|c)p(c)}{p(o|c)p(c) + p(o|\neg c)(1 - p(c))}$$
(30)

$$= \left(1 + \frac{p(o|\neg c)(1 - p(c))}{p(o|c)p(c)}\right)^{-1} \tag{31}$$

$$=0.889$$
 (32)

$$\approx \frac{8}{9} \tag{33}$$

**3.1 d)** If some kids smashed multiple storefronts in the neighbourhood, then the man in question might be the jewelry store owner bringing his belongings to safety. In other words,

 $p(o|\neg c)$  increases, although it is difficult to say how much. Say, it increases by a factor 10, i.e.  $p(o|\neg c) = 10^{-5}$ . Then Eq. (30) evaluates to  $p(c|o) = 0.444 \approx \frac{4}{9}$ . So in this case we would believe the man is (most probably) not a criminal, given the observation.

## Question 3.2

**3.2 a)** The *n*'th observation is  $\mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^4$ .  $\mathcal{D}$  is the data set consisting of N independent observations  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$ . The likelihood function for the observed data set is (Bishop Eq. 2.29):

$$p(\mathcal{D}|\boldsymbol{\rho}) = \prod_{k=1}^{4} \rho_k^{m_k},\tag{34}$$

where  $m_k$  is given by

$$m_k = \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_{n,k} (35)$$

**3.2 b)** Maximum likelihood solution for  $\rho$ :

$$\rho = [1/2, 0, 0, 1/2] \tag{36}$$

This is based on the fact that half of the draws are hearts (i.e.  $\rho_1 = 1$ ) and the other half are spades (i.e.  $\rho_4 = 1$ ).

**3.2 c)** Define  $r_n := x_{n,1} + x_{n,3}$ , then

if 
$$r_n = 1 \rightarrow$$
 the *n*'th observation is a red card (37)

if 
$$r_n = 0 \rightarrow$$
 the *n*'th observation is a black card (38)

To avoid confusion, a capital P will now be used in P(X) to denote the probability of an event X, instead of p(X). The likelihood function for the card colors is (Bishop Eq. 2.5):

$$P(\mathcal{D}|p) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} P(r_n|p) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} p^{r_n} (1-p)^{1-r_n}$$
(39)

**3.2 d)** Using Bishop Eq. 2.7:

$$p_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} r_n = \frac{6}{8} = 0.75$$
 (40)

3.2 e)

$$p = \rho_1 + \rho_3 \tag{41}$$

3.2 f)

$$\underbrace{P(p|\mathcal{D})}_{\text{posterior}} = \underbrace{\frac{P(\mathcal{D}|p)P(p)}{P(\mathcal{D})}}_{\text{evidence}} \tag{42}$$

#### **3.2 g)** We have

$$P(\mathcal{D}|p) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} p^{r_n} (1-p)^{1-r_n}$$
(43)

$$P(p) = \text{Beta}(p|\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} p^{\alpha - 1} (1 - p)^{\beta - 1}$$
(44)

The log likelihood is

$$\mathcal{L} = \log(P(p|\mathcal{D})) \tag{45}$$

The MAP estimate  $p_{\text{MAP}}$  is given by

$$p_{\text{MAP}} = \arg\max_{n} \mathcal{L} \tag{46}$$

$$= \arg\max_{p} \log(P(\mathcal{D}|p)(p)) \tag{47}$$

$$= \arg\max_{p} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log(p^{r_n} (1-p)^{1-r_n}) + \log(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} p^{\alpha-1} (1-p)^{\beta-1})$$

$$:= B$$

$$(48)$$

To find  $p_{\text{MAP}}$ , we need to set  $\frac{\partial}{\partial p}(A+B) = \frac{\partial A}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial B}{\partial p} = 0$ . For term A we have:

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial p} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \log(p^{r_n} (1-p)^{1-r_n}) \tag{49}$$

$$y := p^{r_n} (1 - p)^{1 - r_n} \tag{50}$$

$$\frac{\partial \log y}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial \log y}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial p} \tag{51}$$

$$= \frac{1}{y} [r_n p^{r_n - 1} (1 - p)^{1 - r_n} + p^{r_n} (r - 1) (1 - p)^{-r_n}]$$
(52)

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial p} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{1}{p^{r_n} (1-p)^{1-r_n}} \left[ r_n p^{r_n} p^{-1} (1-p)^{1-r_n} + p^{r_n} (r-1) \frac{(1-p)^{1-r_n}}{1-p} \right]$$
(53)

$$=\sum_{n=1}^{N} \left[ \frac{r_n}{p} + \frac{r_n - 1}{1 - p} \right] \tag{54}$$

$$= \frac{1}{p} \sum_{n=1}^{N} r_n + \frac{1}{1-p} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (r_n - 1)$$
 (55)

For term B we have:

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \log(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \log(p^{\alpha - 1}(1 - p)^{\beta - 1})$$
(56)

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \log(p^{\alpha - 1} (1 - p)^{\beta - 1}) \tag{57}$$

$$= \frac{1}{p^{\alpha-1}(1-p)^{\beta-1}}[(\alpha-1)p^{\alpha-2}(1-p)^{\beta-1} + p^{\alpha-1}(\beta-1)(1-p)^{\beta-2}]$$
 (58)

$$= \frac{(\alpha - 1)p^{\alpha - 1}p^{-1}(1 - p)^{\beta - 1}}{p^{\alpha - 1}(1 - p)^{\beta - 1}} + \frac{p^{\alpha - 1}(1 - \beta)(1 - p)^{\beta - 1}(1 - p)^{-1}}{p^{\alpha - 1}(1 - p)^{\beta - 1}}$$
(59)

$$=\frac{\alpha-1}{p} + \frac{1-\beta}{1-p} \tag{60}$$

Setting  $\frac{\partial A}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial B}{\partial p} = 0$  gives

$$0 = \frac{1}{p_{\text{MAP}}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} r_n + \frac{1}{1 - p_{\text{MAP}}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (r_n - 1) + \frac{\alpha - 1}{p_{\text{MAP}}} + \frac{1 - \beta}{1 - p_{\text{MAP}}}$$
(61)

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{N} r_n + \frac{p_{\text{MAP}}}{1 - p_{\text{MAP}}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (r_n - 1) + \alpha - 1 + \frac{p_{\text{MAP}}(1 - \beta)}{1 - p_{\text{MAP}}}$$
(62)

$$p_{\text{MAP}}\left[\sum_{n=1}^{N}(r_n - 1) + 1 - \beta\right] = (1 - p_{\text{MAP}})\left[1 - \alpha - \sum_{n=1}^{N}r_n\right]$$
(63)

$$= \left[1 - \alpha - \sum_{n=1}^{N} r_n\right] - p_{\text{MAP}} \left[1 - \alpha - \sum_{n=1}^{N} r_n\right]$$
 (64)

$$p_{\text{MAP}}\left[\sum_{n=1}^{N}(r_n - 1) - \sum_{n=1}^{N}r_n + 2 - \beta - \alpha\right] = 1 - \alpha - \sum_{n=1}^{N}r_n$$
 (65)

$$p_{\text{MAP}} = \frac{1 - \alpha - \sum_{n=1}^{N} r_n}{2 - N - \beta - \alpha} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N} r_n + \alpha - 1}{N + \alpha + \beta - 2}$$
(66)

To encode the belief that there is an equal probability of drawing a red or black card, we would choose  $\alpha = \beta$ . The greater their values, the stronger the belief that  $p \approx 0.5$ .