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Lecture 4: Kernel CCA and other variants

### **On this lecture:**

- Probabilistic canonical correlation analysis
- Nonlinear canonical correlation analysis through a "kernel trick"
- Variants of canonical correlation analysis

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as before

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- Probabilistic models are descriptions of data distributions (underlying observed data sets)
- Properties that are strongly connected to a probabilistic model are motivated by the properties of that model (if the model is a good model for data, then the properties involved in the model are likely to

be useful).

- Additionally, probabilistic models can be estimated and analyzed in many ways (using all tools of probability theory)
- -----> it is useful to connect the things we compute from data to probabilistic models.
- Can CCA be seen as a probabilistic model for the distribution of data in some data set? Yes!

- Principal component analysis (PCA) has been shown to be the same as maximum likelihood fitting of a probabilistic model:
  - Assume  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$  are IID observations of random vectors, where  $x^j = (x_1^j, \dots, x_m^j)$  is an individual vector.
  - Sample mean and covariance matrix:

$$\tilde{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} x^j \qquad \tilde{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} (x^j - \tilde{\mu}) (x^j - \tilde{\mu})^\top$$

• PCA tries to find a linear transformation  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$  to find orthogonal directions of largest variance. Projecting data onto principal components makes data features uncorrelated.

- PCA solution for d components:  $A = R\Lambda_d^{-1/2}U_d$  where  $\Lambda_d$  is the diagonal matrix of largest eigenvalues,  $U_d$  is the matrix of the corresponding eigenvectors, and R is any rotation matrix
- Interpreting the PCA solution: consider maximum likelihood fitting of the following probabilistic model to observations  $(x^1, \ldots, x^n)$

$$z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_d)$$

$$x|z \sim \mathcal{N}(Wz+\mu, \sigma^2 I_m), \quad \sigma > 0, \quad W \in \mathbb{R}^{md}$$

where the parameters are W,  $\mu$ , and  $\sigma^2$  This model says data are first distributed along latent axes z, and then noise is independently added to all coordinates.

- It can be shown the maximum likelihood solution to the model fitting iµ̂ = µ̂ Ŵ = U<sub>d</sub>(Λ<sub>d</sub> - σ<sup>2</sup>I)<sup>1/2</sup>R , anc ô<sup>2</sup> = 1/(m-d) ∑<sub>i=d+1</sub><sup>m</sup> λ<sub>i</sub> wherΛ<sub>d</sub> is the diagonal matrix of largest eigenvalue, U<sub>d</sub> is the matrix of the corresponding eigenvectors, and R is any rotation matrix.
- Given an observation x, the expected value of the latent variable z can be computed from the model as

 $E(z|x) = R^{\top} (\Lambda_d - \sigma^2 I)^{1/2} \Lambda_d^{-1} U_d^{\top} (x - \tilde{\mu})$ 

• Same subspace as in PCA; same projections if left-out eigenvalues

are zero

• We will build a probabilistic interpretation for CCA with a similar approach as above

• We now show that the CCA directions can also be solved by fitting a simple generative model to the data:

The model says: there is a single (vector-valued) latent variable z which generates both  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ 



• Model equations:

 $x_1$ 

 $x_2$ 

Z

 $z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_d), \min\{m_1, m_2\} \geqslant d \geqslant 1$ latent variable is normally distributed with p uncorrelated dimensions

$$\begin{array}{lll} x_1|z & \sim & \mathcal{N}(W_1z + \mu_1, \Psi_1), & W_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{m_1 \times d}, \Psi_1 \succcurlyeq 0 \\ & \text{first observed variable is a projection of the latent variable, with added normally} \\ & \text{distributed noise (full noise covariance matrix)} \\ & x_2|z & \sim & \mathcal{N}(W_2z + \mu_2, \Psi_2), & W_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{m_2 \times d}, \Psi_2 \succcurlyeq 0 \end{array}$$

second observed variable is another projection of the latent variable, with added normally distributed noise (full noise covariance matrix)

 Intuitively, this model makes sense. Next, let's show it really gives the same solution as CCA

#### Normal CCA solution with slightly different notation:

- CCA notation: given feature sets  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  of samples, with dimensionalities  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , find a projection (linear transformation) for each feature set
- Find the projections such that one component within each set of transformed variables is correlated with a single component in the other set.
- CCA reduces the correlation matrix to a block-diagonal matrix, where each block has the form  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho_i \\ \rho_i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  (padded with zeros if the dimensionalities are unequal) and the  $\rho_i$  are the canonical correlations; at most  $p=\min(m_1, m_2)$  nonzero canonical correlations.
- Denote the sample covariance matrix as  $\tilde{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\Sigma}_{11} & \tilde{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \tilde{\Sigma}_{21} & \tilde{\Sigma}_{22} \end{pmatrix}$

- Then the CCA solution is the set of canonical pairs of projection vectors  $(u_{1i}, u_{2i})$ , where  $(u_{1i}, u_{2i}) = ((\widetilde{\Sigma}_{11})^{-1/2} v_{1i}, (\widetilde{\Sigma}_{22})^{-1/2} v_{2i})$ and  $(v_{1i}, v_{2i})$  are pairs of left and right singular vectors of the matrix  $(\widetilde{\Sigma}_{11})^{-1/2}\widetilde{\Sigma}_{12}(\widetilde{\Sigma}_{22})^{-1/2}$  and the corresponding singular value is the canonical correlation  $\rho_i$  for  $i = 1 \dots, p$ and zero otherwise
- If all canonical correlations have different values, the singular vectors have a unique solution.
- Assume the sample covariance matrix is invertible, and denote  $U_1 = (u_{11}, \ldots, u_{1m})$  and  $U_2 = (u_{21}, \ldots, u_{2m})$ . Then
  - $U_1^{ op} \widetilde{\Sigma}_{11} U_1 = I_m$  projecting the 1<sup>st</sup> feature set to its projection directions makes the projected features uncorrelated

  - $U_2^{\top} \widetilde{\Sigma}_{21} U_1 = P$
  - $U_2^{ op}\widetilde{\Sigma}_{22}U_2 = I_m$  projecting the 2<sup>nd</sup> feature set to its projection directions makes the projected features uncorrelated
    - projecting the features makes the cross-correlations diagonal (P = diagonal matrix of the canonical correlations)

• The CCA directions and corresponding canonical correlations can also be obtained from a generalized eigenvalue problem:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \widetilde{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \widetilde{\Sigma}_{21} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{pmatrix} = \rho \begin{pmatrix} \widetilde{\Sigma}_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \widetilde{\Sigma}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

• Next we show that the CCA directions can also be solved by fitting the previously described simple generative model to the data:



The model says: there is a single (vector-valued) latent variable z which generates both  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ 

• Here are the model equations again:

 $\begin{aligned} z &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_d), \quad \min\{m_1, m_2\} \geqslant d \geqslant 1\\ \text{latent variable is normally distributed with p uncorrelated dimensions} \\ x_1 | z &\sim \mathcal{N}(W_1 z + \mu_1, \Psi_1), \quad W_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{m_1 \times d}, \Psi_1 \succcurlyeq 0\\ \text{first observed variable is a projection of the latent variable, with added normally}\\ x_2 | z &\sim \mathcal{N}(W_2 z + \mu_2, \Psi_2), \quad W_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{m_2 \times d}, \Psi_2 \succcurlyeq 0 \end{aligned}$ 

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$$\widehat{W}_{1} = \widetilde{\Sigma}_{11}U_{1d}M_{1}$$

$$\widehat{W}_{2} = \widetilde{\Sigma}_{22}U_{2d}M_{2}$$

$$\widehat{\Psi}_{1} = \widetilde{\Sigma}_{11} - \widehat{W}_{1}\widehat{W}_{1}^{\top}$$

$$\widehat{\Psi}_{2} = \widetilde{\Sigma}_{22} - \widehat{W}_{2}\widehat{W}_{2}^{\top}$$

$$\widehat{\mu}_{1} = \widetilde{\mu}_{1}$$

$$\widehat{\mu}_{2} = \widetilde{\mu}_{2}$$

where  $M_1, M_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  are arbitrary matrices (with spectral norms < 1) such that  $M_1 M_2^{\top} = P_d$ .

Columns of  $U_{1d}$ ,  $U_{2d}$  have the first d canonical directions,  $P_d$  has the corresponding canonical correlations

• Given observations of  $x_1$  and/or  $x_2$ , we can use the model to predict the latent variable (mean and variance):

$$E(z|x_{1}) = M_{1}^{\top}U_{1d}^{\top}(x_{1} - \mu_{1})$$

$$E(z|x_{2}) = M_{2}^{\top}U_{2d}^{\top}(x_{2} - \mu_{2})$$

$$var(z|x_{1}) = I - M_{1}M_{1}^{\top}$$

$$var(z|x_{2}) = I - M_{2}M_{2}^{\top}$$

$$E(z|x_{1}, x_{2}) = \begin{pmatrix} M_{1} \\ M_{2} \end{pmatrix}^{\top} \begin{pmatrix} (I - P_{d}^{2})^{-1} & (I - P_{d}^{2})^{-1}P_{d} \\ (I - P_{d}^{2})^{-1}P_{d} & (I - P_{d}^{2})^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_{1d}^{\top}(x_{1} - \mu_{1}) \\ U_{2d}^{\top}(x_{2} - \mu_{2}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$var(z|x_{1}, x_{2}) = I - \begin{pmatrix} M_{1} \\ M_{2} \end{pmatrix}^{\top} \begin{pmatrix} (I - P_{d}^{2})^{-1} & (I - P_{d}^{2})^{-1}P_{d} \\ (I - P_{d}^{2})^{-1}P_{d} & (I - P_{d}^{2})^{-1}P_{d} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M_{1} \\ M_{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

• The expectation of z given  $x_1$  (or  $x_2$ ) projects  $x_1$  (or  $x_2$ ) into the same subspace as in CCA

Following the approach from Bach, F. R. and Jordan, M. I. 2005. A Probabilistic Interpretation of Canonical Correlation Analysis. Tech. Report. 688. Dept. of Statistics, University of California. Images from that paper.

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## Part 2: Nonlinear Canonical Correlation Analysis

- Suppose we had applied some known nonlinear transformation  $f_1()$  from  $x_1$  to a new feature space, and a known nonlinear transformation  $f_2()$  from  $x_2$  to a new feature space. Then we could apply CCA to the transformed data. This would give us projections of the transformed data to canonical directions computed from the transformed data. The projections would be nonlinearly related to the original inputs  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .
- The above is possible if we use a transformation function with a known mathematical form.
- Sometimes, instead of specifying a transformation function, it is easier to specify a similarity measure (inner product) between samples in both feature spaces and across spaces.

Following the approach from Lai, P. L. and Fyfe, C. 2000. Kernel and Nonlinear Canonical Correlation Analysis. International Journal of Neural Systems 10(5), 365-377. Images from that paper.

- For convenience denote the transformation function by  $\Phi_1$  for the first view and  $\Phi_2$  for the second. Then the covariance matrices and cross-covariance matrix of transformed data are  $\Sigma_{11} = E[(\Phi_1(x_1) - \mu_1)(\Phi_1(x_1) - \mu_1)^T]$   $\Sigma_{22} = E[(\Phi_2(x_2) - \mu_2)(\Phi_2(x_2) - \mu_2)^T]$ 
  - $\Sigma_{12} = E[(\Phi_1(x_1) \mu_1)(\Phi_2(x_2) \mu_2)^T]$
- If the data are already centered in the feature space (more on this later) this becomes



• We wish to find projections  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$  to maximize  $w_1^T \Sigma_{12} w_2$  under constraint that  $w_1^T \Sigma_{11} w_1 = 1$  and  $w_2^T \Sigma_{22} w_2 = 1$ , without knowing  $\Phi_1$ ,  $\Phi_2$ 

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• The optimal projection vectors will have this form:

 $w_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \alpha_i \Phi_1(x_{1i})$ ,  $w_2 = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \beta_i \Phi_2(x_{2i})$  (where the alpha and beta are some multipliers to be solved)

- The term to be maximized, and the constraint terms, then become  $w_1^T \Sigma_{12} w_2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{M} \alpha_i \Phi_1(x_{1i})^T\right) \left(\frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=1}^{M} \Phi_1(x_{1k}) \Phi_2(x_{2k})^T\right) \left(\sum_{l=1}^{M} \beta_l \Phi_2(x_{2l})^T\right)$  $=\frac{1}{M}\sum_{i=1}^{M}\sum_{l=1}^{M}\alpha_{i}\sum_{k=1}^{M}(\Phi_{1}(x_{1i})^{T}\Phi_{1}(x_{1k}))(\Phi_{2}(x_{2k})^{T}\Phi_{2}(x_{2l})^{T})\beta_{l}$  $w_1^T \Sigma_{11} w_1 = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{l=1}^M \alpha_i \sum_{k=1}^M (\Phi_1(x_{1i})^T \Phi_1(x_{1k})) (\Phi_1(x_{1k})^T \Phi_1(x_{1l})^T) \alpha_l$  $w_{2}^{T} \Sigma_{22} w_{2} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=1}^{M} \sum_{k=1}^{M} \beta_{i} \sum_{k=1}^{M} (\Phi_{2}(x_{2i})^{T} \Phi_{2}(x_{2k})) (\Phi_{2}(x_{2k})^{T} \Phi_{2}(x_{2l})^{T}) \beta_{l}$ • Denote kernel matrices  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$  with entries
- $(K_1)_{ij} = \Phi_1^T(x_{1i}) \Phi_1(x_{1i})$ ,  $(K_2)_{ij} = \Phi_2^T(x_{2i}) \Phi_2(x_{2i})$
- Then the task is to maximize  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}^T K_1 K_2^T \boldsymbol{\beta}$  with constraints

#### $\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{T}K_{1}K_{1}^{T}\boldsymbol{\alpha}=1$ $\boldsymbol{\beta}^T K_2 K_2^T \boldsymbol{\beta} = 1$

#### Importantly, the task definition now **only refers to the kernels**, the actual feature transformations are **no longer needed** in it.

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- Solution of kernel CCA: first, form the matrix  $K = \Gamma_{11}^{-1/2} \Gamma_{12} \Gamma_{22}^{-1/2}$ where  $\Gamma_{11} = K_1 K_1^T$ ,  $\Gamma_{22} = K_2 K_2^T$ ,  $\Gamma_{12} = K_1 K_2^T$
- Then form the singular value decomposition of *K*:

$$K = (\gamma_{1}, \gamma_{2}, \dots, \gamma_{k}) D(\theta_{1}, \theta_{2}, \dots, \theta_{k})^{T}$$

where D has the singular values,

 $\gamma_i$  are eigenvectors of  $KK^T$ ,

 $\boldsymbol{\theta}_i$  are eigenvectors of  $K^T K$ 

• Then the first canonical correlation directions are given by  $\alpha_1 \!=\! \Gamma_{11}^{-1/2} \, \gamma_1 \ , \ \beta_1 \!=\! \Gamma_{22}^{-1/2} \, \theta_1$ 

and the second directions are given by the second pair of eigenvectors, and so on

To solve the directions  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\beta_1$  (and so on for the next directions) one only needs to compute the kernel, the actual transformations phi are not needed!

The vectors  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\beta_1$  define the canonical correlation directions but they are not linear projections of the original data features. We show how to project new data onto these directions on the next slide.

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• Projections of new data: for a new point  $x_{1,new}$  from view 1, the projection to the canonical correlation direction is

$$w_1 \Phi_1^T(x_{1,new}) = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \alpha_i \Phi_1(x_{1i})^T \Phi_1(x_{1,new}) = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \alpha_i K_1(x_{1i}, x_{1,new})$$

where  $K_1(x_{1i}, x_{1, new})$  is the kernel (similarity) function value between the new point and training point i in view 1.

• For a new point  $x_{2,new}$  from view 2 similarly:

$$w_{2}\Phi_{2}^{T}(x_{2,new}) = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \beta_{i}\Phi_{2}(x_{2i})^{T}\Phi_{2}(x_{2,new}) = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \beta_{i}K_{2}(x_{2i}, x_{2,new})$$

where  $K_2(x_{2i}, x_{2,new})$  is the kernel function in view 2.

To project data one only needs to compute the kernel, the actual transformations phi are not needed!

Thus the whole nonlinear CCA (kernel CCA) can be computed **based on the kernel functions only**, without ever needing to specify what the actual transformations are. Sometimes it is much **easier to specify a kernel function** (inner product function, similarity function) between data than to define good features for data - then kernel CCA is very useful.

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**Technical note** 

#### Nonlinear CCA by a "kernel trick"

- Centering (mentioned earlier): if  $\Phi$  is a transformation to non-zeromean feature values, then the "centered" transformation  $\Phi(x)-(1/N)\sum \Phi(x_i)$  has average value zero over the data set
  - If K is the kernel matrix of inner products corresponding to  $\Phi$ , then  $K-(1/N)1K-(1/N)K1+(1/N^2)1K1$ , where 1 denotes a matrix where all entries are have value 1, is the kernel matrix corresponding to the centered transformation. The rest of the algorithm can simply be run using these centered kernel matrices.

# $k_1(x,y) = \exp(-(x-y)^T (x-y)^*a)$ = f(x)^T f(y) (x^T y + 1)^d

## Part 3: Other variants of Canonical Correlation Analysis

Correlation is only a simple measure of dependency: for example, cannot detect correlation between x and y coordinates in a circle.

- Nonlinear kernel transformations help, but then the correlated components become hard to analyze
- Can we find linear transformations (a subspace of each feature set) that would be maximally dependent?
- That is, can we find subspaces that would maximize some more complicated measure of dependency than correlation?

- One way to measure dependency is to compare two models of data (hypotheses about the data): one model that allows dependencies between the two feature sets, and one model that disallows them.
- If the model that includes dependencies is much better at modeling the data, then dependencies are likely to be present in the data.
- Consider a **Bayes factor** between two hypotheses: one says the two feature sets are unrelated, the other says they can be related.
- The Bayes factor is (essentially) the ratio of **likelihoods** of the two hypotheses, given the data:  $P(D|H_d)$

$$BF = \frac{P(D|H_d)}{P(D|H_i)}$$

• The Bayes factor is a way to compare two hypotheses. How can we use it to find the maximally dependent subspaces from data?

- Idea: to find two subspaces, we don't care about a model of the whole data, we only care about whether the features in the two subspaces are correlated.
- For each choice of two subspaces (a subspace of feature set 1, and a subspace of feature set 2), compare whether data in those two subspaces are related, by comparing two models: one model that allows dependencies between the two subspaces, and one model that disallows them.
- Compute a **Bayes factor** between two hypotheses: one says the two subspaces are unrelated, the other says they can be related:

$$\frac{P(f(D;\theta)|H_d)}{P(f(D;\theta)|H_i)}$$

where f is the mapping from data to the two subspaces by and  $\theta$  are its parameters

• We will maximize this Bayes factor with respect to the subspaces

- For a linear transformation,  $f_n(D_n; \theta_n) = \theta_n^T D_n$  where Dn is the data matrix for the n:th feature set and  $\theta_n$  is the projection parameter
- A model is a model of data density: in addition to having the subspaces (linear transformations θ<sub>n</sub>), the models typically need parameters of the density in the subspace
- When we want to find the best pairs of subspaces, the density parameters are "nuisance parameters" since they change with every pair of subspaces
- We also don't want to overfit the density parameters to small amounts of data (could give exaggerated measures of dependency)
- Idea: there are **nonparametric density estimators** that have very few parameters but are still able to create detailed density estimates: they use the data itself as part of the model.

• A leave-one-out Parzen density estimator evaluates density at each data point by placing a Normal distribution around every other point, and averaging the density. Can be seen as a mixture model with a very large number of components or as a kernel density estimate. Density at training point i:

$$p(x_i;\sigma) = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{j=1; j \neq i}^{N} N(x_i;x_j,\sigma) = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{j=1; j \neq i}^{N} \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{d/2}} e^{-(x_i - x_j)^2/2\sigma^2}$$

- The means of the Gaussians come directly from data: the only remaining density parameter is  $\sigma$ , which can be estimated e.g. along with the projections, or by separate heuristics.
- We will use a leave-one-out Parzen density estimator to estimate the density within each subspace, or within each pair of subspaces

 Model for independent subspaces: features in each subspace are independent of the other subspace---->joint density at a data sample is the product of densities within each subspace.

$$p_{independent}\left(y = \left(\theta_{1}^{T} x_{1}, \theta_{2}^{T} x_{2}\right); \sigma\right) = p\left(\theta_{1}^{T} x_{1}; \sigma\right) p\left(\theta_{2}^{T} x_{2}; \sigma\right)$$
$$= \left(\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{j=1; j \neq i}^{N} N\left(\theta_{1}^{T} x_{i}; \theta_{1}^{T} x_{j}, \sigma I_{d_{1}}\right)\right) \left(\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{j=1; j \neq i}^{N} N\left(\theta_{2}^{T} x_{i}; \theta_{2}^{T} x_{j}, \sigma I_{d_{2}}\right)\right)$$

where y denotes the features of a sample in both subspaces,  $I_d$  is an identity matrix of dimension d, and  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are the dimensionalities of the subspaces (dimensionality after projection)

• Model for dependent subspaces: features in each subspace depend on each other. Density is created over concatenated features of both subspaces.  $p_{dependent}(y = (\theta_1^T x_1, \theta_2^T x_2); \sigma)$ 

$$= \left(\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{j=1; j\neq i}^{N} N\left(\left[\theta_1^T x_1 \ \theta_2^T x_i\right]; \left[\theta_1^T x_j \ \theta_2^T x_j\right], \sigma I_{d_1+d_2}\right)\right)$$

• The maximize the Bayes factor

$$\begin{split} & \log \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{N} p_{dependent}(y = (\theta_{1}^{T} x_{i,1}, \theta_{2}^{T} x_{i,2}); \sigma)}{\prod_{i=1}^{N} p_{independent}(y = (\theta_{1}^{T} x_{i,1}, \theta_{2}^{T} x_{i,2}); \sigma)} \\ = & \sum_{i=1}^{N} \log p_{dependent}(y = (\theta_{1}^{T} x_{i,1}, \theta_{2}^{T} x_{i,2}); \sigma) - \log p(\theta_{1}^{T} x_{i,1}; \sigma) - \log p(\theta_{2}^{T} x_{i,2}; \sigma) \\ = & \sum_{i=1}^{N} \log \left(\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{j=1; j \neq i}^{N} N\left([\theta_{1}^{T} x_{i,1} \ \theta_{2}^{T} x_{i,2}]; [\theta_{1}^{T} x_{j,1} \ \theta_{2}^{T} x_{j,2}], \sigma I_{d_{1}+d_{2}}\right)\right) \\ & - \log \left(\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{j=1; j \neq i}^{N} N(\theta_{1}^{T} x_{i,1}; \theta_{1}^{T} x_{j,1}, \sigma I_{d_{1}})\right) \\ & - \log \left(\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{j=1; j \neq i}^{N} N(\theta_{2}^{T} x_{i,2}; \theta_{2}^{T} x_{j,2}, \sigma I_{d_{2}})\right) \end{split}$$

# with respect to the projections (and possibly also $\sigma$ ) using for example a gradient descent algorithm.

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