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# Problem 1

1) 
$$\mathcal{Q}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}) = -\frac{N-1}{2} \log |\mathbf{\Gamma}| - \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{N} (\mathbf{z}_{n} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}_{n-1})^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} (\mathbf{z}_{n} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}_{n-1}) \right] + K$$

$$= -\frac{N-1}{2} \log |\mathbf{\Gamma}| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=2}^{N} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[ \mathbf{z}_{n}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \mathbf{z}_{n} - 2 \mathbf{z}_{n}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{z}_{n-1} + \mathbf{z}_{n-1}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{A}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{z}_{n-1}) \right] + K$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{Q}}{\partial \mathbf{A}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=2}^{N} -2 \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[ \mathbf{z}_{n}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{z}_{n-1} \right] + 2 \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[ \mathbf{z}_{n-1}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{z}_{n-1} \right] = 0$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{\text{new}} = \left( \sum_{n=2}^{N} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[ \mathbf{z}_{n}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{z}_{n-1} \right] \right) \left( \sum_{n=2}^{N} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[ \mathbf{z}_{n-1}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{z}_{n-1} \right] \right)^{-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{Q}}{\partial \mathbf{\Gamma}} = -\frac{N-1}{2} \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \left( -\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \sum_{n=2}^{N} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[ (\mathbf{z}_{n} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}_{n-1}) (\mathbf{z}_{n} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}_{n-1})^{\mathsf{T}} \right] \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \right) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}^{\text{new}} = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{n=2}^{N} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[ (\mathbf{z}_{n} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}_{n-1}) (\mathbf{z}_{n} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}_{n-1})^{\mathsf{T}} \right]$$

2) 
$$\mathcal{Q}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}) = -\frac{N}{2} \log |\mathbf{\Sigma}| - \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{N} (\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{z}_n)^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{z}_n) \right] + K$$

$$= -\frac{N}{2} \log |\mathbf{\Sigma}| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[ \mathbf{x}_n^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_n - 2 \mathbf{x}_n^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{z}_n^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{z}_n^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{z}_n) \right] + K$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{Q}}{\partial \mathbf{C}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=2}^{N} -2 \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[ \mathbf{x}_n^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{z}_n \right] + 2 \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{C} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[ \mathbf{z}_n^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{z}_n \right] = 0$$

$$\mathbf{C}^{\text{new}} = \left( \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[ \mathbf{x}_n^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{z}_n \right] \right) \left( \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[ \mathbf{z}_n^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{z}_n \right] \right)^{-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{Q}}{\partial \mathbf{\Sigma}} = -\frac{N}{2} \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \left( -\mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[ (\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{z}_n) (\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{z}_n)^{\mathsf{T}} \right] \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \right) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{\Sigma}^{\text{new}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}} \left[ (\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{z}_n) (\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{z}_n)^{\mathsf{T}} \right]$$

### Problem 2

- a) (i) X Y (ii)  $X \rightarrow Y$  (iii)  $X \leftarrow Y$
- b) (i) p(X,Y) = p(X)p(Y)(ii) p(X,Y) = p(X)p(Y|X)
  - (ii) p(X,Y) = p(X|Y)p(Y)

c) (i) 
$$p(Y|X) = p(Y)$$

(ii) 
$$p(Y|X) = p(Y|X)$$

(iii) 
$$p(Y|X) = \frac{p(X|Y)p(Y)}{\int p(Y)p(X|Y)dY}$$

d) Note that  $(Y \perp \!\!\! \perp X)_{\mathcal{G}_X}$  holds in (i) and (ii). Therefore, by the action/observation exchange rule:

(i) 
$$p(Y|\mathsf{do}(X)) = p(Y|X) = P(Y)$$

(ii) 
$$p(Y|do(X)) = p(Y|X)$$

Besides,  $(Y \perp \!\!\! \perp X)_{\mathcal{G}_{\overline{X}}}$  in (iii). Therefore, by the *ignoring actions* rule:

(iii) 
$$p(Y|do(X)) = p(Y)$$

e) p(cancer|smokes) represents the probability that someone has cancer given that we observe that the person smokes. On the other hand, p(cancer|do(smokes)) represents the probability that someone has cancer given that we force that person to smoke.

Conditioning implies an update in our beliefs by incorporating observational evidence, while do represents what would happen if we intervened the studied system.

## Problem 3

1a) 
$$p(R|D=1) = \frac{20}{40} = 50\%$$
  $p(R|D=0) = \frac{16}{40} = 40\%$ 

1b) Disregarding the difference between causation and correlation, yes.

2a) Males: 
$$p(R|D=1)=\frac{18}{30}=60\%$$
  $p(R|D=0)=\frac{7}{10}=70\%$  Females:  $p(R|D=1)=\frac{2}{10}=20\%$   $p(R|D=0)=\frac{9}{30}=30\%$ 

- 2b) No in both cases.
- 3) Before, without knowing the gender, the recommendation was to take the drug. Now, independent of the gender, the patient should not take it.
- 4a) Since  $S=\{M\}$  blocks the only back-door path, it is admissible for adjustment, and therefore  $p(R|\mathsf{do}(D))=\int p(R|D,M)p(M)dM.$
- 4b)  $p(R|D) = \int p(R|D, M)p(M|D)dM$ , which is in general different from p(R|do(D)).
- 4c) Assuming model (i), no, since:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} p(R|\mathsf{do}(D=1)) & = & p(R|D=1,M=1)p(M=1) + p(R|D=1,M=0)p(M=0) \\ \\ & < & p(R|D=0,M=1)p(M=1) + p(R|D=0,M=0)p(M=0) \\ \\ & = & p(R|\mathsf{do}(D=0)) \end{array}$$

- 5a) Since there are no back-door paths,  $\emptyset$  is admissible for adjustment, and p(R|do(D)) = p(R|D).
- 5b) Yes.
- 5c) Assuming model (ii), yes.
- 6a)  $L_1$ : insulin production, M: blood pressure,  $L_2$ : glucagon production.
- 6b)  $\emptyset$  blocks the only back-door path. Thus, p(R|do(D)) = p(R|D).
- 6c) Yes.
- 6d) Assuming model (iii), yes.

# Problem 4

1) We have p(R=1)=0.7, p(S=1)=0.4 and  $p(W|R,S)=\chi_{W=R\vee S}$ . Besides the joint distribution factorizes as p(R,S,W)=p(R)p(S)p(W|R,S).

2) 
$$p(R=1|W=1) = \frac{p(R=1,W=1)}{p(W=1)} = \frac{\sum_{S} p(R=1,S,W=1)}{\sum_{R,S} p(R,S,W=1)} = \frac{0.42 + 0.28}{0.12 + 0.42 + 0.28} = \frac{0.7}{0.82} = 0.853$$

- 3) No. The observational evidence updates our beliefs about R via conditioning.
- 4)  $R = E_R$ ,  $S = E_S$ , W = 1. Besides, we have  $E_R \perp \!\!\! \perp E_S$ .
- 5) p(R|do(W=w)) = p(R). This is in general different from p(R|W=w).
- 6)  $R = E_R$ , S = s,  $W = R \vee S$ . Besides, we have  $E_R \perp \!\!\! \perp E_S$ .
- 7)  $(W \perp \!\!\! \perp S)_{\mathcal{G}_{\underline{S}}}$  holds. Therefore,  $p(W|\mathsf{do}(S=s)) = p(W|S=s)$ , in general different from p(W).

### Problem 5

$$1) \quad p(Y|\mathsf{do}(X),\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)}) = \frac{p(Y,\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)}|\mathsf{do}(X))}{p(\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)}|\mathsf{do}(X))} = \frac{\frac{P(Y,X,\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)})}{p(X|\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)})}}{\frac{P(X,\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)})}{p(X|\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)})}} = \frac{P(Y,X,\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)})}{P(X,\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)})} = p(Y|X,\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)})$$

2) Note that  $p(\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)}|\mathsf{do}(X)) = p(\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)}).$ 

$$p(Y|\mathsf{do}(X)) = \int p(Y|\mathsf{do}(X), \mathbf{X}_{pa(X)}) p(\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)}|\mathsf{do}(X)) d\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)} = \int p(Y|X, \mathbf{X}_{pa(X)}) p(\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)}) d\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)} d\mathbf{X}_{pa(X)}$$