

CSE 5522 HOMEWORK 1

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1. (a) We compute $P(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x, y) dy$. From the definition of the multivariate Gaussian distribution, we have:

$$P(x, y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{|C|^{1/2}}} e^{\frac{-1}{2}(x-\mu)^T C^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} - \mu},$$

where C the covariance matrix is given by:

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We compute:

$$|C| = \det(C) = \sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2 - \rho^2\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2 = \sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2(1 - \rho^2).$$

And:

$$\begin{aligned} C^{-1} &= \frac{1}{|C|} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_2^2 & -\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ -\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_1^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2(1 - \rho^2)} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_2^2 & -\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ -\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_1^2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

And:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} - \mu = \begin{pmatrix} x - \mu_1 \\ y - \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

So we have:

$$\begin{aligned} &(x - \mu)^T C^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} - \mu \\ &= (x - \mu_1, y - \mu_2) \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2(1 - \rho^2)} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_2^2 & -\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ -\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_1^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x - \mu_1 \\ y - \mu_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (x - \mu_1, y - \mu_2) \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2(1 - \rho^2)} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_2^2(x - \mu_1) - \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2(y - \mu_2) \\ -\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2(x - \mu_1) + \sigma_1^2(y - \mu_2) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2(1 - \rho^2)} \cdot \sigma_2^2(x - \mu_1)^2 - \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2(x - \mu_1)(y - \mu_2) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2(1 - \rho^2)} \cdot \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2(x - \mu_1)(y - \mu_2) + \sigma_1^2(y - \mu_2)^2 \\ &= \frac{(x - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2(1 - \rho^2)} - \frac{2\rho(x - \mu_1)(y - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2(1 - \rho^2)} + \frac{(y - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2(1 - \rho^2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \rho^2} \left(\frac{(x - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - \frac{2\rho(x - \mu_1)(y - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} + \frac{(y - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

So all together:

$$\begin{aligned} P(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}Z} \\ &= Ae^{-\frac{1}{2}Z}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

for $A = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}$, where:

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \left(\frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - 2\rho \frac{(x-\mu_1)(y-\mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} + \frac{(y-\mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \left(\left(\frac{y-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} - \rho \frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 + (1-\rho^2) \left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \left(\frac{y-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} - \rho \frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 \\ &= B + \left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

So we have:

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \left(\frac{y-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} - \rho \frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \left(\frac{(y-\mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} - 2\rho \frac{(y-\mu_2)(x-\mu_1)}{\sigma_2\sigma_1} + \rho^2 \frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \left(\frac{y^2}{\sigma_2^2} - \frac{2y\mu_2}{\sigma_2^2} - \frac{2y\rho(x-\mu_1)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} + \frac{\mu_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} + \frac{2\mu_2\rho(x-\mu_1)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} + \frac{\rho^2(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{y^2 - 2y\mu_2 - 2y\rho\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}(x-\mu_1) + \mu_2^2 + 2\mu_2\rho\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}(x-\mu_1) + \rho^2\frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2}(x-\mu_1)^2}{(1-\rho^2)\sigma_2^2} \\ &= \frac{y^2 - 2y\mu_2 - 2y\rho\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}(x-\mu_1) + (\mu_2 + \rho\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}(x-\mu_1))^2}{(1-\rho^2)\sigma_2^2} \\ &= \frac{\left(y - (\mu_2 + \rho\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}(x-\mu_1)) \right)^2}{(1-\rho^2)\sigma_2^2} \\ &= \frac{(y - g(x))^2}{(1-\rho^2)\sigma_2^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where $g(x) = (\mu_2 + \rho\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}(x-\mu_1))$. So we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x, y) dy &= Ae^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2}} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}B} \\ &= Ae^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2}} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(y-g(x))^2}{(1-\rho^2)\sigma_2^2}}, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

So we let $\sigma' = \sqrt{1 - \rho^2}\sigma_2$. Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x, y) dy &= Ae^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2}} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2} B} \\ &= Ae^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2}} \cdot \sqrt{2\pi\sigma'} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma'}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(y-g(x))^2}{\sigma'^2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

But this integrand on the right is exactly a univariate Gaussian distribution in y with mean $g(x)$ and variance σ'^2 . So it integrates to 1, and we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x, y) dy &= Ae^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2}} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2} B} \\ &= Ae^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2}} \cdot \sqrt{2\pi\sigma'} \\ &= Ae^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2}} \cdot \sqrt{2\pi} \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \sigma_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2}} \cdot \sqrt{2\pi} \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \sigma_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Note from the definition of univariate Gaussian distribution that

$$P(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x, y) dy$$

is itself Gaussian with mean μ_1 and variance σ_1^2 .

(b) The mean is μ_1 and the variance is σ_1^2 .

(c) Assume $\rho = 0$. Prove that $P(x, y) = P(x)P(y)$.

Proof. Note by the same excruciating derivation from part (a) we know:

$$P(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(y-\mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2}}.$$

So recall:

$$P(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} Z}. \quad (9)$$

And also recall:

$$Z = \frac{1}{1 - \rho^2} \left(\frac{y - \mu_2}{\sigma_2} - \rho \frac{x - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{x - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 \quad (10)$$

Now since $\rho = 0$ we have:

$$Z = \left(\frac{y - \mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{x - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 \quad (11)$$

And so:

$$\begin{aligned} P(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\left(\frac{y-\mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2\right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\left(\frac{y-\mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2\right)}, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

again since $\rho = 0$. But:

$$\begin{aligned} P(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\left(\frac{y-\mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2\right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(y-\mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2}} \\ &= P(x) \cdot P(y). \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

□

2. (a) Prove that if A, B, C are mutually independent, then A, B are conditionally independent given C .

Remark 1. These are really easy, know how to do these if you got them wrong.

Proof. Let A, B, C be mutually independent. Then we know by definition:

$$\begin{aligned} P(A, B, C) &= P(A)P(B)P(C) \\ P(A, B) &= P(A)P(B) \\ P(B, C) &= P(B)P(C) \\ P(A, C) &= P(A)P(C) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Recall from the definition of conditional independence that A and B are conditionally independent given C if and only if we have:

$$P(A|B, C) = P(A|C).$$

So using product rule, we write:

$$P(A|B, C) = \frac{P(A, B, C)}{P(B, C)} = \frac{P(A)P(B)P(C)}{P(B)P(C)} = P(A).$$

But note:

$$P(A|C) = \frac{P(A, C)}{P(C)} = \frac{P(A)P(C)}{P(C)} = P(A).$$

So we have the desired equality: A, B are conditionally independent given C by definition. □

- (b) We give a simple example JPT to illustrate part (a).

TABLE 1. Joint probability table.

	A		$\neg A$	
	B	$\neg B$	B	$\neg B$
C	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125
$\neg C$	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125

Note we have $P(A) = P(B) = P(C) = 0.5$. Note also

$$\begin{aligned} P(A, B) &= P(B, C) = P(A, C) = 0.25 \\ &= P(A)P(B) = P(A)P(C) = P(B)P(C). \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

And finally note that $P(A, B, C) = 0.125 = P(A)P(B)P(C) = 0.5^3$. So we have mutual independence. And we see that $P(A|B, C) = \frac{P(A, B, C)}{P(B, C)} = \frac{0.125}{0.25} = \frac{1}{2}$. And $P(A|C) = \frac{P(A, C)}{P(C)} = \frac{0.25}{0.5} = 0.5$. So they are equal and we have A, B conditionally independent given C .

- (c) *Prove that if A and B, C are conditionally independent given D , then A, B are conditionally independent given D .*

Proof. Since A and B, C are conditionally independent given D , we know:

$$P(A|B, C, D) = P(A|D).$$

We want to show:

$$P(A|B, D) = P(A|D).$$

Note that $P(B) = P(B, C|P(C) = 1)$. So we have:

$$P(A|B, D) = P(A|B, C, D|P(C) = 1) = P(A|D).$$

So we have the desired result. \square

Remark 2. Know this is as well, it's really easy, just d -separation. If there's any single directed path that isn't d separated, then they're dependent.

3. (a) Given that E is empty, fanbelt broken is independent of **alternator broken** since it is d -separated by no charging; **battery age, battery dead, and battery meter** since they are d -separated by battery flat; and **no oil, no gas, fuel line blocked, starter broken, and dipstick** since they are all d -separated by one of lights, oil light, gas gauge, or car won't start.
- (b) Given E is empty, battery meter is independent of **alternator broke, fanbelt broken, and no charging** since they are d -separated by battery flat. It is also independent of **no oil, no gas, fuel line blocked, starter broken, and dipstick** since they are all d -separated by one of lights, oil light, gas gauge, or car won't start.
- (c) Given $E =$ battery flat, battery age is conditionally independent of **no oil, no gas, fuel line blocked, starter broken, lights, oil light, gas gauge, car won't start, and dipstick** since d -separated by battery flat, which is observed.
- (d) Given $E =$ battery dead, no charging, we know battery flat is conditionally independent of **battery age, alternator broke, and fanbelt broken** since they are d separated by one of the nodes in E . And it is also independent of **no oil, no gas, fuel line blocked, starter broken, and dipstick** since they are all d -separated by one of lights, oil light, gas gauge, or car won't start.

4. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
P(b|j, m) &= \alpha P(b) \sum_E \left(P(E) \sum_A (P(A|b, E)P(j|A)P(m|A)) \right) \\
&= \alpha P(b) \sum_E (P(E) (P(a|b, E)P(j|a)P(m|a) + P(\neg a|b, E)P(j|\neg a)P(m|\neg a))) \quad (16) \\
&= \alpha P(b) [P(e) (P(a|b, e)P(j|a)P(m|a) + P(\neg a|b, e)P(j|\neg a)P(m|\neg a)) \\
&\quad + P(\neg e) (P(a|b, \neg e)P(j|a)P(m|a) + P(\neg a|b, \neg e)P(j|\neg a)P(m|\neg a))].
\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha^{-1} &= \sum_B \sum_E \sum_A P(B, E, A, j, m) \\
&= \alpha^{-1} \sum_B \left(P(B) \sum_E \left(P(E) \sum_A (P(A|B, E)P(j|A)P(m|A)) \right) \right) \quad (17)
\end{aligned}$$

Assume B is true. Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_b^{-1} &= 0.001 \sum_E \left(P(E) \sum_A (P(A|b, E)P(j|A)P(m|A)) \right) \\
&= 0.001 \cdot 0.002 \sum_A (P(A|b, e)P(j|A)P(m|A)) \\
&\quad + 0.001 \cdot 0.998 \sum_A (P(A|b, \neg e)P(j|A)P(m|A)) \quad (18) \\
&= 0.001 \cdot 0.002 \cdot 0.95 \cdot 0.90 \cdot 0.7 \\
&\quad + 0.001 \cdot 0.998 \cdot 0.94 \cdot 0.90 \cdot 0.7 \\
&\quad + 0.001 \cdot 0.002 \cdot 0.05 \cdot 0.05 \cdot 0.01 \\
&\quad + 0.001 \cdot 0.998 \cdot 0.06 \cdot 0.05 \cdot 0.01 \\
&\approx 0.0005922.
\end{aligned}$$

Now assume B is false. Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_{\neg b}^{-1} &= 0.001 \sum_E \left(P(E) \sum_A (P(A|b, E)P(j|A)P(m|A)) \right) \\
&= 0.999 \cdot 0.002 \sum_A (P(A|b, e)P(j|A)P(m|A)) \\
&\quad + 0.999 \cdot 0.998 \sum_A (P(A|b, \neg e)P(j|A)P(m|A)) \quad (19) \\
&= 0.999 \cdot 0.002 \cdot 0.29 \cdot 0.90 \cdot 0.7 \\
&\quad + 0.999 \cdot 0.998 \cdot 0.001 \cdot 0.90 \cdot 0.7 \\
&\quad + 0.999 \cdot 0.002 \cdot 0.71 \cdot 0.05 \cdot 0.01 \\
&\quad + 0.999 \cdot 0.998 \cdot 0.999 \cdot 0.05 \cdot 0.01 \\
&\approx 0.00149.
\end{aligned}$$

So $\alpha^{-1} = \alpha_b^{-1} + \alpha_{\neg b}^{-1} = 0.00208$. Thus $\alpha = 479.8234$.

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
P(b|j, m) &= 479.8234P(b) \sum_E \left(P(E) \sum_A (P(A|b, E)P(j|A)P(m|A)) \right) \\
&= 479.8234P(b) \sum_E (P(E) (P(a|b, E)P(j|a)P(m|a) + P(\neg a|b, E)P(j|\neg a)P(m|\neg a))) \\
&= 479.8234P(b) [P(e) (P(a|b, e)P(j|a)P(m|a) + P(\neg a|b, e)P(j|\neg a)P(m|\neg a)) \\
&\quad + P(\neg e) (P(a|b, \neg e)P(j|a)P(m|a) + P(\neg a|b, \neg e)P(j|\neg a)P(m|\neg a))] \\
&= 0.28417.
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

(d)

$$P(j, m) = \alpha^{-1} = 0.00208. \tag{21}$$

5.

Remark 3. Ask for solutions.

- (a) *Proof.* Let (V, E) be an undirected path from $X \rightarrow W$. Then since this path must contain U for some node $U \in \text{Blanket}(X)$, which we know by definition of the Markov blanket: the path must pass through one of the parents, children, or children's parents of X . Thus it satisfies the first d-separation criterion, and hence is conditionally independent. \square
- (b) *Proof.* Assume W is not X and outside markov blanket. Then assume W is not a descendant of X , and assume there exists an undirected path to it from X . Given the parents of X , we know W is d separated from the grandparents of X by the first d separation criterion since we are assuming we observe its parents. And it is d-separated from its siblings by the second d separation criterion (common cause) since we observe its parents. And since any undirected path to X from a node which is not its descendant must pass through its grandparents or siblings, we know W is conditionally independent of X . \square

Remark 4. Ask for solution. You should know how to write joint probabilities from Markov networks. for problem 7

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$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{P(x_1 = 1 \vee Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\})}{P(x_1 = -1 \vee Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\})} &= e^{-E(x_+, y) + E(x_-, y)} \\
&= e^{-(h+h \sum_{i>1} x_i - 2\beta - \beta \sum_{i,j \neq 1,2;1,3} x_i x_j - \eta \sum_j x_i y_i)} \\
&\quad \times e^{(-h+h \sum_{i>1} x_i - 2\beta - \beta \sum_{i,j \neq 1,2;1,3} x_i x_j - \eta \sum_j x_i y_i)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$