

1. The density of \vec{u} , is $f_{\vec{u}} = f_{\vec{x}}(g^{-1}(\vec{u}))||J||$

First, we find the partials:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial u_j} &= \frac{1}{u_{d+1}} \\ \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial j_i} &= \frac{1}{u_i} + \frac{1}{u_{d+1}}\end{aligned}$$

Which gives us the Jacobian:

$$\begin{aligned}J &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial u_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial u_d} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial x_d}{\partial u_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial x_d}{\partial u_d} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{u_1} + \frac{1}{u_{d+1}} & & \frac{1}{u_{d+1}} \\ & \ddots & \\ \frac{1}{u_{d+1}} & & \frac{1}{u_d} + \frac{1}{u_{d+1}} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{u_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{u_d} \end{bmatrix} I_d + \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \frac{1}{u_{d+1}} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Letting $X = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{u_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{u_d} \end{bmatrix}$ and $C = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \frac{1}{u_{d+1}} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$, Sylvester's Formula gives us that:

$$\begin{aligned}\det(J) &= \det(X \times I_d) \cdot (1 + CX^{-1} [\dots \ 1 \ \dots]) \\ &= \left(\prod_{i=1}^d \frac{1}{u_i} \right) \left(1 + \left(\frac{\frac{1}{u_{d+1}}}{\frac{1}{u_1}} + \dots + \frac{\frac{1}{u_{d+1}}}{\frac{1}{u_d}} \right) \right) \\ &= \left(\prod_{i=1}^d \frac{1}{u_i} \right) \left(\frac{u_1 + \dots + u_d}{u_{d+1}} + \frac{u_{d+1}}{u_{d+1}} \right) \\ &= \left(\prod_{i=1}^d \frac{1}{u_i} \right) \left(\frac{1 - u_{d+1}}{u_{d+1}} + \frac{u_{d+1}}{u_{d+1}} \right) \\ &= \left(\prod_{i=1}^{d+1} u_i \right)^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $||J|| = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{d+1} u_i \right)^{-1}$. We need not worry about the absolute value as each element $u_i \in [0, 1]$.

So we know the density of \vec{u} to be (for $\vec{u} \in S^d$):

$$f_{\vec{u}}(\vec{u}) = |2\pi\Sigma|^{-1/2} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{d+1} u_i \right)^{-1} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \log \left(\frac{u}{u_{d+1}} \right) - \mu \right\}^T \Sigma^{-1} \left\{ \log \left(\frac{u}{u_{d+1}} \right) - \mu \right\} \right]$$

2. Finding the MLEs:

First for $\vec{\mu}$, we find $\frac{\partial f_{\vec{u}}(\vec{u})}{\partial \vec{\mu}} = 0$, which becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{\partial \left(-\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \log \left(\frac{u}{u_{d+1}} \right) - \mu \right\}^T \Sigma^{-1} \left\{ \log \left(\frac{u}{u_{d+1}} \right) - \mu \right\} \right)}{\partial \vec{\mu}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(-2\Sigma^{-1} \left(\log \left(\frac{u}{u_{d+1}} \right) - \mu \right) \right) \\ \mu &= \log \left(\frac{u}{u_{d+1}} \right) \\ \hat{\vec{\mu}}_{mle} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \log \left(\frac{\vec{u}_i}{(u_{d+1})_i} \right)}{n} \end{aligned}$$

This makes a lot of sense intuitively. The MLE of $\vec{\mu}$, which is the mean of each u , is just the empirical mean of each u over all of our observations.

Rather than solving for α and β analytically - we came to a solution numerically. α is the diagonal of the covariance matrix, so we just found the mean of the variance terms of each dimension. So we have that:

$$\alpha = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^d \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (X_{ij} - \hat{\mu}_i)}{d}$$

Similarly, $-\beta$ is the mean of the sample covariance between each pair of dimensions:

$$-\beta = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{j=i+1}^d \text{Cov}(col_i, col_j)}{\binom{d}{2}}$$

where col_i is the column of data in dimension i

We coded up the numerical solution and compared it to generated data (in attached R)

2. 1 The likelihood function is

$$L(g, \theta_L, \theta_H) = \prod_{i=1}^N p(y_{i1}, \dots, y_{iP} | g, \theta_L, \theta_H)$$

where N and P are defined from the data generating process (number of observations and number of features, respectively). Then,

$$p(y_{i1}, \dots, y_{iP} | g, \theta_L, \theta_H) = \prod_{j=1}^P p(y_{ij} | g, \theta_L, \theta_H)$$

$$p(y_{ij} | g, \theta_L, \theta_H) = g_{H,i} \prod_{k=1}^{d_j} (\theta_{H,jk})^{I(y_{ij}=k)} + g_{L,i} \prod_{k=1}^{d_j} (\theta_{L,jk})^{I(y_{ij}=k)}$$

where d_j is the number of categories of feature j . So we can write the entire likelihood to be:

$$L(g, \theta_L, \theta_H) = \prod_{i=1}^N \prod_{j=1}^P \left(g_{H,i} \prod_{k=1}^{d_j} (\theta_{H,jk})^{I(y_{ij}=k)} + g_{L,i} \prod_{k=1}^{d_j} (\theta_{L,jk})^{I(y_{ij}=k)} \right)$$

and the log-likelihood:

$$l(g, \theta_L, \theta_H) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^P \left(\log \left(g_{H,i} \prod_{k=1}^{d_j} (\theta_{H,jk})^{I(y_{ij}=k)} + g_{L,i} \prod_{k=1}^{d_j} (\theta_{L,jk})^{I(y_{ij}=k)} \right) \right)$$