

Q1.

(a) True

(b) Suppose these three groups  $x_a, x_b, x_c$  are jointly Gaussian, then we can define:

$$p(x_a, x_b, x_c) = N(x | \mu, \Sigma)$$

where  $\mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_a \\ \mu_b \\ \mu_c \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{aa} & \Sigma_{ab} & \Sigma_{ac} \\ \Sigma_{ba} & \Sigma_{bb} & \Sigma_{bc} \\ \Sigma_{ca} & \Sigma_{cb} & \Sigma_{cc} \end{bmatrix}$

According to the marginalization of Gaussian distribution, if  $x_c$  have been marginalized out, we have

$$p(x_a, x_b) = N(x | \mu, \Sigma)$$

where  $\mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_a \\ \mu_b \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{aa} & \Sigma_{ab} \\ \Sigma_{ba} & \Sigma_{bb} \end{bmatrix}$

Let's define  $\Lambda = \Sigma^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_{aa} & \Lambda_{ab} \\ \Lambda_{ba} & \Lambda_{bb} \end{bmatrix}$

Since  $\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} M & -MBD^{-1} \\ -D^{-1}CM & D^{-1} + D^{-1}CMBD^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad M = (A - BD^{-1}C)^{-1}$

then we have  $\begin{cases} \Lambda_{aa} = (\Sigma_{aa} - \Sigma_{ab} \Sigma_{bb}^{-1} \Sigma_{ba})^{-1} \\ \Lambda_{ab} = -(\Sigma_{aa} - \Sigma_{ab} \Sigma_{bb}^{-1} \Sigma_{ba})^{-1} \Sigma_{ab} \Sigma_{bb}^{-1} \end{cases}$

Thus, we have  $p(x_a | x_b) = N(x | \mu_{ab}, \Lambda_{aa}^{-1})$

where  $\mu_{ab} = \mu_a - \Lambda_{aa}^{-1} \Lambda_{ab} (x_b - \mu_b)$

Q2

(a) Given the properties of Gaussian distribution.

$$p(z) = N(z | \mu, \Sigma)$$

where  $\mu = [\mu_x] = [\mu] \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{xx} & \Sigma_{xy} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda^T & \Lambda^T A^T \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mu_y \\ A\mu + b \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{yx} & \Sigma_{yy} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} A\Lambda^{-1} & L^{-1} + A\Lambda^{-1}A^T \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $p(x) = N(x | \mu_x, \Sigma_{xx})$

Thus, we have  $p(x) = N(x | \mu, \Lambda^{-1})$

(b) Using the properties of Gaussian distribution,

we have  $p(y|x) = N(y | \mu_{y|x}, \Lambda_{yy}^{-1})$

where  $\mu_{y|x} = \mu_y + \Sigma_{yx} \cdot \Sigma_{xx}^{-1} (x - \mu_x)$

$$\Lambda_{yy} = (\Sigma_{yy} - \Sigma_{yx} \Sigma_{xx}^{-1} \Sigma_{xy})^{-1}$$

Thus,  $\mu_{y|x} = A\mu + b - A\Lambda^{-1} \cdot \Lambda \cdot (x - \mu) = Ax + b$

$$\Lambda_{yy}^{-1} = L^{-1} + A\Lambda^{-1}A^T - A\Lambda^{-1}\Lambda\Lambda^{-1}A^T = L^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow p(y|x) = N(y | Ax + b, L^{-1})$$

Q3 Let's denote the log likelihood function as

$$L(\Sigma^{-1}) = \ln p(x | \mu, \Sigma) = -\frac{ND}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{N}{2} \ln |\Sigma^{-1}| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^T \cdot \Sigma^{-1} \cdot (x_n - \mu)$$

Taking the derivative of  $L(\Sigma)$  with respect to  $\Sigma^{-1}$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma^{-1}} L(\Sigma^{-1}) = \frac{N}{2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma^{-1}} \ln |\Sigma^{-1}| - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma^{-1}} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^T \cdot \Sigma^{-1} \cdot (x_n - \mu)$$

Since  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} (x_n - \mu)^T \cdot \Sigma^{-1} \cdot (x_n - \mu) \text{ is a scalar} \\ \textcircled{2} \text{tr}(c) = c \text{ if } c \text{ is a scalar} \\ \textcircled{3} \text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA) \\ \textcircled{4} \frac{\partial}{\partial A} \text{tr}(A) = I, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial A} \ln |A| = (A^{-1})^T \end{array} \right.$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma^{-1}} L(\Sigma^{-1}) &= \frac{N}{2} \cdot \Sigma^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma^{-1}} \sum_{i=1}^N \text{tr}((x_n - \mu)^T (x_n - \mu) \cdot \Sigma^{-1}) \\ &= \frac{N}{2} \Sigma^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma^{-1}} \text{tr} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N (x_n - \mu) (x_n - \mu)^T \cdot \Sigma^{-1} \right] \\ &= \frac{N}{2} \Sigma^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_n - \mu) (x_n - \mu)^T \\ &= \frac{N}{2} \Sigma^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_n - \mu) (x_n - \mu)^T \quad (\text{Gaussian: } \Sigma^{-1} = \Sigma^{-1}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T$$

Since the sample variance is non-singular, then the final result is symmetric and positive definite.

Q5 Using Bayes' theorem, we have

$$p(\mu | X) = \frac{p(X|\mu) \cdot p(\mu)}{p(X)}$$

① Since  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$ , and for each  $x_i$ ,  $x_i \sim N(x_i | \mu, \Sigma)$

then we have  $p(X|\mu) = \prod_{i=1}^N p(x_i|\mu)$

$$= \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \ln N(\mu, \Sigma)\right)$$

$$\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu)\right)$$

② Since  $p(\mu) = N(\mu | \mu_0, \Sigma_0)$ , then

$$p(\mu) = \exp(\ln p(\mu))$$

$$\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mu - \mu_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1} (\mu - \mu_0)\right)$$

③ Since  $X$  is given as observation, then  $p(X)$  is fixed

Thus, we have:

$$p(\mu | X) \propto p(X|\mu) \cdot p(\mu)$$

$$= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mu - \mu_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1} (\mu - \mu_0)\right)$$

$$\propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left[ \mu^T (\Sigma_0^{-1} + N \Sigma^{-1}) \mu - 2 \mu^T (\Sigma_0^{-1} \mu_0 + \Sigma^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i) \right]\right]$$

Comparing this expression with the standard form of a Gaussian distribution, we have

$$\mu_{\text{post}} = (\Sigma_0^{-1} + N \Sigma^{-1})^{-1} (\Sigma_0^{-1} \mu_0 + \Sigma^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i)$$

$$\Sigma_{\text{post}} = (\Sigma_0^{-1} + N \Sigma^{-1})^{-1}$$