

1 Task 1:

1: Substitute the definitions.

We have:

$$\text{Norm}_x[a, A] = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2} \sqrt{|A|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x-a)^\top A^{-1}(x-a)\right),$$

$$\text{Norm}_x[b, B] = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2} \sqrt{|B|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x-b)^\top B^{-1}(x-b)\right).$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Norm}_x[a, A] \text{Norm}_x[b, B] &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^k \sqrt{|A||B|}} \\ &\quad \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x-a)^\top A^{-1}(x-a) - \frac{1}{2}(x-b)^\top B^{-1}(x-b)\right). \end{aligned}$$

2: Combine the exponents.

$$\begin{aligned} (x-a)^\top A^{-1}(x-a) &= x^\top A^{-1}x - 2a^\top A^{-1}x + a^\top A^{-1}a, \\ (x-b)^\top B^{-1}(x-b) &= x^\top B^{-1}x - 2b^\top B^{-1}x + b^\top B^{-1}b. \end{aligned}$$

Summing these, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} &(x-a)^\top A^{-1}(x-a) + (x-b)^\top B^{-1}(x-b) \\ &= x^\top (A^{-1} + B^{-1})x - 2(a^\top A^{-1} + b^\top B^{-1})x + (a^\top A^{-1}a + b^\top B^{-1}b). \end{aligned}$$

Let $Q := A^{-1} + B^{-1}$ and $y := A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b$. Then:

$$(x-a)^\top A^{-1}(x-a) + (x-b)^\top B^{-1}(x-b) = x^\top Qx - 2x^\top y + a^\top A^{-1}a + b^\top B^{-1}b.$$

So the exponent becomes:

$$-\frac{1}{2}[x^\top Qx - 2x^\top y + a^\top A^{-1}a + b^\top B^{-1}b].$$

3: Complete the square in x .

We rewrite $x^\top Qx - 2x^\top y$ as:

$$x^\top Qx - 2x^\top y = (x - Q^{-1}y)^\top Q(x - Q^{-1}y) - y^\top Q^{-1}y.$$

Since $Q = A^{-1} + B^{-1}$, we have $Q^{-1} = \Sigma_*$. Thus:

$$x^\top Qx - 2x^\top y = (x - \Sigma_* y)^\top Q(x - \Sigma_* y) - y^\top \Sigma_* y.$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{2}[x^\top Qx - 2x^\top y + a^\top A^{-1}a + b^\top B^{-1}b] \\ & = -\frac{1}{2}[(x - \Sigma_* y)^\top Q(x - \Sigma_* y) - y^\top \Sigma_* y + a^\top A^{-1}a + b^\top B^{-1}b]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Norm}_x[a, A]\text{Norm}_x[b, B] &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^k \sqrt{|A||B|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \Sigma_* y)^\top Q(x - \Sigma_* y)\right) \\ &\quad \times \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}y^\top \Sigma_* y - \frac{1}{2}(a^\top A^{-1}a + b^\top B^{-1}b)\right). \end{aligned}$$

4: We know:

$$\text{Norm}_x[\Sigma_* y, \Sigma_*] = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2} \sqrt{|\Sigma_*|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \Sigma_* y)^\top \Sigma_*^{-1}(x - \Sigma_* y)\right).$$

Since $Q = \Sigma_*^{-1}$, we replace Q :

$$(x - \Sigma_* y)^\top Q(x - \Sigma_* y) = (x - \Sigma_* y)^\top \Sigma_*^{-1}(x - \Sigma_* y).$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Norm}_x[a, A]\text{Norm}_x[b, B] &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^k \sqrt{|A||B|}} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}y^\top \Sigma_* y - \frac{1}{2}(a^\top A^{-1}a + b^\top B^{-1}b)\right) \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2} \sqrt{|\Sigma_*|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \Sigma_* y)^\top \Sigma_*^{-1}(x - \Sigma_* y)\right). \end{aligned}$$

Substitute the second part :

$$\text{Norm}_x[a, A]\text{Norm}_x[b, B] = \left[\frac{\exp\left(\frac{1}{2}y^\top \Sigma_* y - \frac{1}{2}(a^\top A^{-1}a + b^\top B^{-1}b)\right)}{(2\pi)^{k/2} \sqrt{|A||B|} (2\pi)^{k/2} |\Sigma_*|^{-1/2}} \right] \text{Norm}_x[\Sigma_* y, \Sigma_*].$$

5: Relate the factor to $\text{Norm}_a[b, A + B]$.

$$\text{Norm}_a[b, A + B] = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2} \sqrt{|A + B|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(a - b)^\top (A + B)^{-1}(a - b)\right).$$

From standard Gaussian combination formulas, We can show:

$$\frac{\exp(\frac{1}{2}y^\top \Sigma_* y - \frac{1}{2}(a^\top A^{-1}a + b^\top B^{-1}b))}{(2\pi)^{k/2} \sqrt{|A||B|} (2\pi)^{k/2} |\Sigma_*|^{-1/2}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2} \sqrt{|A+B|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(a-b)^\top (A+B)^{-1}(a-b)\right).$$

Therefore:

$$\text{Norm}_x[a, A] \text{Norm}_x[b, B] = \text{Norm}_a[b, A+B] \text{Norm}_x[\Sigma_*(A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b), \Sigma_*].$$

6: Integrate over x .

Integrating both sides with respect to x :

$$\int \text{Norm}_x[a, A] \text{Norm}_x[b, B] dx = \text{Norm}_a[b, A+B] \int \text{Norm}_x[\Sigma_*(A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b), \Sigma_*] dx.$$

Since $\int \text{Norm}_x[m, M] dx = 1$ for any Gaussian,

$$\int \text{Norm}_x[\Sigma_*(A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b), \Sigma_*] dx = 1.$$

Hence:

$$\int \text{Norm}_x[a, A] \text{Norm}_x[b, B] dx = \text{Norm}_a[b, A+B],$$