
Flexible Wishart distributions and their applications

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Inference for the saturated Gaussian model

$$\mathcal{N} = \{N_r(0, \Sigma), \Sigma \in P^+\}.$$

where P^+ is the cone of positive definite matrices.
Let Z_1, \dots, Z_n be a sample from $N_r(0, \Sigma)$.

- The MLE of $n\Sigma$ is $n\tilde{\Sigma} = U = \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i Z_i^t$ with

$$U \sim W_r\left(\frac{n}{2}, \Sigma\right)$$

- The conjugate prior on $\Omega = \Sigma^{-1}$ is the Wishart

$$\Omega \sim W_r(\alpha, \theta)$$

The Wishart distribution

Recall $\mathcal{F}_\alpha = \{W_r(\alpha, \Sigma), \Sigma \in P^+\}$ is the NEF generated by

$$\mu_\alpha(dx) = (\det x)^{\alpha - \frac{r+1}{2}} \mathbf{1}_{P^+}(dx), \text{ with } \alpha > \frac{r-1}{2}$$

and the density of the $W_r(\alpha, \Sigma)$ is

$$W_r(\alpha, \Sigma)(dx) = \frac{(\det \Sigma)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma_r(\alpha)} \exp -\frac{1}{2} \langle x, \Sigma^{-1} \rangle \mu_\alpha(dx)$$

while the density of $Y = X^{-1}$ is the **inverse Wishart**

$$IW_r(\alpha, \Sigma; dy) = \frac{(\det \Sigma)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma_r(\alpha)} \exp -\frac{1}{2} \langle y^{-1}, \Sigma^{-1} \rangle (\det y)^{-\alpha - \frac{r+1}{2}} \mathbf{1}_{P^+}(dy)$$

Note: Only one shape parameter α

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Graphical models: decomposable graphs

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph: V is the set of vertices and E the set of edges.

G is said to be **decomposable** if it does not contain a cycle of length greater than or equal to 4 without a chord.

Example $\overset{1}{\bullet} - \overset{2}{\bullet} - \overset{3}{\bullet} - \bullet$

$C_1 = \{1, 2\}, C_2 = \{2, 3\}, C_3 = \{3, 4\}$ are **the cliques**

$S_2 = \{2\}, S_3 = \{3\}$ are **the separators**.

Perfect ordering of the cliques

A graph is decomposable if and only if there is a **perfect ordering of its cliques**.



but C_1, C_3, C_2 is not perfect.

We use the notation

$$H_i = \cup_{j=1}^i C_j, \quad S_i = C_i \cap (\cup_{j=1}^{i-1} C_j) \quad R_i = C_i \setminus S_i = C_i \setminus H_{i-1}.$$

history

separator

residual

Here for the perfect order C_1, C_2, C_3 ,

$$H_1 = C_1, \quad H_2 = C_1 \cup C_2, \quad S_2 = C_2 \cap C_1 = \{2\}, \quad H_3 = C_3 \cap (C_1 \cup C_2), \quad S_3$$

The Markov property w.r.t. G decomposable

We write $i \sim j$ to indicate i and j are linked.

A distribution is said to be **Markov with respect to the graph** if

$$X_i \perp X_j | X_{V \setminus \{i,j\}} \text{ whenever } i \not\sim j.$$

For a perfect order of the cliques, C_1, \dots, C_k , we have the following conditional independence relations

$$X_{R_2} \perp X_{C_1} | X_{S_2}, \dots, \dots X_{R_k} \perp X_{H_{k-1}} | X_{S_k},$$

General notation, for Σ symmetric

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{S_i} &= \Sigma_{\langle i \rangle}, & \Sigma_{R_i} &= \Sigma_{[i]}, & \Sigma_{R_i, S_i} &= \Sigma_{[i \rangle}, \\ \Sigma_{R_i \bullet S_i} &= \Sigma_{[i]} - \Sigma_{[i \rangle} \Sigma_{\langle i \rangle}^{-1} \Sigma_{\langle i]} &= \Sigma_{[i] \bullet} \end{aligned}$$

The Gaussian model Markov w.r.t. G

Let C_1, \dots, C_k be a perfect order of the cliques.

The normal density factorizes as (see DL93, Th. 2.6)

$$N_X(0, \Sigma) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k N(0, \Sigma_{C_i})}{\prod_{i=2}^k N(0, \Sigma_{S_i})} = \frac{\prod_{C \in \mathcal{C}} N(0, \Sigma_C)}{\prod_{S \in \mathcal{S}} N(0, \Sigma_S)}$$

The parameter is the collection $(\Sigma_C, C \in \mathcal{C})$

We have a reduction of the parameter space.

An example



The conditional covariance between X_3 and X_1 given X_2 is zero, that is

$$\sigma_{31 \bullet 2} = \sigma_{31} - \sigma_{32} \sigma_2^{-1} \sigma_{21} = 0$$

and therefore $\hat{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{12} \sigma_2^{-1} \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_2 & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{32} \sigma_2^{-1} \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{32} & \sigma_3 \end{pmatrix}$

The parameter is

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & \sigma_{12} & * \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_2 & \sigma_{23} \\ * & \sigma_{32} & \sigma_3 \end{pmatrix} = (\Sigma_{(12)}, \Sigma_{(23)}) = (\Sigma_{(12)}, \sigma_{32} \sigma_2^{-1}, \sigma_{3 \cdot 2}).$$

while $\Omega = \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 & \omega_{12} & 0 \\ \omega_{21} & \omega_2 & \omega_{23} \\ 0 & \omega_{32} & \omega_3 \end{pmatrix}$ because $X_i \perp X_j | X_{V \setminus \{i,j\}} \iff \omega_{ij} = 0$.

The cones P_G and Q_G

- The cone Q_G

$Q_G := \{\text{incomplete matrices } x \text{ with missing entries } x_{ij}, (i, j) \notin E \text{ and such that } x_A > 0 \text{ for } A \subseteq V \text{ complete}\}.$

- The cone P_G

$P_G := \{y \in P^+ \text{ such that } y_{ij} = 0 \text{ whenever } (i, j) \notin E\}.$

When G is decomposable, any x in Q_G can be uniquely completed as $\hat{x} \in P^+$ such that for all $(i, j) \in E$

$$x_{ij} = \hat{x}_{ij} \text{ and } \hat{x}^{-1} \in P_G$$

The bijection between P_G and Q_G

Let π denotes the projection of P onto incomplete matrices.

The mapping

$$\varphi : y = (\hat{x})^{-1} \in P_G \mapsto x = \varphi(y) = \pi(y^{-1}) \in Q_G ,$$

defines a bijection between P_G and Q_G .

Notation:

$$\text{for } (x, y) \in Q_G \times P_G, \quad \text{tr}(xy) = \langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} x_{ij}y_{ij} = \text{tr}(\hat{x}y) .$$

Inference for Σ in \mathcal{N}_G

$$\mathcal{N}_G = \{N(0, \Sigma) \mid \Omega = \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \in P_G\} = \{N(0, \Sigma), \Sigma \in Q_G\}.$$

- Σ lies in Q_G .
- Ω lies in P_G .
- The Wishart is defined on P^+ : **not the right cone!**

Question 1: What is the distribution of the MLE of $\Sigma \in Q_G$?

Question 2: Which prior should we put on Σ or what would the induced prior on $\Omega = \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \in P_G$ be?

The answer is given in DL93!!!

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The hyper Wishart for the MLE of Σ

The model \mathcal{N}_G is strong meta Markov:

$$N_X(0, \Sigma) = N_{C_1}(0, \Sigma_{C_1}; X_{C_1}) \prod_{i=2}^k N_{R_i|S_i}(\Sigma_{R_i, S_i} \Sigma_{S_i}^{-1} x_{S_i}, \Sigma_{R_i \bullet S_i}; X_{R_i} | x_{S_i})$$

$\Sigma_{C_1}, (\Sigma_{[i>} \Sigma_{<i>}^{-1}, \Sigma_{[i].}), i = 2, \dots, k$ are functionally independent.

The marginal model for X_A , for any $A \subseteq V$ complete, is an NEF.

DL (93) show that, then,

the distribution of the MLE of $\Sigma \in Q_G$ is weak hyper Markov.

Therefore.....

The hyper Wishart, (cont'd)

The density of the hyper Wishart is therefore

$$W_{Q_G}(p, \sigma; dx) \propto \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k w_{c_i}(p, \sigma_{C_i}; x_{C_i})}{\prod_{i=2}^k w_{s_i}(p, \sigma_{S_i}; x_{S_i})} \mathbf{1}_{Q_G}(x) dx$$

with $w_{c_i}(p, \sigma_{C_i}; x_{C_i}) = \frac{|x_{C_i}|^{p - \frac{c_i+1}{2}}}{\Gamma_{c_i}(p) |\sigma_{C_i}|^p} e^{-\langle x_{C_i}, \sigma_{C_i}^{-1} \rangle}$, that is

$$W_{Q_G}(p, \sigma; dx) \propto \exp -\langle x, \hat{\sigma}^{-1} \rangle \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k |x_{C_i}|^{p - \frac{c_i+1}{2}}}{\prod_{i=2}^k |x_{S_i}|^{p - \frac{s_i+1}{2}}} \mathbf{1}_{Q_G}(x) dx$$

We note that

1. it is **an NEF** with **only one shape parameter** $p = \frac{n}{2}$
 2. the expression of $W_{Q_G}(p, \sigma; dx)$ **does not depend on the chosen perfect order** of the cliques.
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The general W_{Q_G} as an NEF on Q_G

We want several shape parameters rather than just p .

The $W_{Q_G}(\alpha, \beta, \sigma)$ family of distributions (LM 07):

$$W_{Q_G}(\alpha, \beta, \sigma); dx \propto \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k |x_{C_i}|^{\alpha_i - \frac{c_i+1}{2}}}{\prod_{i=2}^k |x_{S_i}|^{\beta_i - \frac{s_i+1}{2}}} e^{-\langle x, \hat{\sigma}^{-1} \rangle} \mathbf{1}_{Q_G}(x) dx,$$

is the NEF generated by

$$H_G(\alpha, \beta; x) \mu_G(dy) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k (\det x_{C_i})^{\alpha_i - \frac{c_i+1}{2}}}{\prod_{i=2}^k (\det x_{S_i})^{\beta_i - \frac{s_i+1}{2}}} dy$$

The $W_{Q_G}(\frac{n}{2}, \sigma)$, **the hyper Wishart**, is a special case of the $W_{Q_G}(\alpha, \beta, \theta)$ for $\alpha_i = \frac{n}{2}$, $\beta_i = \frac{n}{2}$, $\theta = \hat{\sigma}^{-1}$.

The DY conjugate prior distribution for Σ

The **hyper inverse Wishart distribution** (DL93) on Q_G : a conjugate prior for Σ (in fact induced by the DY prior on Ω).

$$HIW\left(\frac{\delta + c_i - 1}{2}, \frac{\delta + s_i - 1}{2}, \theta; dx\right) \propto \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k |x_{C_i}|^{-\frac{\delta + c_i - 1}{2} - \frac{c_i + 1}{2}}}{\prod_{i=2}^k |x_{S_i}|^{-\frac{\delta + s_i - 1}{2} - \frac{s_i + 1}{2}}} e^{-\langle \hat{x}^{-1}, \theta \rangle} \mathbf{1}_{Q_G}(x) dx$$

Same problem: **only one shape parameter**

The **inverse** of the hyper inverse Wishart has density

$$\begin{aligned} W_{P_G}(\delta, \theta; dy) &\propto \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k |x_{C_i}(y)|^{-\frac{\delta + c_i - 1}{2} + \frac{c_i + 1}{2}}}{\prod_{i=2}^k |x_{S_i}(y)|^{-\frac{\delta + s_i - 1}{2} + \frac{s_i + 1}{2}}} e^{-\langle y, \theta \rangle} \mathbf{1}_{P_G}(y) dy \\ &= |y|^{\frac{\delta - 2}{2}} e^{-\langle y, \theta \rangle} \mathbf{1}_{P_G}(y) dy. \end{aligned}$$

The $W_{P_G}(\delta, \theta; dy)$ is anatural exponential family.

The general W_{P_G} as a NEF on P_G

The $W_{P_G}(\alpha, \beta, D)$ family of distributions (LM 07)

$$W_{P_G}(\alpha, \beta, \theta; dy) \propto \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k |x_{C_i}(y)|^{\alpha_i + \frac{c_i+1}{2}}}{\prod_{i=2}^k |x_{S_i}(y)|^{\beta_i + \frac{s_i+1}{2}}} e^{-\langle y, \theta \rangle} \mathbf{1}_{P_G}(y) dy,$$

is the NEF generated by

$$H_G(\alpha, \beta; x(y)) \nu_G(dy) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k (\det x_{C_i}(y))^{\alpha_i + \frac{c_i+1}{2}}}{\prod_{i=2}^k (\det x_{S_i}(y))^{\beta_i + \frac{s_i+1}{2}}} dy$$

The $W_{P_G}(\delta, \theta; dy)$, **inverse of the HIW**, is a special case of

the $W_{P_G}(\alpha, \beta, \theta)$ for $\alpha_i = -\frac{\delta+c_i-1}{2}$, $\beta_i = -\frac{\delta+s_i-1}{2}$.

The $IW_{P_G}(\alpha, \beta, \theta)$ as a prior

The inverse W_{P_G} is the $IW_{P_G}(\alpha, \beta, \theta)$, defined on Q_G

$$IW_{P_G}((\alpha, \beta), \theta; d\Sigma) = \frac{1}{\Gamma_{II}(\alpha, \beta)} \frac{|\theta_{C_i}|^{\alpha_i}}{|\theta_{S_i}|^{\beta_i}} \times \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k |\Sigma_{C_i}|^{\frac{\alpha_i}{2} - \frac{c_i+1}{2}}}{\prod_{i=2}^k |\Sigma_{S_i}|^{\frac{\beta_i}{2} - \frac{s_i+1}{2}}} e^{-\langle \hat{\Sigma}^{-1}, \theta \rangle} \mathbf{1}_{Q_G}(\Sigma) d\Sigma$$

Clearly if $Z_i \sim N(0, \Sigma) \in \mathcal{N}_G$ and we write $U = \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i Z_i^t$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n N(0, \Sigma; dZ_i) IW_{P_G}((\alpha, \beta), \theta; d\Sigma) \propto \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k |\Sigma_{C_i}|^{\frac{\alpha_i-n}{2} - \frac{c_i+1}{2}}}{\prod_{i=2}^k |\Sigma_{S_i}|^{\frac{\beta_i-n}{2} - \frac{s_i+1}{2}}} e^{-\langle \hat{\Sigma}^{-1}, \theta+U \rangle} \mathbf{1}_{Q_G}(d\Sigma) \prod_{i=1}^k dZ_i$$

The IW_{P_G} is a conjugate prior for $\Sigma \in Q_G$.

The parameter sets for the W_{Q_G} and W_{P_G}

For $\sigma \in Q_G$ and $\theta \in Q_G$, let

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ (\alpha, \beta) : \int_{Q_G} e^{-\langle x, \hat{\sigma}^{-1} \rangle} H_G(\alpha, \beta; x) \mu_G(dx) = \Gamma_I(\alpha, \beta) H_G(\alpha, \beta; \sigma) \right\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ (\alpha, \beta) : \int_{P_G} e^{-\langle y, \theta \rangle} H_G(\alpha, \beta; \varphi(y)) \nu_G(dy) = \Gamma_{II}(\alpha, \beta) H_G(\alpha, \beta; \theta) \right\}$$

where $\Gamma_I(\alpha, \beta)$ and $\Gamma_{II}(\alpha, \beta)$ are functions of (α, β) only,

We define

- the $W_{Q_G}(\alpha, \beta, \sigma; dx)$ for $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{A}$, $\sigma \in Q_G$
- the $W_{P_G}(\alpha, \beta, \theta; dy)$ for $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{B}$, $\theta \in Q_G$.

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The hyper Markov property

Recall that

- the IW_{P_G} is a conjugate prior for $\Sigma \in Q_G$ in \mathcal{N}_G
- the HIW is the DY conjugate prior for $\Sigma \in Q_G$ in \mathcal{N}_G

- $$N_X(0, \Sigma) = N_{X_{C_1}}(0, \Sigma_{C_1}) \prod_{i=2}^k N_{X_{R_i} | X_{S_i}}(\Sigma_{R_i, S_i} \Sigma_{S_i}^{-1} x_{S_i}, \Sigma_{R_i \bullet S_i})$$

- the HIW is strong hyper Markov, i.e., under the HIW

$$\Sigma_{C_1}, \perp (\Sigma_{[i>} \Sigma_{<i>}^{-1}, \Sigma_{[i].}) , i = 2, \dots, k$$

To show the hyper Markov property, we change variables

$$\Sigma \in Q_G \mapsto (\Sigma_{C_1}, (\Sigma_{[i>} \Sigma_{<i>}^{-1}, \Sigma_{[i].}) , i = 2, \dots, k)$$

The normalizing constant for the W_{PG}

We work in Q_G .

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{Q_G} e^{-\langle \theta, \hat{x}^{-1} \rangle} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^k |x_{C_j}|^{\alpha_j - \frac{c_j+1}{2}}}{\prod_{S \in \mathcal{S}} |x_S|^{\nu(S) (\beta(S) - \frac{|S|+1}{2})}} dx \\
 &= \int |x_{C_1}|^{\alpha_1 - \frac{c_1+1}{2}} e^{-\langle x_{C_1}^{-1}, \theta_{C_1} \rangle} \prod_{j=2}^k |x_{[j]}|^{\alpha_j - \frac{c_j+1}{2}} e^{-\langle x_{[j]}^{-1}, \theta_{[j]} \rangle} \\
 & \quad \prod_{j=2}^k e^{-\langle (x_{[j]} > x_{<j}^{-1} - \theta_{[j]} > \theta_{<j}^{-1}), x_{[j]}^{-1} (x_{[j]} > x_{<j}^{-1} - \theta_{[j]} > \theta_{<j}^{-1}) \theta_{<j} \rangle} \\
 & \quad \prod_{S \in \mathcal{S}} |x_S|^{\sum_{i \in J(P,S)} (\alpha_i - \frac{c_i+1}{2}) - \nu(S) (\beta(S) - \frac{|S|+1}{2})} \\
 & \quad \prod_{S \in \mathcal{S}} |x_S|^{\sum_{i \in J(P,S)} c_i - \nu(S) |S|} dx_{C_1} \prod_{j=2}^k d(x_{[j]} > x_{<j}^{-1}) dx_{[j]} \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

The strong Hyper Markov property

- For the *HIW*, i.e., when $\alpha_i = \frac{\delta+c_i-1}{2}$, $\beta_i = \frac{\delta+s_i-1}{2}$

The terms in red disappear!

And we obtain the normalizing constant *and* the **strong hyper Markov property**,

- For the general W_{P_G} , the terms do not disappear **unless we choose (α, β) carefully.**

This choice *depends upon the chosen perfect order of the cliques, P* :
For $(\alpha, \beta) \in B_P$, we obtain

1. the normalizing constant $H_G(\alpha, \beta; \theta)\Gamma_{II}(\alpha, \beta)$
2. the strong **directed** hyper Markov property.

The set B_P

For a given perfect order P of the cliques, B_P is the set of (α, β) such that

1. $\sum_{j \in J(P, S)} (\alpha_j + \frac{1}{2}(c_j - s_j)) - \nu(S)\beta(S) = 0$ for all S different from S_2 ;
2. $-\alpha_q - \frac{1}{2}(c_q - s_q - 1) > 0$ for all $q = 2, \dots, k$ and
 $-\alpha_1 - \frac{1}{2}(c_1 - s_2 - 1) > 0$
3. $-\alpha_1 - \frac{1}{2}(c_1 - s_2 + 1) - \gamma_2 > \frac{s_2 - 1}{2}$ where $\gamma_2 = \sum_{j \in J(P, S_2)} \left(\alpha_j - \beta_2 + \frac{c_j - s_2}{2} \right)$.

a set of linear constraints that reduces the number of free parameters to $k + 1$: $\beta_2, \alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, k$

$$\mathcal{B} \supseteq \cup_P B_P$$

The strong directed hyper Markov property

If $\Omega \sim W_{P_G}(\alpha, \beta, \theta)$, i.e. $\Sigma = \varphi(Y) \sim IW_{P_G}(\alpha, \beta, \theta)$ with $(\alpha, \beta) \in B_P$ and $\theta \in Q_G$, then

$$\Sigma_{[12>} | \Sigma_{[1].} \sim N_{(c_1 - s_2) \times s_2}(\theta_{[12>}, 2 \theta_{<2>}^{-1} \otimes \Sigma_{[1].})$$

$$\Sigma_{<2>} \sim iw_{s_2}(-(\alpha_1 + \frac{c_1 - s_2}{2} + \gamma_2), \theta_{<2>})$$

$$\Sigma_{[i].} \sim iw_{c_i - s_i}(-\alpha_i, \theta_{[i].}), \quad i = 1, \dots, k$$

$$\Sigma_{[j>} \Sigma_{<j>}^{-1} | \Sigma_{[j].} \sim N_{(c_j - s_j) \times s_j}(\theta_{[j>} \theta_{<j>}^{-1}, 2 \theta_{<j>}^{-1} \otimes x_{[j].}), \quad j = 2, \dots,$$

and

$$\{(\Sigma_{[12>}, \Sigma_{[1].}), \Sigma_{<2>}, (\Sigma_{[j>} \Sigma_{<j>}^{-1}, \Sigma_{[j].}), j = 2, \dots, k\} \quad (3)$$

are mutually independent.

The IW_{P_G} is strong directed hyper Markov.

An improper member of the IW_{PG} family

Let $\sigma = 2\Sigma$ and let ϕ be its Choleski parametrization:

$$\phi = (\sigma_{[1]\cdot}^{-1}, \sigma_{[12]>}, \sigma_{<2>}, \sigma_{[j]\cdot}^{-1}, \sigma_{[j]>}\sigma_{<j>}^{-1}, j = 2, \dots, k)$$

Since the the hyper Wishart is an NEF, we can use the method of Data and Ghosh (1995) to obtain the **reference prior** for the parameter $\sigma \in Q_G$ as

$$\pi^\sigma(\sigma) \propto \frac{|\sigma_{C_1}|^{-\frac{c_1+1}{2}} \prod_{j=2}^k |\sigma_{C_j}|^{-\frac{c_j+1}{2}}}{|\sigma_{S_2}|^{\frac{c_1+c_2}{2} - s_2 - \frac{s_2+1}{2}} \prod_{j=3}^k |\sigma_{S_j}|^{\frac{c_j - s_j}{2} - \frac{s_j+1}{2}}}$$

It is an **improper** $IW_{PG}(\alpha, \beta, 0; x)$ distribution with

$$\alpha_j = 0, j = 1, \dots, k, \quad \beta_2 = \frac{c_1 + c_2}{2} - s_2, \quad \beta_j = \frac{c_j - s_j}{2}, j = 3, \dots,$$

No need to choose hyperparameters here

The W_{Q_G} is weak hyper Markov

If $X \sim W_{Q_G}(\alpha, \beta, \sigma)$ with $(\alpha, \beta) \in A_P$ and $\sigma \in Q_G$,
then

$$x_{[1]}. \sim w_{c_1 - s_2}(\alpha_1 - \frac{s_2}{2}, \sigma_{[1].})$$

$$x_{[12]>} | x_{<2>} \sim N_{(c_1 - s_2) \times s_2}(\sigma_{[12]>}, 2 x_{<2>}^{-1} \otimes \sigma_{[1].})$$

$$x_{<2>} \sim w_{s_2}(\alpha_1 + \delta_2, \sigma_{<2>})$$

$$x_{[j>} x_{<j>}^{-1} | x_{<j>} \sim N_{(c_j - s_j) \times s_j}(\sigma_{[j>} \sigma_{<j>}^{-1}, 2 x_{<j>}^{-1} \otimes \sigma_{[j].})$$

$$x_{[j]}. \sim w_{c_j - s_j}(\alpha_j - \frac{s_j}{2}, \sigma_{[j].}), j = 2, \dots, k$$

The distribution of $x_{[j>} x_{<j>}^{-1}$ depends upon $x_{<j>}$.

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Expected values

For the estimation of the covariance Σ ,
using the IW_{P_G} as a prior, we will need

$$E(W_{P_G})^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad E(IW_{P_G}).$$

These are explicit expressions.
No need for MCMC computations.

The inverse of $E(W_{P_G})$, i.e. $E(\Omega|S)^{-1}$

$$[E(\Omega|S)]$$

$$= \left[E(W_{P_G}(\alpha_j - \frac{n}{2}, \beta_j - \frac{n}{2}, \theta + \kappa(nS))) \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{j=1}^k (\alpha_j - \frac{n}{2})(\theta + \kappa(nS))_{C_j}^{-1} - \sum_{j=2}^k (\beta_j - \frac{n}{2})(\theta + \kappa(nS))_{S_j}^{-1} \right]$$

explicit analytic expression: no recourse to MCMC

The $E(IW_{P_G})$ computed layer by layer

Let $\xi = \theta + nS$

$$E(X_{\langle 2 \rangle}) = \frac{\xi_{\langle 2 \rangle}}{-(\alpha_1 + \frac{c_1 - s_2}{2} + \gamma_2) - \frac{s_2 + 1}{2}} = \frac{\xi_{\langle 2 \rangle}}{-(\alpha_1 + \frac{c_1 + 1}{2} + \gamma_2)}$$

explicit analytic expression: computed sequentially

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$$E(X_{C_1 \setminus S_2, S_2}) = \frac{\xi_{C_1 \setminus S_2, S_2}}{-(\alpha_1 + \frac{c_1 + 1}{2} + \gamma_2)}$$

explicit analytic expression: computed sequentially

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The loss functions

Loss functions for Σ and Ω

$$\begin{aligned} L_1(\tilde{\Sigma}) &= \text{tr}(\tilde{\Sigma}\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}) - \log(|\tilde{\Sigma}\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}|) - r & L_2(\tilde{\Sigma}) &= \text{tr}(\tilde{\Sigma} - \Sigma)^2 \\ L_1(\tilde{\Omega}) &= \text{tr}(\tilde{\Omega}\Omega^{-1}) - \log(|\tilde{\Omega}\Omega^{-1}|) - r & L_2(\tilde{\Omega}) &= \text{tr}(\tilde{\Omega} - \Omega)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Can we use them as is? It is **important to note that**

$$\begin{aligned} L_1(\tilde{\Sigma}) &= \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}} \text{tr} \tilde{\Sigma}_C \Sigma_C^{-1} - \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \text{tr} \tilde{\Sigma}_S \Sigma_S^{-1} - \log \frac{\prod_{C \in \mathcal{C}} |\tilde{\Sigma}_C| \prod_{S \in \mathcal{S}} |\Sigma_S|}{\prod_{C \in \mathcal{C}} |\Sigma_C| \prod_{S \in \mathcal{C}} |\tilde{\Sigma}_S|} \\ L_2(\tilde{\Sigma}) &= \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (\tilde{\Sigma}_{ij} - \Sigma_{ij})^2 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly $L_1(\tilde{\Omega}), L_2(\tilde{\Omega})$ only use the **non zero entries** of Ω

Our estimators

The Bayes estimators under L_1, L_2 and the IW_{P_G} on $\Sigma \in Q_G$ (equivalently the W_{P_G} on $\Omega \in P_G$)

Parameter of interest	L1	L2
Σ	$\tilde{\Sigma}_{L_1} = [E(\Omega S)]^{-1}$	$\tilde{\Sigma}_{L_2} = E(\Sigma S)$
Ω	$\tilde{\Omega}_{L_1} = [E(\Sigma S)]^{-1}$	$\tilde{\Omega}_{L_2} = E(\Omega S)$

The risk functions

Duality: The relationship between our Bayes estimators is as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\Sigma}_{L_1} &= \pi\left([\tilde{\Omega}_{L_2}]^{-1}\right) \\ \tilde{\Sigma}_{L_2} &= \pi\left([\tilde{\Omega}_{L_1}]^{-1}\right)\end{aligned}$$

The risk functions We assess the quality of our estimators using risk comparison for:

$$\begin{aligned}R_{L_i}(\tilde{\Sigma}_{L_i}) &= E[L_i(\tilde{\Sigma}_{L_i}, \Sigma)], \quad i = 1, 2 \\ R_{L_i}(\tilde{\Omega}_{L_i}) &= E[(L_i(\tilde{\Omega}_{L_i}, \Omega)], \quad i = 1, 2\end{aligned}$$

The prior, loss functions and estimators

We will use **three different priors** for Σ

- The $IW_{PG}(\alpha, \beta, \theta)$ with $k + 1$ free shape parameters
- The $HIW(\delta, \theta)$ prior with 1 free shape parameter: a special case of the IW_{PG}
- The reference prior: an objective prior

and **two loss functions** L_1 and L_2 , and **four estimators**

$$E(\Omega|S) \text{ and its inverse } [E(\Omega|S)]^{-1}$$

$$E(\Sigma|S) \text{ and its inverse } [E(\Sigma|S)]^{-1}$$

and the MLE and the MLE_g , that is the mle under the graphical model.

So, we have a total of eight estimators that we are going to study and compare.

Our approach: Bayesian graphical models

Bayesian graphical models combines the two approaches

- The graphical model is used as a tool for regularization
- The prior give us flexibility in the estimator

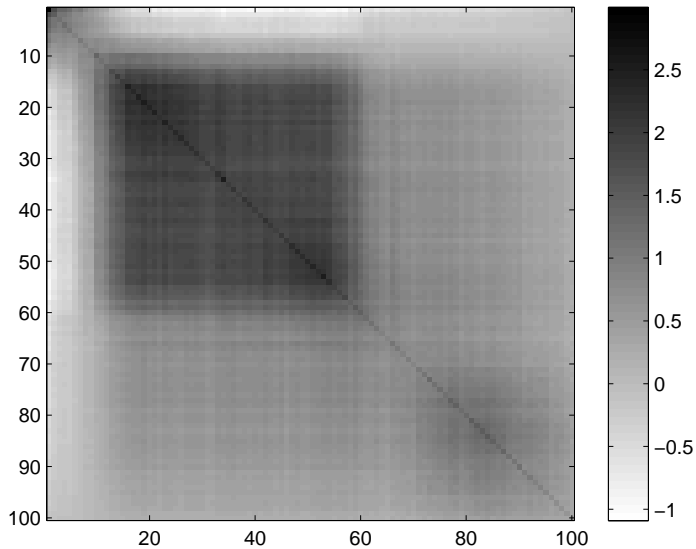
Traditional choice of priors

- The conjugate prior which is the Wishart $W_r(\delta, \theta)$ with **one shape parameter** δ and the scale parameter θ
- Various priors which give **more flexibility for the parameters**, (inverse gammas on the diagonal and independent normals on the triangular elements of the Choleski) but then you

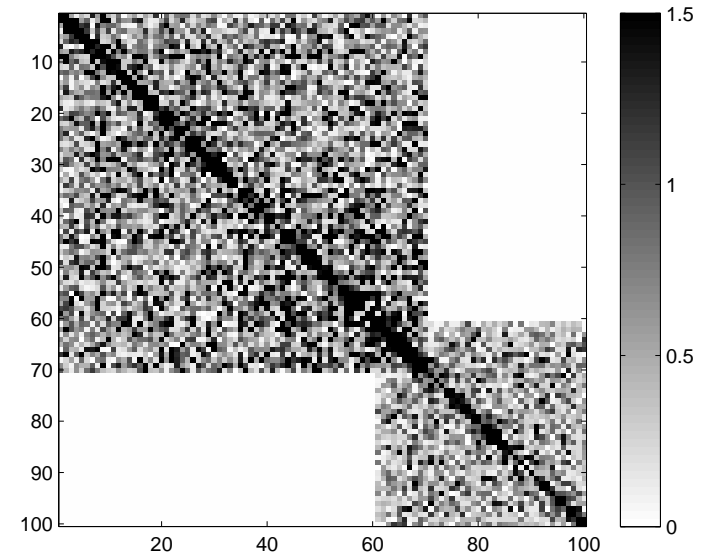
lose conjugacy- - - problematic for computations in high-dimensional problems.

"Two Cliques" study

Σ



Ω



Simple Example with 2 Cliques

$p = 100$, and $n = 75, 100, 500, 1000$, $C1=70$ and $C2=40$

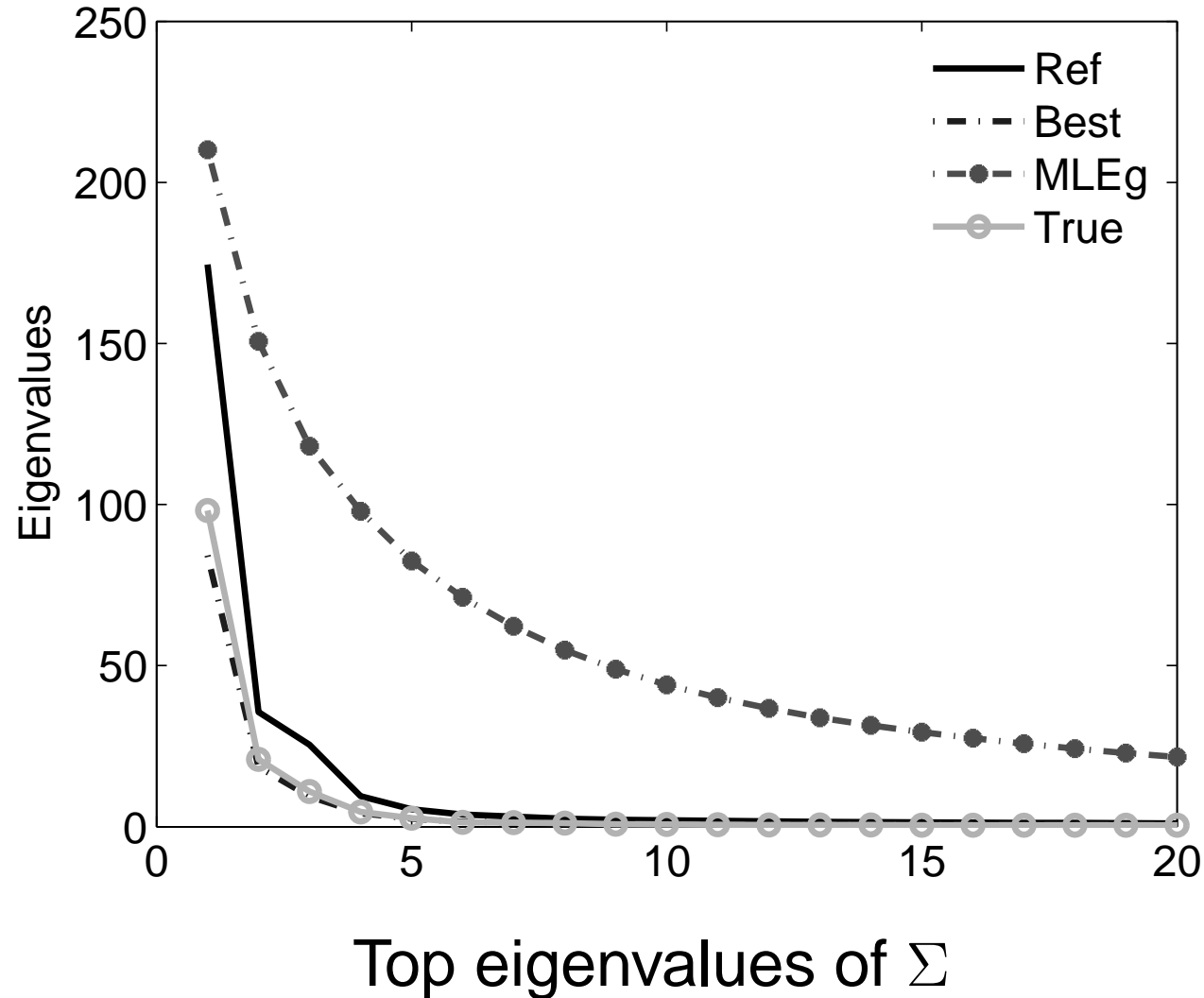
Scale Hyperparameter : $\theta = I$ or θ s.t. prior expected value of $\Sigma \in Q_G$ is I

Goal: Explore the flexibility of the IWpg

"Two Cliques" study - Risk comparison

	$n = 75$		$n = 100$		$n = 500$		$n = 1000$
	$R_1(\Omega)$	$R_1(\Sigma)$	$R_1(\Omega)$	$R_1(\Sigma)$	$R_1(\Omega)$	$R_1(\Sigma)$	$R_1(\Omega)$
<i>Reference</i>	212.7	66.61	60.71	40.93	7.02	6.66	3.33
$HIW(3, I)$	98.76	59.28	80.72	43.41	7.76	7.18	3.54
$IW_{PG}(1/2c_i, D)$	29.99	25.18	24.53	24.49	6.37	6.21	3.27
$IW_{PG}(1/2c_i, I)$	207.4	67.88	116.7	49.78	8.69	7.80	3.76
$IW_{PG}(1/4c_i, D)$	red22.18	red 17.96	red18.57	red15.87	red5.67	red5.43	red3.03
$IW_{PG}(1/4c_i, I)$	165.5	63.10	96.14	46.20	8.14	7.43	3.67
$IW_{PG}(1/10c_i, D)$	35.71	31.99	31.59	27.02	6.77	6.41	3.32
$IW_{PG}(1/10c_i, I)$	141.7	60.23	89.67	45.03	7.98	7.32	3.59
<i>MLEg</i>	813.9	70.72	154.6	43.51	8.13	6.79	3.62
<i>MLE</i>	–	–	7.3×10^8	102.5	14.45	10.85	6.00
<i>Risk Reduc. vs MLEg</i>	red97%	red 75%	red88%	red64%	red30%	red20%	red16%

"Two Cliques" study - Scree Plots



Call-center data: Fitting a Graphical model

Dataset also analyzed by Huang et al. (2006) and Bickel and Levina(2006)

Records from a call-center of a major financial institution

Phone call from 7:00am till midnight during 2002 (on week days only)

Recording period of 10-minute intervals during 17 hours

Number of calls in each period N_{ij} , $i = 1, 2, ..239$ and $j = 1, 2, .., 102$ was recorded.

Standard transformation $x_{ij} = \left(N_{ij} + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ applied to make data closer to Normal

First 205 data points as training data and remaining 34 as test data

Call-center data: Fitting a Graphical model

Aim: Choose the “best” graphical model for the data, among models with banded inverse covariance matrices.

Criterion 1: K -fold cross-validation error ($K = 10$).

We predict the second half of day given first half for the test data set after training our estimators on the training data set

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x^{(1)} \\ x^{(2)} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_1 & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The best linear predictor for $x_i^{(2)}$ from $x_i^{(1)}$ is

$$x_i^{(2)} = \mu_2 + \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_1^{-1} (x_i^{(1)} - \mu_1)$$

Call-center data: Fitting a Graphical model..

Criteria 2: Bayesian model selection

Maximizing posterior probabilities for the model: we choose G_k with maximum posterior probability i.e.

$$P(G_k|y) \propto p(y|G_k)p(G_k)$$

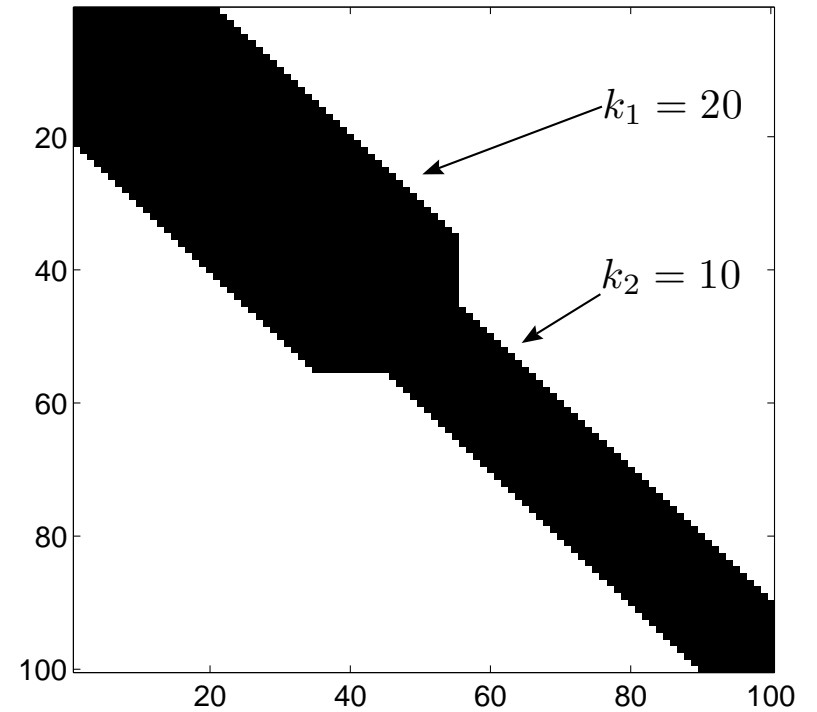
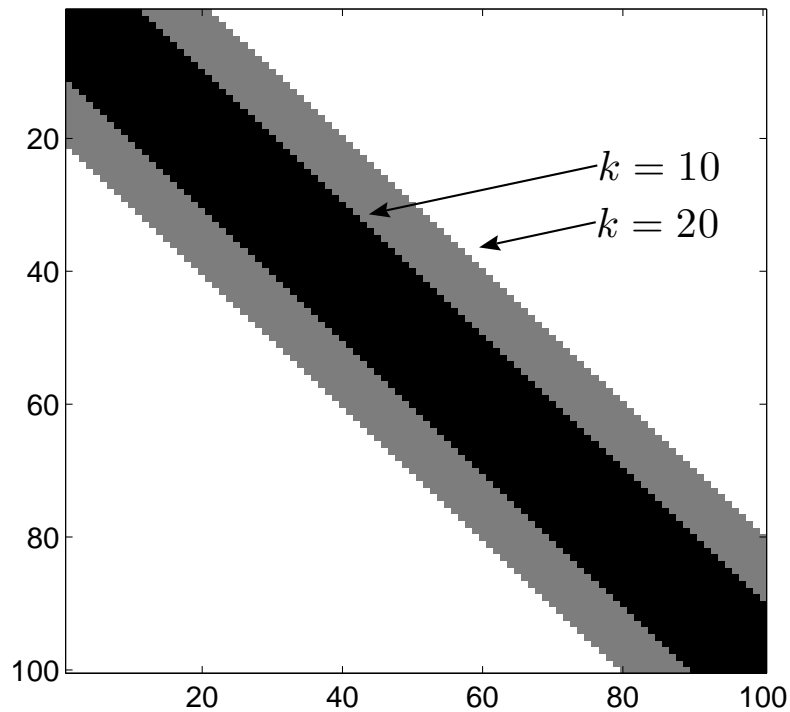
where

$$P(y|G_k) = \int N(y|\Sigma_k)IW_{P_G}(\alpha, \beta, \theta; \Sigma_k) d\Sigma_k$$

...with some abuse of notation.

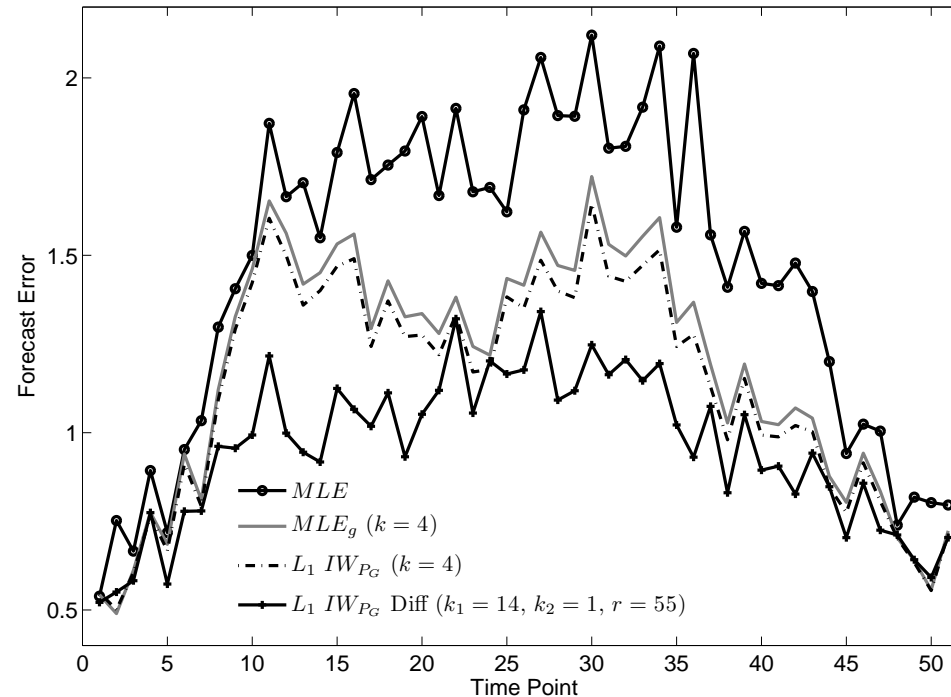
In fact $P(y, G_k)$ is equal to the **ratio of normalizing constants** for the prior and posterior distributions and these are **known explicitly for the IW_{P_G}** .

Differential banding



Differential banding illustration

Prediction error



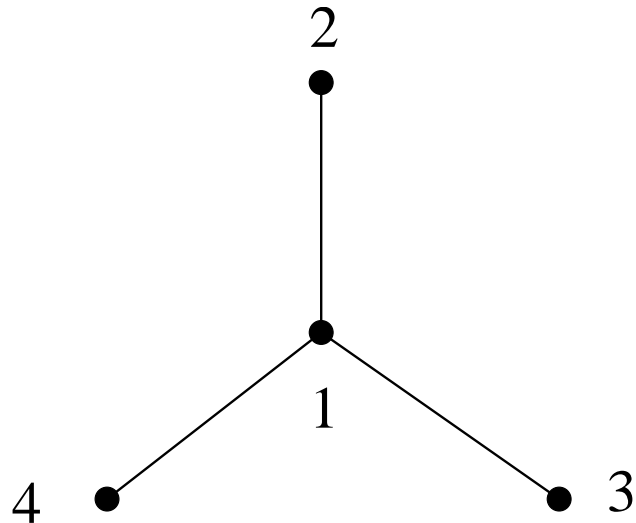
Forecast error for selected banded and “differentially banded” models

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The MLE for missing data

Question: Is the W_{Q_G} the distribution of the MLE of Σ ?



The notation

$$\mathbf{Z}^t = (Z_1^t, Z_2^t, Z_3^t, Z_4^t)$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_i^t = (Z_1^t, Z_i^t), \quad i = 2, 3, 4$$

Z_i is a $p_i \times 1$ vector

The data

$$\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_n, \quad (Z_1)_1, \dots, (Z_1)_{n_1}, \quad \mathbf{Z}_{i1}, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_{in_i}, \quad i = 2, 3, 4$$

$$V_0 = \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{Z}_j \mathbf{Z}_j^t, \quad V_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} (Z_1)_j (Z_1)_j^t, \quad V_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \mathbf{Z}_{ij} \mathbf{Z}_{ij}^t, \quad i = 2, 3, 4$$

The MLE for missing data: notation

$$v_0 = (v_{0lm}, l, m = 1, \dots, k), \quad v_i = \begin{pmatrix} v_{i11} & v_{i1i} \\ v_{ii1} & v_{iii} \end{pmatrix}, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

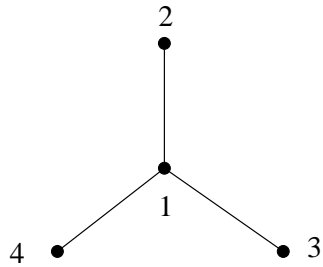
$$v_{(0i)} = \begin{pmatrix} v_{011} & v_{01i} \\ v_{0i1} & v_{0ii} \end{pmatrix}, \quad w_i = \begin{pmatrix} v_{011} + v_{i11} & v_{01i} + v_{i1i} \\ v_{0i1} + v_{ii1} & v_{0ii} + v_{iii} \end{pmatrix}, i = 2, 3, 4$$

$$\rho_{i1} = (v_{0i1} + v_{i21})(v_{011} + v_{i11})^{-1} = \rho_{1i}^t$$

$$w_{i.1} = v_{0ii} + v_{i22} - \rho_{i1}(v_{011} + v_{i11})\rho_{1i}$$

$$s_1 = v_{011} + v_1 + \sum_{i=2}^k v_{i11} .$$

The MLE: Sun and Sun 07



Based on the incomplete data as given above, the maximum likelihood estimate $\hat{\Sigma}$ of $\Sigma \in Q_G$ is given by the elements of its Choleski decomposition as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\Sigma}_{11} &= \frac{s_1}{m_1} \\ \hat{\Sigma}_{i1} \hat{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} &= \widehat{\Sigma_{i1} \Sigma_{11}^{-1}} = \rho_{i1}, \quad i = 2, \dots, k \\ \widehat{\Sigma_{ii.1}} &= \frac{w_{i.1}}{m_i}, \quad i = 2, \dots, k\end{aligned}$$

We want the joint distribution of $(s_1, \rho_i, w_{i.1}, i = 2, 3, 4)$

The W_{Q_G} for our graph

$$\begin{aligned} & W_{Q_G}^*(\alpha, \beta, \sigma; ds_1, d\rho_{i1}, w_{i.1}, i =, 2, 3, 4) \quad (4) \\ \propto & |s_1|^{\frac{n+n_1+\sum_{i=2}^k n_i}{2} - \frac{p_1+1}{2}} \exp -\frac{1}{2} \langle s_1, \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \rangle \\ & \times \prod_{i=2}^4 |s_1|^{\frac{p_i}{2}} \exp -\frac{1}{2} \langle (\rho_{i1} - \Sigma_{i1} \Sigma_{11}^{-1}), \Sigma_{i.1}^{-1} (\rho_{i1} - \Sigma_{i1} \Sigma_{11}^{-1})^t s_1 \rangle \\ & \times \prod_{i=2}^k |w_{i.1}|^{\frac{n+n_i-p_i}{2} - \frac{p_i+1}{2}} \exp -\frac{1}{2} \langle w_{i.1}, \Sigma_{i.1}^{-1} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

The MLE:the ingredients

$$w_0 = \pi(v_0) = \begin{pmatrix} v_{011} & v_{012} & v_{013} & v_{014} \\ v_{021} & v_{022} & * & * \\ v_{031} & * & v_{033} & * \\ v_{041} & * & * & v_{044} \end{pmatrix} \sim W_{Q_G}\left(\frac{n}{2}, \frac{n}{2}, \hat{\Sigma}^{-1}\right)$$

$$v_1 \sim W_{p_1}\left(\frac{n_1}{2}, \Sigma_{11}\right), \quad w_i \sim W_{p_1+p_i}\left(\frac{n+n_i}{2}, \Sigma_{(1i)}\right), \quad i = 2, 3, 4$$

Recall $v_0, v_1, v_i, i = 2, 3, 4$ are independent

BUT

the w_i 's are NOT independent. They have v_{011} in common.

A few Jacobians later

$$f(s_1, \rho_i, w_{i.1}, i = 2, \dots, k)$$

$$\propto |s_1|^{\frac{n+n_1+\sum_{i=2}^k(n_i+p_i)}{2}-\frac{p_1+1}{2}} \exp -\frac{1}{2} \langle s_1, \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \rangle$$

$$\times \int_{\mathcal{D}} |l_0|^{\frac{n}{2}-\frac{p_1+1}{2}} |I_{p_1} - l_0 - \sum_{i=2}^k l_i|^{\frac{n_1}{2}-\frac{p_1+1}{2}} \prod_{i=2}^k |l_i|^{\frac{n_i}{2}-\frac{p_i+1}{2}}$$

$$\times \prod_{i=2}^k |l_0 + l_i|^{\frac{p_i}{2}} \exp -\frac{1}{2} (\rho_{i1} - \xi_{i1}), \xi_{i.1}^{-1} (\rho_{i1} - \xi_{i1})^t \sigma (l_0 + l_i) \sigma^t$$

$$\times dl_0 \prod_{i=2}^k dl_i \times \prod_{i=2}^k |w_{i.1}|^{\frac{n+n_i-p_i}{2}-\frac{p_i+1}{2}} \exp -\frac{1}{2} \langle w_{i.1}, \Sigma_{i.1}^{-1} \rangle$$

where $s_1 = \sigma \sigma^t$, σ is a lower triangular matrix.

Another Wishart?

Nearly the W_{Q_G} but not the $W_{Q_G}!!$