Gradient ascent for maximum likelihood estimation in the CSM model

$$p(X \mid C_{1..K}) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} p(x_n \mid C_{1..K})$$
 (1)

$$p(X \mid C_{1..K}) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} \iiint_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x_n, v_n \mid z_n, g_n) p(g_n) p(z_n) dv_n dg_n dz_n$$
 (2)

approximation of some of the integrals by samples from the priors $p(g_n)$ and $p(z_n)$

$$p(X \mid C_{1..K}) \approx \prod_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{l=1}^{L} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x_n, v_n \mid z_n^l, g_n^l) dv_n$$
 (3)

the integral evaluates as follows

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x_n, v_n \mid z_n, g_n) dv_n = \frac{1}{z^{D_v} \sqrt{\det(A^T A)}} \mathcal{N}(\frac{1}{z} A^+ x; 0, \frac{\sigma_x}{z^2} (A^T A)^{-1} + \sum_{k=1}^K g_k U_k^T U_k)$$
(4)

$$f(x,z) \equiv \frac{1}{z}A^{+}x \quad (5)$$

$$C(x, z, g) \equiv \frac{\sigma_x}{z^2} (A^T A)^{-1} + \sum_{k=1}^K g_k U_k^T U_k$$
 (6)

$$h(z) \equiv \frac{1}{z^{D_v} \sqrt{\det(A^T A)}} \quad (7)$$

thus, the likelihood can be expressed as

$$p(X \mid C_{1..K}) \approx \prod_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{l=1}^{L} h(z_n^l) \mathcal{N}(f(x_n, z_n^l); 0, C(x_n, z_n^l, g_n^l))$$
(8)

$$\log p(X \mid C_{1..K}) \approx \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log \left[\sum_{l=1}^{L} h(z_n^l) \mathcal{N}(f(x_n, z_n^l); 0, C(x_n, z_n^l, g_n^l)) \right]$$
(9)

$$h_n^l \equiv h(z_n^l), \ f_n^l \equiv f(x_n, z_n^l), \ C_n^l \equiv C(x_n, z_n^l, g_n^l)$$
 (10)

$$\mathcal{L}_n^l \equiv h_n^l \mathcal{N}(f_n^l; 0, C_n^l), \ \mathcal{L}_n \equiv \sum_{l=1}^L \mathcal{L}_n^l$$
 (11)

$$\log p(X \mid C_{1..K}) \approx \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log \mathcal{L}_n \qquad (12)$$

the derivative of the likelihood with respect to a single element of the Cholesky decomposition of one of the covariance components can be decomposed this way

$$\frac{\partial \log p(X \mid C_{1..K})}{\partial [U_k]_{i,j}} \approx \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{\partial \log \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial [U_k]_{i,j}} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}_n} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial [U_k]_{i,j}} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}_n} \sum_{l=1}^{L} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n^l}{\partial [U_k]_{i,j}} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}_n} \sum_{l=1}^{L} \operatorname{Tr} \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n^l}{\partial C_n^l} \frac{\partial C_n^l}{\partial [U_k]_{i,j}} \right] \tag{13}$$

the derivatives in this formula are the following

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n^l}{\partial C_n^l} = h_n^l \frac{\partial}{\partial C_n^l} \mathcal{N}(f_n^l; 0, C_n^l) = h_n^l \mathcal{N}(f_n^l; 0, C_n^l) \frac{\partial}{\partial C_n^l} \log \mathcal{N}(f_n^l; 0, C_n^l) =
= -\frac{h_n^l}{2} \mathcal{N}(f_n^l; 0, C_n^l) \left[(C_n^l)^{-1} - (C_n^l)^{-1} f_n^l (f_n^l)^T (C_n^l)^{-1} \right]
\frac{\partial C(x, z, g)}{\partial \left[U_k \right]_{i,i}} = g_k \frac{\partial \left(U_k^T U_k \right)}{\partial \left[U_k \right]_{i,i}} = g_k \left(U_k^T J^{ij} + J^{ji} U_k \right) \equiv g_k \hat{U}_k^{ij}$$
(15)

substituting back to the derivative

$$\frac{\partial \log p(X \mid C_{1..K})}{\partial \left[U_{k}\right]_{i,j}} \approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}_{n}} \sum_{l=1}^{L} h_{n}^{l}(g_{n}^{l})_{k} \mathcal{N}(f_{n}^{l}; 0, C_{n}^{l}) \text{Tr} \left[\left[(C_{n}^{l})^{-1} - (C_{n}^{l})^{-1} f_{n}^{l}(f_{n}^{l})^{T} (C_{n}^{l})^{-1} \right] \hat{U}_{k}^{ij} \right] = \\ = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{N} \left(\frac{1}{\mathcal{L}_{n}} \sum_{l=1}^{L} h_{n}^{l}(g_{n}^{l})_{k} \mathcal{N}(f_{n}^{l}; 0, C_{n}^{l}) \left[(C_{n}^{l})^{-1} - (C_{n}^{l})^{-1} f_{n}^{l}(f_{n}^{l})^{T} (C_{n}^{l})^{-1} \right] \hat{U}_{k}^{ij} \right]$$

$$(16)$$

The regularities of the \hat{U}_k matrices allow us to replace the trace with a much more efficient computation:

$$M_{k} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left(\frac{1}{\mathcal{L}_{n}} \sum_{l=1}^{L} h_{n}^{l}(g_{n}^{l})_{k} \mathcal{N}(f_{n}^{l}; 0, C_{n}^{l}) \left[(C_{n}^{l})^{-1} - (C_{n}^{l})^{-1} f_{n}^{l}(f_{n}^{l})^{T} (C_{n}^{l})^{-1} \right] \right)$$
(17)
$$\frac{\partial \log p(X \mid C_{1..K})}{\partial \left[U_{k} \right]_{i,j}} \approx \sum_{n=1}^{Dv} \left[M_{k} \right]_{j,a} \left[U_{k} \right]_{i,a} + \left[M_{k} \right]_{a,j} \left[U_{k} \right]_{i,a}$$
(18)

we can move the parameters in the direction of the gradient scaled by a learning rate

$$[U_k]_{i,j} \leftarrow [U_k]_{i,j} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \log p(X \mid C_{1..K})}{\partial [U_k]_{i,j}}$$
(19)