

# Fast and Scalable Joint Estimators for Learning Sparse Gaussian Graphical Models from Heterogeneous Data with Additional Knowledge

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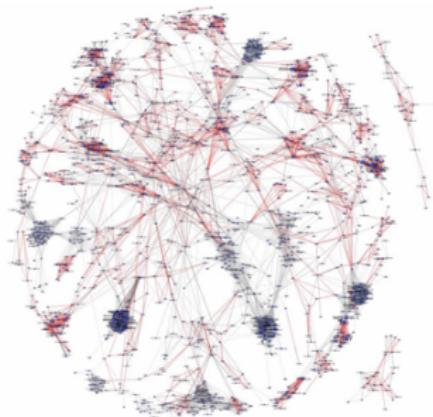
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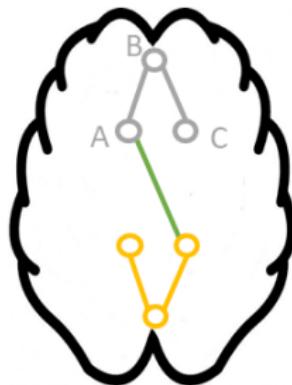
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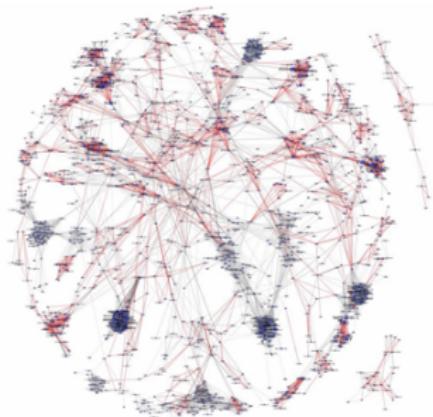
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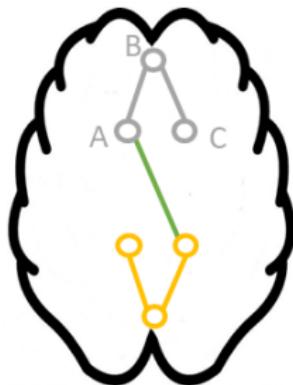
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  - Understanding
  - Diagnosis, e.g., marker
  - Treatment, e.g., drug development.



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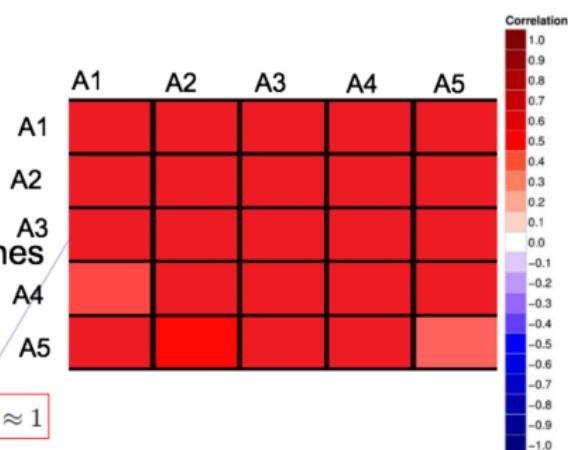
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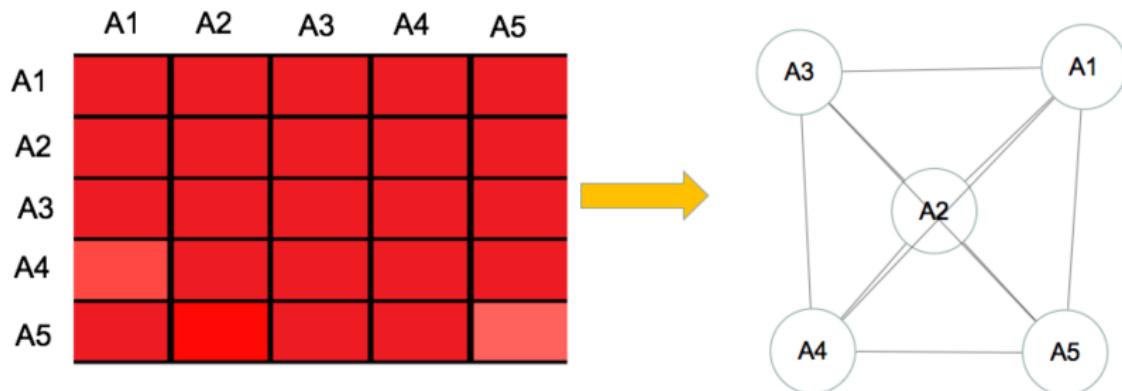
A3: High sale of ice cream

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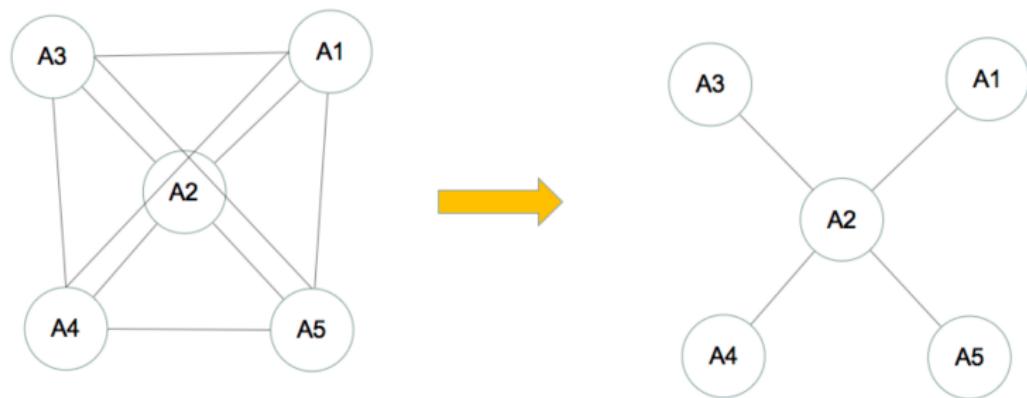
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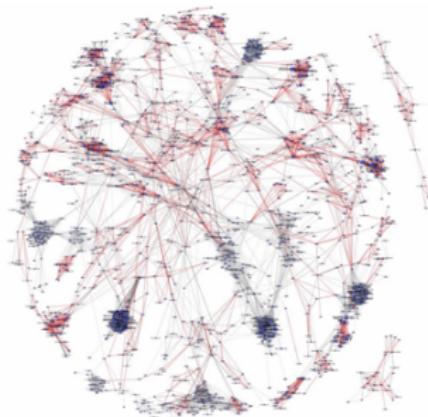
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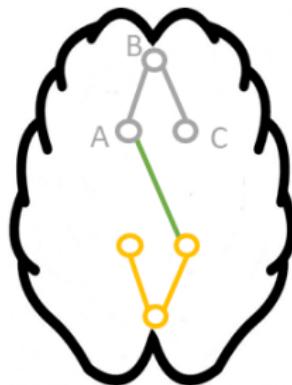
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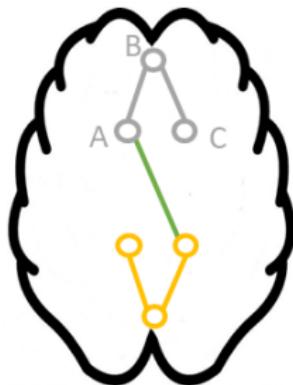
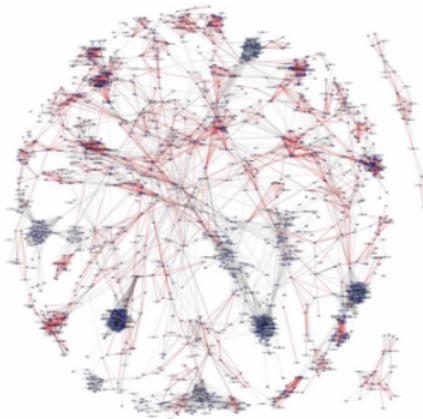
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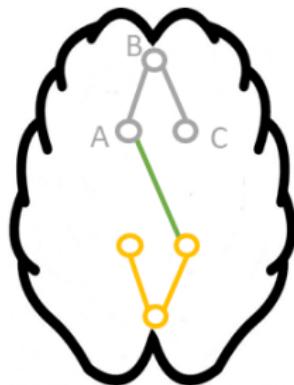
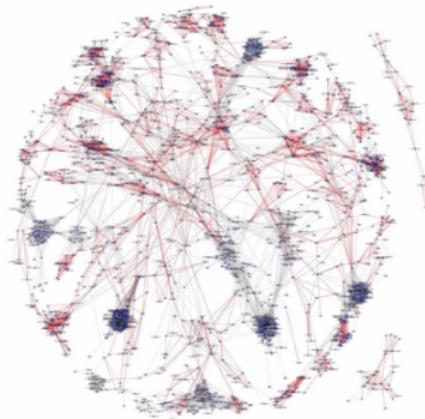


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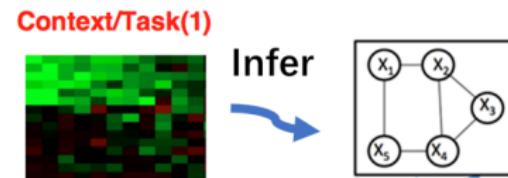
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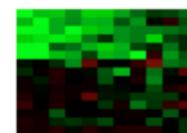
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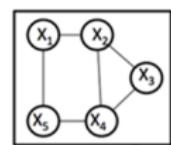
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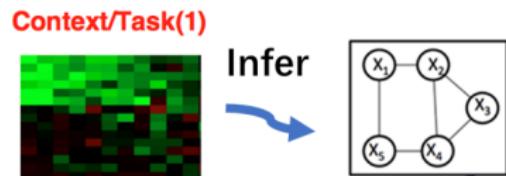


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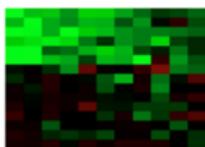
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- $p > n$  (**high-dimensional**) needs novel approaches



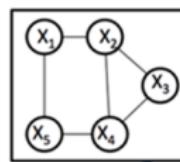
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- Most applications have heterogeneous samples.
- For example:
  - Totally  $n_{tot}$  data samples
  - From  $K$  different but related contexts, each has  $n_i$  data samples

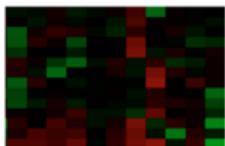
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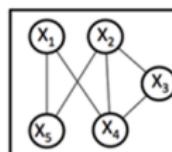
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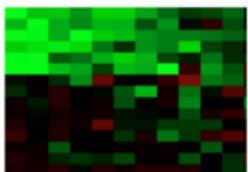


Machine learning approach

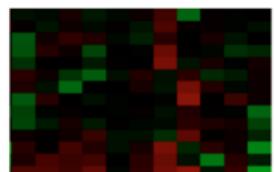


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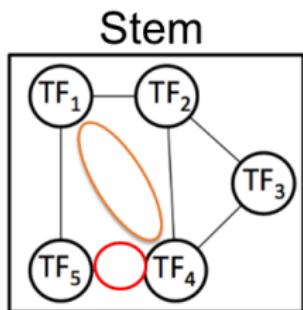
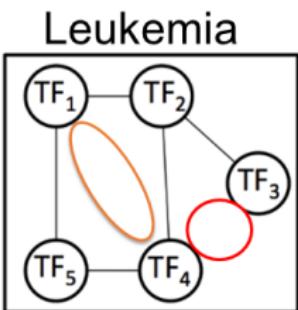
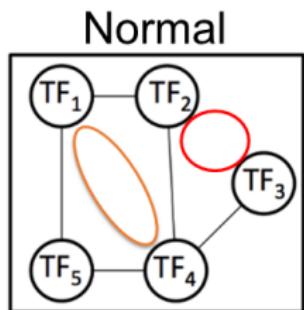


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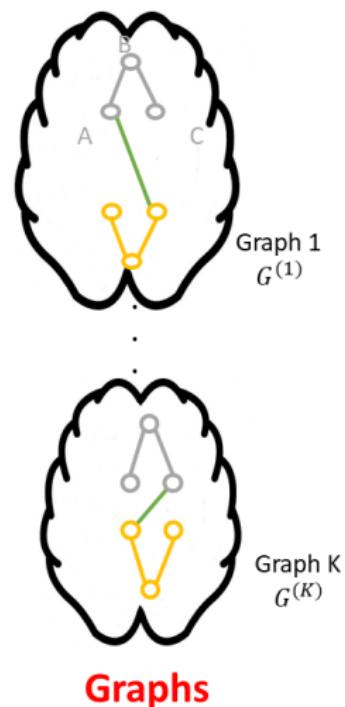
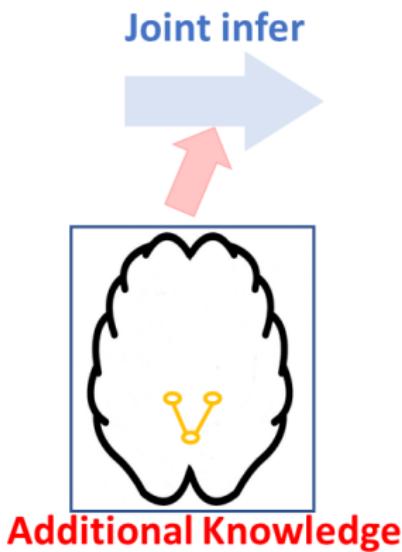
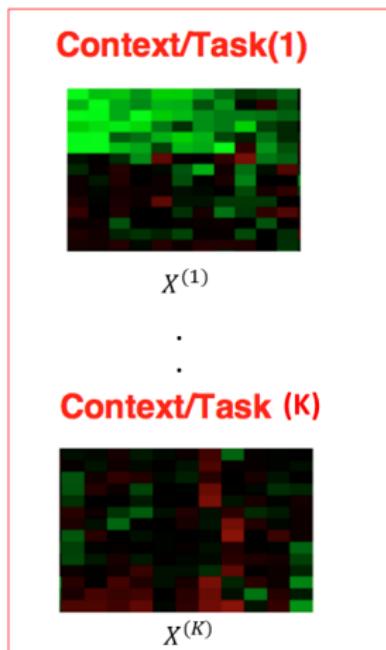
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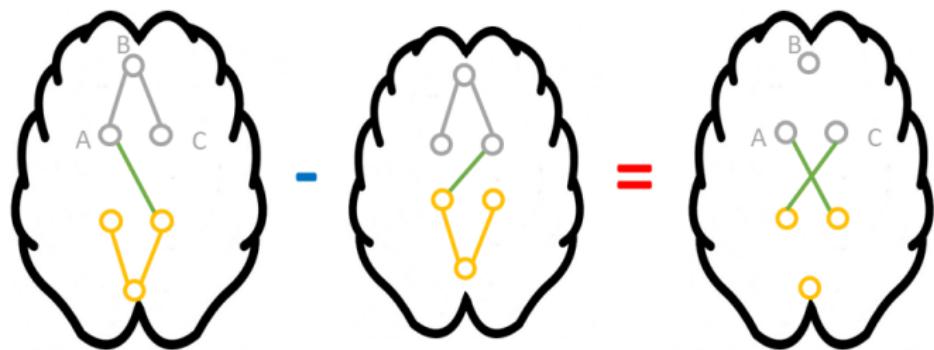


## Task II: Integrating additional knowledge

- Integrating known knowledge in Learning multiple related graphs
  - E.g., known knowledge in Brain Connection



## Task III: Learning sparse changes between two graphs



- A very interesting task:
  - Find differences in the brains of people with diseases, e.g. Autism, Alzheimer's
  - Use for understanding
  - Use for diagnosis

# Notations

$X^{(i)}$   $i$ -th Data matrix.

$\Sigma^{(i)}$   $i$ -th Covariance matrix.

$\Omega^{(i)}$   $i$ -th Inverse of covariance matrix (precision matrix).

$p$  The total number of feature variables.

$n_{tot}$  The total number of samples.

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$W_I^{tot} (W_I^{(1)}, W_I^{(2)}, \dots, W_I^{(K)})$

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## Motivation

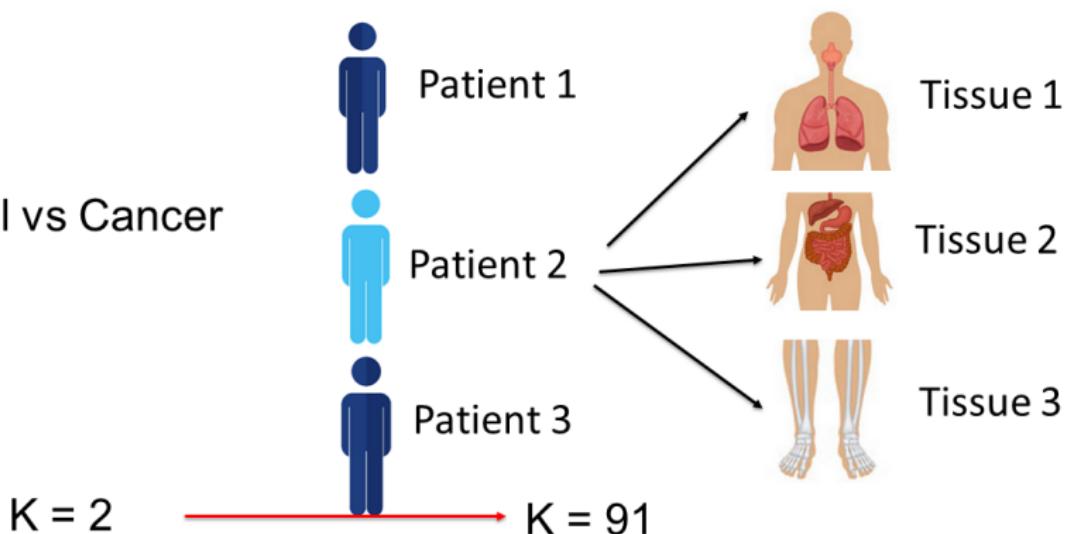
## Motivation: More Num of features ( $p$ ) to consider

- Yeast gene: 6K  
↓  
Human gene: 30K
- Words interaction, millions of words ( $p > 1,000,000$ )



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Normal vs Cancer



ENCODE Project Consortium et al. An integrated encyclopedia of dna elements in the human genome. *Nature*, 489(7414):57–74, 2012.

# Motivation: Limitation I – Slow Computation

The best baseline of	Task I	Task II	Task III
Computational complexity	$O(Kp^3)$ / iter	$O(K^4 p^5)$	$O(p^3)$ / iter
Bottle neck	SVD	Linear programming	SVD

- If  $K = 91$  and  $p = 30K$



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Time	3.5 days / iter	6 trillion years	1 hour / iter

- Can we have a  $O(p^2)$  method?

## Motivation: Limitation II – No consideration of parallelization



Computer Clusters

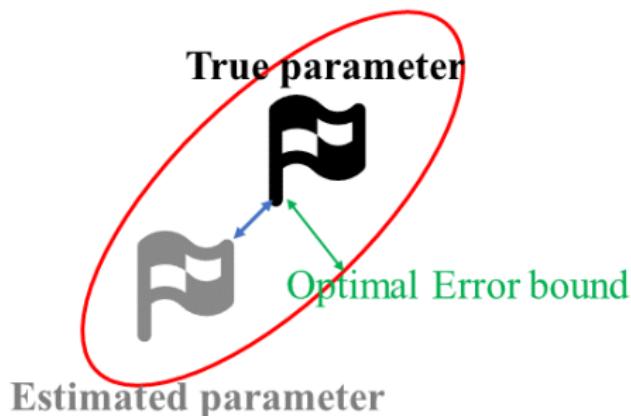


GPU

- Reduce  $O(p^2)$  to  $O(1)$ .

## Motivation: Limitation III: Lack of error bound analysis

- $\|\hat{\theta} - \theta^*\|$
- Missing analysis under a high-dimensional setting ( $p \geq n$ )
- No sacrifices of the accuracy from speeding-up and scaling-up the algorithm



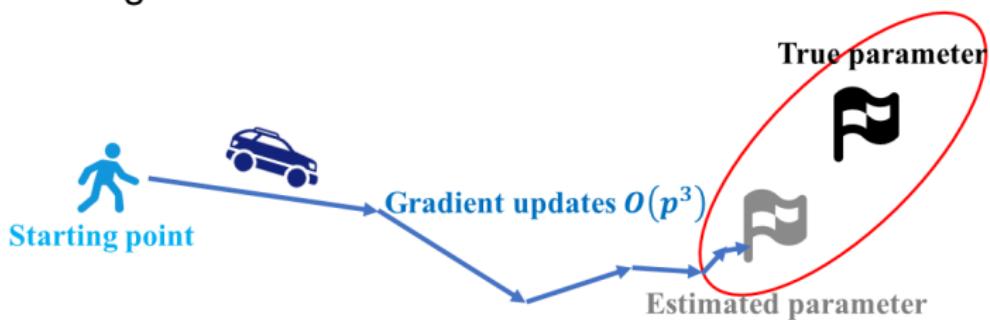
## Our Aim: Fast and Scalable estimators for three types of joint graphs estimation

- Fast and scalable estimators for the three tasks
- Parallelizable algorithms
- Integrating additional knowledge
- Sharp convergence rate

## Solution for Limitations - Elementary Estimator

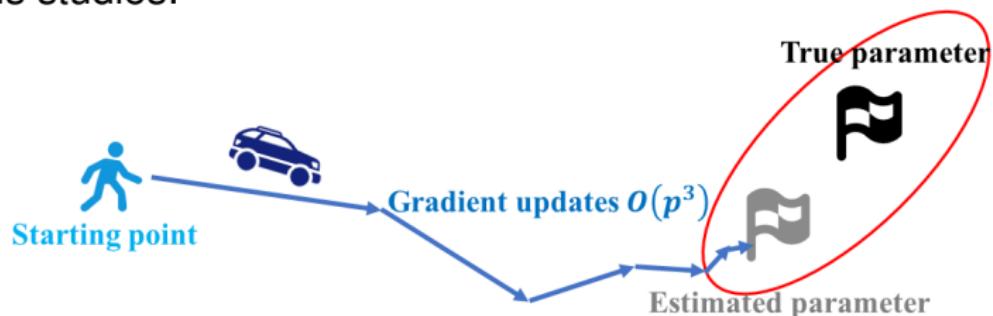
## Background: summary of the previous optimization strategy

- e.g., ADMM algorithm

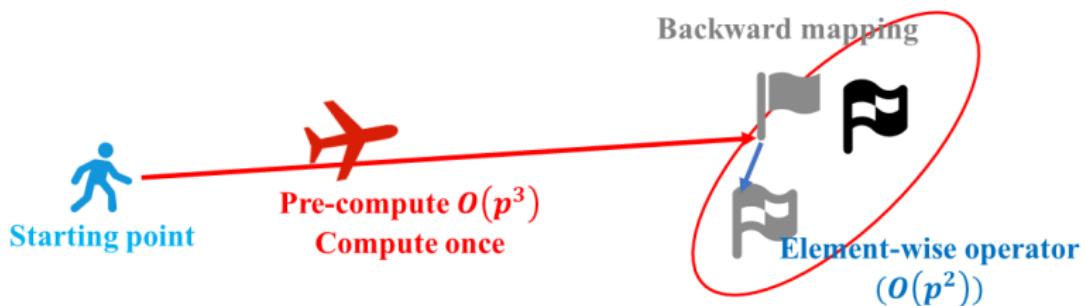


# Elementary Estimator (EE) for joint sGGMs tasks

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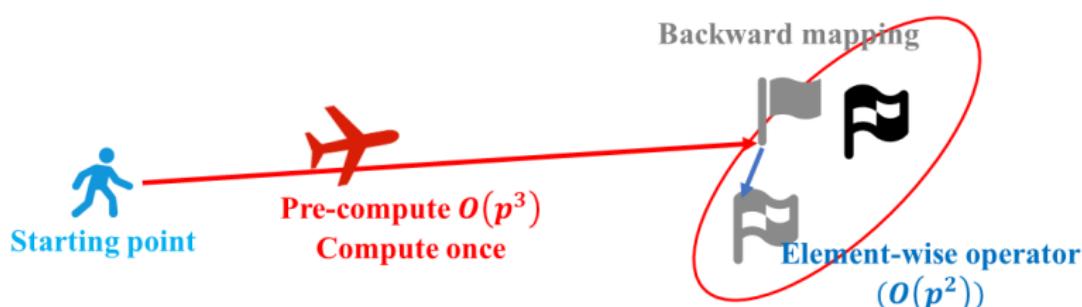


- Elementary Estimator:



# Elementary Estimator (EE): Step I – Backward mapping

- Backward mapping  $\mathcal{B}^*(\phi)$  of the parameter (Solution of Vanilla Maximum Likelihood Estimator (MLE))
- Vanilla MLE:  $\underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \mathcal{L}(\theta)$ 
  - Already close to true parameter
  - But without assumptions e.g., sparse
  - For instance, linear regression solution  $(X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$



## Elementary Estimator: Step II – Optimization formulation

### Elementary Estimator (EE)

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \mathcal{R}(\theta) \quad (3.1)$$

Subject to:  $\mathcal{R}^*(\theta - \mathcal{B}^*(\hat{\phi})) \leq \lambda_n$

- Let  $\mathcal{R}(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|_1$



$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \|\theta\|_1 \quad (3.2)$$

Subject to:  $\|\theta - \mathcal{B}^*(\hat{\phi})\|_{\infty} \leq \lambda_n$

- Easy to prove the sharp convergence rate when  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{B}^*$  satisfy certain conditions.

# EE-Benefit: Fast and scalable solution

- A soft-thresholding operator (closed form)
- Closed form &  $O(p^2)$
- Easy to parallelize in GPU

$$\hat{\theta} = \mathcal{S}_{\lambda_n}(\mathcal{B}^*(\hat{\phi}))$$

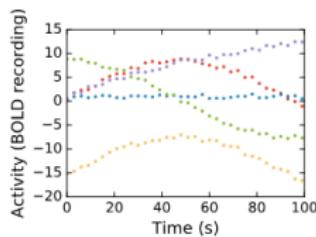
$$[S_\lambda(A)]_{ij} = \text{sign}(A_{ij}) \max(|A_{ij}| - \lambda, 0) \quad (3.3)$$

- Element-wise

$$\Sigma = \text{Cov}(X) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \cdots & \sigma_{1n} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \cdots & \sigma_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{n1} & \sigma_{n2} & \cdots & \sigma_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \text{Cov}(X) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \cdots & \sigma_{1n} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \cdots & \sigma_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{n1} & \sigma_{n2} & \cdots & \sigma_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \text{Cov}(X) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \cdots & \sigma_{1n} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \cdots & \sigma_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{n1} & \sigma_{n2} & \cdots & \sigma_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Apply same operator  
Independent calculation

# Background: sparse Gaussian Graphical Model (sGGM) to derive Conditional Independence Graph from data



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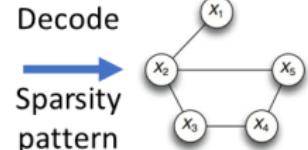
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Covariances matrix  $\Sigma$

sGGM

1	0.2	0	0	0
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Sparse inversion  $\Omega$   
(Precision Matrix)



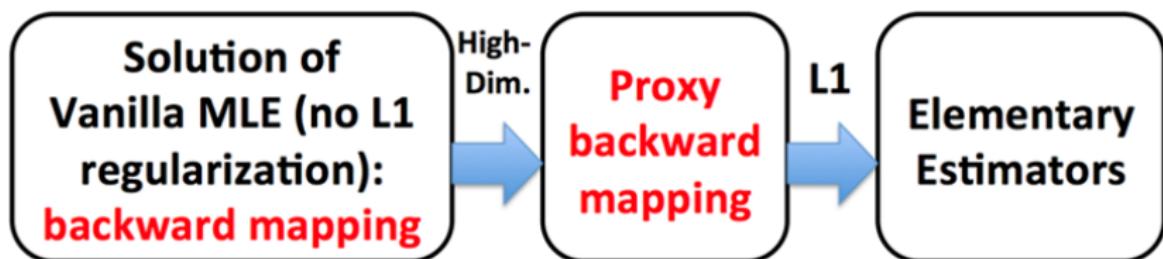
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- Need approximated backward mapping
  - proxy backward mapping  $\hat{\theta}_n \approx \mathcal{B}^*(\hat{\phi})$
  - In sGGM,  $\hat{\theta}_n = [T_v(\hat{\Sigma})]^{-1}$



## EE-GM: Elementary Estimator for sGGM

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \|\theta\|_1 \quad (3.4)$$

Subject to:  $\|\theta - \mathcal{B}^*(\hat{\phi})\|_{\infty} \leq \lambda_n$

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### EE-sGGM

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\Omega} \|\Omega\|_{1,\text{off}} \quad (3.5)$$

subject to:  $\|\Omega - [T_V(\hat{\Sigma})]^{-1}\|_{\infty,\text{off}} \leq \lambda_n$

- | EE      | $\mathcal{R}(\cdot)$ | $\theta$ | $\hat{\theta}_n$           | $\mathcal{R}^*$      |
|---------|----------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| EE-sGGM | $\ \cdot\ _1$        | $\Omega$ | $[T_V(\hat{\Sigma})]^{-1}$ | $\ \cdot\ _{\infty}$ |

## EE-Benefit: Easy to prove error bound

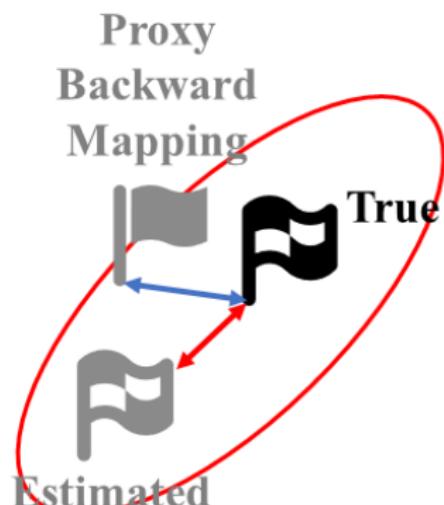
- Error bound:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\theta} - \theta^*\|_\infty &\leq 2\lambda_n \\ \|\hat{\theta} - \theta^*\|_F &\leq 4\sqrt{s}\lambda_n \\ \|\hat{\theta} - \theta^*\|_1 &\leq 8s\lambda_n \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

- Condition:

$$\lambda_n \geq \|\hat{\theta}_n - \theta^*\|_\infty \quad (3.7)$$

- Constant:  $s$  is the num of non-zero entries.



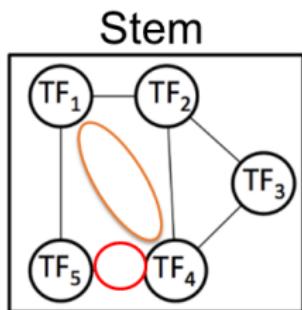
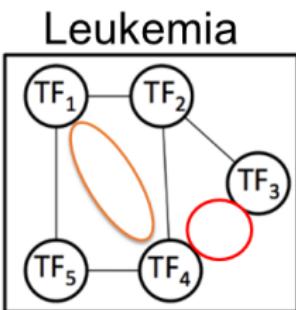
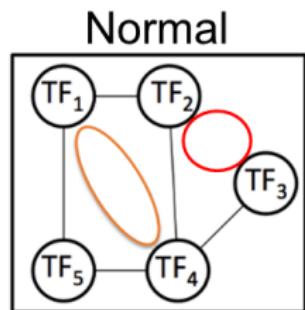
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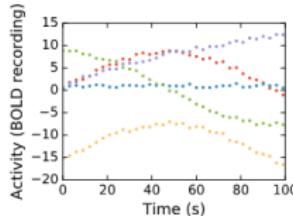
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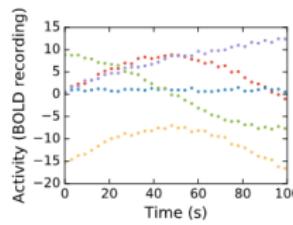
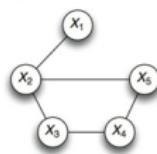
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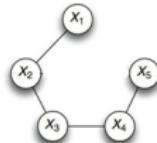
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Decode  
Sparsity pattern



<sup>1</sup> $X^{tot}$ : the concatenation of  $(X^{(1)}, X^{(2)}, \dots, X^{(K)})$ .  
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## Background: Joint Graphical Lasso

### Graphical Lasso

$$\underset{\Omega}{\operatorname{argmin}} -\log \det(\Omega) + \langle \Omega, \Sigma \rangle + \lambda_n \|\Omega\|_1 \quad (4.1)$$

- Add  $\mathcal{R}'(\cdot)$



### Joint Graphical Lasso

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\Omega^{(i)} > 0}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_i (-L(\Omega^{(i)}) + \lambda_1 \sum_i \|\Omega^{(i)}\|_1 \\ & \quad + \lambda_2 \mathcal{R}'(\Omega^{(1)}, \Omega^{(2)}, \dots, \Omega^{(K)})) \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

- $\Omega_{tot} = (\Omega^{(1)}, \Omega^{(2)}, \dots, \Omega^{(K)})$ .

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# Enforcing relatedness of multiple graphs through Regularization: FASJEM-norm

## EE-sGGM

$$\underset{\Omega}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\Omega\|_{1,\text{off}} \quad (4.3)$$

subject to:  $\|\Omega - [T_V(\widehat{\Sigma})]^{-1}\|_{\infty,\text{off}} \leq \lambda_n$

- Add  $\mathcal{R}'(\cdot)$



## FASJEM-norm

$$\mathcal{R}(\Omega_{tot}) = \|\Omega_{tot}\|_1 + \mathcal{R}'(\Omega_{tot}) \quad (4.4)$$

## Elementary Estimator (EE)

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \mathcal{R}(\theta) \quad (4.5)$$

Subject to:  $\mathcal{R}^*(\theta - \mathcal{B}^*(\hat{\phi})) \leq \lambda_n$

EE	$\mathcal{R}(\cdot)$	$\theta$	$\hat{\theta}_n$	$\mathcal{R}^*(\cdot)$
EE-sGGM	$\ \cdot\ _1$	$\Omega$	$[T_v(\hat{\Sigma})]^{-1}$	$\ \cdot\ _\infty$
FASJEM	$\ \cdot\ _1 + \mathcal{R}'$	$\Omega^{tot}$	$inv[T_v(\hat{\Sigma}^{tot})]$	$\max(\ \cdot\ _\infty, \mathcal{R}'^*)$

## FASJEM

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{argmin}_{\Omega_{tot}} \|\Omega_{tot}\|_1 + \mathcal{R}'(\Omega_{tot}) \\ & s.t. \|\Omega_{tot} - inv(T_v(\hat{\Sigma}_{tot}))\|_\infty \leq \lambda_n \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

$$\mathcal{R}'^*(\Omega_{tot} - inv(T_v(\hat{\Sigma}_{tot}))) \leq \lambda_n$$

# FASJEM: Variations

- FASJEM-G:

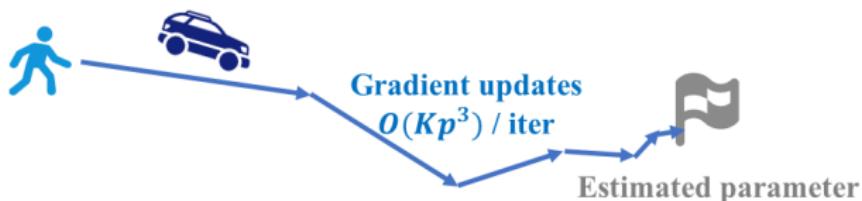
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}'(\cdot) &= \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{G},2} \\ \|\Omega_{tot}\|_{\mathcal{G},2} &= \sum_{j=1}^p \sum_{k=1}^p \|(\Omega_{j,k}^{(1)}, \Omega_{j,k}^{(2)}, \dots, \Omega_{j,k}^{(i)}, \dots, \Omega_{j,k}^{(K)})\|_2\end{aligned}\tag{4.7}$$

- FASJEM-I:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}'(\cdot) &= \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{G},\infty} \\ \|\Omega_{tot}\|_{\mathcal{G},\infty} &= \sum_{j=1}^p \sum_{k=1}^p \|(\Omega_{j,k}^{(1)}, \Omega_{j,k}^{(2)}, \dots, \Omega_{j,k}^{(i)}, \dots, \Omega_{j,k}^{(K)})\|_\infty\end{aligned}\tag{4.8}$$

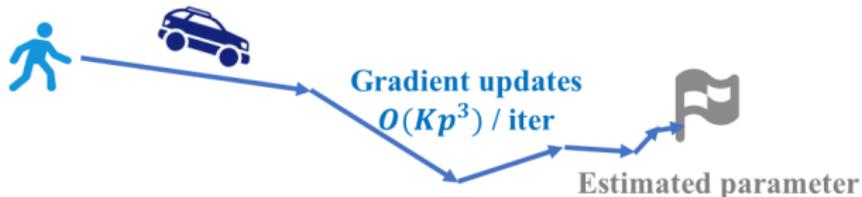
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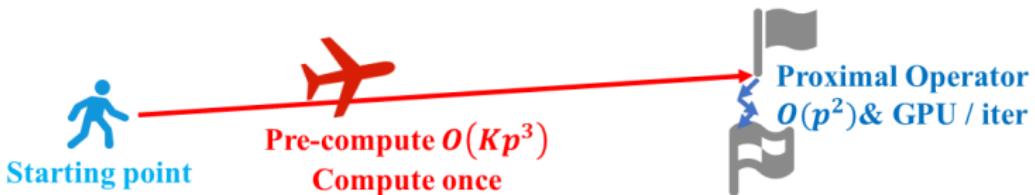


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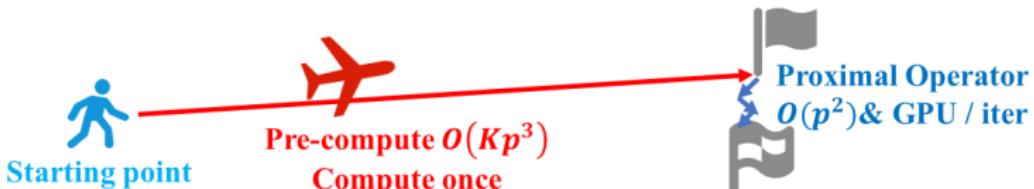


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# FASJEM: Optimization Solution – Proximal algorithm

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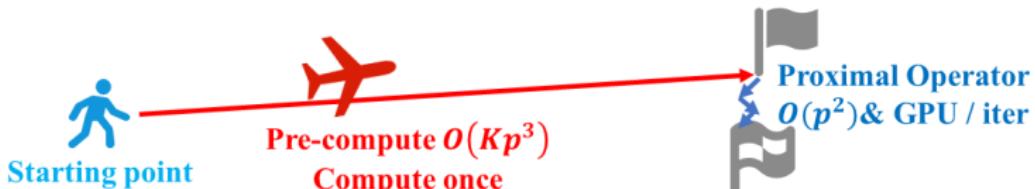
- In each iteration, a proximal operator
- Element-wise operator,  $O(p^2)$

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  - e.g., proximity of  $\ell_1$

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# FASJEM: Computational Complexity

The best baseline of	Task I	Task II	Task III
Computational complexity	$O(Kp^3)$ / iter	$O(K^4 p^5)$	$O(p^3)$ / iter
Bottle neck	SVD	Linear programming	SVD
Our approach	FASJEM		
Computational complexity	$O(Kp^2)$ / iter		
Parallelization	$O(K)$ / iter		

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$O\left(\frac{\log(Kp)}{n_{tot}}\right)$	$O\left(\frac{\log p}{n_i}\right)$

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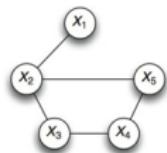
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- This indicates that the multi-task estimator is better!!!

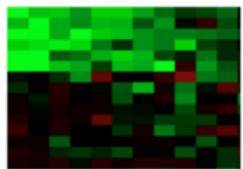
# Results: Synthetic Data generation process



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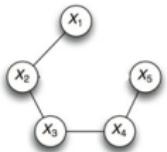
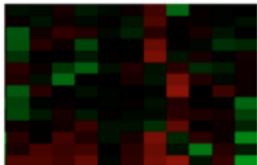
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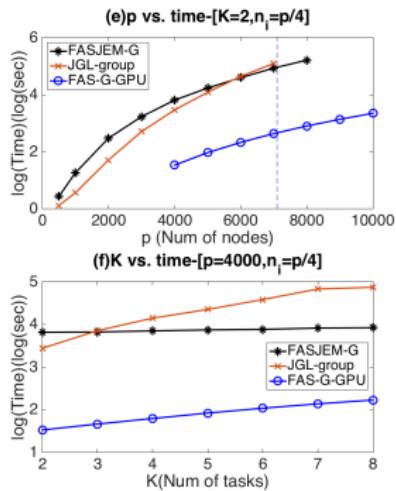
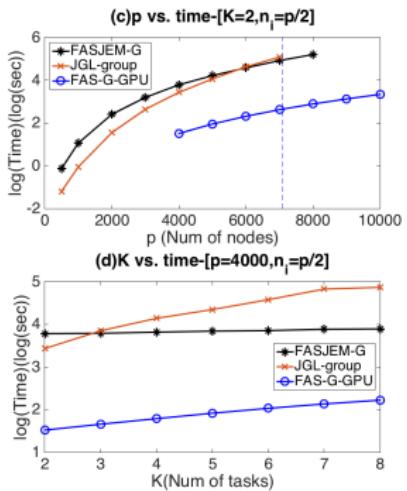
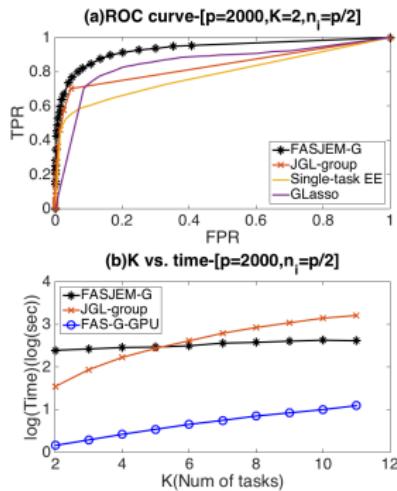
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Context/Task(2)



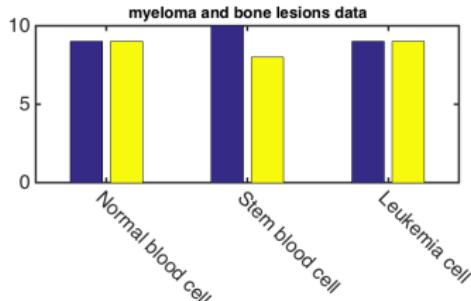
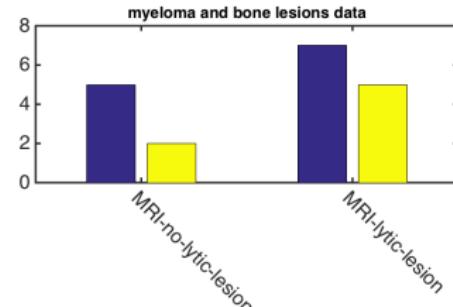
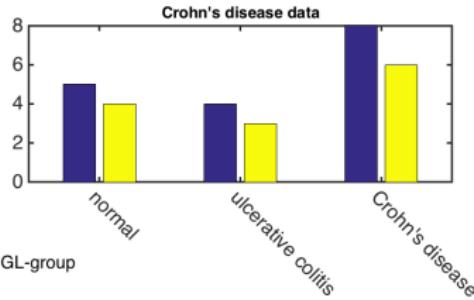
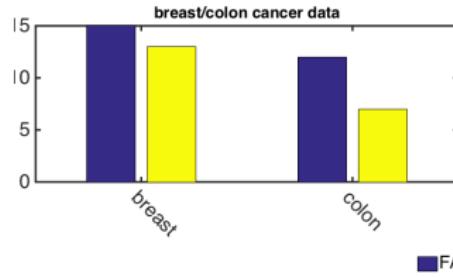
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# Results: Synthetic Data Results



# Results: Real-world Data Results – Number of Matched Edges versus the Existing Domain Databases

- Validation by counting the overlapped interactions according to the existing bio-databases (MInact)



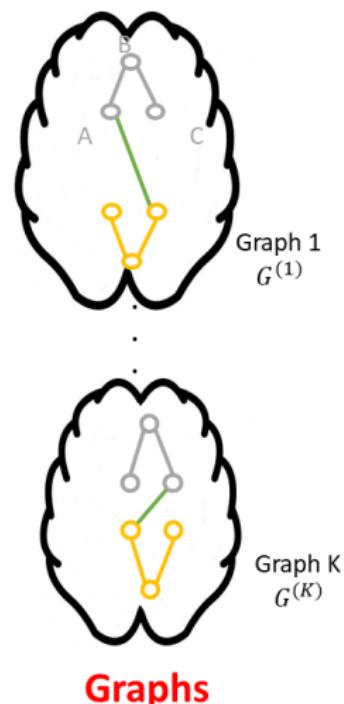
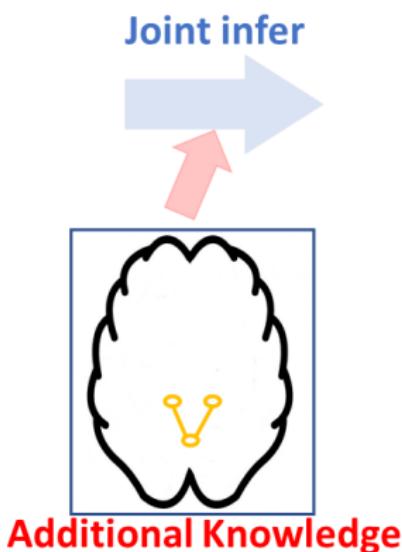
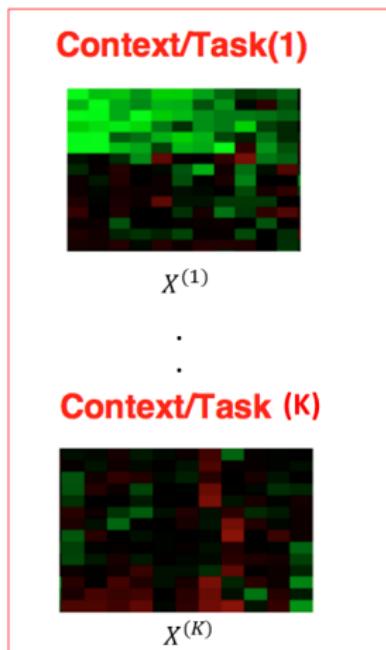
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## Task II: Integrating additional knowledge

- Integrating known knowledge in Learning multiple related graphs
  - E.g., known knowledge in Brain Connection



## Solution: Using Knowledge as Weight in Regularization (KW-norm)

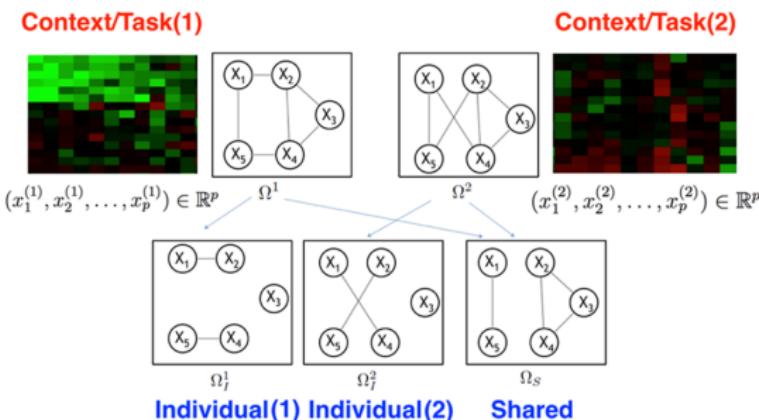
- Integrating additional knowledge through a novel regularization function  $\mathcal{R}(\cdot)$

### KW-norm

$$\mathcal{R}(\{\Omega^{(i)}\}) = \sum_{i=1}^K \|W_I^{(i)} \circ \Omega_I^{(i)}\|_1 + \sum_{i=1}^K \|W_S \circ \Omega_S\|_1 \quad (5.1)$$

- $\Omega^{(i)} = \Omega_I^{(i)} + \Omega_S$
- $\{W_I^{(i)}\}$ : weights describing knowledge of each individual graph.
- $W_S$ : weights describing knowledge of the shared graph.

# Background: Shared and Task-Specific Subgraph Representation



- Know both
  - House keeping interactions
  - Context-specific networks

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### KW-norm

$$\mathcal{R}(\Omega^{tot}) = ||W_I^{tot} \circ \Omega_I^{tot}||_1 + ||W_S^{tot} \circ \Omega_S^{tot}||_1 \quad (5.2)$$

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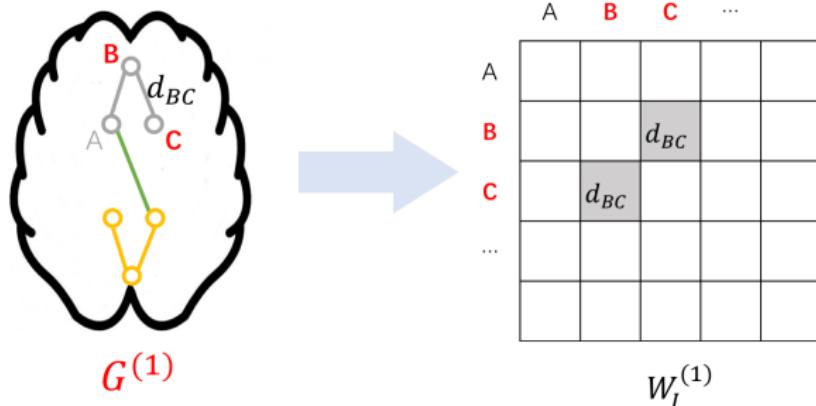
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- $W_I^{tot}$ : weights describing knowledge of each individual graph.
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- No need to design knowledge-specific optimization
- KW-norm is **flexible**.

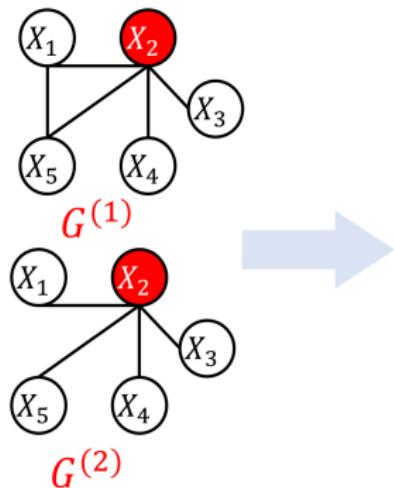
## Example I: KW-norm representing the edge-level knowledge

- e.g., Spatial distance among brain regions;



## Example II: KW-norm describing the node-level knowledge

- e.g.,  $X_2$  is a known hub node;



	1	2	3	4	5
1		$1/\gamma$	1	1	1
2	$1/\gamma$		$1/\gamma$	$1/\gamma$	$1/\gamma$
3	1	$1/\gamma$		1	1
4	1	$1/\gamma$	1		1
5	1	$1/\gamma$	1	1	

$W_s$

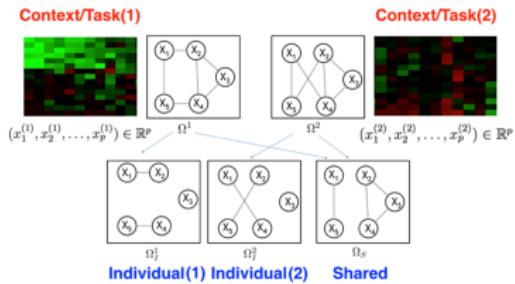
# Background: SIMULE

- Decompose  $\Omega^{(i)} = \Omega_I^{(i)} + \Omega_S$

- An  $\ell_1$  minimization approach

$$\hat{\Omega}_I^{(1)}, \hat{\Omega}_I^{(2)}, \dots, \hat{\Omega}_I^{(K)}, \hat{\Omega}_S = \operatorname{argmin}_{\Omega_I^{(i)}, \Omega_S} \sum_i \|\Omega_I^{(i)}\|_1 + \epsilon K \|\Omega_S\|_1$$

Subject to:  $\|\Sigma^{(i)}(\Omega_I^{(i)} + \Omega_S) - I\|_\infty \leq \lambda_n, i = 1, \dots, K$



## Background: WSIMULE: A weighted SIMULE estimator

### SIMULE

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- ADD  $W_I^{(i)}, W_S$



### W-SIMULE

$$\widehat{\Omega}_I^{(1)}, \dots, \widehat{\Omega}_I^{(K)}, \widehat{\Omega}_S = \operatorname{argmin}_i \|\mathcal{W}_I^{(i)} \circ \Omega_I^{(i)}\|_1 + K \|\mathcal{W}_S \circ \Omega_S\|_1 \quad (5.3)$$

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### KW-norm

$$\mathcal{R}(\Omega^{tot}) = ||W_I^{tot} \circ \Omega_I^{tot}||_1 + ||W_S^{tot} \circ \Omega_S^{tot}||_1 \quad (5.5)$$

# Proposed Method: Joint Elementary Estimator incorporating additional Knowledge (JEEK)

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JEEK	kw-norm	$\Omega^{tot}$	$inv[T_v(\widehat{\Sigma}^{tot})]$	kw-dual

## JEEK

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\Omega_I^{tot}, \Omega_S^{tot}} \|W_I^{tot} \circ \Omega_I^{tot}\|_1 + \|W_S^{tot} \circ \Omega_S^{tot}\|$$

$$\text{Subject to: } \|W_I^{tot} \circ (\Omega^{tot} - inv(T_v(\widehat{\Sigma}^{tot})))\|_\infty \leq \lambda_n \quad (5.6)$$

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$$\Omega^{tot} = \Omega_S^{tot} + \Omega_I^{tot}$$

## Proposed method: JEEK – Solution

- Fast and Scalable solution<sup>2</sup> –  $p^2$  small linear programming subproblems with only  $K + 1$  variables:

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{a_i, b} \sum_i |w_i a_i| + K |w_s b|$$

$$\text{Subject to: } |a_i + b - c_i| \leq \frac{\lambda_n}{\min(w_i, w_s)}, \quad (5.7)$$
$$i = 1, \dots, K$$

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<sup>2</sup>  $a_i := \Omega_{I,j,k}^{(i)}$  (the  $\{j, k\}$ -th entry of  $\Omega^{(i)}$ )

$b := \Omega_{Sj,k}$

$c_i = [T_V(\widehat{\Sigma}^{(i)})]_{j,k}^{-1}$ .

$W_{j,k}^{(i)} = w_i$  and  $W_{j,k}^S = w_s$ .

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# Theoretical Results

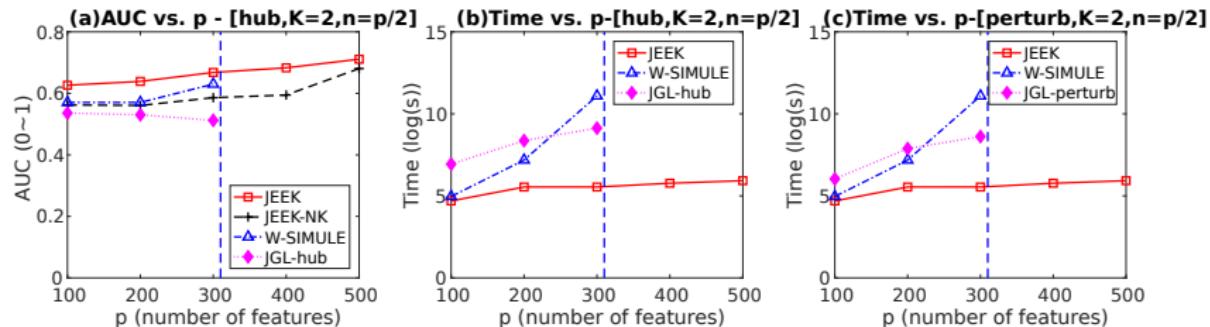
- Sharp convergence rate as the state-of-art

$$\begin{aligned} \|\widehat{\Omega}^{tot} - \Omega^{tot*}\|_F &\leq 4\sqrt{k_i + k_s}\lambda_n \\ \max(\|W_I^{tot} \circ (\widehat{\Omega}^{tot} - \Omega^{tot*})\|_\infty, \|W_S^{tot} \circ (\widehat{\Omega}^{tot} - \Omega^{tot*})\|_\infty) &\leq 2\lambda_n \quad (5.8) \\ \|W_I^{tot} \circ (\widehat{\Omega}_I^{tot} - \Omega_I^{tot*})\|_1 + \|W_S^{tot} \circ (\widehat{\Omega}_S^{tot} - \Omega_S^{tot*})\|_1 &\leq 8(k_i + k_s)\lambda_n \end{aligned}$$

Where  $a$ ,  $c$ ,  $\kappa_1$  and  $\kappa_2$  are constants

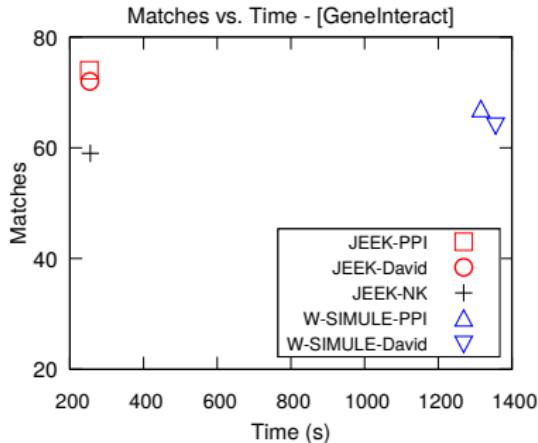
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# Empirical Results on Multiple Synthetic Datasets

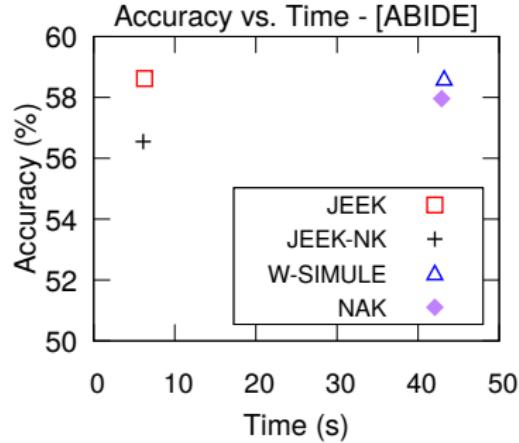


- **JEEK** outperforms the speed of the state-of arts significantly faster ( $\sim 5000\times$  improvement);
- **JEEK** obtains better AUC as the state-of-the-art;
- **JEEK** obtains better AUC than JEEK-NK (no additional knowledge).

# Empirical Results on Two Real-world Datasets



(a)



(b)

- (a). On real-world gene expression data about leukemia cells vs. normal blood cells. Used multiple types of additional knowledge;
- (b). On real-world Brain fMRI dataset: ABIDE. Using LDA as a downstream classification for evaluating JEEK vs. baselines.

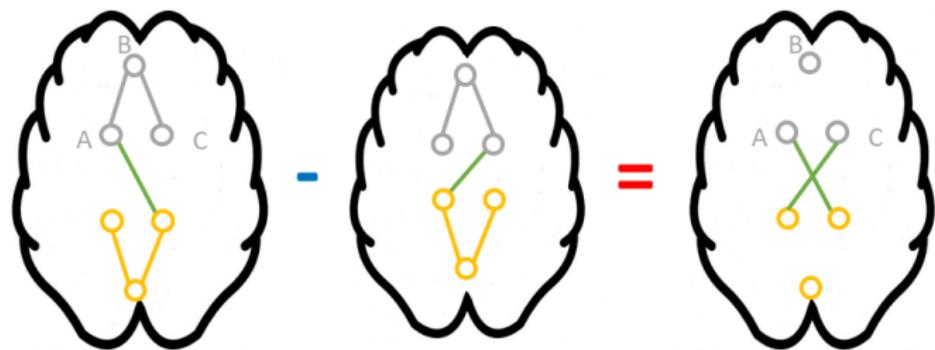
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## Takes III: Learning sparse changes between two graphs

- Each graph may be dense or sparse, differential net is sparse



## Proposed Method III: DIFFEE

- Two cases : d (disease) & c (control)

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\theta\|_1 \\ \text{Subject to: } & \quad (6.1) \quad \Delta = \Omega_d - \Omega_c \\ & \|\theta - \mathcal{B}^*(\hat{\phi})\|_{\infty} \leq \lambda_n \end{aligned}$$

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## Proposed Method III: DIFFEE

### Elementary Estimator (EE)

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \mathcal{R}(\theta) \quad (6.3)$$

Subject to:  $\mathcal{R}^*(\theta - \mathcal{B}^*(\hat{\phi})) \leq \lambda_n$

EE	$\mathcal{R}(\cdot)$	$\theta$	$\hat{\theta}_n$	$\mathcal{R}^*(\cdot)$
EE-sGGM	$\ \cdot\ _1$	$\Omega$	$[T_v(\hat{\Sigma})]^{-1}$	$\ \cdot\ _\infty$
DIFFEE	$\ \cdot\ _1$	$\Delta$	$\left( [T_v(\hat{\Sigma}_d)]^{-1} - [T_v(\hat{\Sigma}_c)]^{-1} \right)$	$\ \cdot\ _\infty$

### DIFFEE

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\Delta} \|\Delta\|_1 \quad (6.4)$$

Subject to:  $\|\Delta - \left( [T_v(\hat{\Sigma}_d)]^{-1} - [T_v(\hat{\Sigma}_c)]^{-1} \right)\|_\infty \leq \lambda_n$

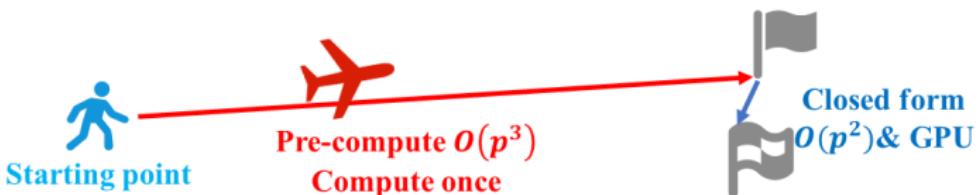
# DIFFEE: Optimization Solution

- Close form

$$\widehat{\Delta} = S_{\lambda_n}([T_v(\widehat{\Sigma}_d)]^{-1} - [T_v(\widehat{\Sigma}_c)]^{-1}) \quad (6.5)$$

$$[S_\lambda(A)]_{ij} = \text{sign}(A_{ij}) \max(|A_{ij}| - \lambda, 0) \quad (6.6)$$

- GPU-parallelizable



# DIFFEE: Computational Complexity

The best baseline of	Task I	Task II	Task III
Computational complexity	$O(Kp^3)$ / iter	$O(K^4p^5)$	$O(p^3)$ / iter
Bottle neck	SVD	Linear programming	SVD
Our approach	FASJEM	JEEK	DIFFEE
Computational complexity	$O(Kp^2)$ / iter	$O(K^4p^2)$	$O(p^3)$
Parallelization	$O(K)$ / iter	$O(K^4)$	$O(p^3)$

# Summary

	EE	$\mathcal{R}(\cdot)$	$\theta$	$\widehat{\theta}_n$	$\mathcal{R}^*(\cdot)$
	EE-sGGM	$\ \cdot\ _1$	$\Omega$	$[T_v(\widehat{\Sigma})]^{-1}$	$\ \cdot\ _\infty$
Task I	FASJEM	$\ \cdot\ _1 + \mathcal{R}'$	$\Omega^{tot}$	$inv[T_v(\widehat{\Sigma}^{tot})]$	$\max(\ \cdot\ _\infty, \mathcal{R}'^*)$
Task II	JEEK	kw-norm	$\Omega^{tot}$	$inv[T_v(\widehat{\Sigma}^{tot})]$	kw-dual
Task III	DIFFEE	$\ \cdot\ _1$	$\Delta$	$[T_v(\widehat{\Sigma}_d)]^{-1}$ $-[T_v(\widehat{\Sigma}_c)]^{-1}$	$\ \cdot\ _\infty$

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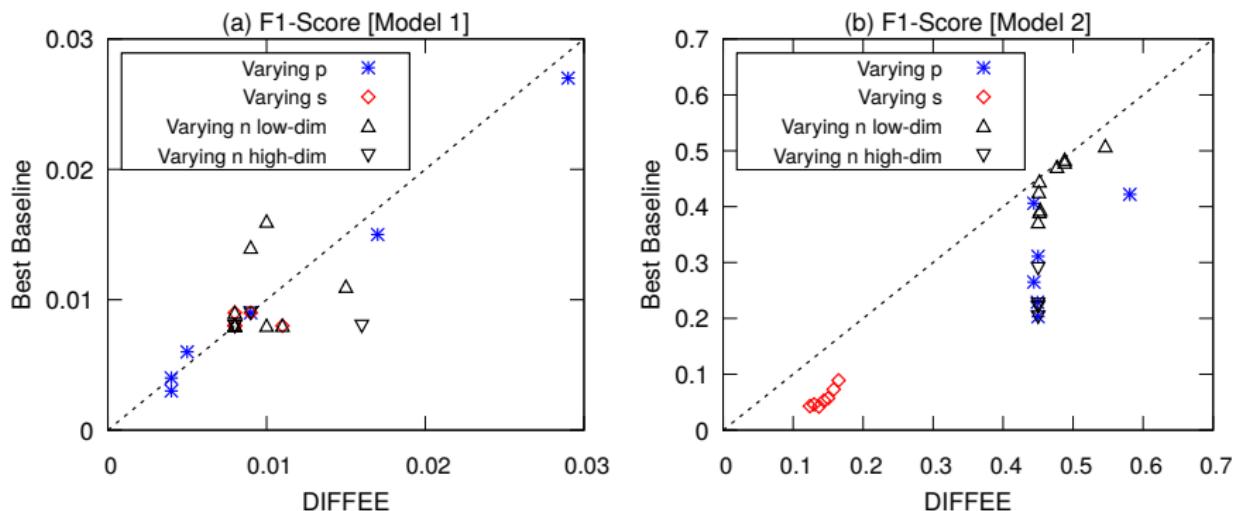
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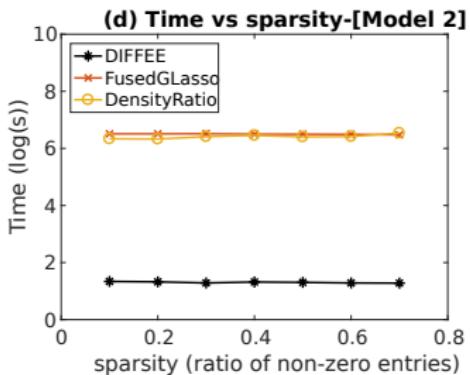
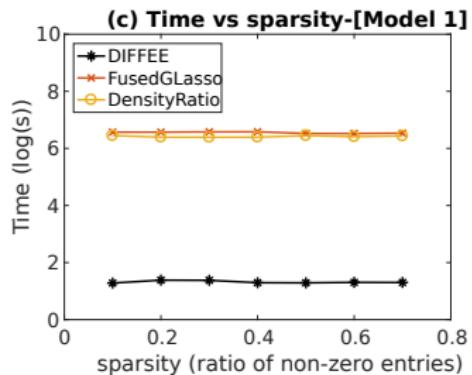
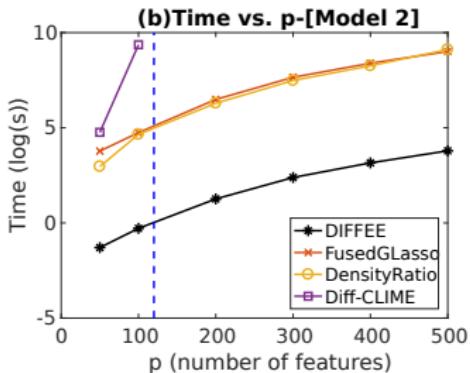
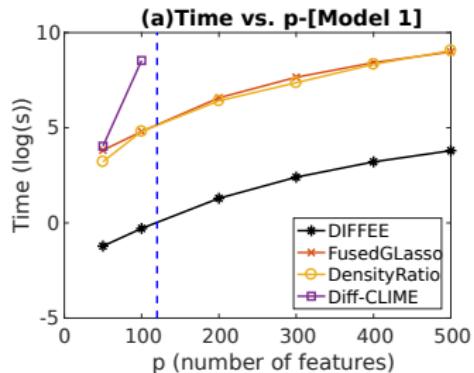
- Sharp convergence rate as the state-of-art

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\Delta} - \Delta^*\|_\infty &\leq \frac{16\kappa_1 a}{\kappa_2} \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{\min(n_c, n_d)}} \\ \|\hat{\Delta} - \Delta^*\|_F &\leq \frac{32\kappa_1 a}{\kappa_2} \sqrt{\frac{k \log p}{\min(n_c, n_d)}} \\ \|\hat{\Delta} - \Delta^*\|_1 &\leq \frac{64\kappa_1 a}{\kappa_2} k \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{\min(n_c, n_d)}} \end{aligned} \tag{6.7}$$

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## Results: Real-world Data Results

- Apply to Brain image data (fMRI)
- Use the estimated different network in LDA
- Compare the accuracy with the state-of-art methods

Method	DIFFEE	FusedGLasso	Diff-CLIME
Accuracy (%)	<b>57.58%</b>	56.90%	53.79%

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$$\Delta_{i,j}^* = 0 \implies \widehat{\Delta}_{i,j} = 0 \quad (7.4)$$

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- Combine the above results

$$supp(\Delta^*) = supp(\widehat{\Delta}) \quad (7.7)$$

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- Solution: Covariance matrices  $\Rightarrow$  Correlation matrices

## Theorem

The inverse of Correlation matrices have the same support set as the inverse of covariance matrices

- Nonparanormal extensions – Relax the Gaussian Assumption
- Added in all the packages

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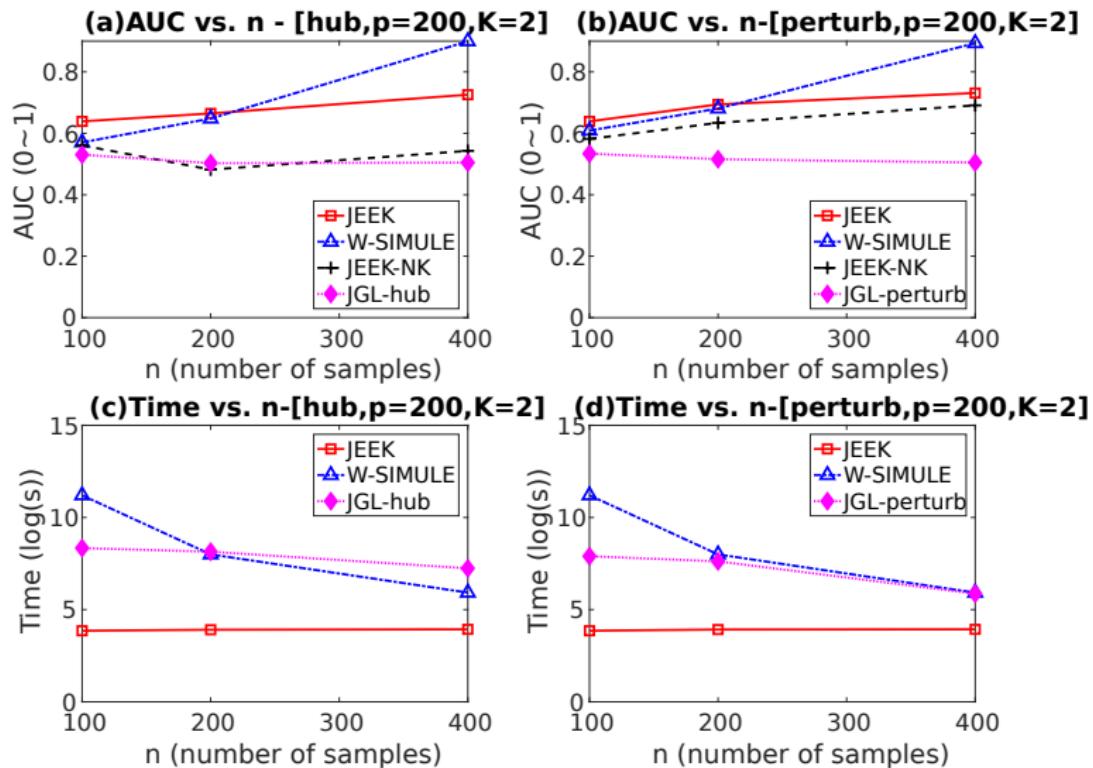
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## Trade-off

- proxy backward mapping still  $O(p^3)$
- In practice, fast in our three tasks
- Thanks to excellent low-level implementation
- Not well performed in low-dimensional case
- $p' = \max(n, p)$

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## KW-norm for FASJEM

- Revise the  $\ell_1$  norm in FASJEM to a KW-norm

### KW-norm for FASJEM

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}(\{\Omega^{(i)}\}) &= \sum_{i=1}^K ||W^{(i)} \circ \Omega^{(i)}||_1 \\ &= ||W^{tot} \circ \Omega^{tot}||_1\end{aligned}\tag{7.8}$$

- $\{W^{(i)}\}$ : weights describing knowledge of each graph.

## Future work: FASJEM with additional knowledge – FASJEM-K

### FASJEM-K

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\Omega_{tot}}{\operatorname{argmin}} ||W_{tot} \circ \Omega_{tot}||_1 + \epsilon \mathcal{R}'(\Omega_{tot}) \\ & s.t. ||W_{tot} \circ (\Omega_{tot} - \text{inv}(T_v(\hat{\Sigma}_{tot})))||_\infty \leq \lambda_n \\ & \mathcal{R}'^*(\Omega_{tot} - \text{inv}(T_v(\hat{\Sigma}_{tot}))) \leq \epsilon \lambda_n \end{aligned} \tag{7.9}$$

## KW-norm for Differential Network: kEV-norm

- Integrating both edge-level and node-level additional knowledge through a novel regularization function  $\mathcal{R}(\cdot)$

### kEV-norm

$$\mathcal{R}(\Delta) = \|\mathbf{W}_E \circ \Delta_{E \setminus \mathcal{G}_V}\|_1 + \epsilon \|\Delta_{\mathcal{G}_V}\|_{\mathcal{G}_V,2} \quad (7.10)$$

- $\mathcal{G}_V$  is a node group.
- $\mathbf{W}_E$  represents the weights for edges.

## Future work: DIFFEE-K

- Combine kEV-norm and Elementary Estimator

### DIFFEE-K

$$\underset{\Delta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\mathcal{W}_E \circ \Delta_{E \setminus \mathcal{G}_V}\|_1 + \epsilon \|\Delta_{\mathcal{G}_V}\|_{\mathcal{G}_V,2}$$

Subject to:  $\|\mathcal{W}_E \circ \left( \Delta - \left( [T_V(\widehat{\Sigma}_d)]^{-1} - [T_V(\widehat{\Sigma}_c)]^{-1} \right) \right)\|_{\infty} \leq \lambda_n \quad (7.11)$

$$\epsilon \|\Delta - \left( [T_V(\widehat{\Sigma}_d)]^{-1} - [T_V(\widehat{\Sigma}_c)]^{-1} \right)\|_{\mathcal{G}_V,2}^* \leq \lambda_n$$

# Publications

- FASJEM
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# R Package is Available !!!

- The project website: <http://jointggm.org/>
- R package "simule":
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- A complete package "jointNet" will be ready by this summer.

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## Back-up: Difficulty in combining FASJEM and JEEK

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\Omega_I^{tot}, \Omega_S^{tot}} ||W_I^{tot} \circ \Omega_I^{tot}||_1 + ||W_S^{tot} \circ \Omega_S^{tot}|| + \epsilon \mathcal{R}'(\Omega^{tot})$$

Subject to:  $||W_I^{tot} \circ (\Omega^{tot} - \text{inv}(T_V(\widehat{\Sigma}^{tot})))||_\infty \leq \lambda_n$  (7.12)

$$||W_S^{tot} \circ (\Omega^{tot} - \text{inv}(T_V(\widehat{\Sigma}^{tot})))||_\infty \leq \lambda_n$$

$$\mathcal{R}^{*' }(\Omega^{tot}) \leq \epsilon \lambda_n$$

- Hard to optimize
- Lose fast and scalable property

## Back-up: How to choose $v$ in $T_v(\widehat{\Sigma})$

- line search
- $v$  from the set  $\{0.001i | i = 1, 2, \dots, 1000\}$
- pick a value that makes  $T_v(\widehat{\Sigma})$  and be invertible

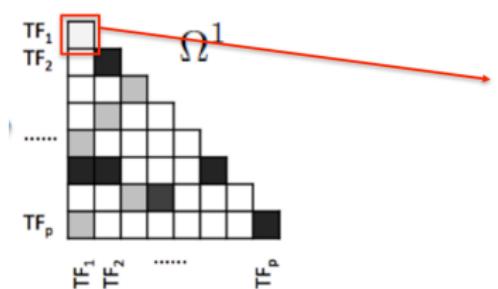
## Back-up: Connecting to Bayesian Statistics

$$\begin{aligned} & -\log(\mathbb{P}(\Omega^{(i)} | X^{(i)}, \mu^{(i)}, W_{I,j,k}^{(i)}, W_{Sj,k})) \\ & \propto -\log(\det(\Omega^{(i)-1})) + \langle \Omega^{(i)}, \widehat{\Sigma}^{(i)} \rangle \\ & + \sum_{j,k} (W_{I,j,k}^{(i)} |\Omega_{I,j,k}^{(i)}| + W_S |\Omega_{Sj,k}|) \end{aligned} \tag{7.13}$$

## Back-up: Proximal algorithm Basics

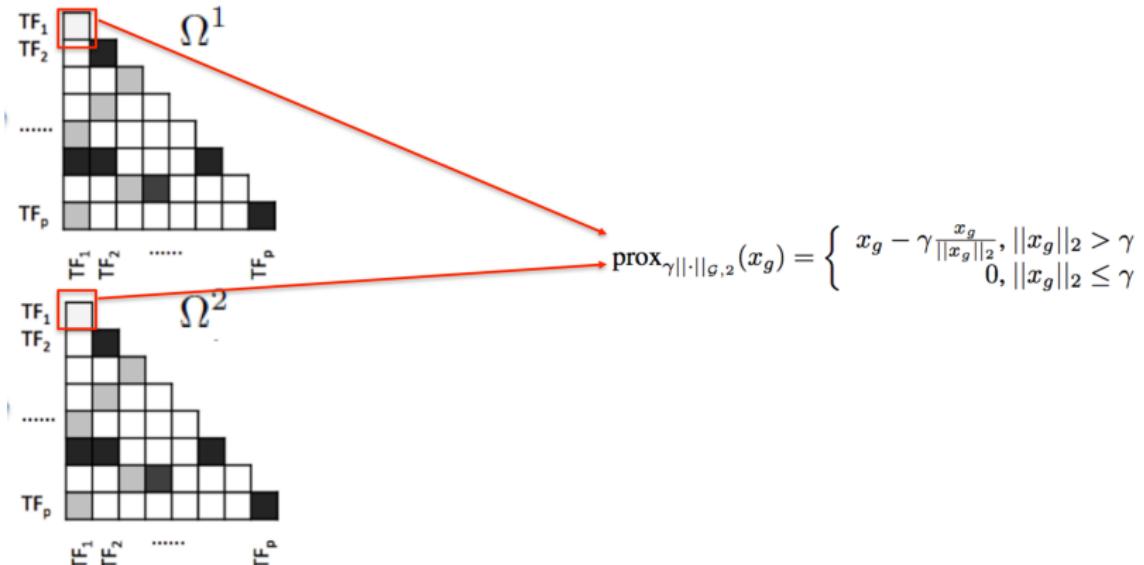
- proximity definition:
- $\text{prox}_h(x) = \underset{u}{\operatorname{argmin}}(h(u) + \frac{1}{2}||u - x||_2^2)$
- $\underset{x}{\operatorname{argmin}} f(x) = g(x) + h(x)$
- proximal gradient descent:
- $x^{(k)} = \text{prox}_{t_k h}(x^{(k-1)} - t_k \triangledown g(x^{(k-1)}))$

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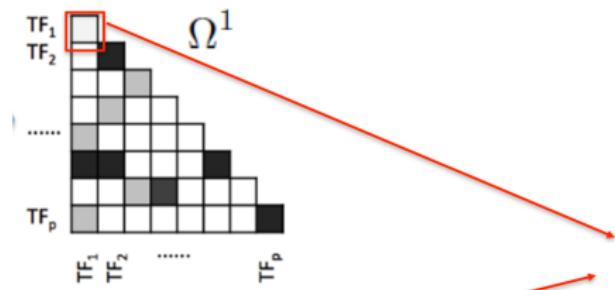


$$(\text{prox}_{\gamma \|\cdot\|_1}(x))_i = \begin{cases} x_i - \gamma, & x_i > \gamma \\ 0, & |x_i| \leq \gamma \\ x_i + \gamma, & x_i < -\gamma \end{cases}$$

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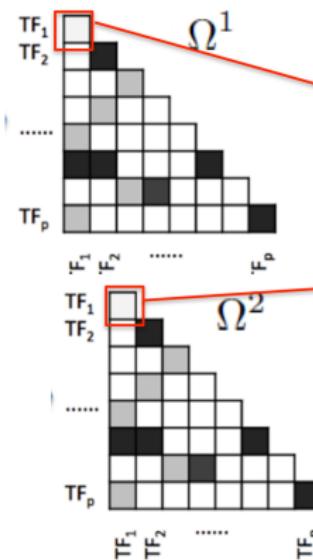
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$$\text{proj}_{||x-a||_\infty \leq \lambda} = \begin{cases} x_i, & |x_i - a_i| \leq \lambda \\ a_i + \lambda, & x_i > a_i + \lambda \\ a_i - \lambda, & x_i < a_i - \lambda \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{B}^{*(1)} := \begin{pmatrix} b_{11}^{(1)} & b_{12}^{(1)} & \cdots & b_{1p}^{(1)} \\ b_{21}^{(1)} & b_{22}^{(1)} & \cdots & b_{2p}^{(1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{p1}^{(1)} & b_{p2}^{(1)} & \cdots & b_{pp}^{(1)} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\text{prox}_{\gamma g_2}(x) = \text{proj}_{||x-a||_{G,2}^*, \leq \lambda} = \begin{cases} x_g, & ||x_g - a_g||_2 \leq \lambda \\ \lambda \frac{x_g - a_g}{||x_g - a_g||_2} + a_g, & ||x_g - a_g||_2 > \lambda \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{B}^{*(2)} := \begin{pmatrix} b_{11}^{(2)} & b_{12}^{(2)} & \dots & b_{1p}^{(2)} \\ b_{21}^{(2)} & b_{22}^{(2)} & \dots & b_{2p}^{(2)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{p1}^{(2)} & b_{p2}^{(2)} & \dots & b_{pp}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Joint Gaussian Graphical Model Review Series – I

## Probability Foundations

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## Notation

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$\mathbb{P}$  The probability measure.

$\Omega$  The sample space.

$\mathcal{F}$  The event set.

$X, Y, Z$  The random variables.

# Probability

# Probability Space

## Probability Space

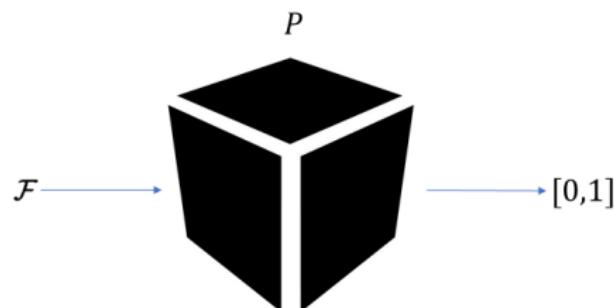
Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be the probability space.

- $\Omega$  be an arbitrary non-empty set.
- $\mathcal{F} \subset 2^\Omega$  is a set of events.
- $\mathbb{P}$  is the probability measure. In another word, a function :  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ .

# Events

- $\mathcal{F}$  contains  $\Omega$ .
- $\mathcal{F}$  is closed under complements.
- $\mathcal{F}$  is closed under countable unions.

# Probability Measure

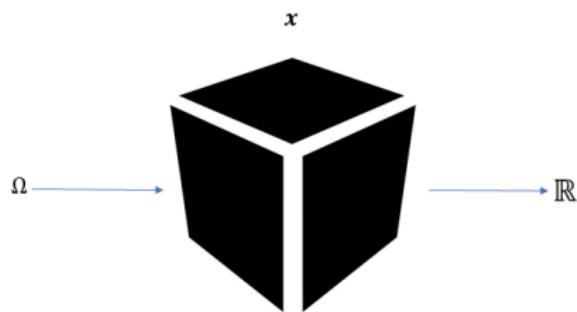


# Random Variable

## Random Variable

Let  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a random variable.  $X$  is a measurable function.

# Random Variable



# Probability Distribution

## Probability Distribution function

Let  $F(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1] = \mathbb{P}[X < x]$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- $X = Y$ , they follow same distribution?
- $F_X = F_Y$ , then  $X = Y$ ?

# Joint Probability

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The probability distribution of random vector  $(X, Y)$ .

# Joint Probability



Twice

{Head, Head} {Tail, Tail} {Head, Tail}

# Marginal Probability

## Marginal Probability

A pair of random variable  $(X, Y)$ , the probability distribution of  $X$ .

# Joint Probability



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# Conditional Distribution

## Conditional Distribution

Given the information of  $Y$ , the probability distribution of  $X$ . Notation  $X|Y$ .

## Joint Probability



Twice

I know the second one is Head.  
Head or Tail for the first one?

# Relationship

## Relationship

$$\mathbb{P}(X = x, Y = y) = \mathbb{P}(Y = y)\mathbb{P}(X = x|Y = y)$$

## Dependence and Correlation

# Independence

## Independence

$X$  and  $Y$  are independent if and only if  $p_{X,Y}(x,y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y)$ , where  $p$  is the probability density function.

## Independence

$Y|X = Y$

- Flip coin example
- Causal relationship

# Correlation

## Covariance

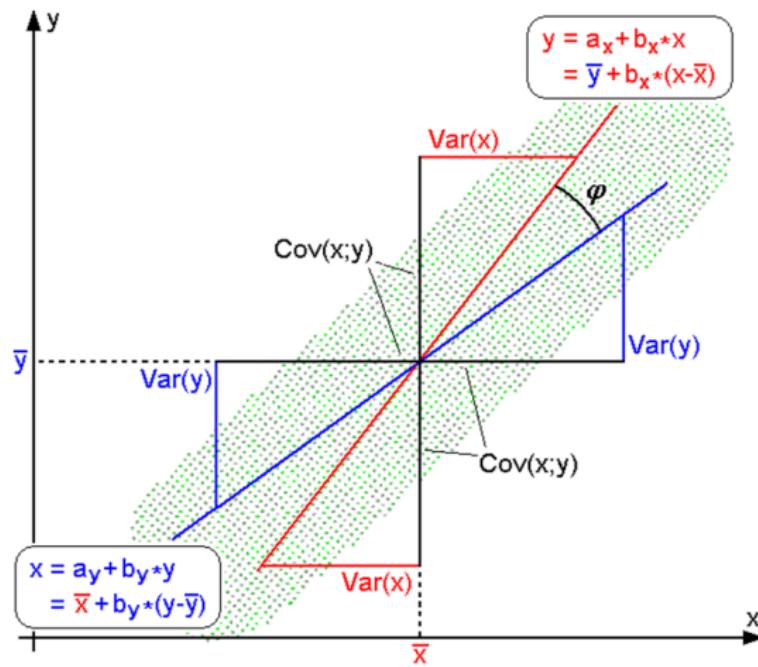
$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$ , where  $\mu_X, \mu_Y$  is the mean vector.

## Correlation

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

- Linear relationship
- Linear dependency between  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- $\rho(X, Y) = 1$  means that  $X$  and  $Y$  are in the same linear direction while  $\rho(X, Y) = -1$  means that  $X$  and  $Y$  are in the reverse linear direction.
- $\rho(X, Y) = 1$  means that when  $X$  increase,  $Y$  increase with all the points lying on the same line.
- $\rho(X, Y) = 0$  means that  $X$  and  $Y$  are perpendicular with each other.

# Correlation



# Dependence and Correlation

- Correlation is easy to estimate the value while independence is a relationship to infer.
- Dependence is stronger relationship than correlation.
- In another word, if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent,  $\rho(X, Y) = 0$ . However, the reverse doesn't hold.
- For example, suppose the random variable  $X$  is symmetrically distributed about zero and  $Y = X^2$ .

# Gaussian Example

The distribution of bivariate Gaussian is:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} * \left(\frac{(x - \mu_X)^2}{\sigma_X^2} + \frac{(y - \mu_Y)^2}{\sigma_Y^2}\right)\right) \quad (3.1)$$

## Gaussian Example

Suppose  $(X, Y)$  are uncorrelated. i.e.,  $(X, Y) \sim N(0, \text{diag}(\sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2))$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{(x - \mu_X)^2}{\sigma_X^2} + \frac{(y - \mu_Y)^2}{\sigma_Y^2}\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_X} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(x - \mu_X)^2}{\sigma_X^2}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_Y} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(y - \mu_Y)^2}{\sigma_Y^2}\right) \quad (3.2) \\ &= f(x)f(y) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if  $(X, Y)$  follows bivariate Gaussian,  $(X, Y)$  are uncorrelated if and only if  $(X, Y)$  are independent.

# Summary

- Correlation is easy to estimate the value while independence is a relationship to infer.
- In the Gaussian Case, they are equivalent.
- From the structure learning angle, dependence is about the causal relationship, while correlation is, more specifically, the linear relationship.

# Conditional Dependence and Partial Correlation

# Conditional Dependence

Let's consider a more complicated case. There is another third random variable  $Z$ . There are two ways to view the conditional dependence.

- $X$  and  $Y$  are independent conditional on  $Z$
- $X|Z$  and  $Y|Z$  are independent

## Conditional Dependence

$X$  and  $Y$  are independent on  $Z$  if and only if

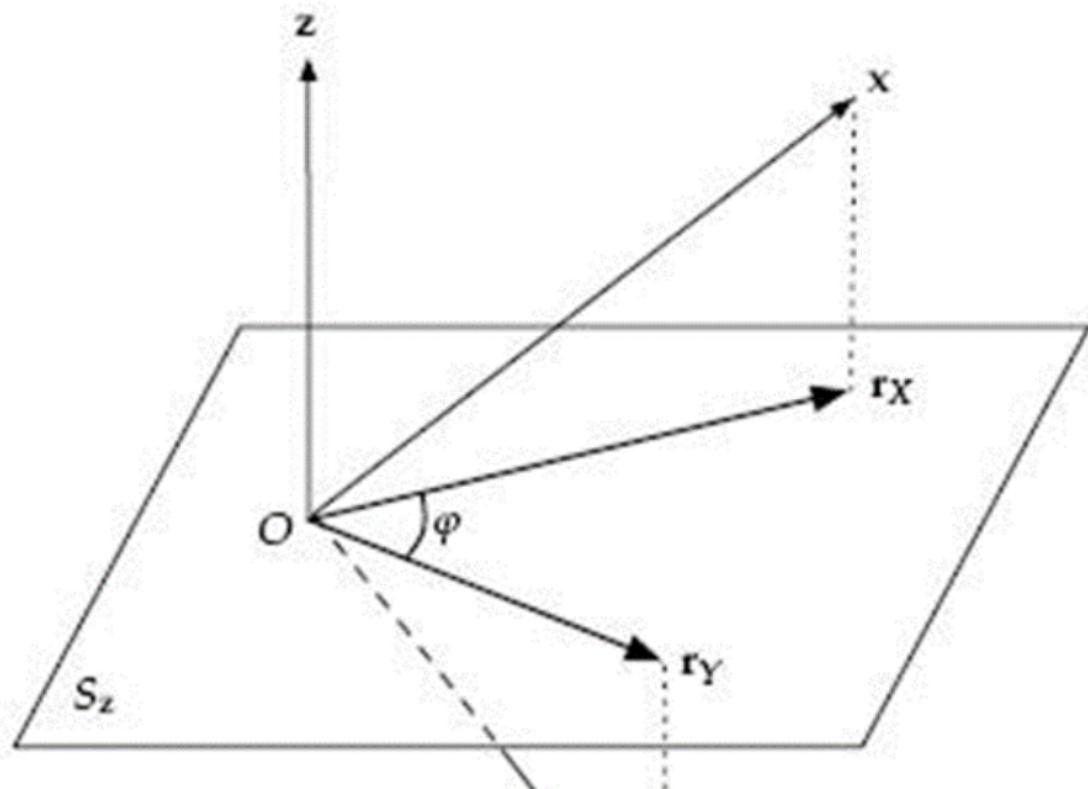
$p_{X,Y|Z}(x,y) = p_{X|Z}(x)p_{Y|Z}(y)$ , where  $p$  is the probability density function.

# Partial Correlation

## Partial Correlation

Formally, the partial correlation between  $X$  and  $Y$  given random variable  $Z$ , written  $\rho_{XY \cdot Z}$ , is the correlation between the residuals  $R_X$  and  $R_Y$  resulting from the linear regression of  $X$  with  $Z$  and of  $Y$  with  $Z$ , respectively.

# Partial Correlation



# Partial Correlation

## Partial Correlation Calculation

Suppose  $P = \Sigma^{-1}$  ( $\Sigma$  is covariance matrix or Correlation matrix)

$$\rho_{X_i X_j | \mathbf{V} \setminus \{X_i, X_j\}} = -\frac{p_{ij}}{\sqrt{p_{ii} p_{jj}}}.$$

The value is exactly related to the precision matrix (the inverse of covariance matrix)!

# Conditional Dependence and Partial Correlation

- Similarly, in the Gaussian Case, they are equivalent.
- A detailed derivation is in the next talk.

## Gaussian Case

- Partial Correlation is easy to estimate the value while conditional independence is a relationship to infer.
- Conditional Dependence is stronger relationship than partial correlation.
- In another word, if  $X|Z$  and  $Y|Z$  are independent,  $\rho(X, Y \cdot Z) = 0$ . However, the reverse doesn't hold.

# Summary

- Partial correlation is easy to estimate the value while conditional independence is a relationship to infer.
- In the Gaussian Case, they are equivalent.
- From the structure learning angle, conditional dependence is about the causal relationship, while partial correlation is, more specifically, the linear relationship.

# Joint Gaussian Graphical Model Review Series – II

## Gaussian Graphical Model Basics

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# Outline

- 1 Notation
- 2 Reviews
- 3 Why partial correlation and condition dependence are equivalent in the Gaussian case?
- 4 Maximum Likelihood Method
- 5 Regression Method

## Notation

# Notation

- $\Sigma$  The covariance matrix.
- $\Omega$  The precision matrix.
- $\mu$  The mean vector.
- $x_i$  The  $i$ -th sample follows multivariate normal distribution.

# Reviews

# Reviews

- Probability basics
- Dependency vs. Correlation
- Conditional dependency vs. partial Correlation

## Summary from last talk

- Partial correlation is easy to estimate the value while conditional independence is a relationship to infer.
- In the Gaussian Case, they are equivalent.
- From the structure learning angle, conditional dependence is about the causal relationship, while partial correlation is, more specifically, the linear relationship.

So the remaining question is why in the Gaussian case they are equivalent and how to infer this relationship.

## Review: Gaussian Example

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$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{(x - \mu_X)^2}{\sigma_X^2} + \frac{(y - \mu_Y)^2}{\sigma_Y^2}\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_X} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(x - \mu_X)^2}{\sigma_X^2}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_Y} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(y - \mu_Y)^2}{\sigma_Y^2}\right) \quad (2.1) \\ &= f(x)f(y) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if  $(X, Y)$  follows bivariate Gaussian,  $(X, Y)$  are uncorrelated if and only if  $(X, Y)$  are independent.

Why partial correlation and condition dependence are equivalent in the Gaussian case?

# Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

## Density function

Let  $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$ .  $f(x) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{p}{2}} \det(\Sigma)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu))$

# Partition $X$ , $\mu$ , and $\Sigma$

Partition  $X$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Omega$ .

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Omega = \Sigma^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_{11} & \Omega_{12} \\ \Omega_{21} & \Omega_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Conditional Distribution of Multivariate Gaussian

If  $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$ , it holds that  $X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \Sigma_{22})$ .

If  $\Sigma_{22}$  is regular, it further holds that

$$X_1 | (X_2 = a) \sim N(\mu_{1|2}, \Sigma_{1|2})$$

where  $\mu_{1|2} = \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(a - \mu_2)$  , and

$$\Sigma_{1|2} = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21} = (\Omega_{11})^{-1}.$$

## Partial correlation and condition dependence are equivalent in the Gaussian case

$$X_1|X_2 = a \sim N(\mu_{1|2}, (\Omega_{11})^{-1}),$$

If  $X_1$  only contains  $x_i$  and  $x_j$ , then  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  are conditional independent on others iff  $\Omega_{ij} = 0$ .

## Estimate the condition dependence graph/Partial correlation

Now the only thing left is to estimate  $\Omega = \Sigma^{-1}$ . There are three potential ways to do that. We call this problem as Gaussian Graphical model.

- Directly calculate the inverse of the sample covariance matrix  $\hat{\Sigma}$ . However, we cannot do that when the sample covariance matrix is not invertible.
- Maximum Likelihood Method
- Regression method

For the first one, the sample covariance matrix  $\hat{\Sigma}$  may not be invertible.

## Maximum Likelihood Method

# The MLE of $\mu$

$\mathcal{L}(\mu, \Omega) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{np}{2}} \prod_{i=1}^n \det(\Omega^{-1})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x_i - \mu)^T \Omega (x_i - \mu)\right).$   
After take a first derivative, it is easy to show that  $\bar{x} = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{n}$

# The Likelihood of $\Omega$

$$\mathcal{L}(\bar{x}, \Omega) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{np}{2}} \prod_{i=1}^n \det(\Omega^{-1})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x_i - \bar{x})^T \Omega (x_i - \bar{x})\right).$$

Notice that  $(x_i - \bar{x})^T \Omega (x_i - \bar{x})$  is a scalar. Therefore,

$$(x_i - \bar{x})^T \Omega (x_i - \bar{x}) = \text{trace}((x_i - \bar{x})^T \Omega (x_i - \bar{x})).$$

# The Likelihood of $\Omega$

Since  $\text{tr}(A, B) = \text{tr}(B, A)$ .

$$\mathcal{L}(\bar{x}, \Omega) \propto \det(\Omega^{-1})^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{tr} \left( (x_i - \bar{x})^T \Omega (x_i - \bar{x}) \right) \right) \quad (4.1)$$

$$= \det(\Omega^{-1})^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{tr} \left( (x_i - \bar{x})(x_i - \bar{x})^T \Omega \right) \right) \quad (4.2)$$

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$$= \det(\Omega^{-1})^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (S\Omega) \right) \quad (4.4)$$

where,  $S = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(x_i - \bar{x})^T \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ .

# The Log-Likelihood of $\Omega$

$$\ln \mathcal{L}(\bar{x}, \Omega) = \text{const} - \frac{n}{2} \ln \det(\Omega^{-1}) - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left( \Omega \sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{x} - \mu)(\bar{x} - \mu)^T \right).$$

Since  $\det(A^{-1}) = 1/\det(A)$ ,

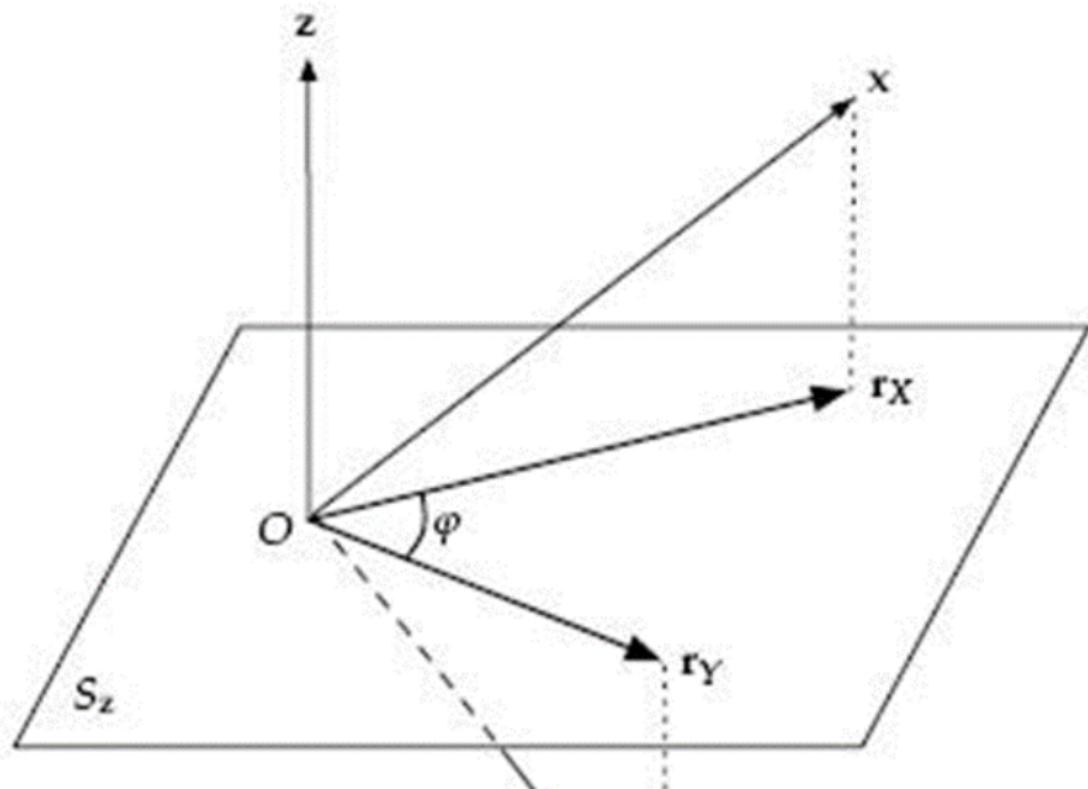
$$\ln \mathcal{L}(\bar{x}, \Omega) \propto \ln \det(\Omega) - \text{tr} \left( \Omega \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{x} - \mu)(\bar{x} - \mu)^T \right) \quad (4.5)$$

$$= \ln \det(\Omega) - \text{tr} \left( \Omega \hat{S} \right) \quad (4.6)$$

where  $\hat{S}$  is the sample covariance matrix.

# Regression Method

# Partial Correlation



# Partial correlation

- As we know, the partial correlation can also be solved by the linear regression.
- In the Gaussian case, we can use so-called neighborhood approach.

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## Neighborhood approach

If  $X \sim N(0, \Sigma)$  and let  $X_1 = X_j$ .

$$X_j | X_{\setminus j} \sim N(\Sigma_{\setminus j, j} \Sigma_{\setminus j, \setminus j}^{-1} X_{\setminus j}, \Sigma_{jj} - \Sigma_{\setminus j, j} \Sigma_{\setminus j, \setminus j}^{-1} \Sigma_{j, \setminus j})$$

Let  $\alpha_j := \Sigma_{\setminus j, j} \Sigma_{\setminus j, \setminus j}^{-1}$  and  $\sigma_j^2 := \Sigma_{jj} - \Sigma_{\setminus j, j} \Sigma_{\setminus j, \setminus j}^{-1} \Sigma_{j, \setminus j}$ . We have that

$$X_j = \alpha_j^T X_{\setminus j} + \epsilon_j \tag{5.1}$$

where  $\epsilon_j \sim N(0, \sigma_j^2)$  is independent of  $X_{\setminus j}$ .

## Neighborhood approach

- We can estimate the  $\alpha_j$  by solving  $p$  simple linear regression.
- if  $i$ -th entry of  $\alpha_j$  equals to 0, it means that  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  are partial uncorrelated and conditional independent.
- Perhaps we want more assumption on  $\alpha_j$  like sparsity.

# Summary

- In Gaussian case, the partial correlation and the conditional dependence are equivalent
- We have two ways to estimate them. First, directly estimate the precision matrix by MLE. Second, solve  $p$  linear regression problem by neighborhood approach.
- None of them have any assumptions on the partial correlation coefficient.
- In the next talk, let's introduce the solutions of these two estimators.

# Joint Gaussian Graphical Model Review Series – III

## Markov Random Field and Log Linear Model

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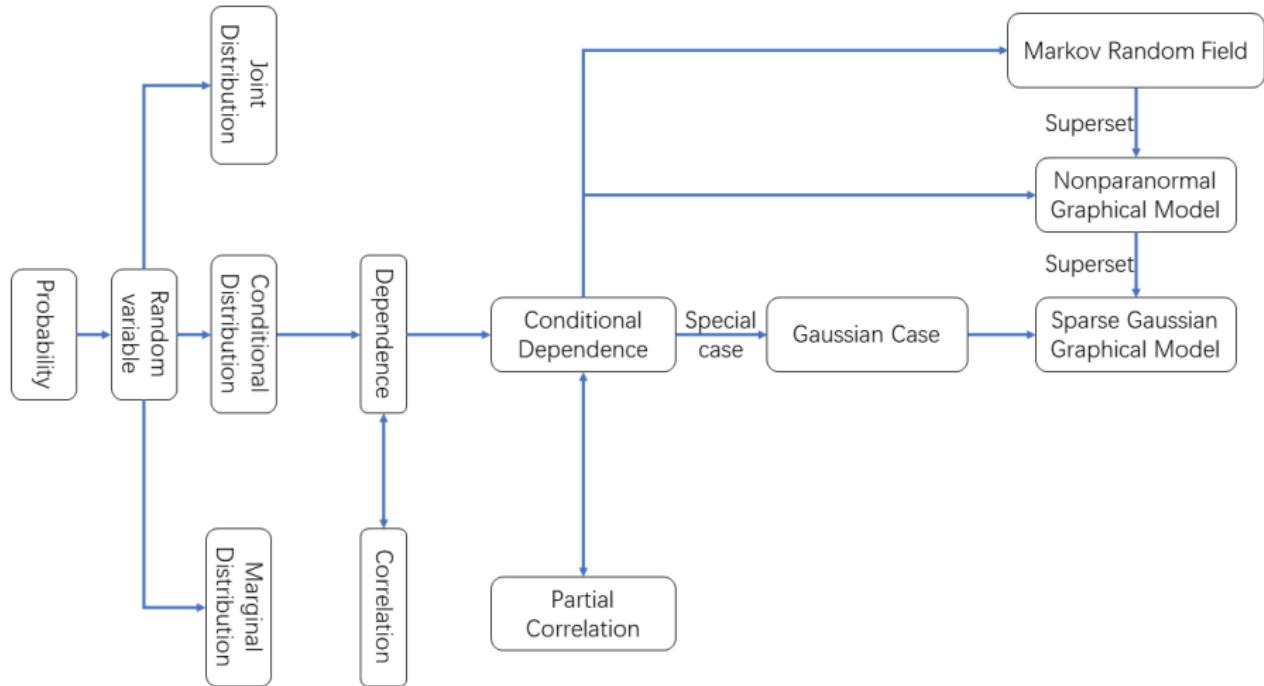
# Outline

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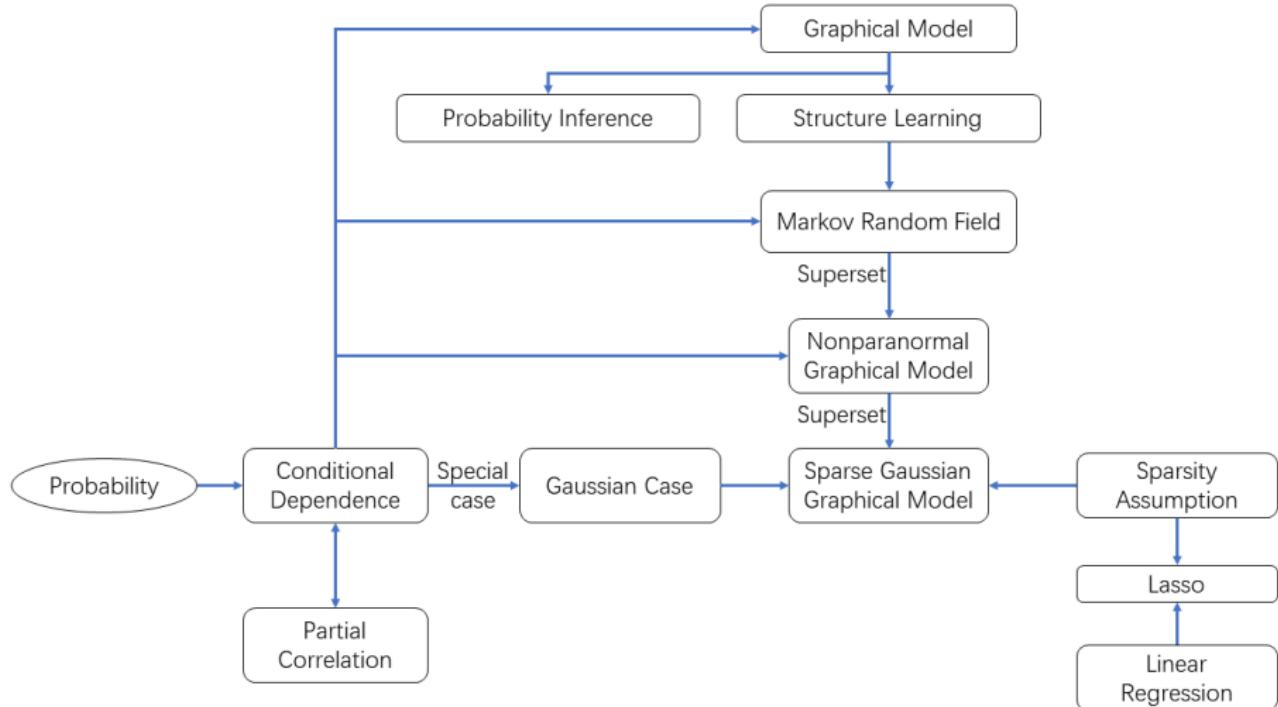
2 Graphical Model

3 Markov Random Field

# Road Map



# Road Map

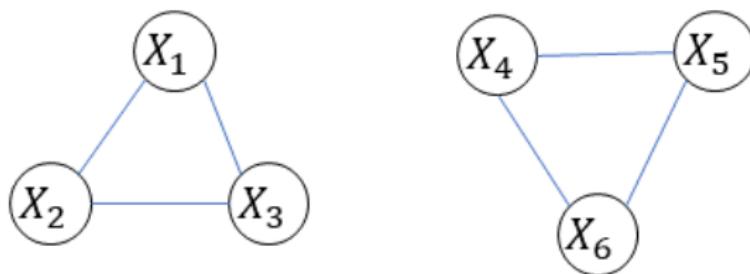


## Review: Gaussian Case

- In the Gaussian case, we know the conditional dependence and partial correlation are equivalent.
- This pairwise relationship can be naturally represented by a graph  $G = (V, E)$ .
- $|\Omega| > 0$  is a natural adjacency matrix.
- We call the pairwise conditional dependence relationship among variables as undirected Graphical Model.

## Why we need Graphical Model?

## A Toy Example



## A Toy Example

Suppose  $X = (X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)$ . Each variable only takes either 0 or 1. To estimate the joint probability  $p(X)$ , you need to estimate  $2^6$  values. However, if we know the conditional independence graph,  
 $p(X) = p(X_1, X_2, X_3)p(X_4, X_5, X_6)$ . You only need to estimate  $2^4$  values.

## Proof of the decomposition

First, let's prove that if  $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_3|X_2$ , then  $p(X_1|X_3, X_2) = p(X_1|X_2)$ .  
 $p(X_1|X_2)p(X_3|X_2) = p(X_1, X_3|X_2) = p(X_1|X_3, X_2)p(X_3|X_2)$ . Cancel out  $p(X_3|X_2)$  in the both sides, we can have the conclusion.

It is easy to obtain the similar result under the local markov property:  
 $p(X_v|X_{v \setminus N(v)}, X_{N(v)}) = p(X_v|X_{N(v)})$ .

## Proof of the decomposition

$$p(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6) = p(X_1|X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)p(X_2|X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)p(X_3|$$

By the conclusion we have in the last page, the left equals to

$$p(X_1|X_2, X_3)p(X_2|X_3)p(X_3)p(X_4, X_5, X_6) \quad (1.1)$$

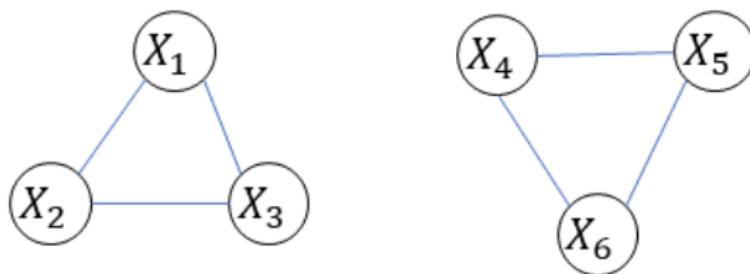
$$= p(X_1, X_2, X_3)p(X_4, X_5, X_6) \quad (1.2)$$

# Graphical Model

# Graphical Model

- **Probability Inference:** estimate joint probability, marginal probability, and conditional probability.
- **Structure learning:** Give dataset  $\mathbf{X}$ , learn the Graph structure from  $\mathbf{X}$  (i.e., learn the edge patterns between variables).

## A Toy Example



## Probability Inference: Calculate the joint Probability

You know that  $p(X) = p(X_1, X_2, X_3)p(X_4, X_5, X_6)$ . Traditionally,  
 $p(X_1, X_2 = a) = \sum_{X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6} p(X_1, X_2 = a, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)$ .

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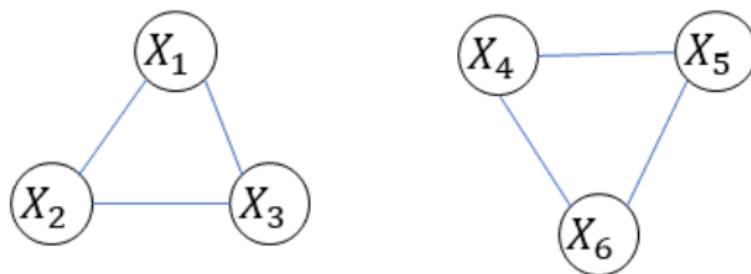
Given an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ , a set of random variables  $X = (X_v)_{v \in V}$  indexed by  $V$  form a Markov random field with respect to  $G$  if they satisfy the local Markov property:

A variable is conditionally independent of all other variables given its neighbors:  $X_v \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{V \setminus N(v)} | X_{N(v)}$

This property is stronger than the pairwise Markov property:

Any two non-adjacent variables are conditionally independent given all other variables:  $X_u \perp\!\!\!\perp X_v | X_{V \setminus \{u, v\}}$  if  $\{u, v\} \notin E$ .

## A Toy Example



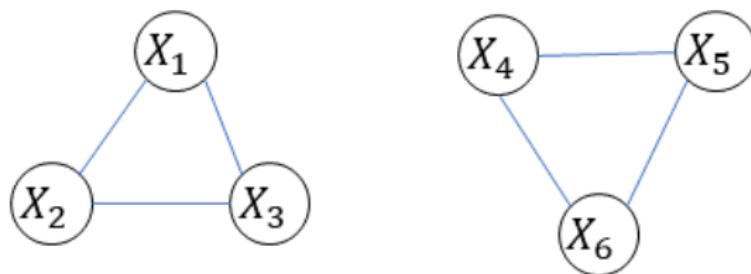
# Clique factorization

If this joint density can be factorized over the cliques of  $G$ :

$$p(X = x) = \prod_{C \in \text{cl}(G)} \phi_C(x_C)$$

then  $X$  forms a Markov random field with respect to  $G$ . Here,  $\text{cl}(G)$  is the set of cliques of  $G$ .

## A Toy Example



## Log-linear Model

Any Markov random field can be written as log-linear model with feature functions  $f_k$  such that the full-joint distribution can be written as:

$$P(X = x) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left( \sum_k w_k^\top f_k(X) \right)$$

- . Notice that the reverse doesn't hold.

# Example I: Pairwise Model

## Pairwise Model

$$P(X = x) = \frac{1}{Z(\Theta)} \exp \left( \sum_{s \in V} \theta_s^\top x_s^2 + \sum_{(s,t) \in E} \theta_{st}^\top x_s x_t \right)$$

## Examples:

- Gaussian Graphical Model
- Ising Model

These two models have good estimators to infer the MRF. Generally, estimate  $\Theta$  is difficult. Since it involves computing  $Z(\Theta)$  or its derivatives.

# Example I: Pairwise Model – Gaussian Case

## Gaussian Case

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right)}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|}}$$

Solution:

$$\ln \mathcal{L}(\bar{x}, \Omega) \propto \ln \det(\Omega) - \text{tr} \left( \Omega \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{x} - \mu)(\bar{x} - \mu)^T \right) \quad (3.1)$$

$$= \ln \det(\Omega) - \text{tr} \left( \Omega \hat{S} \right) \quad (3.2)$$

where  $\hat{S}$  is the sample covariance matrix.

For the Ising model, we use generalized covariance matrix to avoid the normalization term.

## Example II: Non-pairwise model – Nonparanormal Graphical Model

Are there any non-pairwise model which is easy to estimate?

### Nonparanormal Graphical Model

$$P(X = x) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2}(f(x) - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (f(x) - \mu) \right)$$

where  $f(X) = (f_1(X_1), f_2(X_2), \dots, f_p(X_p))$  and each  $f_i$  is a univariate monotone function.  $f(X) \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$ .

# Summary

- The formal definition of Markov Random Field (undirected Graphical Model)
- General formulation: Clique factorization
- log-linear Model
- Two examples: pairwise model and nonparanormal Graphical Model.
- In the next talk, let's introduce the solutions of these two estimators for sGGM.

# Joint Gaussian Graphical Model Review Series – IV

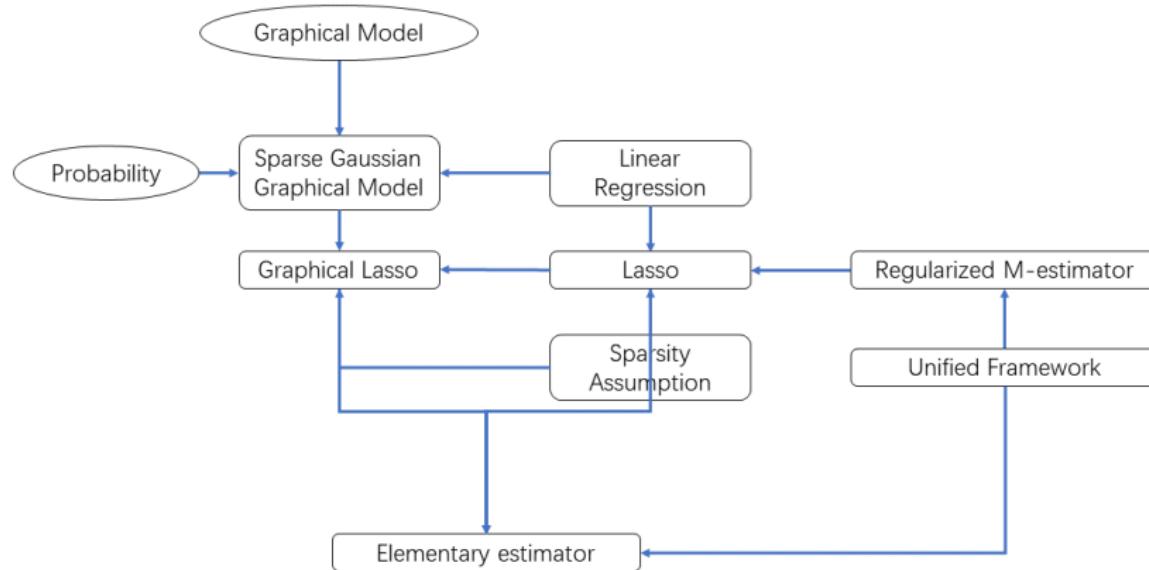
## A Unified Framework for M-estimaotr and Elementary Estimators

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# Road Map



# Outline

- 1 Notation
- 2 Review
- 3 Regularized M-estimator
- 4 A unified framework
- 5 Elementary Estimator

## Notation

# Notation

- $\mathcal{L}$  The loss function.
- $\mathcal{R}$  The Regularization function (norm).
- $\mathcal{R}^*$  The Dual norm of  $\mathcal{R}$ .

# Review

## Review from last talk

- Likelihood of the precision matrix in the Gaussian case
- Graphical Model Basics

# Regularized M-estimator

# Example

We want to buy a TV.

Target:



Constraints: 4K, 65 inch

Result:

SAMSUNG



# Regularized M-estimator

## M-estimator

In statistics, M-estimators are a broad class of estimators, which are obtained as the minima of sums of functions of the data.

The parameters are estimated by argmin the sums of functions of the data.

## target

$\mathcal{L}(X, \theta)$  the loss function

## Conditions

$\mathcal{R}(\theta)$  the Regularization function

Therefore, the whole objective function is:

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(X, \theta) + \lambda_n \mathcal{R}(\theta) \quad (3.1)$$

## Example: Linear Model

Let's use the linear regression model as an example.

### Target

Find  $\beta$ , such that  $X\beta = y$ .

### Constraints: Sparsity

- **Prediction Accuracy:** Sacrifice a little bias and reduce the variance.  
Improve the overall performance.
- **Interpretation:** With a large number of predictors, we often would like to determine a smaller subset that exhibits the strongest effect.

$$\underset{\beta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|y - X\beta\|_2 \quad (3.2)$$

$$\text{Subject to: } \|\beta\|_0 \leq t \quad (3.3)$$

## Example: Lasso

Since  $\ell_0$ -norm is not a convex function, we need the closest convex function of  $\ell_0$ -norm.

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} \|y - X\beta\|_2 \quad (3.4)$$

$$\text{Subject to: } \|\beta\|_1 \leq t \quad (3.5)$$

### Lasso

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} \|y - X\beta\|_2 + \lambda_n \|\beta\|_1$$

## Other equivalent formulation

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} \|\beta\|_1 \quad (3.6)$$

Subject to:  $y = X\beta$  (3.7)

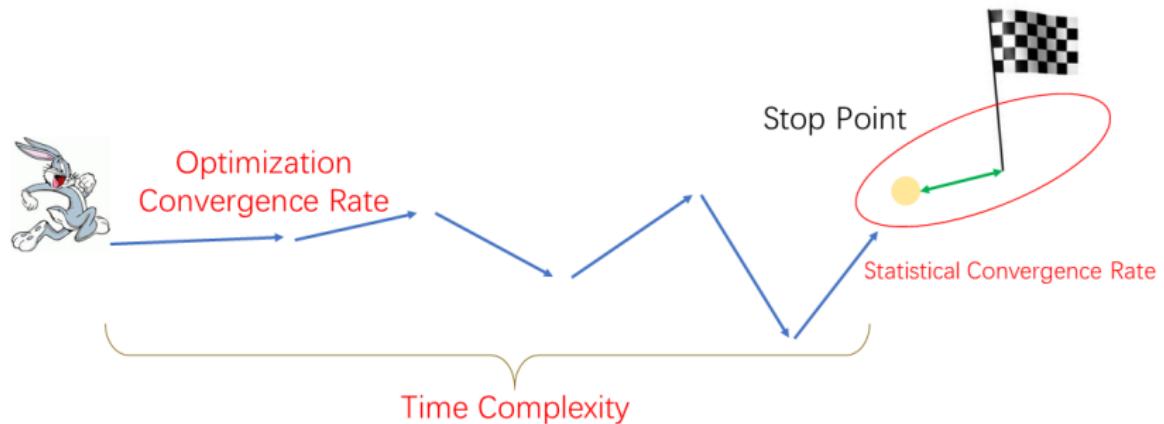
### Dantzig selector

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} \|\beta\|_1 \quad (3.8)$$

Subject to:  $\|X^T(X\beta - y)\|_{\infty} \leq \lambda_n$  (3.9)

# A unified framework

# Three major Criteria



## Three major Criteria

- Statistical Convergence Rate: How close is between your estimated parameter and the true parameter. It corresponds to estimation error and approximation error.
- Computational Complexity: How fast the algorithm is with respect to certain parameters, e.g.,  $n$  and  $p$ .
- Optimization Rate of Convergence: How fast each optimization step move to the estimated parameter, such as linear or quadratic.

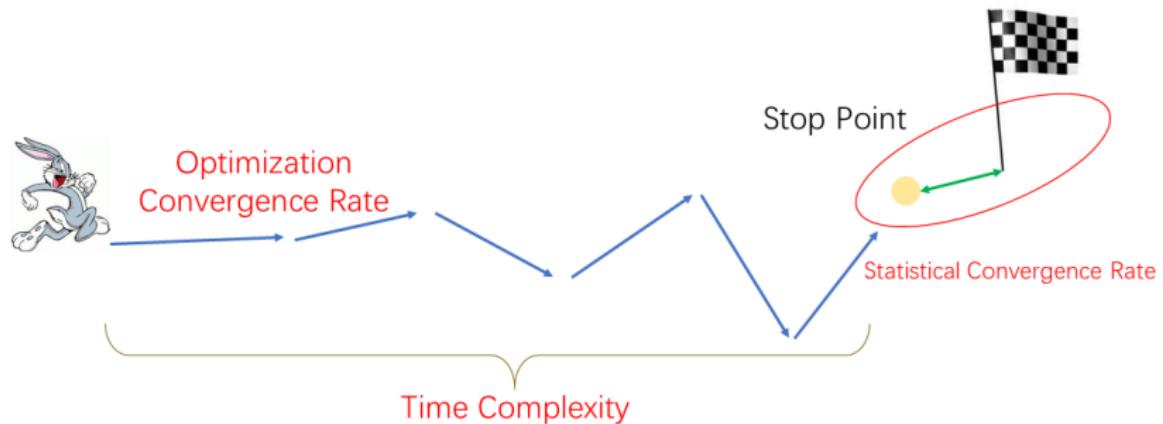
Traditional statisticians focus on the statistical convergence rate (Accuracy).

# High dimension vs low dimension

- low dimension: when  $n$  is large, the error is asymptotic 0 by the law of large number.
- high dimension (i.e.,  $p/n \rightarrow c \neq 0$ ): the error is not asymptotic 0.

High dimensional analysis is relative hard. Traditionally, we need carefully proof for every estimator.

# Three major Criteria



# A unified framework for M-estimator

[Negahban et al.(2009)] Negahban, Yu, Wainwright, and Ravinder

## Decomposability of $\mathcal{R}$

Suppose a subspace  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ , a norm-based regularizer  $\mathcal{R}$  is decomposable with respect to  $(\mathcal{M}, \bar{\mathcal{M}}^\perp)$  if

$$\mathcal{R}(\theta + \gamma) = \mathcal{R}(\theta) + \mathcal{R}(\gamma)$$

for all  $\theta \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\gamma \in \bar{\mathcal{M}}^\perp$ , where

$$\bar{\mathcal{M}}^\perp := \{v \in \mathbb{R}^p \mid \langle u, v \rangle \geq 0 \forall u \in \bar{\mathcal{M}}\}.$$

## Subspace compatibility constant

$$\Phi(\mathcal{M}) := \sup_{u \in \mathcal{M} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\mathcal{R}(u)}{\|u\|}$$

with respect to the pair  $(\mathcal{R}, \|\cdot\|)$ .

## A unified framework for M-estimator

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Example:  $\ell_1$

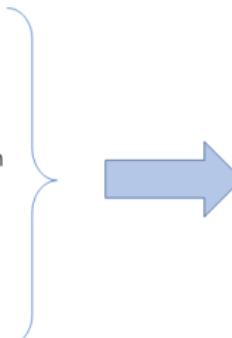
$\ell_1$  is decomposable and the  $\Phi(\mathcal{M}) = \sqrt{s}$  with respect to  $(\ell_1, \ell_2)$ .

# A unified framework for M-estimator

Decomposable Regularizer

Restricted Strict Convex loss function

$\lambda_n \geq 2\mathcal{R}^*(\nabla \mathcal{L}(\theta^*))$


$$\|\hat{\theta}_{\lambda_n} - \theta^*\| \leq 9 \frac{\lambda_n}{\kappa_{\mathcal{L}}} \Psi^2(\mathcal{M})$$
$$\mathcal{R}(\hat{\theta}_{\lambda_n} - \theta^*) \leq 12 \frac{\lambda_n}{\kappa_{\mathcal{L}}} \Psi^2(\mathcal{M}).$$

## Example: Lasso

$$||\hat{\theta}_{\lambda_n} - \theta^*||_2^2 \leq O\left(\frac{s \log p}{n}\right)$$

In high dimensional setting, the sparsity assumption actually improves the convergence rate a lot.

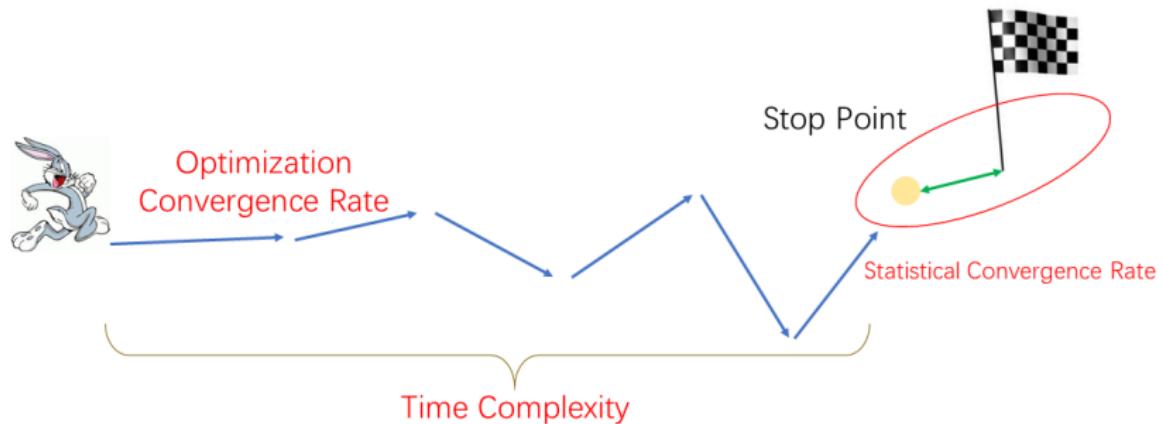
# Elementary Estimator

We have a very powerful tool to easily prove the convergence rate. We can also follow the similar process to prove the convergence rate for estimators like Dantzig Selector.

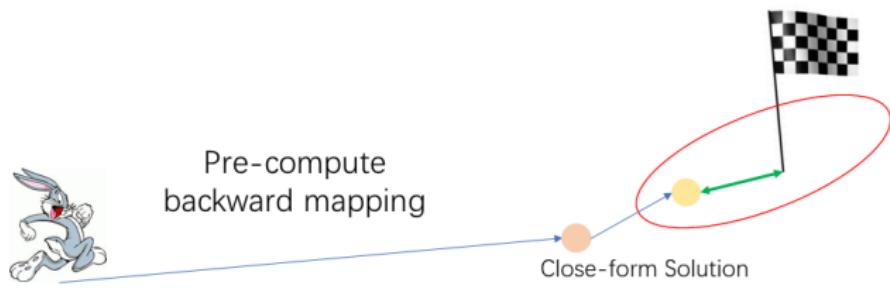
However, a lot of statistical method is slow when  $p$  and  $n$  are large and they are not scalable at all.

Are there any estimators with close form solution for the statistic problem, which also achieve the optimal convergence rate?

# Three major Criteria



# Three major Criteria



## Elementary

Estimator [Yang et al.(2014b) Yang, Lozano, and Ravikumar]

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \mathcal{R}(\theta) \quad (5.1)$$

$$\text{Subject to: } \mathcal{R}^*(\theta - \mathcal{B}^*(\hat{\phi})) \leq \lambda_n \quad (5.2)$$

Here  $\mathcal{B}^*(\hat{\phi})$  is a backward mapping for  $\hat{\phi}$ .

Example: sparse linear regression [Yang et al.(2014a) Yang, Lozano, and Ravikumar]

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \|\theta\|_1 \quad (5.3)$$

$$\text{Subject to: } \|\theta - (X^T X + \epsilon I)^{-1} X^T y\|_{\infty} \leq \lambda_n \quad (5.4)$$

# Summary

- We review the unified framework for M-estimator, which can be applied to most regularized M-estimator problem
- Following the similar proof strategy, we have the set of elementary estimators.

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# Joint Gaussian Graphical Model Series – V

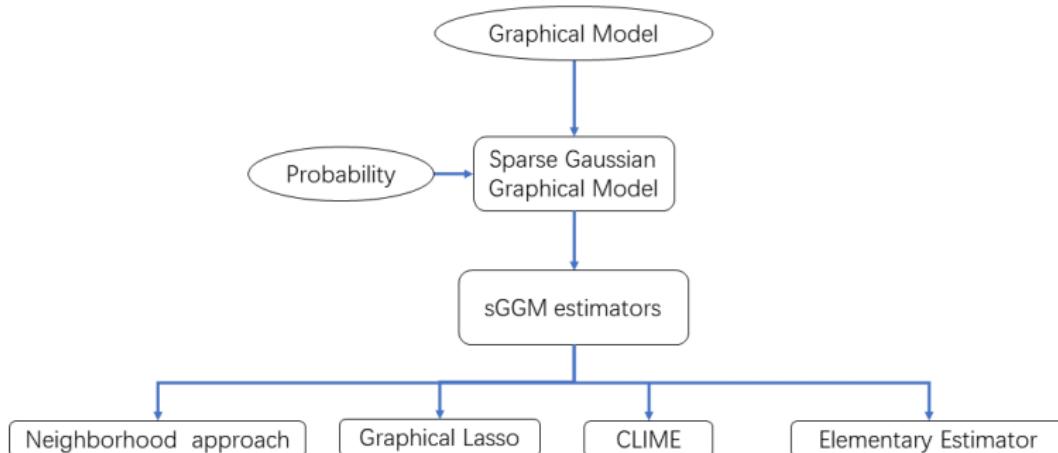
## sparse Gaussian Graphical Model estimators

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# Road Map



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# Notation

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- $\Sigma$  The covariance matrix.
- $\Omega$  The precision matrix.
- $p$  The number of features.
- $n$  The number of samples.

# Review

## Review from last talk

- Regularized M-estimator  $\underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathcal{L}(\theta) + \lambda_n \mathcal{R}(\theta)$
- a unified framework to analyze the statistical convergence rate for high-dimensional statistics
- Elementary Estimator

# Review of Gaussian Graphical Model

Suppose the precision matrix  $\Omega = \Sigma^{-1}$ .

The log-likelihood of  $\Omega$  equals to  $\ln \det(\Omega) - \text{tr}(\Omega \hat{S})$

In this talk, we will use this likelihood to derive several estimators of sparse Gaussian Graphical Model (sGGM)

# Neighborhood Method

## Neighborhood approach

If  $X \sim N(0, \Sigma)$  and let  $X_1 = X_j$ .

$$X_j | X_{\setminus j} \sim N(\Sigma_{\setminus j, j} \Sigma_{\setminus j, \setminus j}^{-1} X_{\setminus j}, \Sigma_{jj} - \Sigma_{\setminus j, j} \Sigma_{\setminus j, \setminus j}^{-1} \Sigma_{j, \setminus j})$$

Let  $\alpha_j := \Sigma_{\setminus j, j} \Sigma_{\setminus j, \setminus j}^{-1}$  and  $\sigma_j^2 := \Sigma_{jj} - \Sigma_{\setminus j, j} \Sigma_{\setminus j, \setminus j}^{-1} \Sigma_{j, \setminus j}$ . We have that

$$X_j = \alpha_j^T X_{\setminus j} + \epsilon_j \tag{3.1}$$

where  $\epsilon_j \sim N(0, \sigma_j^2)$  is independent of  $X_{\setminus j}$ .

## Neighborhood approach with sparse assumption

By the sparse assumption, we estimate each  $\alpha_j$  by a lasso estimator

$$\alpha_j = \operatorname{argmin}_{\alpha_j} \|\alpha_j^T X_{,\setminus j} - X_j\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\alpha_j\|_1 \quad (3.2)$$

# Review of Lasso solution

## Lasso

$$\beta = \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} \|\beta^T X - y\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1 \quad (3.3)$$

## subgradient method

$$g(\beta; \lambda) = -2X^T(y - X\beta) + \lambda \operatorname{sgn}(\beta) \quad (3.4)$$

# Review of Lasso solution: State of the Art

We see that the proximity operator is important because  $x^*$  is a minimizer to the problem  $\min_{x \in \mathcal{H}} F(x) + R(x)$  if and only if  
 $x^* = \text{prox}_{\gamma R}(x^* - \gamma \nabla F(x^*))$ , where  $\gamma > 0$ .  $\gamma$  is any positive real number.

## Proximal gradient method

$$(\text{prox}_{\gamma R}(x))_i = \begin{cases} x_i - \gamma, & x_i > \gamma \\ 0, & |x_i| \leq \gamma \\ x_i + \gamma, & x_i < -\gamma, \end{cases} \quad (3.5)$$

By using the fixed point method, you can obtain the estimation of  $\beta$ .

# Graphical Lasso

## Graphical

Lasso[Friedman et al.(2008)Friedman, Hastie, and Tibshirani]

We already have the log-likelihood as the loss function. Can we use it to obtain a similar estimator as Lasso?

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\Omega} -\ln \det(\Omega) + \text{tr}(\Omega \hat{S}) + \lambda_n \|\Omega\|_1 \quad (4.1)$$

# Proximal gradient method to solve it

Let's do a practice in the white board.

Super Linear algorithm.

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x_{k+1} - x^*|}{|x_k - x^*|} = 0.$$

# State of the art method: Big & QUIC[Hsieh et al.(2011)Hsieh, Sustik, Dhillon, and Ravikumar]

Parallelized Coordinate descent.

approximated quadratic algorithm.

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x_{k+1} - x^*|}{|x_k - x^*|^2} < M$$

# CLIME

## CLIME

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\Omega} \|\Omega\|_1 \text{ , subject to: } \|\Sigma\Omega - I\|_{\infty} \leq \lambda \quad (5.1)$$

Here  $\lambda > 0$  is the tuning parameter.

By taking the first derivative of Eq. (4.1) and setting it equal to zero, the solution  $\hat{\Omega}_{glasso}$  also satisfies:

$$\hat{\Omega}_{glasso}^{-1} - \hat{\Sigma} = \lambda \hat{Z} \quad (5.2)$$

where  $\hat{Z}$  is an element of the subdifferential  $\partial||\hat{\Omega}_{glasso}||_1$ .

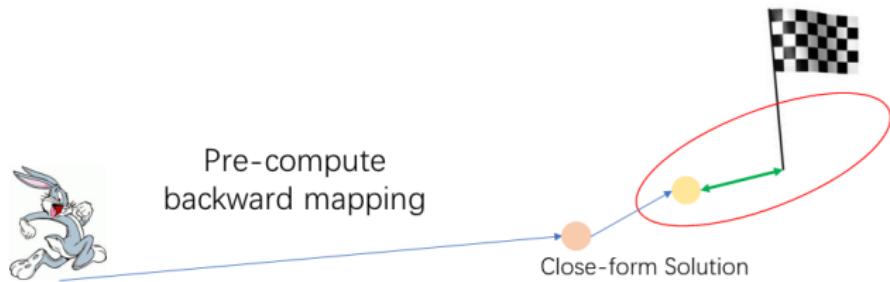
## Column-wise estimator

$$\operatorname{argmin} \|\beta\|_1 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|\Sigma\beta - e_j\|_\infty \leq \lambda$$

CLIME can be estimated column-by-column.

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## Elementary Estimator for sGGM

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\Omega}{\operatorname{argmin}} |\Omega|_{1,off} \\ \text{subject to: } & |\Omega - [T_v(\Sigma)]^{-1}|_{\infty, off} \leq \lambda_n \end{aligned} \tag{6.5}$$

# Summary

- We review most sGGM estimators.

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# Joint Gaussian Graphical Model Series – VI

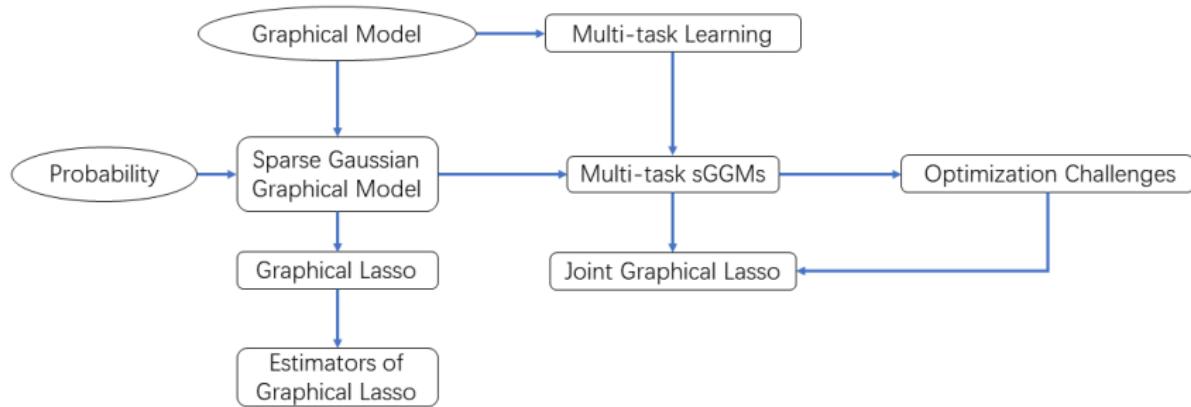
## Multi-task sGGMs and its optimization challenges

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# Review

## Review from last talk

- We introduce four estimators of sparse Gaussian Graphical Model.
- We finish most contents about sparse Gaussian Graphical Model in the last five talks.

# Review of Gaussian Graphical Model

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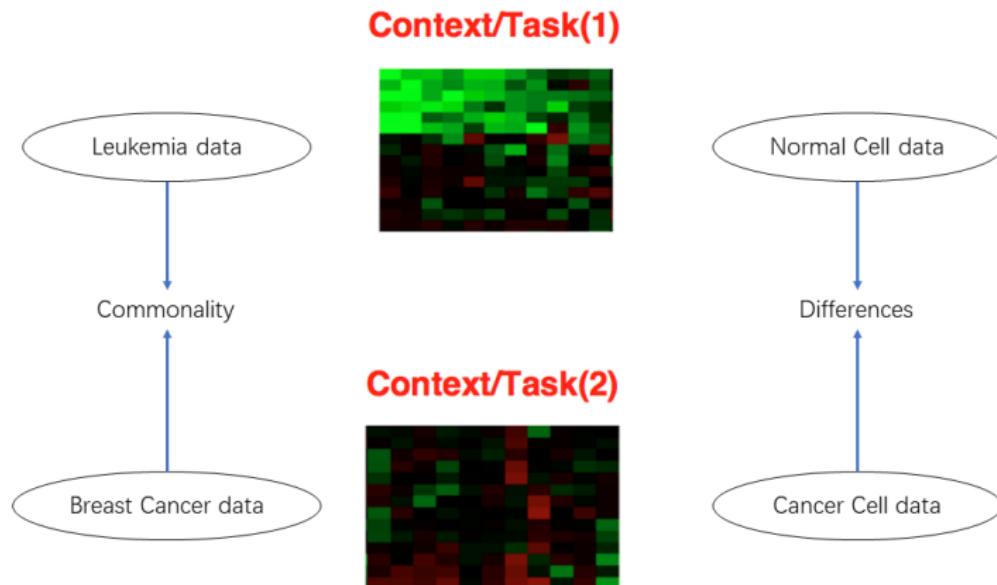
# Multi-task Learning

## Multi-task Learning

Multi-task learning (MTL) is a subfield of machine learning in which multiple learning tasks are solved at the same time, while exploiting commonalities and differences across tasks.

This can result in improved learning efficiency and prediction accuracy for the task-specific models, when compared to training the models separately.

# Multi-task Learning



# Multi-task Learning–Linear Classifier Example

## Linear Classifier

$$f(x) = \text{sgn}(w^T x + b) \quad (3.1)$$

## Multi-task Linear Classifiers

For the  $i$ -th task,

$$f_i(x) = \text{sgn}((w_S^T + w_i^T)x + b) \quad (3.2)$$

# Multi-task sGGMs

# Multi-task sGGMs

## Problem

- Input:  $\{X^{(i)}\}$
- Output:  $\{\Omega^{(i)}\}$
- Assumption I: Sparsity
- Assumption II: Commonalities and Differences

# Multi-task sGGMs

## Likelihood

$$\sum_i n_i (\ln \det(\Omega^{(i)}) - \text{tr}(\Omega^{(i)} \widehat{S}^{(i)})) \quad (4.1)$$

## Likelihood with sparsity assumption

$$\sum_i n_i (\ln \det(\Omega^{(i)}) - \text{tr}(\Omega^{(i)} \widehat{S}^{(i)})) \quad (4.2)$$

$$\text{Subject to: } \|\Omega^{(i)}\|_1 \leq t \quad (4.3)$$

# Multi-task sGGMs

## Likelihood with multi-task setting

$$\sum_i n_i (\ln \det(\Omega^{(i)}) - \text{tr}(\Omega^{(i)} \widehat{S}^{(i)})) \quad (4.4)$$

$$\text{Subject to: } \|\Omega^{(i)}\|_1 \leq t \quad (4.5)$$

$$P(\Omega^{(1)}, \Omega^{(2)}, \dots, \Omega^{(K)}) \leq t_2 \quad (4.6)$$

## Joint Graphical Lasso

[Danaher et al.(2013) Danaher, Wang, and Witten]

$$-\sum_i n_i (\ln \det(\Omega^{(i)}) + \text{tr}(\Omega^{(i)} \widehat{S}^{(i)})) + \lambda_1 \|\Omega^{(i)}\|_1 + \lambda_2 P(\Omega^{(1)}, \Omega^{(2)}, \dots, \Omega^{(K)}) \quad (4.7)$$

## Optimization Challenge of Multi-task sGGMs

# General formulation

## Likelihood with multi-task setting

$$-\sum_i n_i (\ln \det(\Omega^{(i)}) + \text{tr}(\Omega^{(i)} \widehat{S}^{(i)})) \quad (5.1)$$

Subject to:  $\|\Omega^{(i)}\|_1 \leq t$  (5.2)

$$P(\Omega^{(1)}, \Omega^{(2)}, \dots, \Omega^{(K)}) \leq t_2 \quad (5.3)$$

## General formulation

$$\sum_{x,z} f(x) + g(z) \quad (5.4)$$

Subject to:  $Ax + Bz = c$  (5.5)

# Optimization Challenge



# Solution–Distributed optimization

## Alternating direction method of multipliers

- ▶ ADMM problem form (with  $f, g$  convex)

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && f(x) + g(z) \\ & \text{subject to} && Ax + Bz = c \end{aligned}$$

- two sets of variables, with separable objective
- ▶  $L_\rho(x, z, y) = f(x) + g(z) + y^T(Ax + Bz - c) + (\rho/2)\|Ax + Bz - c\|_2^2$
- ▶ ADMM:

$$\begin{aligned} x^{k+1} &:= \operatorname{argmin}_x L_\rho(x, z^k, y^k) && // x\text{-minimization} \\ z^{k+1} &:= \operatorname{argmin}_z L_\rho(x^{k+1}, z, y^k) && // z\text{-minimization} \\ y^{k+1} &:= y^k + \rho(Ax^{k+1} + Bz^{k+1} - c) && // dual update \end{aligned}$$

# Optimization Challenges

- For  $K > 2$  tasks, you need carefully derive the whole optimization solution.
- Each step in each iteration is still a sub-optimization problem. Sometimes, it is already difficult to solve.
- This method is at most linear Convergence.

## Joint Graphical Lasso Example

# JGL-group Lasso example

$$L_\rho(\{\Theta\}, \{Z\}, \{U\}) = - \sum_{k=1}^K n_k \left( \log \det \Theta^{(k)} - \text{trace}(S^{(k)} \Theta^{(k)}) \right) + P(\{Z\}) \\ + \frac{\rho}{2} \sum_{k=1}^K \|\Theta^{(k)} - Z^{(k)} + U^{(k)}\|_F^2,$$

$$P(\{\Theta\}) = \lambda_1 \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i \neq j} |\theta_{ij}^{(k)}| + \lambda_2 \sum_{i \neq j} \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^K \theta_{ij}^{(k)}{}^2}.$$

- (a)  $\{\Theta_{(i)}\} \leftarrow \arg \min_{\{\Theta\}} \{L_\rho(\{\Theta\}, \{Z_{(i-1)}\}, \{U_{(i-1)}\})\}.$
- (b)  $\{Z_{(i)}\} \leftarrow \arg \min_{\{Z\}} \{L_\rho(\{\Theta_{(i)}\}, \{Z\}, \{U_{(i-1)}\})\}.$
- (c)  $\{U_{(i)}\} \leftarrow \{U_{(i-1)}\} + (\{\Theta_{(i)}\} - \{Z_{(i)}\}).$

## JGL solution – updating $\Theta^{(i)}$

For  $k = 1, \dots, K$ , update  $\Theta_{(i)}^{(k)}$  as the minimizer (with respect to  $\Theta^{(k)}$ ) of

$$-n_k \left( \log \det \Theta^{(k)} - \text{trace}(\mathbf{S}^{(k)} \Theta^{(k)}) \right) + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\Theta^{(k)} - \mathbf{Z}_{(i-1)}^{(k)} + \mathbf{U}_{(i-1)}^{(k)}\|_F^2.$$

Letting  $\mathbf{VDV}^T$  denote the eigendecomposition of  $\mathbf{S}^{(k)} - \rho \mathbf{Z}_{(i-1)}^{(k)}/n_k + \rho \mathbf{U}_{(i-1)}^{(k)}/n_k$ , the solution is given (Witten & Tibshirani 2009) by  $\mathbf{V}\tilde{\mathbf{D}}\mathbf{V}^T$ , where  $\tilde{\mathbf{D}}$  is the diagonal matrix with  $j$ th diagonal element

$$\frac{n_k}{2\rho} \left( -D_{jj} + \sqrt{D_{jj}^2 + 4\rho/n_k} \right).$$

Set the gradient to be 0, we can get the SVD part of the solution.

# JGL solution – updating $Z^{(i)}$

$$\underset{\{\mathbf{Z}\}}{\text{minimize}} \left\{ \frac{\rho}{2} \sum_{k=1}^K \|\mathbf{Z}^{(k)} - \mathbf{A}^{(k)}\|_F^2 + P(\{\mathbf{Z}\}) \right\},$$

where

$$\mathbf{A}^{(k)} = \Theta_{(i)}^{(k)} + \mathbf{U}_{(i-1)}^{(k)}.$$

$$\underset{\{\mathbf{Z}\}}{\text{minimize}} \left\{ \frac{\rho}{2} \sum_{k=1}^K \|\mathbf{Z}^{(k)} - \mathbf{A}^{(k)}\|_F^2 + \lambda_1 \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i \neq j} |Z_{ij}^{(k)}| + \lambda_2 \sum_{i \neq j} \sqrt{\sum_k Z_{ij}^{(k)2}} \right\}.$$

$$\hat{Z}_{ij}^{(k)} = S(A_{ij}^{(k)}, \lambda_1/\rho) \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda_2}{\rho \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^K S(A_{ij}^{(k)}, \lambda_1/\rho)^2}} \right)_+,$$

# An example for difficulty of ADMM

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**Algorithm 1:** ADMM algorithm for the PNJGL optimization problem (6)

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**input:**  $\rho > 0, \mu > 1, t_{\max} > 0$ ;

**Initialize:** Primal variables to the identity matrix and dual variables to the zero matrix;

**for**  $t = 1:t_{\max}$  **do**

$\rho \leftarrow \mu\rho$ ;

**while** Not converged **do**

$$\Theta^1 \leftarrow \text{Expand} \left( \frac{1}{2}(\Theta^2 + V + W + Z^1) - \frac{1}{2\rho}(Q^1 + n_1 S^1 + F), \rho, n_1 \right);$$

$$\Theta^2 \leftarrow \text{Expand} \left( \frac{1}{2}(\Theta^1 - (V + W) + Z^2) - \frac{1}{2\rho}(Q^2 + n_2 S^2 - F), \rho, n_2 \right);$$

$$Z^i \leftarrow T_1 \left( \Theta^i + \frac{Q^i}{\rho}, \frac{\lambda_1}{\rho} \right) \text{ for } i = 1, 2;$$

$$V \leftarrow T_q \left( \frac{1}{2}(W^T - W + (\Theta^1 - \Theta^2)) + \frac{1}{2\rho}(F - G), \frac{\lambda_2}{2\rho} \right);$$

$$W \leftarrow \frac{1}{2}(V^T - V + (\Theta^1 - \Theta^2)) + \frac{1}{2\rho}(F + G^T);$$

$$F \leftarrow F + \rho(\Theta^1 - \Theta^2 - (V + W));$$

$$G \leftarrow G + \rho(V - W^T);$$

$$Q^i \leftarrow Q^i + \rho(\Theta^i - Z^i) \text{ for } i = 1, 2$$

# Summary

- We introduce the multi-task sGGMs problem.
- We introduce the challenges of the optimization for this problem.
- We introduce the ADMM method and its drawbacks.

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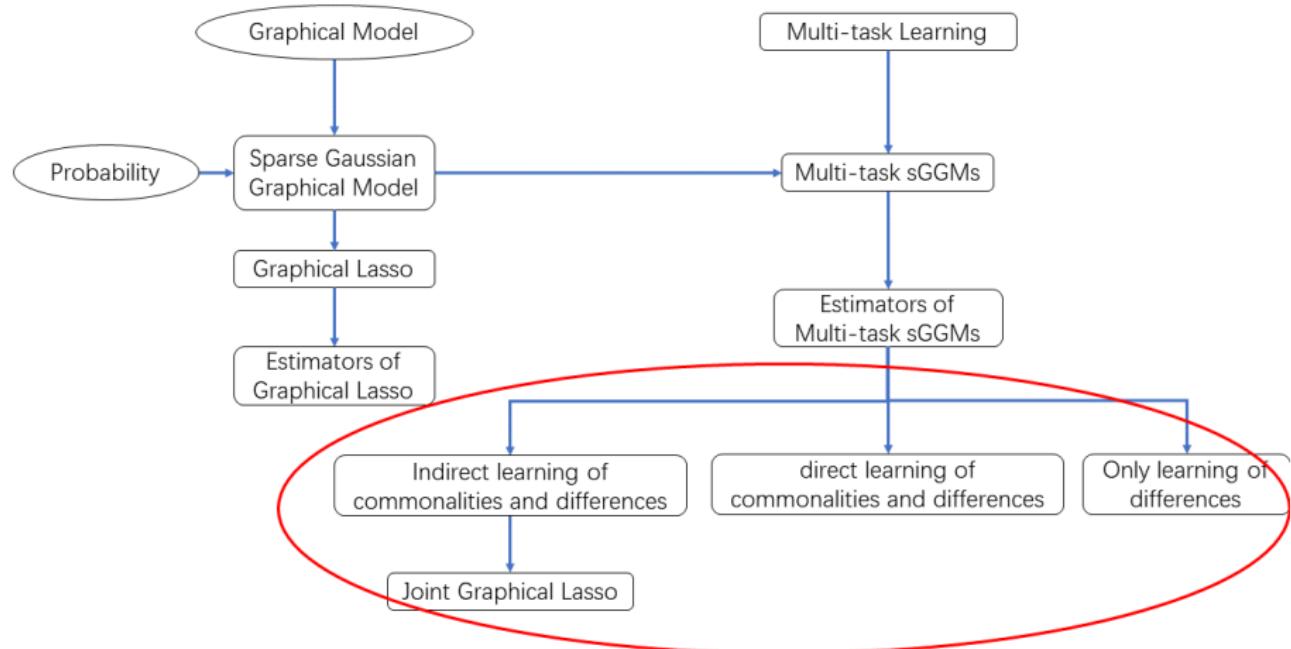
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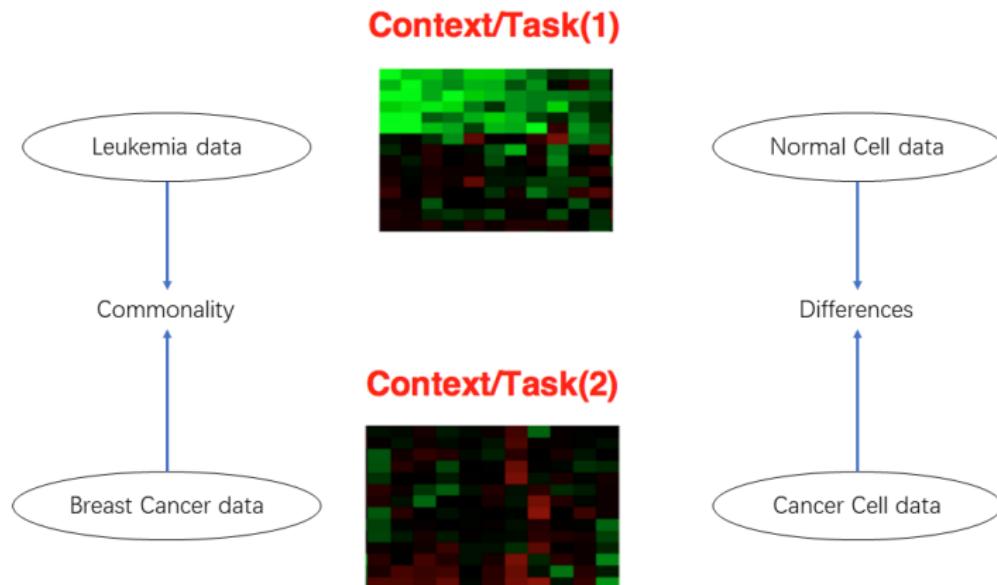
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$$f_i(x) = \text{sgn}((w_S^T + w_i^T)x + b) \quad (3.2)$$

## Multi-task sGGMs

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## Problem

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- Output:  $\{\Omega^{(i)}\}$
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- Assumption II: Commonalities and Differences

# Multi-task sGGMs

## Likelihood

$$\sum_i n_i (\ln \det(\Omega^{(i)}) - \text{tr}(\Omega^{(i)} \widehat{S}^{(i)})) \quad (4.1)$$

## Likelihood with sparsity assumption

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## Likelihood with multi-task setting

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\Omega^{(i)}} \sum_i n_i (\ln \det(\Omega^{(i)}) - \text{tr}(\Omega^{(i)} \widehat{S}^{(i)})) \quad (4.4)$$

$$\text{Subject to: } \|\Omega^{(i)}\|_1 \leq t \quad (4.5)$$

$$P(\Omega^{(1)}, \Omega^{(2)}, \dots, \Omega^{(K)}) \leq t_2 \quad (4.6)$$

## Joint Graphical Lasso

[Danaher et al.(2013) Danaher, Wang, and Witten]

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\Omega^{(i)}} - \sum_i n_i (\ln \det(\Omega^{(i)}) + \text{tr}(\Omega^{(i)} \widehat{S}^{(i)})) + \lambda_1 \|\Omega^{(i)}\|_1 + \lambda_2 P(\Omega^{(1)}, \Omega^{(2)}, \dots, \Omega^{(K)}) \quad (4.7)$$

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- Joint Graphical Lasso type estimators
- Directly learn the commonalities and differences among tasks
- Directly learn the differences between case and control

# Joint Graphical Lasso estimators

## Different Joint Graphical Lasso

In the end, different multi-task sGGMs estimators choose different  $P(\Omega^{(1)}, \Omega^{(2)}, \dots, \Omega^{(K)})$ .

## Solutions

Most methods use ADMM as the solution of the estimators.

## JGL:Problem

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Group Lasso [Danaher et al.(2013) Danaher, Wang, and Witten]

$$P(\Omega^{(1)}, \Omega^{(2)}, \dots, \Omega^{(K)}) = \|\Omega^{(1)}, \Omega^{(2)}, \dots, \Omega^{(K)}\|_{\mathcal{G}, 2}.$$

SIMONE [Chiquet et al.(2011) Chiquet, Grandvalet, and Ambroise]

$$P(\Omega^{(1)}, \Omega^{(2)}, \dots, \Omega^{(K)}) = \sum_{i \neq j} \left( \left( \sum_{k=1}^T (\Omega_{ij}^{(k)})_+^2 \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left( \left( \sum_{k=1}^K (-\Omega_{ij}^{(k)})_+^2 \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Node

JGL [Mohan et al.(2013) Mohan, London, Fazel, Lee, and Witten]

$$P(\Omega^{(1)}, \Omega^{(2)}, \dots, \Omega^{(K)}) = \sum_{ij, i > j} RCON(\Omega^{(i)} - \Omega^{(j)}).$$

# Node

JGL[Mohan et al.(2013)] Mohan, London, Fazel, Lee, and Wit

**Definition 1** The row-column overlap norm (RCON) induced by a matrix norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is defined as

$$\Omega(\Theta^1, \Theta^2, \dots, \Theta^K) = \min_{V^1, V^2, \dots, V^K} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} V^1 \\ V^2 \\ \vdots \\ V^K \end{bmatrix} \right\|$$

subject to  $\Theta^k = V^k + (V^k)^T$  for  $k = 1, \dots, K$ .

Directly learn the commonalities and differences among tasks:  
Problem

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- Output:  $\{\Omega_I^{(i)}, \Omega_S\}$
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# Multi-task sGGMs estimators – Direct modeling

The second penalty function is still an indirect way to model the commonality and differences among tasks. Some works try to directly model this relationship.

## Mixed Neighborhood Selection

(MSN)[Monti et al.(2015)Monti, Anagnostopoulos, and Montana]

the neighborhood edges of a given node  $v$  in the  $i$ -task is modeled as  $\beta^v + \tilde{\mathbf{b}}^{(i),v}$ . Here  $\tilde{\mathbf{b}}^{(i),v} \sim N(0, \Phi^v)$ .

Consider the CLIME estimator, we can directly model the graphs as the sum of commonality and differences

## SIMULE

$$\Omega^{(i)} = \epsilon \Omega_S + \Omega_I^{(i)}.$$

# Direct modeling commonalities and differences – SIMULE

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$$\hat{\Omega}_I^{(1)}, \hat{\Omega}_I^{(2)}, \dots, \hat{\Omega}_I^{(K)}, \hat{\Omega}_S = \operatorname{argmin}_{\Omega_I^{(i)}, \Omega_S} \sum_i \|\Omega_I^{(i)}\|_1 + \epsilon K \|\Omega_S\|_1$$

Subject to:  $\|\Sigma^{(i)}(\Omega_I^{(i)} + \Omega_S) - I\|_\infty \leq \lambda_n, i = 1, \dots, K$

## Multi-task sGGMs estimators – Direct modeling the differential networks: Problem

- Input:  $\{X^{(i)}\}$
- Output:  $\{\Delta\}$
- Assumption I: Sparse Differential networks

# Multi-task sGGMs estimators – Direct modeling the differential networks I

## Fused GLasso

By adding a regularization to enforce the sparsity of  $\Delta = \Omega_c - \Omega_d$ , we have the following formulation:

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\Omega_c, \Omega_d \succ 0, \Delta} \mathcal{L}(\Omega_c) + \mathcal{L}(\Omega_d) \lambda_n (\|\Omega_c\|_1 + \|\Omega_d\|_1) + \lambda_2 \|\Delta\|_1 \quad (5.1)$$

The Fused Lasso assumes  $\Omega_{case}, \Omega_{control}, \Delta$ . However, many real world applications, like brain imaging data, only assume the differential network  $\Delta$  is sparse.

## Direct modeling the differential networks II: Differential CLIME

A recent study proposes the following model, which only assume the sparsity of  $\Delta$ .

### Differential CLIME

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\Delta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\Delta\|_1 \\ \text{Subject to: } & \|\widehat{\Sigma}_c \Delta \widehat{\Sigma}_d - (\widehat{\Sigma}_c - \widehat{\Sigma}_d)\|_{\infty} \leq \lambda_n \end{aligned} \tag{5.2}$$

However, this method is solved by a linear programming. It has  $p^2$  variables in this method. Therefore, the time complexity is at least  $O(p^8)$ . In practice, it takes more than 2 days to finish running the method when  $p = 120$ .

## Direct modeling the differential networks III: Density Ratio

The above methods all make the Gaussian assumption. This method relaxes the model to the exponential family distribution.

### Density Ratio

$$\frac{p_c(x, \theta_c)}{p_d(x, \theta_d)} \propto \exp\left(\sum_t \Delta_t f_t(x)\right) \quad (5.3)$$

Here  $\Delta_t$  encodes the difference between two Networks for factor  $f_t$ .

### Density Ratio

$$r(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{N(\theta)} \exp\left(\sum_t \Delta_t f_t(x)\right) \quad (5.4)$$

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# Direct modeling the differential networks III: Density Ratio

## Density Ratio for Markov Random Field

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{p}(x) &= p_d(x)r(x; \theta) \\ \text{KL}[p_c || \hat{p}] &= \text{Const.} - \int p_c(x) \log r(x; \theta) dx.\end{aligned}\tag{5.5}$$

# Summary

- We introduce the multi-task sGGMs estimators.
- We introduce the multi-task sGGMs estimators, which directly model the commonalities and differences.
- We introduce the multi-task sGGMs estimators, which directly model the differences.

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# Joint Gaussian Graphical Model Series – VIII

A deep introduction of the metrics for evaluating an/a estimator/learner

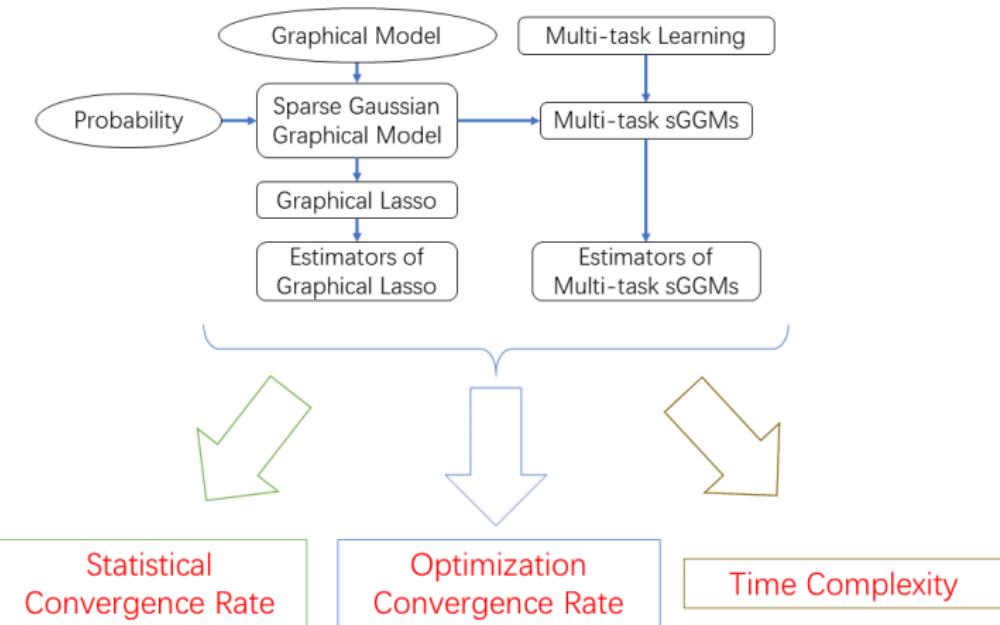
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# Road Map



# Outline

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- 5 Optimization Convergence Rate
- 6 Computational Complexity

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- $X$  The data matrix
- $\Sigma$  The covariance matrix.
- $\Omega$  The precision matrix.
- $p$  The number of features.
- $n$  The number of samples in the data matrix.
- $s$  The number of non-zero entries in the precision matrix.

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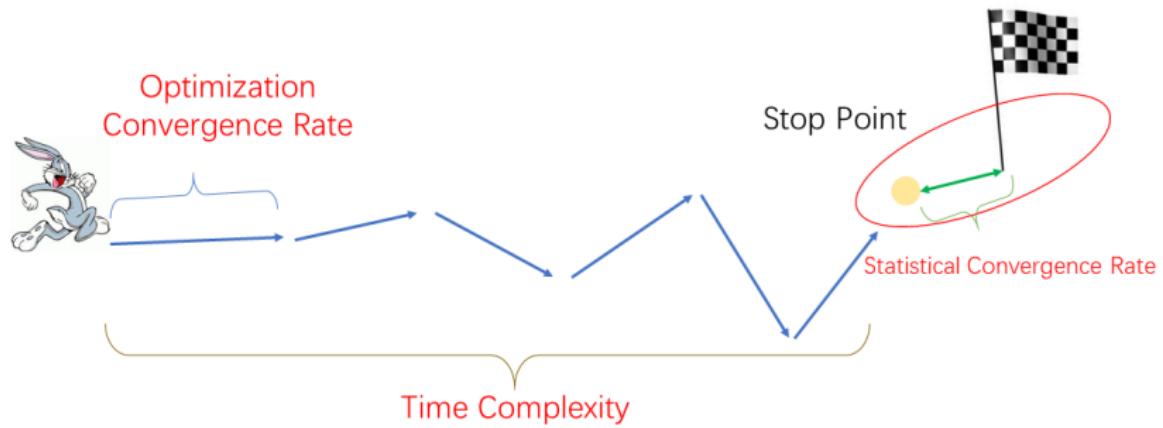
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## A simple example: Estimate the mean

On the whiteboard.

## Elementary

Estimator [Yang et al.(2014b) Yang, Lozano, and Ravikumar]

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \mathcal{R}(\theta) \quad (4.1)$$

$$\text{Subject to: } \mathcal{R}^*(\theta - \mathcal{B}^*(\hat{\phi})) \leq \lambda_n \quad (4.2)$$

Here  $\mathcal{B}^*(\hat{\phi})$  is a backward mapping for  $\hat{\phi}$ .

Example: sparse linear regression [Yang et al.(2014a) Yang, Lozano, and Ravikumar]

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \|\theta\|_1 \quad (4.3)$$

$$\text{Subject to: } \|\theta - (X^T X + \epsilon I)^{-1} X^T y\|_{\infty} \leq \lambda_n \quad (4.4)$$

# Hands on: Elementary Estimator for high-dimensional linear regression

On the whiteboard.

# Hands on: DIFFEE

On the whiteboard.

# Conclusions

- In high-dimensional setting, related to  $\frac{\log p}{n}$ .
- Equivalent estimators still have differences in constants or constraints

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- How to calculate:

- ▶ Num of Iter  $\times$  Computational complexity of each Iter
- ▶ Direct calculate e.g., Closed form solution
- ▶ Use existing method e.g., linear programming
- ▶ Special case: linear convergence.

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# Summary

- We introduce the statistical convergence rate.
- We introduce the optimization convergence rate.
- We introduce the computational complexity.

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