Extending the Bayesian Deep Learning Method MultiSWAG

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Chapter 3

Factor Analysis

FA is a latent variable model which generates observations $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d$ as follows. First, a latent vector $\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^K$, for some $K < d$, is sampled from $p(\mathbf{h}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$. Next, $\mathbf{h}$ is transformed onto a K-dimensional linear subspace of $\mathbb{R}^d$ by left-multiplying it by a *factor loading* matrix $\mathbf{F} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times K}$. The origin of this subspace is then shifted by adding a bias term $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Finally, the data is perturbed by adding some zero mean Gaussian noise $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}^d$ sampled from $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \Psi)$, where Ψ is a $d \times d$ diagonal matrix [1]. Putting all this together, an observation $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is generated according to

$$\theta = \mathbf{Fh} + \mathbf{c} + \varepsilon. \tag{3.1}$$

In this context, an observation θ is the parameter vector of a neural network.

It follows that, given $\mathbf{h}$, the observations θ are Gaussian distributed with mean $\mathbf{Fh} + \mathbf{c}$ and covariance Ψ [1]. Formally,

$$p(\theta|\mathbf{h}) = \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{Fh} + \mathbf{c}, \Psi\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d |\Psi|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\theta - \mathbf{Fh} - \mathbf{c})^\mathsf{T} \Psi^{-1} (\theta - \mathbf{Fh} - \mathbf{c})\right), \tag{3.2}$$

where $|\Psi|$ is the *determinant* of Ψ. From [1], integrating $p(\theta|\mathbf{h})$ over $\mathbf{h}$ gives the marginal distribution

$$p(\theta) = \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{FF}^\mathsf{T} + \Psi\right). \tag{3.3}$$

The parameters of the model are $\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{F}$ and Ψ. The value of $\mathbf{c}$ which maximises the likelihood of the observed data is the empirical mean of the observations [1], which in this case is θ_{SWA}. Having set the bias term, an expectation maximisation (EM) or singular value decomposition (SVD) algorithm can find the maximum likelihood estimates of $\mathbf{F}$ and Ψ [1]. However, both methods require storing all the observations in memory, making them impractical for high-dimensional data, such as the parameter

vectors of deep neural networks. Two alternative online algorithms are presented in Sections 3.1 and 3.2.

3.1 Online Stochastic Gradient Ascent

In situations where learning latent variable models with the classic EM algorithm is slow, [1] suggests optimising the log-likelihood of the model parameters via gradient methods. Since FA is a latent variable model, this approach can be applied here.

In this case, the log-likelihood of the parameters $\mathbf{F}$ and Ψ given the observed data, $\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_T$, is

$$L(\mathbf{F}, \Psi) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi). \tag{3.4}$$

The partial derivatives of the log-likelihood with respect to $\mathbf{F}$ and Ψ are therefore

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{F}, \Psi} L(\mathbf{F}, \Psi) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \nabla_{\mathbf{F}, \Psi} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi). \tag{3.5}$$

Computing $\nabla_{\mathbf{F}, \Psi} L(\mathbf{F}, \Psi)$ in full would require a pass over all observations, $\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_T$. However, a stochastic gradient algorithm can be used instead, as long as the expectation of the sample derivatives is proportional to $\nabla_{\mathbf{F}, \Psi} L(\mathbf{F}, \Psi)$. By using $\nabla_{\mathbf{F}, \Psi} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi)$, $t = 1, \ldots, T$, as the sample derivatives, this condition clearly holds. Hence, as long as the partial derivatives $\nabla_{\mathbf{F}, \Psi} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi)$ can be computed efficiently, they can be used in conjunction with SGD or any of its variants to optimise $\mathbf{F}$ and Ψ online.

By adapting an argument for general latent variable models in [1] to FA, the required sample derivatives can be written as

$$
\begin{aligned}
\nabla_{\mathbf{F}, \Psi} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) &= \frac{1}{p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi)} \nabla_{\mathbf{F}, \Psi} p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \\
&= \frac{1}{p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi)} \nabla_{\mathbf{F}, \Psi} \int_{\mathbf{h}_t} p(\theta_t, \mathbf{h}_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \\
&= \frac{1}{p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi)} \int_{\mathbf{h}_t} \nabla_{\mathbf{F}, \Psi} p(\theta_t, \mathbf{h}_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \\
&= \frac{1}{p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi)} \int_{\mathbf{h}_t} p(\theta_t, \mathbf{h}_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \nabla_{\mathbf{F}, \Psi} \log p(\theta_t, \mathbf{h}_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \quad (3.6) \\
&= \int_{\mathbf{h}_t} \frac{p(\theta_t, \mathbf{h}_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi)}{p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi)} \nabla_{\mathbf{F}, \Psi} \log p(\theta_t, \mathbf{h}_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \\
&= \int_{\mathbf{h}_t} p(\mathbf{h}_t | \theta_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \nabla_{\mathbf{F}, \Psi} \log p(\theta_t, \mathbf{h}_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{h}_t | \theta_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi)} \left[\nabla_{\mathbf{F}, \Psi} \log p(\theta_t, \mathbf{h}_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \right].
\end{aligned}
$$

This is as far as the derivation in [1] goes. However, given the form of the FA model, it is possible to manipulate the sample derivatives further. In particular, using the fact that $\mathbf{h}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ is independent from $\mathbf{F}$ and Ψ,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\nabla_{\mathbf{F},\Psi} \log p(\theta_t, \mathbf{h}_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) &= \nabla_{\mathbf{F},\Psi} \log \big(p(\theta_t | \mathbf{h}_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi) p(\mathbf{h}_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \big) \\
&= \nabla_{\mathbf{F},\Psi} \log \big(p(\theta_t | \mathbf{h}_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi) p(\mathbf{h}_t) \big) \\
&= \nabla_{\mathbf{F},\Psi} \big(\log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{h}_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi) + \log p(\mathbf{h}_t) \big) \\
&= \nabla_{\mathbf{F},\Psi} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{h}_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi).
\end{aligned}
\tag{3.7}
$$

Substituting Equation (3.7) into Equation (3.6),

$$
\nabla_{\mathbf{F},\Psi} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) = \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{h}_t | \theta_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi)} \big[\nabla_{\mathbf{F},\Psi} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{h}_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \big].
\tag{3.8}
$$

Note that $p(\theta_t | \mathbf{h}_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi)$ is just the Gaussian distribution in Equation (3.2), given $\mathbf{F}$ and Ψ. Hence, substituting $\mathbf{c} = \theta_{\text{SWA}}$ into Equation (3.2) and applying the logarithm,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{h}_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi) &= -\frac{1}{2}(\theta_t - \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h}_t - \theta_{\text{SWA}})^\mathsf{T} \Psi^{-1} (\theta_t - \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h}_t - \theta_{\text{SWA}}) - \frac{1}{2}\log|\Psi| - \frac{d}{2}\log 2\pi \\
&= -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h}_t)^\mathsf{T} \Psi^{-1} (\mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h}_t) - \frac{1}{2}\log|\Psi| - \frac{d}{2}\log 2\pi,
\end{aligned}
\tag{3.9}
$$

where $\mathbf{d}_t = \theta_t - \theta_{\text{SWA}}$. This is convenient, since Equation (3.9) can be differentiated with respect to both $\mathbf{F}$ and Ψ. Of course, this requires access to θ_{SWA}, which is not available during training. As a compromise - and following the approach of the SWAG covariance approximation - θ_{SWA} can be replaced by the running average of the neural network's parameter vectors.

3.1.1 Partial derivatives with respect to F

From [2], for any symmetric matrix $\mathbf{W}$,

$$
\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s})^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{W} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}) = -2\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s})\mathbf{s}^\mathsf{T}.
\tag{3.10}
$$

Hence, differentiating Equation (3.9) with respect to $\mathbf{F}$ gives

$$
\nabla_{\mathbf{F}} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{h}_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi) = \Psi^{-1} (\mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h}_t) \mathbf{h}_t^\mathsf{T}.
\tag{3.11}
$$

It then follows from Equation (3.8) that $\nabla_{\mathbf{F}} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi)$ is the expected value of $\Psi^{-1}(\mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h}_t)\mathbf{h}_t^\mathsf{T}$ over the distribution $p(\mathbf{h}_t | \theta_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi)$. Letting $\mathbb{E}[\cdot]$ denote $\mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{h}_t | \theta_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi)}[\cdot]$

to simplify the notation,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\nabla_{\mathbf{F}} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) &= \mathbb{E}\left[\Psi^{-1}(\mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h}_t)\mathbf{h}_t^{\mathsf{T}}\right] \\
&= \Psi^{-1}\left(\mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{d}_t \mathbf{h}_t^{\mathsf{T}}\right] - \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{F}\mathbf{h}_t \mathbf{h}_t^{\mathsf{T}}\right]\right) \\
&= \Psi^{-1}\left(\mathbf{d}_t \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{h}_t^{\mathsf{T}}\right] - \mathbf{F}\mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{h}_t \mathbf{h}_t^{\mathsf{T}}\right]\right).
\end{aligned}
\tag{3.12}
$$

From the E-step of the EM algorithm for FA in [1], $p(\mathbf{h}_t | \theta_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \propto \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_t, \Sigma)$, where

$$
\Sigma = (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{F}^{\mathsf{T}} \Psi^{-1} \mathbf{F})^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{m}_t = \Sigma \mathbf{F}^{\mathsf{T}} \Psi^{-1} \mathbf{d}_t.
\tag{3.13}
$$

Hence, using identities from [2],

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{h}_t^{\mathsf{T}}\right] = \mathbf{m}_t^{\mathsf{T}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{h}_t \mathbf{h}_t^{\mathsf{T}}\right] = \Sigma + \mathbf{m}_t \mathbf{m}_t^{\mathsf{T}}.
\tag{3.14}
$$

Finally, substituting Equation (3.14) into Equation (3.12),

$$
\nabla_{\mathbf{F}} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) = \Psi^{-1}\left(\mathbf{d}_t \mathbf{m}_t^{\mathsf{T}} - \mathbf{F}(\Sigma + \mathbf{m}_t \mathbf{m}_t^{\mathsf{T}})\right).
\tag{3.15}
$$

3.1.2 Partial derivatives with respect to Ψ

In order to differentiate Equation (3.9) with respect to Ψ, it helps to use the fact that Ψ is diagonal. First consider $\mathbf{X}^{-1} = \mathrm{diag}(\frac{1}{x_1}, \ldots, \frac{1}{x_d})$ and $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \ldots, a_d)^{\mathsf{T}}$. Then

$$
\mathbf{a}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{a} = \sum_{i=1}^{d} \frac{a_i^2}{x_i},
\tag{3.16}
$$

and so

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \mathbf{a}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{a} = \frac{-a_i^2}{x_i^2}
\tag{3.17}
$$

for $i = 1, \ldots, d$. Since the partial derivatives of Equation (3.16) with respect to the off-diagonal entries of $\mathbf{X}$ are zero,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\nabla_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{a}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{a}) &= \mathrm{diag}\left(\frac{-a_1^2}{x_1^2}, \ldots, \frac{-a_d^2}{x_d^2}\right) \\
&= -\mathrm{diag}\left(\mathrm{diag}(\mathbf{X}^{-2}) \odot \mathbf{a}^2\right),
\end{aligned}
\tag{3.18}
$$

where $\odot$ denotes the element-wise matrix product (with broadcasting, if applicable) and the square of a vector is applied element-wise. Also, when applied to a d-length vector, $\mathrm{diag}(\cdot)$ represents the $d \times d$ diagonal matrix with the vector on its diagonal, and when applied to a $d \times d$ matrix, $\mathrm{diag}(\cdot)$ represents the d-length vector consisting of the diagonal entries of the matrix. Substituting $\mathbf{X} = \Psi$ and $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h}_t$, into Equation (3.18),

$$
\nabla_{\Psi}(\mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h}_t)^{\mathsf{T}} \Psi^{-1} (\mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h}_t) = -\mathrm{diag}\left(\mathrm{diag}(\Psi^{-2}) \odot (\mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h}_t)^2\right).
\tag{3.19}
$$

Also, using the identity $\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \log |\mathbf{X}| = \mathbf{X}^{-\top}$ from [2] and the fact that $\Psi^{-\top} = \Psi^{-1}$,

$$\nabla_{\Psi} \log |\Psi| = \Psi^{-1}. \tag{3.20}$$

Hence, the partial derivatives of Equation (3.9) with respect to Ψ are

$$\nabla_{\Psi} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{h}_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{diag} \left(\operatorname{diag}(\Psi^{-2}) \odot (\mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{Fh}_t)^2 \right) - \frac{1}{2} \Psi^{-1}. \tag{3.21}$$

Again, letting $\mathbb{E}[\cdot]$ denote $\mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{h}_t | \theta_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi)}[\cdot]$, it follows from Equation (3.8) that

$$\begin{aligned}
2 \cdot \nabla_{\Psi} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) &= \mathbb{E} \left[\operatorname{diag} \left(\operatorname{diag}(\Psi^{-2}) \odot (\mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{Fh}_t)^2 \right) - \Psi^{-1} \right] \\
&= \operatorname{diag} \left(\mathbb{E} \left[\operatorname{diag}(\Psi^{-2}) \odot (\mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{Fh}_t)^2 \right] \right) - \mathbb{E} \left[\Psi^{-1} \right] \\
&= \operatorname{diag} \left(\operatorname{diag}(\Psi^{-2}) \odot \mathbb{E} \left[(\mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{Fh}_t)^2 \right] \right) - \Psi^{-1}.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.22}$$

Now, expanding the expectation inside Equation (3.22) and substituting in the expressions from Equation (3.14),

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} \left[(\mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{Fh}_t)^2 \right] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbf{d}_t \odot \mathbf{d}_t \right] - 2\mathbb{E} \left[\mathbf{d}_t \odot (\mathbf{Fh}_t) \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[(\mathbf{Fh}_t) \odot (\mathbf{Fh}_t) \right] \\
&= \mathbf{d}_t \odot \mathbf{d}_t - 2\mathbf{d}_t \odot \left(\mathbf{F}\mathbb{E} \left[\mathbf{h}_t \right] \right) + \mathbb{E} \left[\operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{Fh}_t \mathbf{h}_t^{\top} \mathbf{F}^{\top}) \right] \\
&= \mathbf{d}_t \odot \mathbf{d}_t - 2\mathbf{d}_t \odot (\mathbf{Fm}_t) + \operatorname{diag} \left(\mathbb{E} \left[\mathbf{Fh}_t \mathbf{h}_t^{\top} \mathbf{F}^{\top} \right] \right) \\
&= \mathbf{d}_t \odot \mathbf{d}_t - 2\mathbf{d}_t \odot (\mathbf{Fm}_t) + \operatorname{diag} \left(\mathbf{F}\mathbb{E} \left[\mathbf{h}_t \mathbf{h}_t^{\top} \right] \mathbf{F}^{\top} \right) \\
&= \mathbf{d}_t \odot \mathbf{d}_t - 2\mathbf{d}_t \odot (\mathbf{Fm}_t) + \operatorname{diag} \left(\mathbf{F}(\Sigma + \mathbf{m}_t \mathbf{m}_t^{\top}) \mathbf{F}^{\top} \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.23}$$

Finally, substituting Equation (3.23) into Equation (3.22) and rearranging,

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_{\Psi} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) = \operatorname{diag} \Bigg(&\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{diag}(\Psi^{-2}) \odot \Big(\mathbf{d}_t \odot \mathbf{d}_t - 2\mathbf{d}_t \odot (\mathbf{Fm}_t) \\
&+ \operatorname{diag} \left(\mathbf{F}(\Sigma + \mathbf{m}_t \mathbf{m}_t^{\top}) \mathbf{F}^{\top} \right) \Big) \Bigg) - \frac{1}{2} \Psi^{-1}.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.24}$$

3.1.3 Practical implementation

In practice, storing the full $d \times d$ covariance matrix Ψ (or its inverse) would be infeasible for high-dimensional $\theta_t \in \mathbb{R}^d$. However, since Ψ is diagonal and the partial derivatives of the log-likelihood with respect to the off-diagonal are always zero, it suffices to work with the diagonal entries only. All occurrences of $d \times d$ matrices can then be removed from the gradient calculations.

First, note that the partial derivatives with respect to both $\mathbf{F}$ and Ψ depend on $\mathbf{m}_t$ and Σ from Equation (3.13), which themselves depend on Ψ^{-1}. Let $\psi = \operatorname{diag}(\Psi)$ and $\psi^{-n} = \operatorname{diag}(\Psi^{-n})$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$. Then

$$\mathbf{F}^{\top} \Psi^{-1} = (\mathbf{F} \odot \psi^{-1})^{\top}. \tag{3.25}$$

Now, setting $\mathbf{C} = (\mathbf{F} \odot \psi^{-1})^{\mathsf{T}}$ and substituting into Equation (3.13), it follows that

$$\Sigma = (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{CF})^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{m}_t = \Sigma \mathbf{C} \mathbf{d}_t. \tag{3.26}$$

These more efficient values can then be used in Equation (3.15), which itself can be simplified to

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{F}} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) = \psi^{-1} \odot \left(\mathbf{d}_t \mathbf{m}_t^{\mathsf{T}} - \mathbf{F}(\Sigma + \mathbf{m}_t \mathbf{m}_t^{\mathsf{T}}) \right). \tag{3.27}$$

Also, the partial derivatives with respect to Ψ in Equation (3.24) can be re-written with respect to ψ, as

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_{\psi} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) = \frac{1}{2} \psi^{-2} \odot \Big(\mathbf{d}_t \odot \mathbf{d}_t - 2\mathbf{d}_t \odot (\mathbf{F}\mathbf{m}_t) \\
+ \text{sum}\big((\mathbf{F}(\Sigma + \mathbf{m}_t \mathbf{m}_t^{\mathsf{T}})) \odot \mathbf{F}, \ \dim = 1 \big) \Big) - \frac{1}{2} \psi^{-1},
\end{aligned} \tag{3.28}$$

where $\text{sum}(\cdot, \dim = 1)$ denotes the operation of summing along the rows of a matrix.

One final point is that the elements of ψ must be positive, since they represent variances. One way to achieve this is by using the re-parameterisation $\psi = \exp \beta$ for some unconstrained parameter $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Then the gradient updates can be performed on β instead of ψ. Using the chain rule from calculus,

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_{\beta} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) &= \nabla_{\psi} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \odot \nabla_{\beta} \exp \beta \\
&= \nabla_{\psi} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \odot \exp \beta \\
&= \nabla_{\psi} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \odot \psi,
\end{aligned} \tag{3.29}$$

where $\nabla_{\psi} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi)$ is given in Equation (3.28).

Pseudo code for online stochastic gradient FA is given in Algorithm 1.

3.2 Online EM

The classic EM algorithm for FA iteratively optimises the log-likelihood of $\mathbf{F}$ and Ψ by alternating "E" and "M" steps until convergence. Using properties of the Kullback-Leibler divergence, it can be shown that

$$L(\mathbf{F}, \Psi) \geq - \sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{h}_t | \theta_t)} \big[\log q(\mathbf{h}_t | \theta_t) \big] + \sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{h}_t | \theta_t)} \big[\log p(\mathbf{h}_t, \theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \big], \tag{3.30}$$

where the first and second terms on the right-hand side are called the *entropy* and *energy*, respectively, and $q(\mathbf{h}_t | \theta_t)$, $t = 1, \ldots, T$, are known as the *variational* distributions

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Algorithm 1 Online Stochastic Gradient Factor Analysis

Input: Observation dimension d, latent dimension K, learning rate $\alpha > 0$

1: Initialise $\mathbf{F} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times K}$ randomly, $\psi = \mathbf{1}^d$, $\overline{\theta}_0 = \mathbf{0}^d$

2: $\beta \leftarrow \log \psi$

3: **for** $t = 1, \ldots, T$ **do**

4:      Sample observation $\theta_t \in \mathbb{R}^d$

5:      $\overline{\theta}_t \leftarrow \overline{\theta}_{t-1} + \frac{1}{t}\left(\overline{\theta}_t - \overline{\theta}_{t-1}\right)$

6:      $\mathbf{d}_t \leftarrow \theta_t - \overline{\theta}_t$

7:      $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow (\mathbf{F} \odot \psi^{-1})^{\mathsf{T}}$ (with broadcasting)

8:      $\Sigma \leftarrow (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{CF})^{-1}$

9:      $\mathbf{m}_t \leftarrow \Sigma \mathbf{C} \mathbf{d}_t$

10:      Compute $\nabla_{\mathbf{F}} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi)$ according to Equation (3.27)

11:      Compute $\nabla_{\beta} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi)$ according to Equation (3.29)

12:      $\mathbf{F} \leftarrow \mathbf{F} + \alpha \nabla_{\mathbf{F}} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi)$

13:      $\beta \leftarrow \beta + \alpha \nabla_{\beta} \log p(\theta_t | \mathbf{F}, \Psi)$

14:      $\psi \leftarrow \exp \beta$

15: **end for**

16: $\theta_{\mathrm{SWA}} \leftarrow \overline{\theta}_T$

17: **return** $\theta_{\mathrm{SWA}}, \mathbf{F}, \psi$

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[1]. The EM algorithm optimises this lower bound on the log-likelihood with respect to $\mathbf{F}$, Ψ and also $q(\mathbf{h}_t|\theta_t)$, hence the name "variational distributions". The idea is that, by pushing up the lower bound, the log-likelihood $L(\mathbf{F}, \Psi)$ will hopefully increase as well. In fact, it is guaranteed that each iteration of EM does not decrease $L(\mathbf{F}, \Psi)$, which again follows from the properties of the Kullback-Leibler divergence [1].

3.2.1 E-step

In the batch E-step, $\mathbf{F}$ and Ψ are fixed and Equation (3.30) is maximised with respect to $q(\mathbf{h}_t|\theta_t)$, $t = 1, \ldots, T$. From [1], the optimal variational distributions are

$$q(\mathbf{h}_t|\theta_t) = p(\mathbf{h}_t|\theta_t, \mathbf{F}, \Psi) \propto \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_t, \Sigma), \tag{3.31}$$

where $\mathbf{m}_t$ and Σ are given in Equation (3.26). Note that this optimisation can be performed separately for each θ_t as it is sampled, using the estimates of $\mathbf{F}$ and Ψ on iteration t. However, in batch EM all $q(\mathbf{h}_t|\theta_t)$ are updated on every iteration. This is clearly not possible in an online algorithm which discards θ_t before sampling θ_{t+1}. Therefore, as a compromise, in the online version each $q(\mathbf{h}_t|\theta_t)$ will be computed once only, on iteration t, and held fixed thereafter. The only other detail is that the batch algorithm uses θ_{SWA} to compute $\mathbf{m}_t$. As θ_{SWA} is not available during training, it will be replaced by the running average of the neural network's parameter vectors, as in the online gradient-based FA algorithm from Section 3.1.

3.2.2 M-step

In the batch M-step, $q(\mathbf{h}_t|\theta_t)$, $t = 1, \ldots, T$, are fixed and Equation (3.30) is maximised with respect to $\mathbf{F}$ and Ψ. From [1], the optimal values are

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{H}^{-1}, \tag{3.32}$$

where

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathbf{d}_t \mathbf{m}_t^\mathsf{T} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{H} = \Sigma + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathbf{m}_t \mathbf{m}_t^\mathsf{T}, \tag{3.33}$$

and

$$\Psi = \text{diag}\left(\text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathbf{d}_t \mathbf{d}_t^\mathsf{T} - 2\mathbf{F}\mathbf{A}^\mathsf{T} + \mathbf{F}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{F}^\mathsf{T} \right) \right). \tag{3.34}$$

Note that this optimisation involves summing over $t = 1, \ldots, T$. Moreover, on each iteration all components of the sums in Equation (3.33) and Equation (3.34) are updated. As in the E-step, updating all components is not possible in an online algorithm. Therefore, in the online version these sums will be updated incrementally on each iteration.

3.2.3 Practical implementation

Let $\overline{\mathbf{A}}_t$ and $\overline{\mathbf{H}}_t$ be the estimates of $\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{H}$ from Equation (3.33), respectively, after iteration t of online EM. That is,

$$\overline{\mathbf{A}}_t = \frac{1}{t}\sum_{i=1}^{t}\mathbf{d}_i\mathbf{m}_i^\mathsf{T} \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{\mathbf{H}}_t = \Sigma + \frac{1}{t}\sum_{i=1}^{t}\mathbf{m}_i\mathbf{m}_i^\mathsf{T}. \tag{3.35}$$

Then the estimates of $\mathbf{F}$ and Ψ on iteration t become

$$\mathbf{F} = \overline{\mathbf{A}}_t\overline{\mathbf{H}}_t^{-1} \tag{3.36}$$

and

$$\Psi = \text{diag}\left(\text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{t}\sum_{i=1}^{t}\mathbf{d}_i\mathbf{d}_i^\mathsf{T} - 2\mathbf{F}\overline{\mathbf{A}}_t^\mathsf{T} + \mathbf{F}\overline{\mathbf{H}}_t\mathbf{F}^\mathsf{T} \right) \right). \tag{3.37}$$

As in the online gradient-based FA algorithm from Section 3.1, it suffices to work with $\psi = \text{diag}(\Psi)$ instead of Ψ. The diagonal entries of Equation (3.37) can be computed more efficiently as

$$\psi = \frac{1}{t}\sum_{i=1}^{t}\mathbf{d}_i^2 - 2 \cdot \text{sum}\left(\mathbf{F}\odot\overline{\mathbf{A}}_t, \, \dim=1\right) + \text{sum}\left((\mathbf{F}\overline{\mathbf{H}}_t)\odot\mathbf{F}, \, \dim=1\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{t}\sum_{i=1}^{t}\mathbf{d}_i^2 + \text{sum}\left((\mathbf{F}\overline{\mathbf{H}}_t)\odot\mathbf{F} - 2\mathbf{F}\odot\overline{\mathbf{A}}_t, \, \dim=1\right). \tag{3.38}$$

(TODO: check whether this can be negative). All that remains to complete the online algorithm is to define the incremental update rules for $\overline{\mathbf{A}}_t$ and $\overline{\mathbf{H}}_t$. Both are similar, and for $\overline{\mathbf{A}}_t$ the derivation is

$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{\mathbf{A}}_t &= \frac{1}{t}\sum_{i=1}^{t}\mathbf{d}_i\mathbf{m}_i^\mathsf{T} \\
&= \frac{1}{t}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{t-1}\mathbf{d}_i\mathbf{m}_i^\mathsf{T} + \mathbf{d}_t\mathbf{m}_t^\mathsf{T} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{t}\left(\frac{t-1}{t-1}\sum_{i=1}^{t-1}\mathbf{d}_i\mathbf{m}_i^\mathsf{T} + \mathbf{d}_t\mathbf{m}_t^\mathsf{T} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{t}\left(t \cdot \frac{1}{t-1}\sum_{i=1}^{t-1}\mathbf{d}_i\mathbf{m}_i^\mathsf{T} - \frac{1}{t-1}\sum_{i=1}^{t-1}\mathbf{d}_i\mathbf{m}_i^\mathsf{T} + \mathbf{d}_t\mathbf{m}_t^\mathsf{T} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{t}\left(t\overline{\mathbf{A}}_{t-1} - \overline{\mathbf{A}}_{t-1} + \mathbf{d}_t\mathbf{m}_t^\mathsf{T} \right) \\
&= \overline{\mathbf{A}}_{t-1} + \frac{1}{t}\left(\mathbf{d}_t\mathbf{m}_t^\mathsf{T} - \overline{\mathbf{A}}_{t-1} \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.39}$$

Pseudo code for online EM for FA is given in Algorithm 2.

Algorithm 2 Online Expectation Maximisation for Factor Analysis

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Input: Observation dimension d, latent dimension K

1: Initialise $\mathbf{F} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times K}$ randomly, $\psi = \mathbf{1}^d$

2: Initialise $\overline{\theta}_0 = \mathbf{0}^d, \overline{\mathbf{A}}_0 = \mathbf{0}^{d \times K}, \overline{\mathbf{B}}_0 = \mathbf{0}^{K \times K}, \overline{\mathbf{d}^2}_0 = \mathbf{0}^d$

3: **for** $t = 1, \ldots, T$ **do**

4:      Sample observation $\theta_t \in \mathbb{R}^d$

5:      $\overline{\theta}_t \leftarrow \overline{\theta}_{t-1} + \frac{1}{t} \left(\theta_t - \overline{\theta}_{t-1} \right)$

6:      $\mathbf{d}_t \leftarrow \theta_t - \overline{\theta}_t$

7:      $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow (\mathbf{F} \odot \psi^{-1})^{\mathsf{T}}$ (with broadcasting)

8:      $\Sigma \leftarrow (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{C}\mathbf{F})^{-1}$

9:      $\mathbf{m}_t \leftarrow \Sigma \mathbf{C} \mathbf{d}_t$

10:     $\overline{\mathbf{B}}_t \leftarrow \overline{\mathbf{B}}_{t-1} + \frac{1}{t}(\mathbf{m}_t \mathbf{m}_t^{\mathsf{T}} - \overline{\mathbf{B}}_{t-1})$

11:     $\overline{\mathbf{H}}_t \leftarrow \Sigma + \overline{\mathbf{B}}_t$

12:     $\overline{\mathbf{A}}_t \leftarrow \overline{\mathbf{A}}_{t-1} + \frac{1}{t}(\mathbf{d}_t \mathbf{m}_t^{\mathsf{T}} - \overline{\mathbf{A}}_{t-1})$

13:     $\mathbf{F} \leftarrow \overline{\mathbf{A}}_t \overline{\mathbf{H}}_t^{-1}$

14:     $\overline{\mathbf{d}^2}_t \leftarrow \overline{\mathbf{d}^2}_{t-1} + \frac{1}{t}(\mathbf{d}_t^2 - \overline{\mathbf{d}^2}_{t-1})$

15:     $\psi \leftarrow \overline{\mathbf{d}^2}_t + \text{sum}\big((\mathbf{F}\overline{\mathbf{H}}_t) \odot \mathbf{F} - 2\mathbf{F} \odot \overline{\mathbf{A}}_t, \, \text{dim} = 1\big)$

16: **end for**

17: $\theta_{\text{SWA}} \leftarrow \overline{\theta}_T$

18: **return** $\theta_{\text{SWA}}, \mathbf{F}, \psi$

Chapter 4

Experiments

4.1 Online Factor Analysis
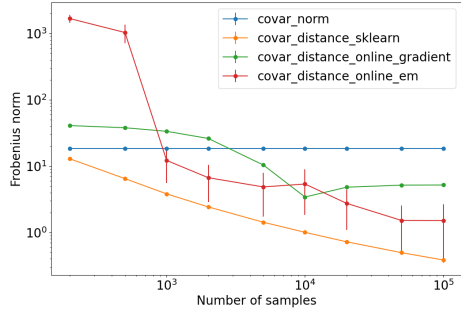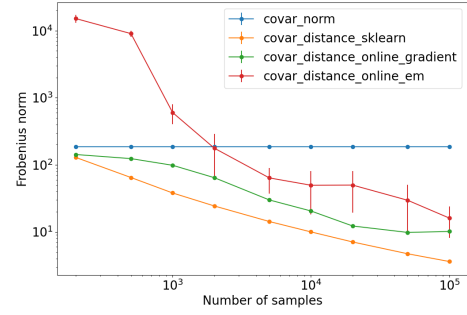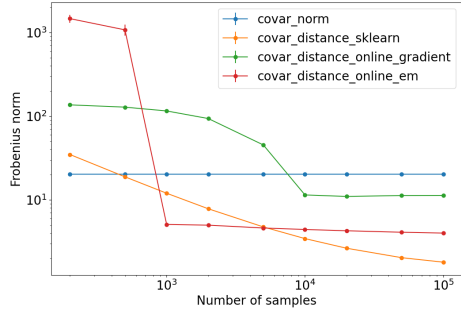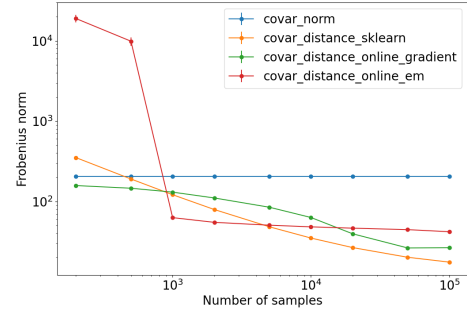
4.1.1 Methodology

4.1.2 Results

(a) $K = 10, s^2 \sim \mathcal{U}(0,1)$

(b) $K = 10, s^2 \sim \mathcal{U}(1,10)$

(c) $K = 100, s^2 \sim \mathcal{U}(0,1)$

(d) $K = 100, s^2 \sim \mathcal{U}(1,10)$

Figure 4.1: The distance of the estimated FA covariance matrices from the true covariance matrix as a function of the number of samples used to learn the models. The blue line shows the Frobenius norm of the true covariance matrix, while the orange, green and red lines shown the Frobenius norm of the difference between the true covariance matrix and the estimate covariance matrix for the scikit-learn batch algorithm, online gradient ascent and online EM, respectively. **(a)** The latent dimension of the FA model is equal to 10 and the spectrum, which controls the conditioning number of the true covariance matrix, is sampled from the uniform distribution with range $[0, 1]$. **(b)** The latent dimension is equal to 10 and the spectrum range is $[1, 10]$. **(c)** The latent dimension is equal to 100 and the spectrum range is $[0, 1]$. **(d)** The latent dimension is equal to 100 and the spectrum range is $[1, 10]$.

(a) $K = 10, s^2 \sim \mathcal{U}(0,1)$

(b) $K = 10, s^2 \sim \mathcal{U}(1,10)$

(c) $K = 100, s^2 \sim \mathcal{U}(0,1)$
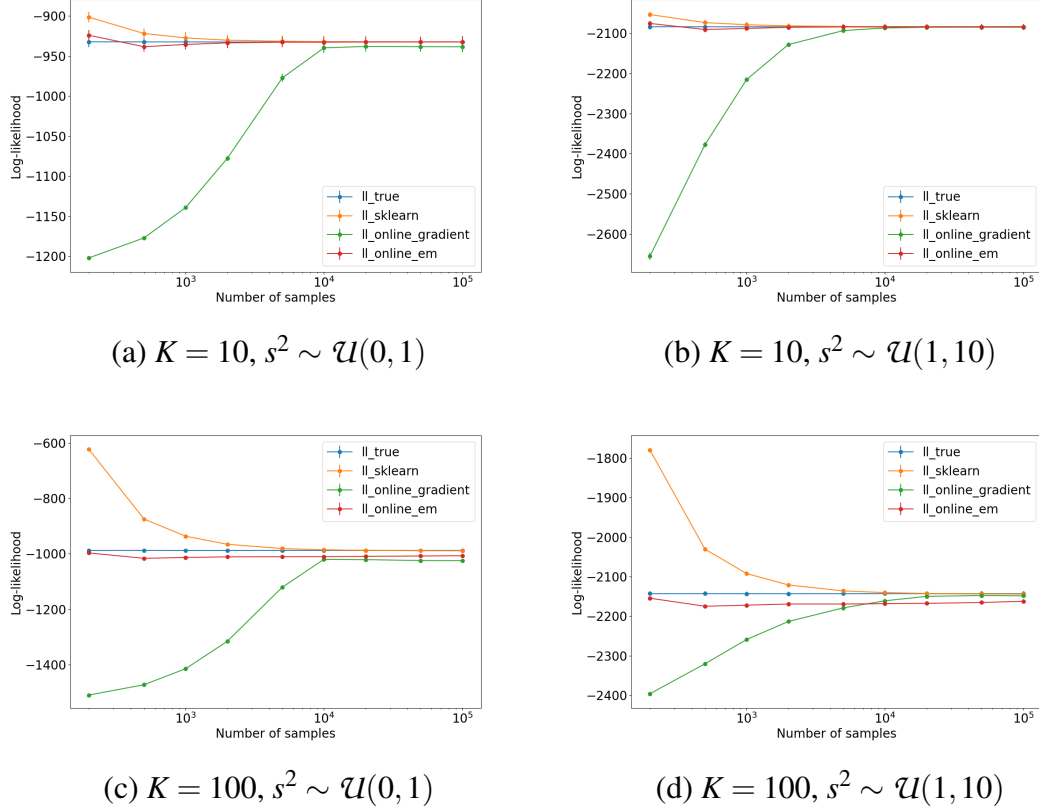
(d) $K = 100, s^2 \sim \mathcal{U}(1,10)$

Figure 4.2: The log-likelihood of the true and estimated FA models. The blue line shows the log-likelihood of the true FA model, while the orange, green and red lines shown the log-likelihood of the models estimated by the scikit-learn batch algorithm, online gradient ascent and online EM, respectively. **(a)** The latent dimension of the FA model is equal to 10 and the spectrum, which controls the conditioning number of the true covariance matrix, is sampled from the uniform distribution with range $[0,1]$. **(b)** The latent dimension is equal to 10 and the spectrum range is $[1,10]$. **(c)** The latent dimension is equal to 100 and the spectrum range is $[0,1]$. **(d)** The latent dimension is equal to 100 and the spectrum range is $[1,10]$.

Chapter 5

Conclusions

5.1 Final Reminder

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