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# Stratified Gaussian Graphical Models

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## Introduction

- Multivariate Gaussian distribution.
- Gaussian graphical model.
  - ▷ Graphical illustration of the dependence structure among the variables in a multivariate Gaussian distribution.
- Multivariate Gaussian distributions constitute a very rigid family of distributions in regard to the dependence structure.
- Introduce context-specific independencies in order to accommodate a more diverse class of distributions and models.



## **Graphical Models**



Marginal independence

 $X_1 \perp X_5$ 

Conditional independence

 $X_1 \perp X_4 \mid X_3$ 



## Multivariate Gaussian Distribution





### Graphical Model Meets Multivariate Gaussian



# Fitting $\Sigma$ to Data

- Consider a data matrix X, consisting of n observations (rows) on d variables (columns).
- > The maximum likelihood estimates for  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$  are calculate

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \qquad \hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \hat{\mu}) (x_i - \hat{\mu})^T.$$

• Using iterative proportional fitting  $\hat{\Sigma}$  can be transformed to fit any graph.



Stratified Gaussian Graphical Models — Context-Specific Independence



 Conditional independence that holds only in a subset of the outcome space.

 $X_1 \perp X_2 \mid X_3 > 0$ 





Two context-specific independencies

 $X_1 \perp X_2 \mid X_3 > 0 \qquad X_3 \perp X_2 \mid X_1 > 0.$ 

For these to hold simultaneously X<sub>2</sub> has to be independent of both X<sub>1</sub> and X<sub>3</sub> once either X<sub>1</sub> > 0 or X<sub>3</sub> > 0.





- Transforming the strata to a discrete setting will allow for a coherent analysis of the dependence structure.
- ► This results in a set of conditions on the variables with each condition  $c^{(i)}$  associated with a specific dependence structure in the form of a graph  $G^{(i)}$ .
  - The conditions form a partition of the outcome space of the variables.
  - ▶ The condition  $c^{(i)}$  can be written in the form  $a_j^{(i)} < X_j < b_j^{(i)}$ , j = 1, ..., d.
- ► Using iterative proportional fitting the graph  $G^{(i)}$  induces a specific covariance matrix  $\Sigma^{(i)}$ .

# Density Function for Stratified Gaussian Graphical Models

 The density function of a distribution in a stratified Gaussian graphical model can be written

$$g_{\mu,\Sigma}(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{i=1}^{\rho} f_{\mu,\Sigma(i)}(x) I_{C(i)}(x)$$

The normalizing constant Z is calculated as

$$Z = \sum_{i=1}^{\rho} \int_{a_1^{(i)}}^{b_1^{(i)}} \dots \int_{a_d^{(i)}}^{b_d^{(i)}} f_{\mu, \Sigma^{(i)}}(x) dx_d \dots dx_1$$

- > This distribution belongs to the curved exponential family.
  - Bayesian information criterion can be used to approximate the marginal likelihood of a model.



## Math Mark Data

Variable	Label	
Mechanics	1	
Vectors	2	
Algebra	3	
Analysis	4	
Statistics	5	







	( 0.0053	-0.0025	-0.0029	0.0000	-0.0001)
	-0.0025	0.0105	-0.0048	-0.0008	-0.0002
K =	-0.0028	-0.0048	0.0273	-0.0071	-0.0048
	0.0000	-0.0008	-0.0071	0.0100	-0.0020
	-0.0001	-0.0002	-0.0048	-0.0020	0.0065

Considering only the variables  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ , and  $X_3$  we get these elements in the precision matrix.

$$k_{13}^{(1)} = -0.0078$$
  $k_{13}^{(2)} = 0.000015$ 





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