

Proof. Let $x, a, b \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and A, B be positive-definite. Define

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

We show:

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

with $\Sigma_* = (A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1}$.

Substitute definitions:

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

Combine exponents:

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

Set $Q = A^{-1} + B^{-1}$, $y = A^{-1}a + B^{-1}b$. Complete the square:

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

With $Q^{-1} = \Sigma_*$:

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

Recognize the x -part as $\text{Norm}_x[\Sigma_* y, \Sigma_*]$. Known identities yield:

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

Thus:

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

Integrating over x :

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

since the integral of the latter norm is 1.

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