

# Machine Learning 2 - Homework Week 2

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## Problem 3

### 3.1

$$p(x) = \mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \Sigma) \Leftrightarrow x \sim \mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \Sigma) \quad (1)$$

$$q(x) = \mathcal{N}(x|m, L) \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{KL}(p \parallel q) &= - \int p(x) \ln \frac{q(x)}{p(x)} dx \\
&= - \int p(x) \left[ \ln q(x) - \ln p(x) \right] dx \\
&= - \int p(x) \ln q(x) dx + \int p(x) \ln p(x) dx \\
&= - \int p(x) \ln \left[ \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2} |L|^{1/2}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (x-m)^T L^{-1} (x-m) \right) \right] dx \\
&\quad + \int p(x) \ln \left[ \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu) \right) \right] dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|L|}{|\Sigma|} \underbrace{\int p(x) dx}_{=1} + \frac{1}{2} \int (x-m)^T L^{-1} (x-m) p(x) dx \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \int (x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu) p(x) dx
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

From the law of unconscious statistician we have:

$$\mathcal{KL}(p \parallel q) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|L|}{|\Sigma|} + \frac{1}{2} E[(x-m)^T L^{-1} (x-m)] - \frac{1}{2} E[(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu)] \tag{4}$$

Applying Matrix Cookbook (380):

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{KL}(p \parallel q) &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|L|}{|\Sigma|} + \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\mu-m)^T L^{-1} (\mu-m) + \text{Tr}(L^{-1} \Sigma) \right] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\mu-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mu-\mu) + \text{Tr}(\Sigma^{-1} \Sigma) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|L|}{|\Sigma|} + \frac{1}{2} (\mu-m)^T L^{-1} (\mu-m) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(L^{-1} \Sigma) - \frac{1}{2} D
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

### 3.2

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{H}(x) &= - \int p(x) \ln p(x) dx \\
&= - \int \ln \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left( - \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right) p(x) dx \\
&= - \int \left[ \frac{D}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma| + \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right] p(x) dx \\
&= \frac{D}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma| + \frac{1}{2} E[(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)]
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Applying Matrix Cookbook (380):

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{H}(x) &= \frac{D}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma| + \frac{1}{2} (\mu - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mu - \mu) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\Sigma^{-1} \Sigma) \\
&= \frac{D}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma| + \frac{1}{2} D
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

## Problem 4

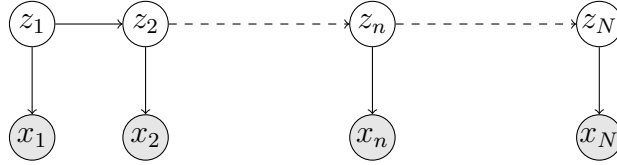


Figure 1: Markov chain of latent variables.

1. The arrows on the path from  $z_{n-1} \rightarrow z_n \rightarrow x_n$  meet head-to-tail  $\Rightarrow x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  are d-separated from  $x_n$  given  $z_n \Rightarrow x_n \perp\!\!\!\perp x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} | z_n$ .  
Consequently:  $p(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} | x_n, z_n) = p(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} | z_n)$  q.e.d.
2. Tail-to-tail path  $x_{n-k} \leftarrow z_{n-k} \rightarrow z_n$  where  $k \geq 1 \Rightarrow z_n \perp\!\!\!\perp x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} | z_{n-1}$ .  
Consequently:  $p(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} | z_{n-1}, z_n) = p(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} | z_{n-1})$  q.e.d.
3. Head-to-tail path  $z_n \rightarrow z_{n+1} \dots \rightarrow x_{n+k}$  where  $k \geq 1$ . Consequently,  $z_n \perp\!\!\!\perp x_{n+1}, \dots, x_N | z_{n+1}$  and  $p(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_N | z_n, z_{n+1}) = p(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_N | z_{n+1})$  q.e.d.
4. Tail-to-tail path  $x_N \leftarrow z_N \rightarrow z_{N+1}$  that blocks all previous  $x_k$  where  $k \geq 0$ . Consequently  $z_{N+1} \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathbf{X} | z_N$  and  $p(z_{N+1} | z_N, \mathbf{X}) = p(z_{N+1} | z_N)$  where  $\mathbf{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$  q.e.d.

## Problem 5

### 5.1

Let  $z_1, \dots, z_N$  be common parents of nodes  $X$  and  $Y$  and the edge  $\{X, Y\}$  be a covered edge. To prove that after reversing the edge  $\{X, Y\}$  all independent relations stay the same we have to prove that all conditional independence will be the same given  $X$  or  $Y$ .

1. Let  $K_i$  and  $K_j$  be some descendant of  $X$  (they may be not direct children).
  - $z_k \rightarrow X \rightarrow K_i$  forms a head-to-tail path and will stay the same after reversing (is blocked given  $X$ ).
  - $K_i \leftarrow X \rightarrow Y$  forms tail-to-tail path and will become head-to-tail relation (that are blocked given  $X$  in both cases).
  - $K_i \leftarrow X \rightarrow K_j$  forms tail-to-tail path and will remain unchanged after reversing  $\{X, Y\}$ .
2. We are considering descendants of  $Y$  in the same way:
  - $z_k \rightarrow Y \rightarrow K_i$  remains blocked given  $X$ .
  - $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow K_i$  is head-to-tail path and will become tail-to-tail after reversing and remains blocked given  $X$ .
  - $K_i \leftarrow Y \rightarrow K_j$  is tail-to-tail path and will remain unchanged after reversing  $\{X, Y\}$ .

Consequently  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{G}'$  encode the same set of independent relations q.e.d.

### 5.2

Counterexample can be a graph  $z \rightarrow y \leftarrow x$ , where  $z \not\perp\!\!\!\perp x|y$  (Bishop 8.29). After reversing the edge we get a graph  $z \rightarrow y \rightarrow x$  that makes  $z \perp\!\!\!\perp x|y$  (according to the d-separation criteria).