

Multivariate Normal Distributions captures correlation among r.v.s.

Multivariate Distribution: distributions of > 1 r.v. (vector of r.v.s).

Consider a random variable $\underline{X} = [X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d]^T \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

If has pdf $p(x) = p([X_1, \dots, X_d])$, and it satisfies the axioms of probability 1) $p(x) \geq 0$, 2) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} p(x) dx = 1$.
 $\mathbb{R}^d \curvearrowleft d$ dimensional space.

For any function $h(x)$, its expectation under \underline{X} is

$$E[h(\underline{X})] = \int h(x) p(x) dx.$$

Mean vector is:

$$\mu = E[\underline{x}] = \begin{bmatrix} E[X_1] \\ \vdots \\ E[X_d] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \int x_1 p(x) dx \\ \vdots \\ \int x_d p(x) dx \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

Covariance matrix is:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma = \text{cov}(\underline{X}) &= \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ d \times d \text{ matrix.}}}{\left[\text{cov}(X_i, X_j)_{ij} \right]} = \\ &= E[(\underline{x} - \mu)(\underline{x} - \mu)^T] \quad (\text{definition}) \\ &\quad \begin{array}{c} \parallel \quad \overbrace{\quad \quad \quad}^{\text{row vector}} \\ \text{column vector} \end{array} \\ &\quad = \boxed{\quad \quad \quad} \quad \text{matrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \text{Var}(X_1) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_d) \\ \text{Cov}(X_2, X_1) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_2, X_d) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{Cov}(X_d, X_1) & \dots & \text{Var}(X_d) \end{pmatrix}$$

where $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = E[(X_i - E[X_i])(X_j - E[X_j])]$

$$\begin{aligned} &= E[X_i X_j] - E[X_i] E[X_j] \\ &= E[\bar{X} \bar{X}^\top] - E[\bar{X}] (E[\bar{X}])^\top \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X_i) &= \text{Cov}(X_i, X_i) = E[(X_i - E[X_i])^2] \\ &= E[X_i^2] - (E[X_i])^2. \end{aligned}$$

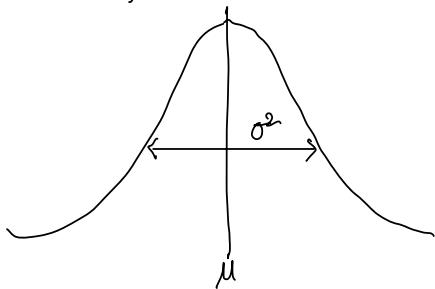
Univariate Normal Distribution:

- Recall that a random variable X on \mathbb{R} is univariate normal $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ if its pdf is:

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2\right) \quad // \text{univariate normal.}$$

with 1) mean $\mu = E(X) = \int x p(x) dx \quad // \text{scalar}$

2) $\sigma^2 = E[(x-\mu)^2] \quad // \text{scalar}$



variance = covariance with itself.

Given $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ we can estimate μ, σ :

using MLE:

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu})^2}_{\text{empirical variance.}}$$

proof in later pages.

Multivariate Normal Distribution: Extension of univariate normal.

- X becomes a vector of length d , instead by being a scalar.

- A d -dimensional multi-variate distribution is called

$$N(\mu, \Sigma) \text{ if } p(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(x-\mu)^T}_{1 \times d} \underbrace{\Sigma^{-1}}_{d \times d} \underbrace{(x-\mu)}_{d \times 1} \right],$$

$$Z = \sqrt{(2\pi)^d \det(\Sigma)}$$

Mean : $\mu = E[X] = \begin{bmatrix} E[X_1] \\ \vdots \\ E[X_d] \end{bmatrix}$, variance : $\Sigma = E[(X-\mu)(X-\mu)^T]$

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 $d \times d$: $\left[\quad \circlearrowleft \quad \right] \quad \sigma_{ij} = \text{cov}(x_i, x_j)$

Independent Normal Distribution:

Let $x_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$, $i = 1, \dots, d$.

Assume (x_i) are independent with one other ($x_i \perp x_j$ for $i \neq j$).

Then their concatenation $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{bmatrix}$ follows a multivariate normal.

$$\mu = E[X] = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_d \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma = E[(x-\mu)(x-\mu)^T] = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \sigma_d^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

all the x_i 's
are independent from
one another.

Independence implies 0 covariance, and vice versa,

$$x_i \perp x_j \Leftrightarrow \text{cov}(x_i, x_j) = 0.$$

Marginal Distributions of Multivariate Normal:

Assume $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$. We can divide the vectors into 2 independent blocks ($X_1 \cap X_2 = \emptyset$):

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{where}$$

$$X_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1}$$

$$\Sigma_{11} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_1}$$

$$X_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$$

$$\Sigma_{12} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2}$$

$$d_1 + d_2 = d$$

$$\Sigma_{12} = \Sigma_{21}^T$$

Then the marginal distribution of X_1 is also Gaussian:

$$X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \Sigma_{11}).$$

Correlation: $\Sigma_{12} = 0$ iff $X_1 \perp X_2$.

$$P_{X_1}(x_1) = \frac{1}{D_1} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (x_1 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma_{11}^{-1} (x_1 - \mu_1) \right]$$

$\underbrace{\qquad}_{D_1 = \sqrt{(2\pi)^{d_1} \det(\Sigma_{11})}}$

Conditional Distributions:

Assume $x \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$. we can divide the vectors into 2 blocks:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The conditional distribution $p(x_1 | x_2 = a)$ is also Gaussian:

$$x_1 | (x_2 = a) \sim N(\mu_{1|2}, \Sigma_{1|2})$$

$$\text{where } 1) \mu_{1|2} = E[x_1 | x_2 = a]$$

$$= \mu_1 + \sum_{12} \sum_{22}^{-1} (a - \mu_2)$$

$$2) \Sigma_{1|2} = \text{cov}(x_1 | x_2 = a)$$

$$= \Sigma_{11} - \sum_{12} \sum_{22}^{-1} \sum_{21}$$

$\Sigma_{1|2}$ is called the Schur complement

of Σ_{22} in Σ

There is a better way (see later pages).

Linear Transformation of Multivariate Normal:

Let $Z \sim N(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)$ // multivariate normal random vector

where $Z = [z_1, \dots, z_d]^T \in \mathbb{R}^d$

Applying linear transformation: $X = AZ + b$,

where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d}$,

$b \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times 1}$

$Z = [z_1, \dots, z_d]^T$ is a set of independent standard normal random variables, that is,
 $z_i \sim N(0, 1)$ and $z_i \perp z_j$ for $i \neq j$.

then X is also a multivariate normal, $\in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times 1}$.

$X \sim N(\mu_X, \Sigma_X)$ where:

Mean is:

$$\mu_X = E[X] = E[AZ + b]$$

$$= \underbrace{AE[z]}_{\mu_0} + b \quad // \text{linearity of expectation.}$$

$$= \boxed{A\mu_0 + b.}$$

Variance:

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_x &= E \left[\underbrace{(x - \mu_x)}_{\text{column vector}} \underbrace{(x - \mu_x)^T}_{\text{row vector}} \right] \\ &= E \left[(Az + b - A\mu_0 - b) (Az + b - A\mu_0 - b)^T \right] \\ &= E \left[A(z - \mu_0)(z - \mu_0)^T A^T \right] \\ &= A E \left[(z - \mu_0)(z - \mu_0)^T \right] A^T \\ &= \boxed{A \sum_0 A^T} \\ &\quad \underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{d_1 \times d_1 \text{ matrix}}.\end{aligned}$$

Summary:

Given $x = Az + b$, where $z \sim N(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)$,

the $x \sim N(\mu_x, \Sigma_x)$ where

$$\mu_x = A\mu_0 + b$$

$$\Sigma_x = A \sum_0 A^T$$

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 $d_1 \times d_1$ $d_1 \times d$ $d \times d$ $d \times d_1$

Multivariate Normal and PCA:

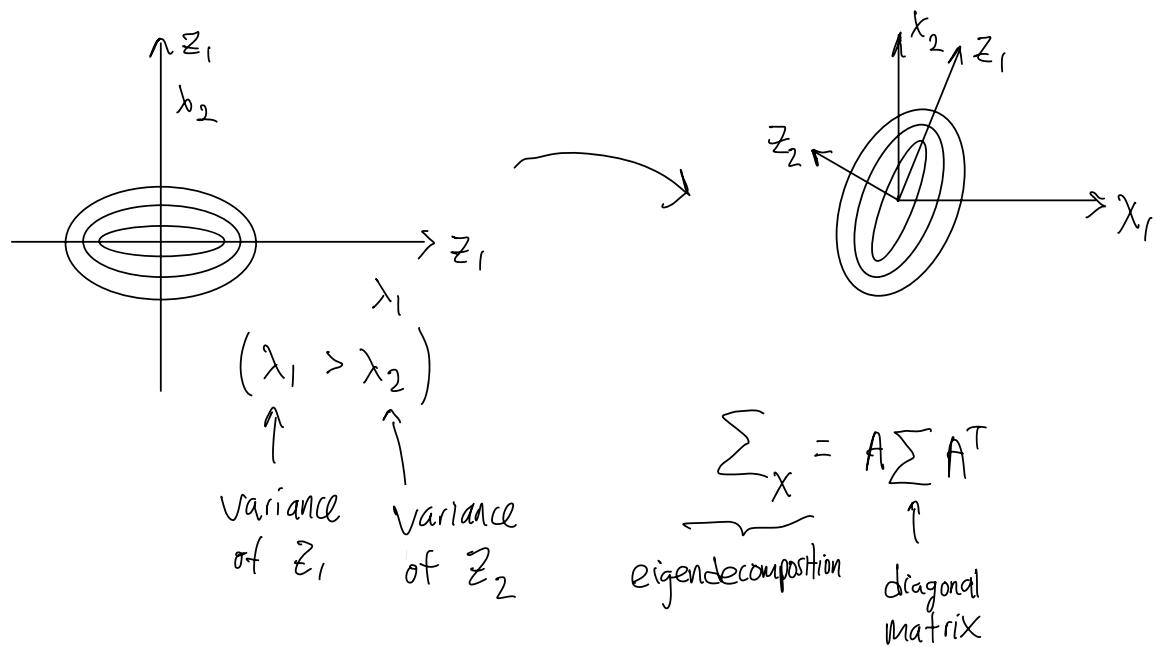
We can construct a probabilistic interpretation of PCA using multivariate normal distributions

Assume $Z \sim N(0, \Sigma)$, $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$X = AZ + b.$$

Observed $\{x^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^n$, iid. Estimate Z ?

Geometrically:



MLE of Multivariate Normal:

Given an observation $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$ drawn iid from $N(\mu, \Sigma)$, we can show that the MLE of μ and Σ equals the empirical mean and variance.

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\mu, \Sigma} \sum_{i=1}^n \log p(x_i | \mu, \Sigma) \quad // \text{log-likelihood} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} \det(\Sigma)^{1/2}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu) \right] \right) \\ &= -n \underbrace{\log((2\pi)^{d/2})}_{\text{constant}} - \frac{n}{2} \log(\det \Sigma) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n [(x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu)] \end{aligned}$$

For μ : $-\frac{1}{2} \left(n \mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu - 2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu + \text{const} \right)$

derivative $\Rightarrow \hat{\mu} = \left(n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \Rightarrow \hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$

For Σ : let $Q = \Sigma^{-1}$. Optimize Q ($d \times d$ matrix).

$$l(Q) = \frac{n}{2} \log(\det Q) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu})^T Q (x_i - \hat{\mu})$$

$$\nabla_Q l(Q) = \frac{n}{2} Q^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T$$

If Q is a number, $\nabla(\log \det Q) = \nabla(\log Q) = Q^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow Q^{-1} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T = \text{empirical covariance.}$$

Natural Form of Multinormal Distribution

• Standard Form: $p(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right]$

$$= \frac{1}{D} \exp \left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} x^T \Sigma^{-1} x}_{\text{quadratic term}} - \underbrace{\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} x}_{\text{linear term}} + \mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu \right) \quad // \text{expanded form.}$$

• Natural/Information Form: $p(x) = \frac{1}{C} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} x^T Q x + b^T x \right]$

$$N(\mu, \Sigma) \rightarrow \bar{N}(b, Q)$$

↑
mean ↑
inverse variance/covariance.

Natural parameters:

• $Q = \Sigma^{-1}$, (inverse covariance matrix / precision matrix.)

• $b = \Sigma^{-1} \mu = Q \mu (?)$

• $C = \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} b^T Q^{-1} b \right] / Z \quad (\text{normalization constant.})$

The natural form provides a convenient form to study conditional distributions and conditional independence.

In contrast, standard form is convenient for marginal distributions and marginal independence.

Conditional Distribution via Natural Form:

- The natural form makes it easy to derive conditional distributions.
- For $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}, & \Sigma &= \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix} \\ b &= \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}, & Q = \Sigma^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} \\ Q_{21} & Q_{22} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- Then the conditional distribution is:

$$X_1 \mid X_2 \sim \bar{N}\left(b_1 - \underbrace{Q_{12}x_2}_{\text{depends on } X_2!}, \underbrace{Q_{11}}_{\text{does not depend on } X_2}\right).$$

Equivalently: $\text{Cov}(X_1 \mid X_2) = Q_{11}^{-1}$.

We can then convert back to moment parameters following matrix identities (derivation not provided):

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot \Sigma_{12} &= \text{Cov}(X_1 \mid X_2) = Q_{11}^{-1} = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21} \\ \cdot \mu_{12} &= E[X_1 \mid X_2] \\ &= Q_{11}^{-1} (b_1 - Q_{12}x_2) = \mu_1 + \sum_{12} \sum_{22}^{-1} (x_2 - \mu_2). \end{aligned}$$

Proof for conditional probability:

assume we only have x_1 and x_2 .

$$p(\overbrace{[x_1, x_2]}^{\sim}) \propto \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} x^\top Q x + b^\top x \right], \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\propto \exp \left[\underbrace{-\frac{1}{2} \left(Q_{11} x_1^2 + 2Q_{12} x_1 x_2 + Q_{22} x_2^2 \right)}_{\text{quadratic term}} \dots + \underbrace{b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2}_{\text{linear term}} \right]$$

↑ treat as constant (fixed).

$$p(x_1 | x_2) \propto \exp \left(\underbrace{-\frac{1}{2} Q_{11} x_1^2}_{\text{quadratic term}} + \underbrace{(b_1 - Q_{12} x_2)}_{\text{linear term}} x_1 \right) // \begin{array}{l} \text{dropped terms} \\ \text{related to} \\ \text{only } x_2 \end{array}$$

$$\sim N(b_1 - Q_{12} x_2, Q_{11}).$$

∴ using natural form allows us to derive conditional distributions very conveniently.

Theorem: Assuming X is multivariate normal with inverse covariance matrix Q .

$$\boxed{\text{If } Q_{ij} = 0 \iff x_i \perp x_j \mid X_{-ij}}$$

Independence and Conditional Independence:

Note: $\sigma_{ij} = \text{cov}(x_i, x_j)$

• Covariance matrix $\Sigma = [\sigma_{ij}]_{ij}$ measures (marginal) independence,

$$\sigma_{ij} = 0, \quad x_i \perp x_j \Leftrightarrow p([x_i, x_j]) = p(x_i) p(x_j)$$

• Precision matrix $Q = [q_{ij}]_{ij}$ measures conditional independence.

$$q_{ij} = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_i \perp x_j \mid \underbrace{x_{\neg ij}}_{\text{all variables except } i \text{ and } j}.$$

all variables except i and j :

$$x_{\neg ij} = X_{[d]} / \{i, j\}.$$

Example: If x_1, x_2, x_3 :

$$x_1 \perp x_2 \mid x_{\neg 12} =$$

$$x_1 \perp x_2 \mid x_3$$

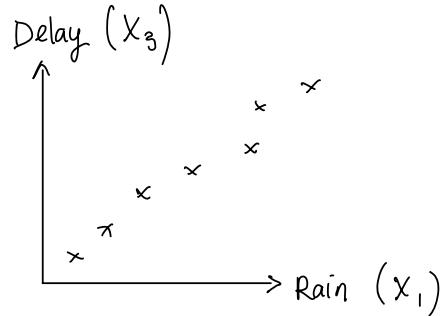
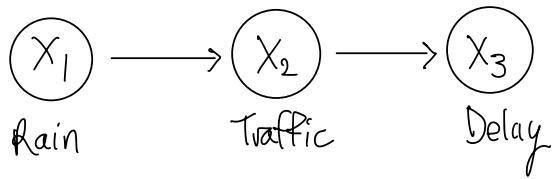
Definition of conditional independence.

$$x_i \perp x_j \mid x_{\neg ij} \Leftrightarrow p([x_i, x_j] \mid x_{\neg ij}) = p(x_i \mid x_{\neg ij}) p(x_j \mid x_{\neg ij})$$

\therefore The zero elements of the covariance matrix encodes the marginal independence,

The zero elements of inverse covariance encodes the conditional independence.

Example of conditional independence



$$\sigma_{13} = \text{cov}(X_1, X_3) = \text{positive nonzero.}$$

$$q_{13} = \alpha_{13} \text{cov}(X_1, X_3 \mid X_2) = 0$$

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{-1}{(\ell_{ii}\ell_{jj} - \ell_{ij}^2)}$$

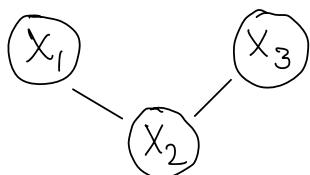
\uparrow if I fix traffic constant, then
 \downarrow rain and delay are not correlated.

$$X_1 \perp X_3 \mid X_2 \quad \cancel{\Rightarrow} \quad X_1 \perp X_3$$

$$\cancel{\Leftarrow}$$

conditional independence does not imply marginal independence.
 Marginal independence does not imply conditional independence.

Example:



$$X_2 = X_1 + X_3 \quad (\text{marginal independence of } X_1 \text{ and } X_3):$$

$$X_3 = X_2 - X_1 \quad (\text{if } X_2 \text{ is fixed, then } X_1 \text{ and } X_3 \text{ are not independent}),$$

Marginal Independence does not imply conditional independence (and vice versa)

Proof: Assuming 3 variables:

$$P([X_1, X_2, X_3]) \sim \bar{N}(b, Q)$$

$$P([X_1, X_2] | X_3) \sim \bar{N}(\underbrace{b_{1:2}}_{\tilde{b}} - \underbrace{Q_{1:2,3} X_3}_{\tilde{Q}}, \underbrace{Q_{1:2,1:2}}_{\tilde{Q}})$$

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$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} q_{11} & q_{12} & q_{13} \\ q_{21} & q_{22} & q_{23} \\ q_{31} & q_{32} & q_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{cov}([X_1, X_3] | X_3)^{-1} = \underbrace{Q_{1:2,1:2}}_{\begin{bmatrix} q_{11} & q_{12} \\ q_{21} & q_{22} \end{bmatrix}}$$

$$P([X_1, X_2] | X_3) \propto \exp \left[\frac{-1}{2} \left(X_1 q_{11} X_1 + 2 X_1 q_{12} X_2 + q_{21} X_2^2 \right) + \tilde{b}_1 X_1 + \tilde{b}_2 X_2 \right]$$

If $q_{12} = 0$:

$$\propto \underbrace{\exp \left(\frac{-1}{2} X_1 q_{11} X_1 + \tilde{b}_1 X_1 \right)}_{P(X_1 | X_3)} \cdot \underbrace{\exp \left(\frac{-1}{2} X_2 q_{22} X_2 + \tilde{b}_2 X_2 \right)}_{P(X_2 | X_3)} // \text{separated out } X_1 \text{ and } X_2.$$

Term depends only on X_1 . Term depends only on X_2 .

$$\propto P(X_1 | X_3) \cdot P(X_2 | X_3) \Rightarrow X_1 \perp X_2 | X_3.$$

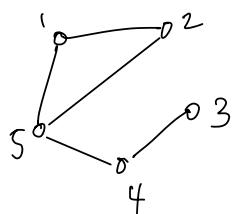
Correlation:

$$\text{corr}(X_i, X_j | X_{\neg ij}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\text{cov}(X_i, X_j | X_{\neg ij})}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X_i | X_{\neg ij}) \text{var}(X_j | X_{\neg ij})}}$$

$$= \frac{q_{ij}}{\sqrt{q_{ii} q_{jj}}}.$$

Gaussian Graphical Models / Gaussian Markov random fields (MRF)

- $N(\mu, \Sigma)$ with **spare** precision matrix $Q = \Sigma^{-1}$
- use graph to represent the dependency structure of random variables.



$$\begin{matrix}
 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\
 1 & \times & \times & 0 & 0 & \times \\
 2 & \times & \times & 0 & 0 & \times \\
 3 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times & 0 \\
 4 & 0 & 0 & \times & \times & \times \\
 5 & \times & \times & 0 & \times & \times
 \end{matrix} = Q$$

- we can read **Markov (conditional independence) properties** from the graph.

Algorithm:

- 1) Each random variable is represented by a node.
- 2) If the precision element of pairs of nodes is non-zero, add an edge btwn the nodes.

Properties:

① If i, j are not directly connected $\Rightarrow x_i \perp x_j \mid x_{\text{if}}$.

For example:

x_1 and x_2 are NOT conditionally independent, in above graph.

② If conditioning on a node's neighbors being fixed, then the node is independent from all nodes outside the neighbors.

The neighbors of the node = Markov blanket.

For example;

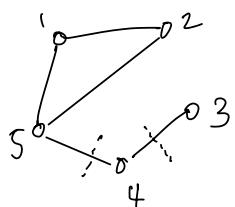
$$x_1 \perp (x_3, x_4) \mid \underbrace{(x_2 \mid x_5)}.$$

x_2 and x_5 = markov blanket.

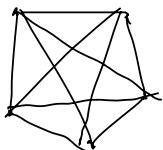
- ③ If 2 nodes are connected through some path, being able to find a bottleneck node implies conditional independence, given the bottleneck node;
 $x_A \perp x_B \mid x_c$ if c is a bottleneck between A and B.

Example:

$$x_2 \perp x_3 \mid x_4$$



If you look at covariance graph: it does not reveal the dependencies.

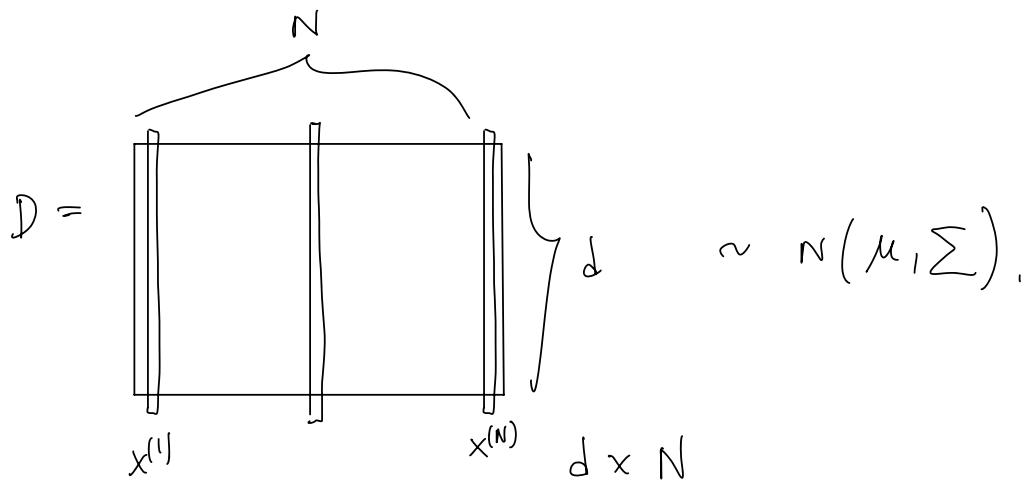


Learning Gaussian Markov Random Fields:

- Given observation $D = \{x^k\}$ drawn from $N(\mu, \Sigma)$.
- Assume the precision matrix $Q = \Sigma^{-1}$ is sparse.
- Goal: Estimate Q and its graph structure.

Graphical Lasso:

- Estimate sparse Q from data $D = \{x^k\}$
- Idea: use MLE with some penalty to encourage sparsity.



Estimate $Q = \Sigma^{-1}$, with Q being sparse (many elements = 0).

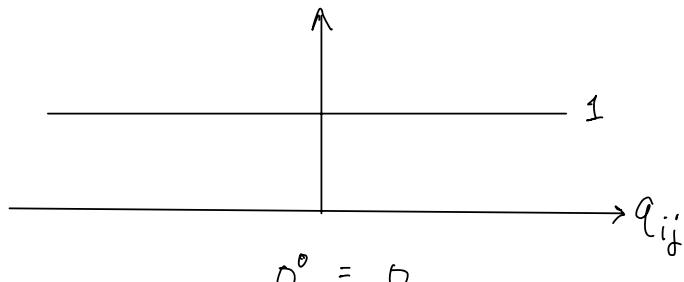
- 1) Assume $\mu = 0$ (if not, centralize the data).
- 2) $\max_Q \underbrace{\log P(D|Q)}_{\substack{\text{log likelihood} \\ \text{function}}} - \underbrace{\lambda \mathbb{I}(Q)}_{\text{penalty to encourage sparsity}}$

Want to max the likelihood but minimize the edges. How?

Define $\mathbb{E}(Q) \equiv \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{I}(q_{ij} \neq 0) = \# \text{ of edges.}$

$$= \sum_{i \neq j} q_{ij}^0 \triangleq \|Q\|_0 \quad (\text{L}_0 \text{ norm}).$$

Zero norm.



This is a L_0 regularized MLE. Difficult.

$$x^0 = 1 \text{ (if } x \neq 0\text{),}$$

Fix:

Relax it by using L_1 norm, to approximate L_0 norm.

L_1 norm:

$$\mathbb{E}(Q) = \sum_{i \neq j} |q_{ij}| \triangleq \|Q\|_1 \quad // \text{replace indicator function with absolute value.}$$

This is a convex function now.

$$\Rightarrow \max_Q \underbrace{\log P(D | Q)}_{\text{ll}} - \lambda \|Q\|_1 \quad (\text{Graphical Lasso}).$$

$$- \sum_{k=1}^N \log P(x^k | Q)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^N \left(-\frac{1}{2} (x^k)^T Q (x^k) + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det Q) \right)$$