

MA-INF 2201 Computer Vision Assignment-7

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Using the equations for multivariate Gaussian Distribution

$$\int Norm_x[a, A] Norm_x[b, B] = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |A||B|}} \exp[-\frac{1}{2}(x-a)^T A^{-1}(x-a)] \exp[-\frac{1}{2}(x-b)^T B^{-1}(x-b)] dx$$

Expanding and taking the common terms

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^k \sqrt{|A||B|}} \int \exp[-\frac{1}{2}(x^T(A^{-1} + B^{-1})x - x^T(A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b) - (A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b)x + (a^T A^{-1}a + b^T B^{-1}b)))] dx$$

Plugging in, $(A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b)^T(A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1}(A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b)$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^k \sqrt{|A||B|}} \exp[-\frac{1}{2}((a^T A^{-1}a + b^T B^{-1}b) - (A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b)^T(A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1}(A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b))] \\ \int \exp[-\frac{1}{2}(x^T(A^{-1} + B^{-1})x - x^T(A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b) - (A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b)x + (A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b)^T(A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1}(A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b))] dx$$

Plugging in $(A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1}(A^{-1} + B^{-1})$

with the 2nd and 3rd terms inside the second exponential above and solving,

$$= \frac{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |A^{-1} + B^{-1}|}}{(2\pi)^k \sqrt{|A||B|} \sqrt{(2\pi)^k |A^{-1} + B^{-1}|}} \\ \exp[-\frac{1}{2}((a^T A^{-1}a + b^T B^{-1}b) - (A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b)^T(A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1}(A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b))] \\ \int \exp[-\frac{1}{2}(x - (A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1}(A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b)^T(A^{-1} + B^{-1})(x - (A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1}(A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b)))] dx \\ = C \int Norm_x[(A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1}(A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b), (A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1}] dx$$

Now solving the constant term C ,

$$C = \frac{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |A^{-1} + B^{-1}|}}{(2\pi)^k \sqrt{|A||B|}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}((a^T A^{-1}a + b^T B^{-1}b) - (A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b)^T (A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1} (A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b))\right]$$

We know, $A^{-1} + B^{-1} - 1^{-1} = \frac{AB}{A+B}$ Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |A+B|}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}((a^T (A+B)^{-1} (A+B) A^{-1}a + b^T (A+B)^{-1} (A+B) B^{-1}b) - \right. \\ &\quad \left. a^T (A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1} A^{-1}a - 2a^T A^{-1} (A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1} B^{-1}b - b^T B^{-1} (A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1} B^{-1}b)\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |A+B|}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(a^T (A+B)^{-1}a + a^T (A+B)^{-1} B A^{-1}a \right. \\ &\quad \left. + b^T (A+B)^{-1} A B^{-1}b + b^T (A+B)^{-1} B b - a^T (A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1} A^{-1}a \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2a^T (A+B)^{-1}b - b^T B^{-1} (A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1} B^{-1}b)\right] \end{aligned}$$

Cancelling out the common terms above,

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |A+B|}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(a^T (A+B)^{-1}a + b^T (A+B)^{-1} B b - 2a^T (A+B)^{-1}b)\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |A+B|}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}((a-b)^T (A+B)^{-1} (a-b))\right] \\ &= Norm_a[b, A+B] \end{aligned}$$

From the above,

$$\int Norm_x[a, A] Norm_x[b, B] dx = Norm_a[b, A+B] \int Norm_x[\Sigma_*(A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b), \Sigma_*] dx$$

where, $\Sigma_* = (A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1}$ (Proved)