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# The Bigraphical Lasso: Supplementary material

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## 1. Useful identities

All matrix derivatives are based on the following differential forms; for proofs see (Magnus & Neudecker, 1988):

$$\partial(\mathbf{X} \otimes \mathbf{Y}) = (\partial\mathbf{X}) \otimes \mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{X} \otimes (\partial\mathbf{Y}) \quad (1)$$

$$\partial\mathbf{X}^{-1} = -\mathbf{X}^{-1}(\partial\mathbf{X})\mathbf{X}^{-1} \quad (2)$$

$$\partial \ln|\mathbf{X}| = \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^{-1}\partial\mathbf{X}) . \quad (3)$$

Moreover, if the  $\mathbf{X}$  in  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{X}}$  is symmetric then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \right] + \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \right]^\top - \mathbf{I} \circ \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \right] . \quad (4)$$

## 2. Derivatives for BiGLasso

We denote  $\mathbf{J}^{ij}$  as the single-entry matrix with  $J_{ij} = 1$  and zeros elsewhere;  $\delta_{ij} = 1$  if  $i = j$  and  $\delta_{ij} = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ .

**Gradient wrt  $\Psi_n$**  Taking the gradient of (8) with respect to  $\Psi_{ij}$  and using identity (3), we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \Psi_{ij}} \ln |\Psi_n \oplus \Theta_p| \\ &= \text{tr} \left\{ (\Psi_n \oplus \Theta_p)^{-1} \frac{\partial (\Psi_n \oplus \Theta_p)}{\partial \Psi_{ij}} \right\} \\ &= \text{tr} \left\{ \mathbf{W} \left( \frac{\partial \Psi_n}{\partial \Psi_{ij}} \otimes \mathbf{I}_p \right) \right\}, \text{ by (1)} \\ &= \text{tr} \left\{ \mathbf{W} \left( (\mathbf{J}^{ij} + \mathbf{J}^{ji} - \mathbf{J}^{ij}\mathbf{J}^{ij}) \otimes \mathbf{I}_p \right) \right\}, \text{ by (4)} \\ &= \text{tr} \left\{ \mathbf{W} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \dots & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \mathbf{I}_p^{(i,j)} & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \dots & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \right\} + \text{tr} \left\{ \mathbf{W} (\mathbf{J}^{ji} \otimes \mathbf{I}_p) \right\} \\ &\quad - \text{tr} \left\{ \mathbf{W} (\mathbf{J}^{ij}\mathbf{J}^{ij} \otimes \mathbf{I}_p) \right\} \\ &= 2 \text{tr} \left\{ \mathbf{W}_{(i,j)} \right\} - \delta_{ij} \text{tr} \left\{ \mathbf{W}_{(i,j)} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{W} \triangleq (\Psi_n \oplus \Theta_p)^{-1}$ ;  $\mathbf{I}_p^{(i,j)}$  is at the  $(i, j)$ -th block of size  $p \times p$ , that is,  $(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}) = [(pi-p+1):pi, (pj-p+1):pj]$ . Thereby,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Psi_n} \ln |\Psi_n \oplus \Theta_p| = 2 \text{tr}_p(\mathbf{W}) - \text{tr}_p(\mathbf{W}) \circ \mathbf{I} . \quad (5)$$

Also, using (4) gives

$$\frac{\partial p \text{tr}(\Psi_n \mathbf{T})}{\partial \Psi_n} = 2p \mathbf{T} - \mathbf{T} \circ \mathbf{I} . \quad (6)$$

### 3. Product of Gaussians

The product of two Gaussian distributions yields an *unnormalized* Gaussian:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_A, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_A) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_B, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_B) &\propto \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_C, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_C), \\ \text{where } \boldsymbol{\mu}_C &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_C (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_A^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_A + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_B^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_B)^{-1} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_C &= (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_A^{-1} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_B^{-1})^{-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Note that the precision matrix of the unnormalized Gaussian is simply the *sum* of the individual precision matrices and the mean is the *convex sum* of the means, weighted by the individual precision matrices (Rasmussen & Williams, 2006, section A.2).

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