

1. For two discrete variables I and J with joint distribution p_{ij} , the *odds-ratio* $\theta_{ii^*jj^*}$ is defined as

$$\theta_{ii^*jj^*} = \frac{p_{i|j}/p_{i^*|j}}{p_{i|j^*}/p_{i^*|j^*}} = \frac{p_{ij}p_{i^*j^*}}{p_{i^*j}p_{ij^*}}.$$

Show that $I \perp\!\!\!\perp J \iff \theta_{ii^*jj^*} \equiv 1$.

2. For three discrete variables I, J and K with joint distribution p_{ijk} the *conditional odds-ratio* $\theta_{ij|k}$ is similarly

$$\theta_{ii^*jj^*|k} = \frac{p_{i|jk}/p_{i^*|jk}}{p_{i|j^*k}/p_{i^*|j^*k}} = \frac{p_{ijk}p_{i^*j^*k}}{p_{i^*jk}p_{ij^*k}}.$$

Show that p belongs to the log-linear model with generating class $\{I, J\}, \{J, K\}, \{I, K\}$ if and only if the conditional odds-ratio is constant in k . For simplicity, you may assume $p_{ijk} > 0$ for all i, j, k .

3. Draw the following graphs, identify their prime components, and verify whether they are chordal or not:

- (a) $E = \{\{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{d, e\}, \{c, f\}, \{e, f\}\}$.
- (b) $E = \{\{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{d, a\}, \{a, e\}, \{b, e\}, \{c, e\}, \{d, e\}\}$.
- (c) $E = \{\{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, e\}, \{b, e\}, \{c, e\}, \{d, e\}\}$.

4. Consider the generating class $\mathcal{A} = \{\{A, E, F\}, \{D, E\}, \{B, G, F\}, \{A, H, F\}, \{C, D\}\}$.

- (a) Find the dependence graph $G(\mathcal{A})$; is \mathcal{A} conformal?
- (b) Find a perfect numbering of the vertices with $F = 1$ using maximum cardinality search;
- (c) Argue that $G(\mathcal{A})$ is chordal and \mathcal{A} is decomposable;
- (d) Arrange the cliques of the dependence graph $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{A})$ in a junction tree and identify the separators and their multiplicities.
- (e) Using the notation $n_{abcdefg}$ etc. for the cell counts of a contingency table corresponding to these variables, write an expression for the MLE of the cell probabilities $p_{abcdefg}$.

5. The regular multivariate Gaussian distribution over $\mathcal{R}^{|V|}$ has density

$$f(x | \xi, \Sigma) = (2\pi)^{-|V|/2} (\det K)^{1/2} e^{-(x-\xi)^\top K (x-\xi)/2},$$

where $K = \Sigma^{-1}$ is called the *concentration* of the distribution. If X is multivariate Gaussian, it holds that

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \xi, \quad \text{Cov}(X) = \Sigma$$

so ξ is the *mean* and Σ the *covariance* of X . We then write $X \sim \mathcal{N}_{|V|}(\xi, \Sigma)$.

Let X be multivariate normal $X \sim \mathcal{N}_{|V|}(0, \Sigma)$ and let $K = \Sigma^{-1}$. Show that the dependence graph $G(K)$ for X is given by

$$\alpha \not\sim \beta \iff k_{\alpha\beta} = 0.$$

6. 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 ρ_{ij} denotes the correlation between X_i and X_j .