

Problem 2.10

Based on Dirichlet Distribution given by 2.38, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[\mu_j] &= \int \text{Dir}(\mu|\alpha) \mu_j d\mu \\
 &= \int \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_0)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \cdots \Gamma(\alpha_K)} \prod_{k=1}^K \mu_k^{\alpha_k-1} \mu_j du \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_0)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \cdots \Gamma(\alpha_K)} \int \prod_{k=1}^K \mu_k^{\alpha_k-1} \mu_j du \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_0)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \cdots \Gamma(\alpha_K)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \cdots \Gamma(\alpha_j + 1) \cdots \Gamma(\alpha_K)}{\Gamma(\alpha_0 + 1)} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_0) \Gamma(\alpha_j + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha_0 + 1) \Gamma(\alpha_j)}
 \end{aligned}$$

We also have $\Gamma(\alpha + 1) = \alpha \Gamma(\alpha)$. Hence:

$$E[\mu_j] = \frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_0}$$

We will solve as above with $E[\mu_j^2]$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[\mu_j^2] &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_0)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \cdots \Gamma(\alpha_K)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \cdots \Gamma(\alpha_j + 2) \cdots \Gamma(\alpha_K)}{\Gamma(\alpha_0 + 2)} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_0) \Gamma(\alpha_j + 2)}{\Gamma(\alpha_0 + 2) \Gamma(\alpha_j)} \\
 &= \frac{\alpha_j(\alpha_j + 1)}{\alpha_0(\alpha_0 + 1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Bring the above result into equation $\text{var}[\mu_j]$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{var}[\mu_j] &= E[\mu_j^2] - E[\mu_j]^2 \\
 &= \frac{\alpha_j(\alpha_j + 1)}{\alpha_0(\alpha_0 + 1)} - \frac{\alpha_j^2}{\alpha_0^2} \\
 &= \frac{\alpha_j(\alpha_0 + 1)}{\alpha_0^2(\alpha_0 + 1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

In case of Covariance:

$$\begin{aligned}
cov[\mu_j \mu_l] &= E[(\mu_j - E[\mu_j])(\mu_l - E[\mu_l])] \\
&= \int (\mu_j - E[\mu_j])(\mu_l - E[\mu_l]) Dir(x|\mu) d\mu \\
&= \int (\mu_j \mu_l - E[\mu_l] \mu_j - E[\mu_j] \mu_l + E[\mu_j] E[\mu_l]) Dir(x|\mu) d\mu \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_0)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \cdots \Gamma(\alpha_K)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \cdots \Gamma(\alpha_j + 1) \Gamma(\alpha_l + 1) \cdots \Gamma(\alpha_K)}{\Gamma(\alpha_0 + 2)} - E[\mu_l] E[\mu_j] - E[\mu_j] E[\mu_l] + E[\mu_j] E[\mu_l] \\
&= \frac{\alpha_j \alpha_l}{\alpha_0(\alpha_0 + 1)} - E[\mu_j] E[\mu_l] \\
&= \frac{\alpha_j \alpha_l}{\alpha_0(\alpha_0 + 1)} - \frac{\alpha_j \alpha_l}{\alpha_0^2} \\
&= -\frac{\alpha_j \alpha_l}{\alpha_0^2(\alpha_0 + 1)}
\end{aligned}$$