

# Math 534 Homework 3.1 - 25 points

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**Exercise J-2.2** Write a general function to maximize the following log-likelihood function with respect to parameters  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ :

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} | \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) = -\frac{1}{2} \left\{ n \log(2\pi) + n \log(|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|) + \text{trace} [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} c(\boldsymbol{\mu})] \right\}$$

where  $c(\boldsymbol{\mu}) = \sum_{z=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_z - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x}_z - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T$ .

(a) [20 points] Obtain formulas for the elements of the gradient and the Hessian of  $\ell(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ .

$$\begin{aligned} d\ell(d\boldsymbol{\mu}) &= \text{trace} \left( \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \sum_{z=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_z - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \cdot d\boldsymbol{\mu}^T \right) \\ dd\ell(d\boldsymbol{\mu}, d\boldsymbol{\mu}) &= \text{trace} [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \cdot (-n d\boldsymbol{\mu}) \cdot d\boldsymbol{\mu}^T] = -n \cdot \text{trace} (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\mu}^T) \\ d\ell(d\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) &= -\frac{n}{2} \text{trace} \left[ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \left( \boldsymbol{\Sigma} - \frac{c(\boldsymbol{\mu})}{n} \right) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \right] \\ dd\ell(d\boldsymbol{\Sigma}, d\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) &= n \cdot \text{trace} \left\{ \left[ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \left( \boldsymbol{\Sigma} - \frac{c(\boldsymbol{\mu})}{n} \right) - \frac{1}{2} I \right] \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} d\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} d\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \right\} \\ dd\ell(d\boldsymbol{\mu}, d\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) &= \text{trace} \left[ -\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} d\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \sum_{z=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_z - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \cdot d\boldsymbol{\mu}^T \right] \end{aligned}$$

For any  $i$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \mu_i} = \left[ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \sum_{z=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_z - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right]_i.$$

When  $i = j$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \sigma_{ij}} = -\frac{n}{2} \cdot \left[ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \left( \boldsymbol{\Sigma} - \frac{c(\boldsymbol{\mu})}{n} \right) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \right]_{ij}.$$

and when  $i \neq j$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \sigma_{ij}} = -\frac{n}{2} \cdot \left\{ \left[ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \left( \boldsymbol{\Sigma} - \frac{c(\boldsymbol{\mu})}{n} \right) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \right]_{ij} + \left[ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \left( \boldsymbol{\Sigma} - \frac{c(\boldsymbol{\mu})}{n} \right) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \right]_{ji} \right\} = -n \cdot \left[ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \left( \boldsymbol{\Sigma} - \frac{c(\boldsymbol{\mu})}{n} \right) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \right]_{ij}.$$

When  $i = j$  and  $i \neq j$ ,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \mu_i \partial \mu_j} = -n \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{ij}$$

When  $i = j$  and any  $k$ ,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \sigma_{ij} \partial \mu_k} = -\sum_{w=1}^p \left[ \sum_{z=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_z - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right]_w \cdot \left( [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{iw} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{ki} \right)$$

and when  $i \neq j$  and any  $k$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \sigma_{ij} \partial \mu_k} = - \sum_{w=1}^p \left[ \sum_{z=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_z - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right]_w \cdot \left( [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{iw} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{kj} + [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{jw} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{ki} \right)$$

Let  $A = \left[ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \left( \boldsymbol{\Sigma} - \frac{c(\boldsymbol{\mu})}{n} \right) - \frac{1}{2} I \right] \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}$

then

$$dd\ell(d\boldsymbol{\Sigma}, d\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = n \cdot \text{trace} \left\{ A \, d\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} d\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \right\}.$$

When  $i = j$  and  $k = l$ ,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \sigma_{ij} \partial \sigma_{kl}} = n \cdot \left\{ [A]_{ik} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{lj} \right\}$$

and when  $i \neq j$   $k = l$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \sigma_{ij} \partial \sigma_{kl}} = n \cdot \left\{ [A]_{ik} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{kj} + [A]_{jk} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{ki} \right\}$$

and when  $i = j$   $k \neq l$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \sigma_{ij} \partial \sigma_{kl}} = n \cdot \left\{ [A]_{il} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{ji} + [A]_{ij} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{li} \right\}$$

and when  $i \neq j$   $k \neq l$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \sigma_{ij} \partial \sigma_{kl}} = n \cdot \left\{ [A]_{il} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{kj} + [A]_{ik} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{lj} + [A]_{jl} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{ki} + [A]_{kj} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{li} \right\}.$$

(b) [5 points] Obtain formulas for the elements of the information matrix.

Using Hint:  $E[(x_i - \mu)] = 0$  and  $E[(x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T] = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$

When  $i = j$  and when  $i \neq j$ ,

$$-E \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \mu_i \partial \mu_j} \right] = n \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{ij}.$$

When  $i = j = k$ , and when  $i = j \neq k$ , and when  $i = k \neq j$ , and when  $i \neq j = k$ , and when  $i \neq j \neq k$ ,

$$-E \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \sigma_{ij} \partial \mu_k} \right] = 0.$$

When  $i = j$  and  $k = l$ ,

$$-E \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \sigma_{ij} \partial \sigma_{kl}} \right] = -\frac{n-2}{2} \cdot \left( [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{ik} \right)^2$$

and when  $i \neq j$  and  $k \neq l$

$$-E \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \sigma_{ij} \partial \sigma_{kl}} \right] = \frac{n-2}{2} \cdot \left\{ [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{il} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{kj} + [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{ik} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{lj} + [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{jl} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{ki} + [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{kj} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{li} \right\}$$

and when  $i \neq j$  and  $k = l$

$$-E \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \sigma_{ij} \partial \sigma_{kl}} \right] = \frac{n-2}{2} \cdot \left\{ [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{ik} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{kj} + [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{jk} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{ki} \right\}$$

and when  $i = j$  and  $k \neq l$

$$-E \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \sigma_{ij} \partial \sigma_{kl}} \right] = \frac{n-2}{2} \cdot \left\{ [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{il} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{ji} + [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{ij} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}]_{li} \right\}.$$