

1. Consider  $X \sim \mathcal{N}_3(0, \Sigma)$ . Show that  $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2 \mid X_3$  if and only if

$$\rho_{12} = \rho_{13}\rho_{23},$$

where  $\rho_{ij}$  denotes the correlation between  $X_i$  and  $X_j$ .

2. Show that if  $X \sim \mathcal{N}_3(0, \Sigma)$  with  $\Sigma$  regular, then  $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2$  and  $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2 \mid X_3$  implies that either  $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp (X_2, X_3)$  or  $(X_1, X_3) \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2$ .
3. Consider a Gaussian distribution  $\mathcal{N}_4(0, \Sigma)$  with

$$K = \Sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 12 & 2 & 5 \\ 4 & 2 & 14 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 & 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

What is the conditional distribution of  $X_2$  given  $(X_1 = 1, X_4 = 0)$ ?

4. Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5$  be independent with  $X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . Define recursively  $Y_1 \leftarrow X_1$ ,  $Y_2 \leftarrow X_2 + Y_1$ ,  $Y_3 \leftarrow X_3 + Y_2$ ,  $Y_4 \leftarrow X_4 + Y_3$ ,  $Y_5 \leftarrow X_5 + Y_4$ .
- (a) Find the covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  of  $Y$ ;
- (b) Find the concentration matrix  $K = \Sigma^{-1}$  of  $Y$ .
- (c) Construct the dependence graph of  $Y$ ;
- (d) Find the conditional distribution of  $Y_3$  given  $Y_1 = y_1, Y_2 = y_2, Y_4 = y_4, Y_5 = y_5$ .
5. Consider a Gaussian distribution  $\mathcal{N}_5(0, \Sigma)$  with  $K = \Sigma^{-1}$  satisfying the conditional independence restrictions of the graph  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$  with  $V = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $E = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{1, 5\}\}$ .

- (a) Show that the determinant of  $\Sigma$  satisfies

$$\det \Sigma = \prod_{i=1}^5 \sigma_{ii} \prod_{j=2}^5 (1 - \rho_{1j}^2)$$

where  $\rho_{ij}$  is the correlation between  $X_i$  and  $X_j$ ;

- (b) Express the covariance  $\sigma_{23}$  in terms of the variances  $\sigma_{11}, \sigma_{22}, \sigma_{33}, \sigma_{44}, \sigma_{55}$  and the covariances  $\sigma_{12}, \sigma_{13}, \sigma_{14}, \sigma_{15}$ .
6. Consider a Gaussian distribution  $\mathcal{N}_4(0, \Sigma)$  with  $K = \Sigma^{-1}$  satisfying the conditional independence restrictions of the graph  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$  with  $V = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $E = \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{3, 4\}\}$ . Assume that the following Wishart matrix has been observed, with 10 degrees of freedom:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 10 & 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 10 & 2 & 5 \\ 4 & 2 & 10 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 & 10 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find the maximum likelihood estimate of the concentration matrix.