

# Excercise 1

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## 1 Bayesian inference in simple conjugated families

(A)

$$p(\omega|\vec{x}) = \frac{p(\vec{x}|\omega)p(\omega)}{\int_{\Omega} p(\vec{x}|\alpha)p(\alpha)d\alpha} \quad (1)$$

For Bernoulli sampling model, the distribution of  $\vec{x}$  given  $\omega$  is

$$p(\vec{x}|\omega) = \prod_i p(x_i|\omega) = \omega^p(1-\omega)^q \quad (2)$$

$p$  and  $q$  are the number of two outcomes observed among all samples respectively. Of course  $p+q=N$ .

$$\begin{aligned} p(\omega|\vec{x}) &= \frac{\omega^{p+a-1}(1-\omega)^{N-q+b-1}}{\int_{\Omega} \alpha^{p+a-1}(1-\alpha)^{N-p+b-1}d\alpha} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(N+a+b)}{\Gamma(p+a)\Gamma(N-p+b)} \omega^{p+a-1}(1-\omega)^{N-p+b-1} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

(B) The PDF of the sum of two independent random variables is the convolution of their PDF.

$$\begin{aligned} p(Y_2 = y) &= \int p(X_1 = y-x)p(X_2 = x)dx \\ &= \frac{e^{-y}}{\Gamma(a_1)\Gamma(a_2)} \int_{x < y} x^{a_2-1}(y-x)^{a_1-1}dx \\ &= \frac{y^{a_1+a_2-1}e^{-y}}{\Gamma(a_1)\Gamma(a_2)} \int_{x < y} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{a_2-1} \left(1-\frac{x}{y}\right)^{a_1-1} d\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a_1+a_2)} y^{a_1+a_2-1} e^{-y} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Or directly use the property: the sum of independent gamma distributions  $\sum Ga(a_i, b)$  is equivalent to  $Ga(\sum a_i, b)$

The transformation can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= Y_1 Y_2 \\ X_2 &= Y_2 - Y_1 Y_2 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Jacobian is

$$J(X_1 X_2 | Y_1 Y_2) = \left| \begin{array}{cc} \frac{\partial X_1}{\partial Y_1} & \frac{\partial X_1}{\partial Y_2} \\ \frac{\partial X_2}{\partial Y_1} & \frac{\partial X_2}{\partial Y_2} \end{array} \right| = |Y_2| \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(Y_1 = y) &= \int p(X_1 = xy) p(X_2 = x - xy) |x| dx \\ &= \frac{y^{a_1-1} (1-y)^{a_2-1}}{\Gamma(a_1) \Gamma(a_2)} \int x^{a_1+a_2-1} e^{-x} dx \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(a_1 + a_2) y^{a_1-1} (1-y)^{a_2-1}}{\Gamma(a_1) \Gamma(a_2)} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

We can simulate  $Beta(a_1, a_2)$  by making  $X_1 = Ga(a_1, 1)$  and  $X_2 = Ga(a_2, 1)$  and then compute  $X_1/(X_1 + X_2)$  for each data point generated.

(C)

$$p(\theta | \vec{x}) = \frac{p(\vec{x} | \theta) p(\theta)}{\int_{\Omega} p(\vec{x} | \alpha) p(\alpha) d\alpha} \quad (8)$$

$$p(\vec{x} | \theta) = \prod_i p(x_i | \theta) = \text{Constant} \times e^{-\frac{\sum_i (x_i - \theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\omega | \vec{x}) &= \frac{e^{-\frac{\sum_i (x_i - \theta)^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{(\theta - m)^2}{2v^2}}}{\int_{\Omega} e^{-\frac{\sum_i (x_i - \alpha)^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{(\alpha - m)^2}{2v^2}} d\alpha} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2V^2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(\omega - M)^2}{2V^2}} \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$$V^2 = \frac{\sigma^2 v^2}{\sigma^2 + N v^2} \quad (11)$$

$$M = \frac{v^2 \sum_i x_i + \sigma^2 m}{\sigma^2 + N v^2} \quad (12)$$

The result is another Gaussian distribution

(D)

$$p(\omega | \vec{x}) = \frac{p(\vec{x} | \omega) p(\omega)}{\int_{\Omega} p(\vec{x} | \alpha) p(\alpha) d\alpha}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{e^{-(\frac{\sum_i (x_i - \theta)^2}{2} + b)} \omega^{a + \frac{N}{2} - 1}}{\int e^{-(\frac{\sum_i (x_i - \theta)^2}{2} + b)} \alpha^{a + \frac{N}{2} - 1} d\alpha} \\
&= \frac{(\frac{\sum_i (x_i - \theta)^2}{2} + b)^{a + \frac{N}{2}}}{\Gamma(a + \frac{N}{2})} e^{-(\frac{\sum_i (x_i - \theta)^2}{2} + b)} \omega^{a + \frac{N}{2} - 1} \quad (13)
\end{aligned}$$

Transform back to the distribution of  $\frac{1}{\omega}$ , using the fact that  $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{\omega}$  is strictly positive and monotonous, it can be shown that their pdf has relation

$$p(\sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma^4} p(\omega) |_{\omega = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}} \quad (14)$$

so we have

$$p(\sigma^2 | \vec{x}) = \frac{(\frac{\sum_i (x_i - \theta)^2}{2} + b)^{a + \frac{N}{2}}}{\Gamma(a + \frac{N}{2})} \frac{e^{-(\frac{\sum_i (x_i - \theta)^2}{2} + b) \frac{1}{\sigma^2}}}{\sigma^{2a + N + 2}} \quad (15)$$

(E)

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\omega | \vec{x}) &= \frac{p(\vec{x} | \omega) p(\omega)}{\int_{\Omega} p(\vec{x} | \alpha) p(\alpha) d\alpha} \\
&= \frac{e^{-\sum_i \frac{(x_i - \theta)^2}{2\sigma_i^2} - \frac{(\theta - m)^2}{2v^2}}}{\int_{\Omega} e^{-\sum_i \frac{(x_i - \alpha)^2}{2\sigma_i^2} - \frac{(\alpha - m)^2}{2v^2}} d\alpha} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2V^2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(\omega - M)^2}{2V^2}} \quad (16)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{V^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} + \sum_i \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \quad (17)$$

$$M = \frac{\sum_i \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2} + \frac{m}{v^2}}{\frac{1}{v^2} + \sum_i \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}} \quad (18)$$

(F) Compute the distribution of  $\sigma^2$  from that of  $\frac{1}{\sigma^2}$

$$p(\sigma^2 = \omega^2) = \frac{1}{\omega^4} p\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} = \frac{1}{\omega^2}\right) = \frac{b^a \omega^{-2a-2} e^{-\frac{b}{\omega^2}}}{\Gamma(a)} \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p(x) &= \int p(x | \sigma^2 = \omega^2) p(\sigma^2 = \omega^2) d\omega^2 \\
&= \frac{b^a}{\sqrt{2\pi}\Gamma(a)} \int_0^\infty \omega^{-2a-3} e^{-\frac{b}{\omega^2} - \frac{x^2}{2\omega^2}} d\omega^2 \quad (20)
\end{aligned}$$

doing transformation  $d\omega^2 = -\mu^{-2}d\mu$  where  $\mu = \frac{1}{\omega^2}$ . Also use Gamma integral:

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= -\frac{b^a}{\sqrt{2\pi}\Gamma(a)} \int_{\infty}^0 \mu^{a-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-(b+\frac{x^2}{2})\mu} d\mu \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(a+\frac{1}{2})}{\sqrt{2b\pi}\Gamma(a)} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2b}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}-a} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

This is Student's t-distribution.

## 2 The multivariate normal distribution

- (A) The expectation value is linear. If  $x$  and  $y$  are random variables and  $a$  and  $b$  are constants:

$$E(ax + by) = aE(x) + bE(y) \quad (22)$$

This can be generalized for matrix coefficients and random variables

$$(E(AX))_{ij} = E\left(\sum_k A_{ik} X_{kj}\right) = \sum_k A_{ik} E(X_{kj}) = (AE(X))_{ij} \quad (23)$$

$$E((\vec{x} - \vec{\mu})(\vec{x} - \vec{\mu})^T) = E(\vec{x}\vec{x}^T) - \vec{\mu}E(\vec{x}^T) - E(\vec{x})\vec{\mu}^T + \vec{\mu}\vec{\mu}^T = E(\vec{x}\vec{x}^T) - \vec{\mu}\vec{\mu}^T \quad (24)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(A\vec{x}) &= E(A\vec{x}\vec{x}^T A^T) - AE(\vec{x})E(\vec{x})^T A^T \\ &= AE(\vec{x}\vec{x}^T)A^T - AE(\vec{x})E(\vec{x})^T A^T = ACov(\vec{x})A^T \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Adding  $b$  will not change the result as it is cancelled in  $\vec{x} - \vec{\mu}$ , so we have

$$Cov(A\vec{x} + b) = ACov(\vec{x})A^T \quad (26)$$

- (B)

$$p(\vec{z}) = \prod_i p(z_i) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{dim(\vec{z})}{2}}} e^{-\frac{|\vec{z}|^2}{2}} \quad (27)$$

$$M(\vec{x}, \vec{t}) = \prod_i M(x_i, t_i) = e^{\frac{|\vec{t}|^2}{2}} \quad (28)$$

- (C) If  $\vec{x} \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$ , since  $\vec{a}^T \vec{x} \sim N(\vec{a}^T \vec{\mu}, \vec{a}^T \Sigma \vec{a})$ , its moment generating function evaluated at  $t = 1$  is

$$E(e^{\vec{a}^T \vec{x}}) = e^{\vec{a}^T \vec{\mu} + \frac{\vec{a}^T \Sigma \vec{a}}{2}} \quad (29)$$

this is the moment generating function of  $\vec{x}$  evaluated at  $\vec{t} = \vec{a}$ . It is the same as the form we want.

If  $x$  has the proposed moment generating function, we can evaluate it at  $\vec{t} = \vec{a}$  for any nonzero  $\vec{a}$ . It will be a moment generating function of  $\vec{a}^T \vec{x}$  at  $t = 1$ . Easy to see it is of the form of a moment generating function from Gaussian distribution.

(D)

$$\begin{aligned} E(e^{t^T Lz + t^T \mu}) &= e^{t^T \mu} E(e^{(L^T t)^T z}) \\ &= e^{t^T \mu + \frac{(L^T t)^T (L^T t)}{2}} \\ &= e^{t^T \mu + \frac{t^T (LL^T) t}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

From (A)  $LL^T$  is the covariance matrix of  $Lz + \mu$ . From (C) this proves  $Lz + \mu$  is multivariate normal.

(E) Because covariance matrix is symmetric and positive semi-definite, it can be written as  $\Sigma = L^T D L$ , where  $D$  is diagonal with every entry nonnegative and  $L$  is orthogonal.

Define  $y = D^{-\frac{1}{2}} L(x - \mu)$ . Using similar derivation as in last question.

$$\begin{aligned} E(e^{t^T y}) &= E(e^{t^T D^{-\frac{1}{2}} Lx - t^T D^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mu}) \\ &= E(e^{t^T D^{-\frac{1}{2}} Lx}) \\ &= e^{\frac{t^T (D^{-1} L \Sigma L^T) t}{2}} = e^{\frac{t^T (D D^{-1}) t}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

( $D^{-1}$  is not the inverse of  $D$ ).  $y$  is a collection of independent standard normal distribution and zeros.  $x = L^T D^{\frac{1}{2}} y + \mu$  is the desired transformation. To simulate a multivariate Gaussian. Diagonalize its covariance matrix and simulate univariate Gaussian whose mean is zero and standard deviation being diagonal entries of  $D$ . Then perform the transformation.

(F) There exists an array of independent normal distribution with mean 0 which can be transformed to  $x$  after an affine transformation. They have PDF:

$$f(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{\dim(x)}{2}} \prod_i \sigma_i} e^{-\sum_i \frac{z_i^2}{2\sigma_i^2}} \quad (32)$$

Let  $L$  be the rotation in the affine transformation. From previous question we have  $\Sigma = L D L^T$  where  $L = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \dots)$  and  $\det(\Sigma) = \prod_i \sigma_i$ . Set  $y = Lz$ , we have

$$f(\vec{y}) = |L| f(L\vec{z}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi\Sigma)}} e^{-\frac{y^T \Sigma^{-1} y}{2}} \quad (33)$$

This is a quadratic form of  $y = x - \mu$ .

(G) Compute the moment generating function, using the fact that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are independent

$$\begin{aligned} E(e^{t^T(Ax_1+Bx_2)}) &= e^{t^T A\mu_1 + \frac{t^T A^T \Sigma_1 A t}{2}} e^{t^T B\mu_2 + \frac{t^T B^T \Sigma_2 B t}{2}} \\ &= e^{t^T(A\mu_1+B\mu_2) + \frac{t^T(A^T \Sigma_1 A + B^T \Sigma_2 B)t}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

(A)  $\vec{x}_1 = A\vec{x}$  where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (35)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\vec{x}_1) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi A \Sigma A^T)}} e^{-\frac{(\vec{x}_1 - \vec{\mu}_1)^T (A \Sigma A^T)^{-1} (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{\mu}_1)}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi \Sigma_{11})}} e^{-\frac{(\vec{x}_1 - \vec{\mu}_1)^T \Sigma_{11}^{-1} (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{\mu}_1)}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

(B)

$$\Omega_{11} = (\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{12}^T)^{-1} \quad (37)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{12} &= -\Sigma_{11}^{-1} \Sigma_{12} (\Sigma_{22} - \Sigma_{12}^T \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \Sigma_{12})^{-1} \\ &= -\Sigma_{11}^{-1} \Sigma_{12} \Omega_{22} \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{21}^T = \Omega_{12} &= -(\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{12}^T)^{-1} \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \\ &= -\Omega_{11} \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

$$\Omega_{22} = (\Sigma_{22} - \Sigma_{12}^T \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \Sigma_{12})^{-1} \quad (40)$$

(C)

$$\begin{aligned} f(\vec{x}_1 | \vec{x}_2) &= f(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2) / f(\vec{x}_2) \\ &\propto e^{-\frac{(\vec{x} - \vec{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x} - \vec{\mu}) - (\vec{x}_2 - \vec{\mu}_2)^T \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (\vec{x}_2 - \vec{\mu}_2)}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

Compute the arguments of exponentials, keeping only the  $\vec{x}_1$  dependent parts:

$$\begin{aligned} &(\vec{x} - \vec{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x} - \vec{\mu}) - (\vec{x}_2 - \vec{\mu}_2)^T \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (\vec{x}_2 - \vec{\mu}_2) \\ &= (\vec{x}_1^T - \vec{\mu}_1^T, \vec{x}_2^T - \vec{\mu}_2^T) \begin{pmatrix} \Omega_{11} & \Omega_{12} \\ \Omega_{12}^T & \Omega_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{x}_1 - \vec{\mu}_1 \\ \vec{x}_2 - \vec{\mu}_2 \end{pmatrix} + \dots \\ &= ((\vec{x}_1 - \vec{\mu}_1)^T \Omega_{11} + (\vec{x}_2 - \vec{\mu}_2)^T \Omega_{12}^T, (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{\mu}_1)^T \Omega_{12} + (\vec{x}_2 - \vec{\mu}_2)^T \Omega_{22}) \\ &\quad \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \vec{x}_1 - \vec{\mu}_1 \\ \vec{x}_2 - \vec{\mu}_2 \end{pmatrix} + \dots \\ &= (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{\mu}_1)^T \Omega_{11} (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{\mu}_1) + 2(\vec{x}_2 - \vec{\mu}_2)^T \Omega_{12}^T (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{\mu}_1) + \dots \\ &= ((\vec{x}_1 - \vec{\mu}_1)^T + (\vec{x}_2 - \vec{\mu}_2)^T \Omega_{12}^T \Omega_{11}^{-1}) \Omega_{11} (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{\mu}_1 + \Omega_{11}^{-1} \Omega_{12} (\vec{x}_2 - \vec{\mu}_2)) + \dots \\ &= ((\vec{x}_1 - \vec{\mu}_1)^T - (\vec{x}_2 - \vec{\mu}_2)^T \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \Sigma_{12}^T) (\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{12}^T)^{-1} (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{\mu}_1 - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} (\vec{x}_2 - \vec{\mu}_2)) \\ &\quad + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

So the function  $f(\vec{x}_1|\vec{x}_2)$  peaks at values that makes  $\vec{x}_1 - \vec{\mu}_1 - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}(\vec{x}_2 - \vec{\mu}_2)$  vanish. This gives  $\vec{x}_1$  as a linear function of  $\vec{x}_2$

### 3 Multiple regression: three classical principles for inference

(A) Least squares: expand the target function, and differentiate against  $\beta$

$$\text{RSS} = \sum_i -2\vec{x}_i^T \vec{\beta} y_i + \vec{\beta}^T \vec{x}_i \vec{x}_i^T \vec{\beta} + \dots \quad (43)$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{RSS}}{\partial \vec{\beta}} = \sum_i -2\vec{x}_i y_i + 2\vec{x}_i \vec{x}_i^T \vec{\beta} \quad (44)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \text{RSS}}{\partial \vec{\beta}^2} = \sum_i 2\vec{x}_i \vec{x}_i^T \quad (45)$$

The solution for minimization problem is all the  $\beta$  satisfying

$$\vec{x}_i y_i = \vec{x}_i \vec{x}_i^T \vec{\beta} \quad (46)$$

for all  $i$ . This can be written in the matrix form

$$X\vec{y} = XX^T \vec{\beta} \quad (47)$$

Maximum likelihood:

$$\prod_i p(y_i|\vec{\beta}, \sigma^2) \propto e^{-\frac{\text{SE}}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (48)$$

The maximization of this function is minimization of  $SE$ .

Method of moments:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov}(\epsilon, i) &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_k (X_{ik} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_j X_{ij})(\epsilon_k - \bar{\epsilon}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n-1} ((X\bar{\epsilon})_i - \bar{\epsilon} \sum_k X_{ik} - (\frac{1}{n} \sum_j X_{ij}) \sum_k \epsilon_k + \bar{\epsilon} \sum_j X_{ij}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n-1} (\sum_k X_{ik} (\bar{\epsilon}_k - \bar{\epsilon})) \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

Plug in  $\bar{\epsilon} = \vec{y} - X^T \vec{\beta}$ . Suppose we just make the first term above zero:

$$0 = X\bar{\epsilon} = X(\vec{y} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_i y_i) - X(X^T \vec{\beta} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_i (X^T \vec{\beta})_i) \quad (50)$$

- (B) The estimator can be computed with the same formula in previous question except we replace  $y_i$  by  $\sqrt{\omega_i}y_i$  and  $X_{ij}$  by  $\sqrt{\omega_i}X_{ij}$ .

Let  $\sigma_i^2 = \frac{1}{\omega_i}$ , then the joint pdf of  $\vec{y}$  becomes proportional to

$$e^{-\frac{\text{RSS}}{2}} \quad (51)$$

## 4 Quantifying uncertainty: some basic frequentist ideas

### 4.1 In linear regression

(A)

$$\vec{\beta}_{\text{estimate}} = (XX^T)^{-1}X\vec{y} = (XX^T)^{-1}X(X^T\vec{\beta} + \vec{\epsilon}) = \vec{\beta} + (XX^T)^{-1}X\vec{\epsilon} \quad (52)$$

Therefore,  $\vec{\beta}_{\text{estimate}} \sim N(\vec{\beta}, \sigma^2(XX^T)^{-1})$

- (B) Let  $H = X^T(XX^T)^{-1}X$ , then we have  $H^T = H$ ,  $\vec{y}_{\text{estimate}} = H\vec{y}$  and also  $(1 - H)^2 = (1 - H)$

$$\begin{aligned} & E(|\vec{y}_{\text{estimate}} - \vec{y}|^2) \\ &= E(\vec{y}^T(1 - H)\vec{y}) \\ &= E(\text{Tr}(\vec{y}^T(1 - H)\vec{y})) \\ &= E(\text{Tr}((1 - H)\vec{y}\vec{y}^T)) \\ &= \text{Tr}((1 - H)E(\vec{y}\vec{y}^T)) \\ &= \text{Tr}(1 - H)\sigma^2 \\ &= (n - p)\sigma^2 \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

Therefore  $\sigma^2 = \frac{\text{RSS}}{n-p}$  and we can estimate  $\sigma^2$  by computing the RSS of given data.

### 4.2 Propagating uncertainty

1.

$$\begin{aligned} & E((\theta_1 + \theta_2 - \bar{\theta}_1 - \bar{\theta}_2)^2) \\ &= E((\theta_1 + \theta_2)^2) - (\bar{\theta}_1 + \bar{\theta}_2)^2 \\ &= E(\theta_1^2) - \bar{\theta}_1^2 + E(\theta_2^2) - \bar{\theta}_2^2 + 2(E(\theta_1\theta_2) - \bar{\theta}_1\bar{\theta}_2) \\ &= \sigma_{11}^2 + \sigma_{22}^2 + 2\sigma_{12}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

For  $f = \sum_i \theta_i$

$$\sigma_f^2 = \sum_{ij} \sigma_{ij} \quad (55)$$



2. Suppose  $f$  takes value at  $\vec{\theta} = 0$  and we expand it around this point.

$$f = f(0) + \sum_i \theta_i \frac{\partial f(0)}{\partial \theta_i} + O(\theta^2 \frac{\partial^2 f(0)}{\partial \theta^2}) \quad (56)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E((f - E(f))^2) &= E((\sum_i \theta_i \frac{\partial f(0)}{\partial \theta_i} - \sum_i \frac{\partial f(0)}{\partial \theta_i} E(\theta_i))^2) \\ &= \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_j} \sigma_{ij}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$