

These notes are intended to give a summary of relevant concepts from the lectures which are helpful to complete the tutorial sheet. It is not intended to cover the lectures thoroughly. Learning this content is not a replacement for working through the lecture material and the tutorial sheet.

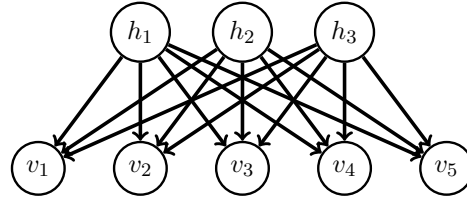
Factor analysis — A graphical model where statistical dependencies between the observed variables (visibles \mathbf{v}) is modelled through unobserved variables (latents \mathbf{h}). In factor analysis, the latents \mathbf{h} are assumed to be independent Gaussians with zero mean and unit variance.

$$p(\mathbf{h}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{h}; \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

$$p(\mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{h}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{v}; \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{c}, \boldsymbol{\Psi})$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{c} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}; \mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Psi})$$



Where the covariance $\boldsymbol{\Psi}$ is a diagonal matrix. Probabilistic PCA is a special case of factor analysis, where $\boldsymbol{\Psi} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$.

Independent component analysis — The DAG is the same as in factor analysis, but with non-Gaussian latents (one latent may be Gaussian)

$$p(\mathbf{h}) = \prod_i p(h_i)$$

$$p(\mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{h}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{v}; \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{c}, \boldsymbol{\Psi})$$

Score matching — A parameter estimation method for models over continuous random variables when the partition function is intractable. The score matching cost function $J_{\text{sm}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is the expectation under the data distribution $p_*(\mathbf{x})$ of the squared difference between the model score function $\boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$ and the data score function $\boldsymbol{\psi}_*(\mathbf{x})$

$$\boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log \tilde{p}(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\psi}_*(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_*(\mathbf{x})$$

$$J_{\text{sm}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{p_*(\mathbf{x})} \|\boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) - \boldsymbol{\psi}_*(\mathbf{x})\|^2 \quad (1)$$

Working with gradients removes the intractable partition function. We cannot compute the data score function $\boldsymbol{\psi}_*(\mathbf{x})$ directly. However, we do not need to, under mild conditions, the optimisation problem can be written as:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \underset{\boldsymbol{\theta}}{\operatorname{argmin}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d \left[\partial_j \psi_j(\mathbf{x}_i; \boldsymbol{\theta}) + \frac{1}{2} \psi_j(\mathbf{x}_i; \boldsymbol{\theta})^2 \right] \quad (2)$$