

# Modern MDL Meets Data Mining

## Insight, Theory, and Practice

### —Part III—

## Stochastic Complexity

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## 3.1 . Stochastic Complexity and NML Codelength

# What is Information?

■ Case1: Data distribution is known

Data sequence:  $\boldsymbol{x} = x_1, \dots, x_n$

Probability mass  
(density) function:  $p(\boldsymbol{x})$

Shannon information  $I(\boldsymbol{x}) = -\log p(\boldsymbol{x})$

# Characterization of Shannon Information

## Theorem 3.1.1 (Shannon's Source Coding Theorem)

$\forall \mathcal{L}$  : prefix code-length function,

$$E_p[\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x})] \geq E_p[-\log p(\mathbf{x})] = H_n(p)$$

Entropy

Note:

Prefix code-length function  $\mathcal{L} \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{\mathbf{x}} 2^{-\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x})} \leq 1$

Kraft's Inequality

Shannon information gives optimal codelength when the true distribution is known in advance.

## ■ Case2: Data distribution is unknown.

Data seq.:  $\mathbf{x} = x_1, \dots, x_n$

Probabilistic model class.:  $\mathcal{P}_M = \{p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) : \theta \in \Theta_M\}$   $M$ : model

Normalized Maximum Likelihood (NML) Distribution

$$p_{\text{NML}}(\mathbf{x}; M) = \frac{\max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta)}{\sum_{\mathbf{y}} \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{y}; \theta)}$$

(Note :  $\sum_{\mathbf{x}} \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) > 1$ )

Stochastic Complexity of  $\mathbf{x}$  relative to  $P_M$   
=NML codelength

$$\begin{aligned} I(x^n; M) &= -\log p_{\text{NML}}(\mathbf{x}; M) \\ &= -\log \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) + \log \mathcal{C}_n(M) \end{aligned}$$

Parametric Complexity of  $P_M$

$$\mathcal{C}_n(M) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$$

# Characterization of NML Codelength

Theorem 3.1.2 (Minimax optimality of NML codelength)  
[Shtarkov Probl. Inf. Trans. 87]

NML codelength achieves the minimum of the risk

$$I(\mathbf{x}; M) = \arg \min_{\substack{\mathcal{L} \\ \text{prefix code}}} \max_{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) - \left( -\log \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) \right) \right\}$$

Shtarkov's minimax risk

  
baseline

# How to calculate Parametric Complexity

Theorem 3.1.3 (Asymptotic formula for parametric complexity) [Rissanen IEEE IT1996]

Under the condition of central limit theorem:

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) - \theta) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I^{-1}(\theta)),$$

( $\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$  : maximum likelihood estimator), it holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \log C_n(M) &= \log \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) \\ &= \frac{k}{2} \log \frac{n}{2\pi} + \log \int |I(\theta)|^{1/2} d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} o(1) = 0$  uniformly over  $\mathbf{x}$ .

$k$ : #parameters,  $n$ : data length,

$I(\theta) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_p \left[ -\frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial^2 \log p(\mathbf{x}; \theta)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta^T} \right]$  (Fisher information matrix)

## Example 3.1.1 (Multinomial Distribution)

$$\mathcal{X} = \{0, 1, \dots, K\}$$

$$p(X = i; \theta) = \theta_i \quad (i = 0, \dots, K),$$

$$\Theta_K = \{\theta = (\theta_0, \dots, \theta_K) : \sum_{i=0}^K \theta_i = 1, \theta_i \geq 0\}$$

$\mathbf{x} = x_1, \dots, x_n$ : data sequence

$n_i$ : # occurrences of  $X = i$

$\hat{\theta} = (\frac{n_0}{n}, \dots, \frac{n_K}{n})$ : m.l.e. of  $\theta$

$|I(\theta)| = \prod_{i=0}^K \theta_i^{-1}$ : Fisher inf.

### Stochastic Complexity

$$\begin{aligned} I(x^n; K) &= -\log p(\mathbf{x}; \hat{\theta}) + \frac{K}{2} \log \frac{n}{2\pi} + \log \int \sqrt{|I(\theta)|} d\theta \\ &= nH\left(\frac{n_0}{n}, \dots, \frac{n_K}{n}\right) + \frac{K}{2} \log \frac{n}{2\pi} + \log \frac{\pi^{\frac{K+1}{2}}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{K+1}{2}\right)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $H(z_0, \dots, z_K) = -\sum_{i=0}^K z_i \log z_i$ .

## Example 3.1.2 (1-dimensional Gaussian distribution)

$$p(X; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(X - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\}$$

Parameter Space  $\tau = \sigma^2, \quad \Theta = \{(\mu, \tau) : \mu \in (-\infty, +\infty), \tau > 0\}$

Fisher Information  $I(\mu, \tau) = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\tau & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2\tau^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |I(\mu, \tau)| = \frac{1}{2\tau^3}$

m.l.e.  $\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n x_t, \quad \hat{\tau} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (x_t - \hat{\mu})^2$

$s, r$ : smallest integers such that  $\hat{\mu} \leq 2^s, \quad \hat{\tau} \geq 2^{-2r}$

Restricted Parameter Space  $\tilde{\Theta} = \{(\mu, \tau) : \mu \leq 2^s, \tau \geq 2^{-2r}\}$

$$\int_{(\mu, \tau) \in \tilde{\Theta}} \sqrt{|I(\mu, \tau)|} d\mu d\tau = 2^{s+r+1/2}$$

Stochastic complexity

$$\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi e \hat{\tau}) + \log \frac{n}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{2} + s + r + \log^* s + \log^* r.$$

$\log^* x = \log c + \log x + \log \log x + \dots$  ( $c = 2.865$ ): codelength of an integer  $x$

# Characterization of Stochastic Complexity

## Theorem 3.1.4 (Rissanen's lower bound) [Rissanen 1989]

Under the assumption of the central limit theorem:

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}(x^n) - \theta) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I^{-1}(\theta)),$$

except points in  $\Theta_0$  such that  $\text{vol}(\Theta_0) \rightarrow 0$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ),

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \forall \mathcal{L}$ : prefix codelength function, it holds:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\theta}[\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x})] &\geq E_{\theta}[-\log p(\mathbf{x}; \theta)] + \frac{k - \epsilon}{2} \log n \\ &= E_{\theta}[I(\mathbf{x} : M)] + o(\log n). \end{aligned}$$

Stochastic complexity gives optimal codelength when the true distribution is unknown.

# Sequential NML Codelength

## Sequential NML (SNML)

=Cumulative codelength for sequential NML coding

$\mathbf{x} = x_1, \dots, x_n$  : data sequence

$$\tilde{I}(\mathbf{x}; M) = \sum_{t=1}^n \left( -\log \frac{p(x_t; \hat{\theta}(x_t \cdot x^{t-1}))}{\sum_X p(X; \hat{\theta}(X \cdot x^{t-1}))} \right)$$

Theorem 3.1.5 (Property of SNML) **Sequential NML**

For model classes under some regular conditions

$$I(\mathbf{x}; M) = \tilde{I}(\mathbf{x}; M) + o(\log n)$$

E.g. Regression model [Rissanen IEEE IT2000]

[Roos, Myllymaki, Rissanen MVA 2009]

### Example 3.1.3.(Auto-regression model)

$$p(x_t|x_{t-k}^{t-1}; \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left( x_t - \sum_{i=1}^k a^{(i)} x_{t-i} \right)^2 \right\}$$

$$\bar{x}_t = (x_{t-1}, \dots, x_{t-k})^T, \quad \theta^T = (a^T, \sigma^2) = (a^{(1)}, \dots, a^{(k)}, \sigma^2)$$

$$\hat{a}_t = \arg \min_{a \in \mathbf{R}^k} \sum_{j=1}^t (x_j - a^T \bar{x}_j)^2 = V_t \sum_{j=1}^t \bar{x}_j x_j = \hat{a}_{t-1} + \frac{V_{t-1} \bar{x}_t (x_t - \bar{x}_t \hat{a}_{t-1})}{1 + c_t}.$$

where

$$V_t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left( \sum_{j=1}^t \bar{x}_j \bar{x}_j^T \right)^{-1} = V_{t-1} - \frac{V_{t-1} \bar{x}_t \bar{x}_t^T V_{t-1}}{1 + c_t}, \quad c_t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bar{x}_t^T V_{t-1} \bar{x}_t.$$

When  $\sigma$  is fixed,  $\hat{x}_t = \hat{a}_t^T \bar{x}_t$  then SNNL dist. becomes

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\text{SNNL}}(x_t|x^{t-1}) &= \frac{p(x_t|x^{t-1}; \hat{a}_t)}{K(x^{t-1})} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(1+c_t)^2\sigma^2}} \exp \left( -\frac{(y_t - \hat{a}_{t-1}^T \bar{x}_t)^2}{2(1+c_t)^2\sigma^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

# MDL Criterion (1/2)

$\mathcal{M} = \{M\}$ : model class

NML distribution for fixed  $M$ :

$$\hat{p}(\mathbf{x}; M) = \frac{\max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta, M)}{C_n(M)}, \quad C_n(M) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta, M)$$

Stochastic complexity of  $\mathbf{x}$  relative to  $\mathcal{M}$  :

$$\begin{aligned} I(\mathbf{x}; \mathcal{M}) &= -\log \frac{\max_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \{\hat{p}(\mathbf{x}; M)\}}{C} \\ &= \left[ \min_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \left\{ -\max_{\theta} \log p(\mathbf{x}; \theta, M) + \log C_n(M) \right\} \right] + \log C \end{aligned}$$

MDL (Minimum Description Length) criterion

where  $C = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \max_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \{\hat{p}(\mathbf{x}; M)\} \implies$  does not depend on  $M$ .

# MDL Criterion (2/2)

$\mathcal{M} = \{M\}$ : model class

[Rissanen IEEE IT 1996]

Under the condition of central limit theorem:

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) - \theta) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1/I(\theta)),$$

$\mathbf{x} = x_1, \dots, x_n$ : given

$$I(\mathbf{x}; M) + \ell(M)$$

$$= -\log \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) + \frac{k}{2} \log \frac{n}{2\pi} + \log \int \sqrt{|I(\theta)|} d\theta + \ell(M)$$

$$\implies \min \text{ w.r.t. } M.$$

$k$ : #parameters,  $n$ : data length,  $I(\theta) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_p[-\frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial^2 \log p(\mathbf{x}; \theta)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta^T}]$

$\ell(M)$ : Complexity of  $M$  s.t.  $\sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \exp(-\ell(M)) \leq 1$ .

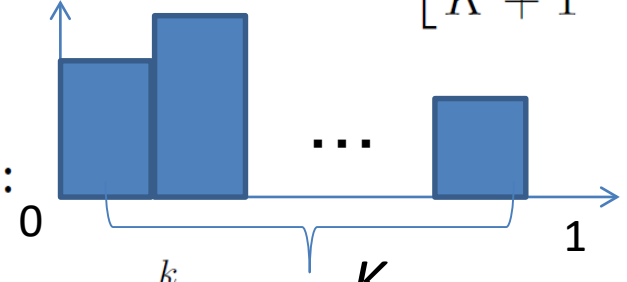
## Example 3.1.4. (Histogram Density)

$\mathcal{X} = [0, 1] \dots K$  disjoint cells

$$\mathcal{X} = \cup_{i=0}^K C_i, \quad C_i = \left[ \frac{i}{K+1}, \frac{i+1}{K+1} \right) \quad (i = 0, \dots, K-1), \quad C_K = \left[ \frac{K}{K+1}, 1 \right].$$

$$\theta_i = \text{Prob}(X \in C_i)$$

Class of histogram densities with equal length cells :



$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{HIS}} = \left\{ p(X; \theta) : \theta = (\theta_0, \dots, \theta_K), \theta_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=0}^K \theta_i = 1 \right. \\ \left. \text{if } X \in C_i, \text{ then } p(X; \theta) = (K+1)\theta_i \quad (i = 0, \dots, K) \right\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} I(x^n; K) &= \min_{\theta} \{ -\log p(x^n; \theta) \} + \frac{K}{2} \log \frac{n}{2\pi} + \log \int \sqrt{|I(\theta)|} d\theta + \mathcal{L}(K) \\ &= -\sum_{i=0}^K n_i \log \frac{n_i}{n} - n \log(K+1) + \frac{K}{2} \log \frac{n}{2\pi} + \log \frac{\pi^{\frac{K+1}{2}}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{K+1}{2}\right)} + \log^* K \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  min w.r.t.  $K$  (optimal  $K$ )

# Optimality of MDL Estimation

## Theorem 3.1.6 (Optimality of MDL estimator) [Rissanen 2012]

$\bar{\theta}$ ,  $\bar{M}$ : any given estimators

Define a **general normlized distribution** associated with  $\bar{\theta}$  and  $\bar{M}$  by

$$\bar{p}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}; \bar{\theta}, \bar{M})}{\sum_{\mathbf{y}} p(\mathbf{y}; \bar{\theta}, \bar{M})},$$

then it holds:

$$\min_{\bar{\theta}, \bar{M}} \max_{\theta, M} D(p_{\theta, M} || \bar{p}) = \log \hat{C}_n(\hat{M}) + \log \hat{C}_n$$

$D(f || g) = E_f[\log(f(x)/g(x))]$  (Kullback-Leiber divergence)

minimum is achieved by  $\bar{\theta} = \hat{\theta}$  (**m.l.e.**) ,  $\bar{M} = \hat{M}$  (**MDL estimator**) .

$$\hat{C}_n(M) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta, M)$$

$$\hat{C}_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \max_M \{ \max_{\theta} (p(\mathbf{x}; \theta, M) / C_n(M)) \}$$

# Why is the MDL?

- Optimal solution to Shtarkov minimax risk
- Attaining Rissanen's lower bound
- Consistency [Rissanen Auto. Control 1978]  
[Barron 1989]
- Index of Resolvability [Barron and Cover IEEE IT1991]
- Rapid convergence rate with PAC learning  
[Yamanishi Mach. Learning 1992]  
[Rissanen Yu, Learn. and Geo. 1996]  
[Chatterjee and Barron ISIT2014]  
[Kawakita, Takeuchi, ICML2016]
- Estimation optimality [Rissanen 2012]
- A huge number of case studies



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## 3.2. G-Function and Fourier Transformation

# Computational Problem in Parametric Complexity

## Parametric Complexity

$$\mathcal{C}_n(M) = \sum_x \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$$

It is hard to calculate for general model M.

Beyond Rissanen's asymptotic formulae for small data

- 1) Calculate it non-asymptotically.
- 2) Calculate it exactly and efficiently.

A) g-function

B) Fourier transformation

C) Combinatorial Methods

# g-Function

Density decomposition

[Rissanen 2007, 2012]

$$p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) = p(\mathbf{x} | \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x})) g(\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}); \theta)$$

where  $\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$ : m.l.e.

$$g(\bar{\theta}; \theta) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\mathbf{x}: \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{\theta}} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$$

$g(\bar{\theta}; \theta)$  is a probability density function of  $\bar{\theta}$  (*g-function*).

$$\int g(\bar{\theta}; \theta) d\bar{\theta} = \int d\bar{\theta} \left( \sum_{\mathbf{y}: \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{y}) = \bar{\theta}} p(\mathbf{y}; \theta) \right) = 1.$$

# Calculation of Parametric Complexity via g-function

$$\begin{aligned}C_n(M) &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}} p(\mathbf{x}; \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x})) \\&= \int d\hat{\theta} \sum_{\mathbf{y}: \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{y}) = \hat{\theta}} p(\mathbf{y}; \hat{\theta}) \\&= \int g(\hat{\theta}; \hat{\theta}) d\hat{\theta}.\end{aligned}$$

Variable transformation

### Example 3.2.1 (g-function for exponential distributions)

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{Exp}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{p(X; \theta) = \theta \exp(-\theta X) : \theta \in \mathbf{R}\}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = x_1, \dots, x_n: \text{ data sequence} \quad \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}^n) = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \quad : \text{m.l.e.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) &= \exp \left\{ -\theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + n \log \theta \right\} \\ &= \theta^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{n\theta}{\hat{\theta}} \right\} \\ &= f(\mathbf{x} | \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x})) g(\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}); \theta). \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$   $g..$  Gamma dist. of  $n/\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}^n)$  with shape  $n$  and scale  $1/\theta$ .

$$g(\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}); \theta) = \frac{\theta^n n^n}{\Gamma(n) \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x})^{n+1}} \exp \left\{ -\theta \cdot \frac{n}{\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x})} \right\}$$

Fix  $\hat{\theta}(x^n) = \hat{\theta}$ ,

$$g(\hat{\theta}; \hat{\theta}) = \frac{n^n}{e^n(n-1)!} \cdot \frac{1}{\hat{\theta}}.$$

Since  $\int g(\hat{\theta}; \hat{\theta}) d\hat{\theta}$  diverges, restrict

$$Y(\theta_{\min}, \theta_{\max}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\hat{\theta} : \theta_{\min} \leq \hat{\theta} \leq \theta_{\max}\}$$

where  $\theta_{\min}, \theta_{\max}$  are given constants.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} C_n &= \int_{Y(\theta_{\min}, \theta_{\max})} g(\hat{\theta}; \hat{\theta}) d\hat{\theta} \\ &= \frac{n^n}{e^n(n-1)!} \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta_{\max}} \frac{1}{\hat{\theta}} d\hat{\theta} \\ &= \frac{n^n}{e^n(n-1)!} \log \frac{\theta_{\max}}{\theta_{\min}}. \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Extended into general exponential family  
[Hirai and Yamanishi IEEE IT2013]

# Fourier Transformation Method(1/2)

Theorem 3.2.1 (Parametric complexity based on Fourier transformation) [Suzuki and Yamanishi ISIT 2018]

$$C_n(M) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) = \int d\theta h(\theta),$$

where for  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^k$  ( $k$ : # parameters),

$$h(\theta) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^k} \int d\xi \sum_{\mathbf{x}} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) \exp(i\xi^\top (\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) - \theta)),$$

where  $\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$ .

# Fourier Transformation Method(2/2)

*Proof Sketch.*

$\tilde{p}(\mathbf{x}; \xi)$ : Fourier transformation of  $p(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$

$$\tilde{p}(\mathbf{x}; \xi) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}} \int d\theta \exp(-i\xi^\top \theta) p(\mathbf{x}; \theta),$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}} \int d\xi \exp(i\xi^\top \theta) \tilde{p}(\mathbf{x}; \xi).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}} \int d\xi \exp(i\xi^\top \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x})) \tilde{p}(\mathbf{x}; \xi) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}} \int d\xi \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \int d\theta \exp(i\xi^\top (\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) - \theta)) p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}} \int d\theta \int d\xi \sum_{\mathbf{x}} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) \exp(i\xi^\top (\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) - \theta)) \\ &= \int d\theta h(\theta). \end{aligned}$$

# Exponential Family

$$p(x; \eta) = m(x) \exp(\eta^\top t(x)) / Z(\eta).$$

$$\tau(\eta) = \int dx \cdot t(x) p(x; \eta)$$

Theorem 3.2.2 (Parametric complexity of Exponential Family with Fourier method) [Suzuki and Yamanishi ISIT 2018]

$$\mathbf{x} = x_1, \dots, x_n$$

$$\int d\mathbf{x} \max_{\tau} p(\mathbf{x}; \eta(\tau)) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^k} \int d\tau \int d\xi \exp(-\xi^\top \tau) \left( \frac{Z(\eta(\tau) + i\xi/n)}{Z(\eta(\tau))} \right)^n$$

# Parametric Complexity of Exponential Family Computed with Fourier Method

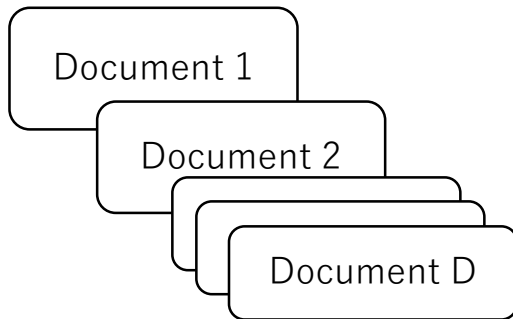
[Suzuki and Yamanishi ISIT 2018]

| Distribution                          | Density function<br>$f(\mathbf{x}^N; \theta)$                                                             | Sufficient statistics<br>$u_k(\mathbf{x})$ | Canonical parameter $\eta$<br>Expectation parameter $\tau = \mathbb{E}[u_k(\mathbf{x})]$                                            | Partition function<br>$Z(\eta)$                       | Parametric complexity                                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Normal dist. with known variance $v$  | $f(\mathbf{x}^N; \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi v}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2v}\right)$                   | $x$                                        | $\eta = \frac{\mu}{v} \in (-\infty, +\infty)$<br>$\mu = v\eta \in (-\infty, +\infty)$                                               | $v^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}v\eta^2\right)$ | $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\mu \frac{w(\mu)}{\sqrt{2\pi v}}$                                                               |
| Normal dist. with known mean $\mu$    | $f(\mathbf{x}^N; v) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2v}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2v}\right)$                         | $(x - \mu)^2$                              | $\eta = -\frac{1}{2v} \in (-\infty, 0)$<br>$v = -\frac{1}{2\eta} \in (0, \infty)$                                                   | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{-\eta}}$                              | $\frac{(\frac{1}{2}N)^{\frac{1}{2}N} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}N)}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}N)} \times \int_0^{+\infty} dv \frac{w(v)}{v}$ |
| Laplace dist. with known mean $\mu$   | $f(\mathbf{x}^N; b) = \frac{1}{2b} \exp\left(-\frac{ x-\mu }{b}\right)$                                   | $ x - \mu $                                | $\eta = -\frac{1}{b} \in (-\infty, 0)$<br>$b = -\frac{1}{\eta} \in (0, \infty)$                                                     | $\frac{2}{-\eta}$                                     | $\frac{N^N \exp(-N)}{\Gamma(N)} \times \int_0^{+\infty} db \frac{w(b)}{b}$                                                 |
| Gamma dist. with known shape $k$      | $f(\mathbf{x}^N; \mu) = \frac{k^k x^{k-1}}{\Gamma(k)\mu^k} \exp\left(-\frac{kx}{\mu}\right)$              | $x$                                        | $\eta = -\frac{k}{\mu} \in (-\infty, 0)$<br>$\mu = -\frac{k}{\eta} \in (0, \infty)$                                                 | $\frac{1}{(-\eta)^k}$                                 | $\frac{(kN)^{kN} \exp(-kN)}{\Gamma(kN)} \times \int_0^{+\infty} d\mu \frac{w(\mu)}{\mu}$                                   |
| Weibull dist. with known shape $k$    | $f(\mathbf{x}^N; L) = kL^{-\frac{k+1}{k}} x^k \exp\left(-\frac{x^k}{L}\right)$                            | $x^k$                                      | $\eta = -\frac{1}{L} \in (-\infty, 0)$<br>$L = -\frac{1}{\eta} \in (0, \infty)$                                                     | $\frac{1}{-\eta}$                                     | $\frac{N^N \exp(-N)}{\Gamma(N)} \times \int_0^{+\infty} dL \frac{w(L)}{L}$                                                 |
| Gamma dist. with known scale $\theta$ | $f(\mathbf{x}^N; \eta) = \frac{x^\eta}{\Gamma(\eta+1)\theta^{\eta+1}} \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\theta}\right)$ | $\log x$                                   | $\eta = \psi^{-1}(\lambda - \log \theta) - 1 \in (-1, +\infty)$<br>$\lambda = -\psi(\eta + 1) + \log \theta \in (-\infty, +\infty)$ | $\Gamma(\eta + 1) \theta^{\eta+1}$                    | See (22)                                                                                                                   |

## 3.3. Latent Variable Model Selection

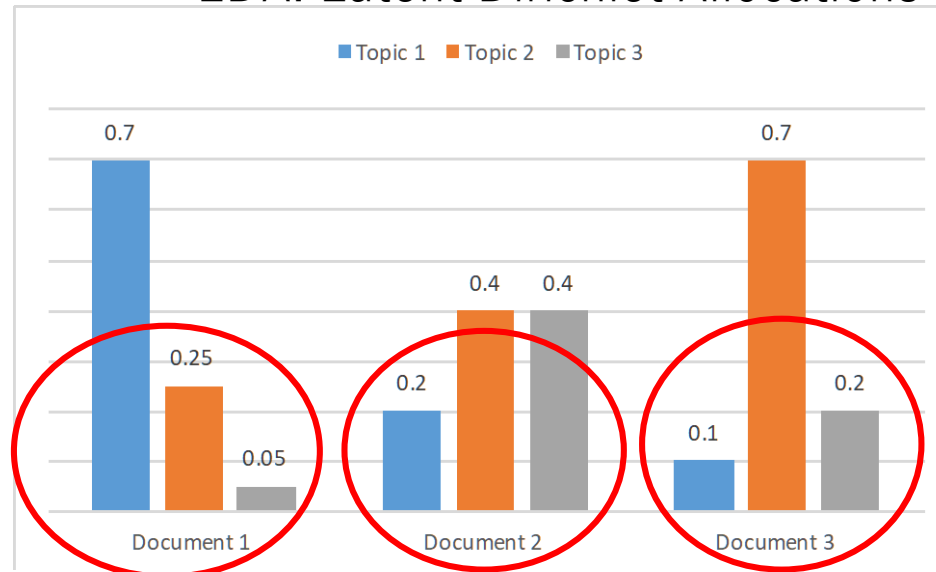
# Latent Variable Model Selection

## Motivation 1. Topic Model



| Topic 1         | Topic 2        | Topic K     |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Machine: 0.05   | Matrix: 0.04   | Bio: 0.05   |
| Computer: 0.03  | Math: 0.03     | Gene: 0.04  |
| Algorithm: 0.02 | equation: 0.01 | Array: 0.01 |
| ...             | ...            | ...         |

LDA: Latent Dirichlet Allocations

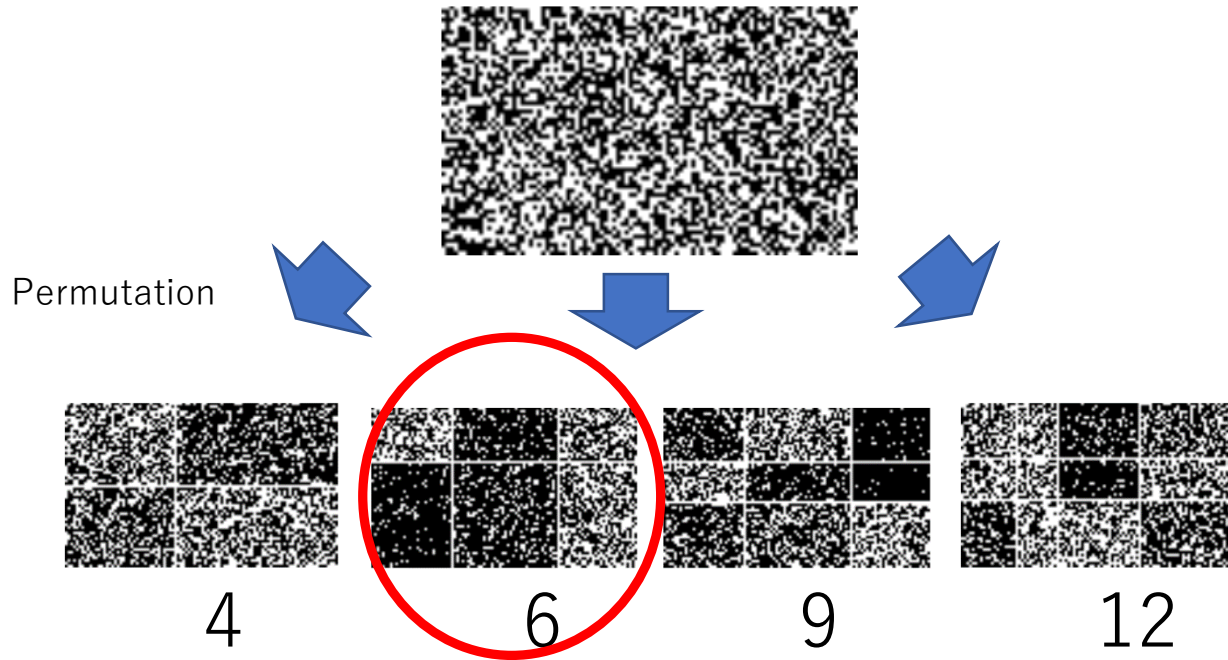


#topics = 3

How many topics lie in a document?

# Latent Variable Model Selection

## Motivation 2: Relational Model



#blocks = 6

How many blocks lie in a relational data?

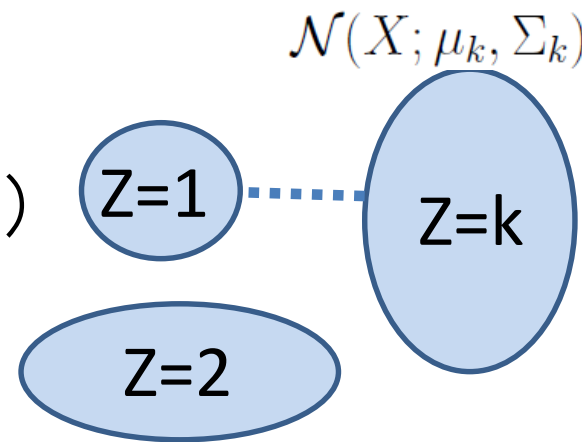
# Latent Variable Models

$X$ : observed variable,  $Z$ : latent variable

$$p(X; \theta) = \sum_Z p(X, Z; \theta)$$

Example 3.4.1 (Gaussian mixture model)

$$p(X, Z = k; \theta) = P(Z = k) \mathcal{N}(X; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$



$Z$ : cluster assignment,  $K$ : # components

$\mathcal{N}(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$ : normal dist. with mean  $\mu_k$  and variance-covariance matrix  $\Sigma_k$

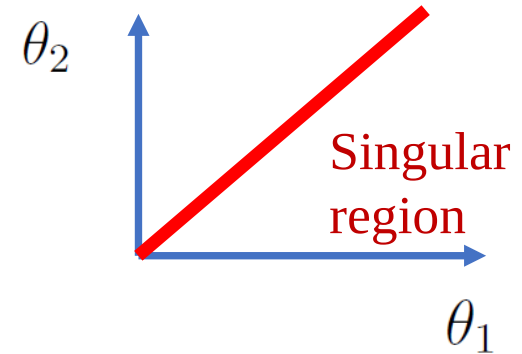
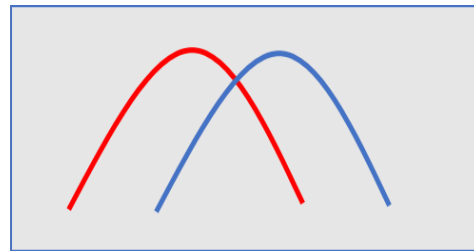
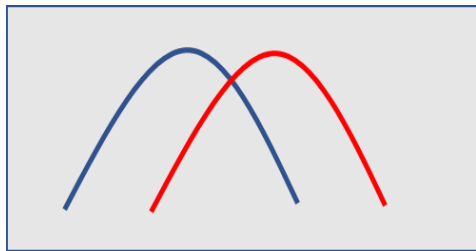
$$\pi_k = P(Z = k), \theta = (\pi_k, \mu_k, \Sigma_k) \quad (k = 1, \dots, K)$$

# Nonidentifiability of Latent Variable Model

**Marginalized model**  $p(X; \theta) = \sum_Z p(X, Z; \theta) = \sum_Z p(Z)p(X|Z; \theta_Z)$

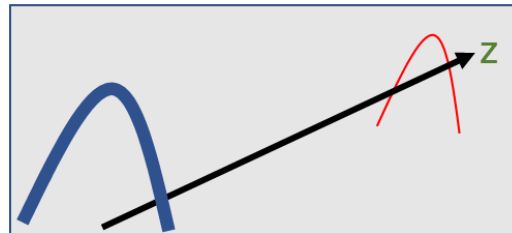
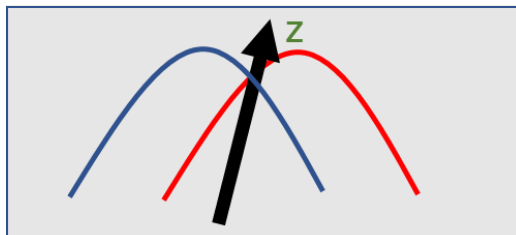
Finite mixture model

$$p(X; \pi, \theta_1, \theta_2) = \pi p(X; \theta_1) + (1 - \pi)p(X; \theta_2)$$



**Non-identifiable**  $\theta_1 = \theta_2 \implies$  Prob. dist. is identical for any  $\pi$ .

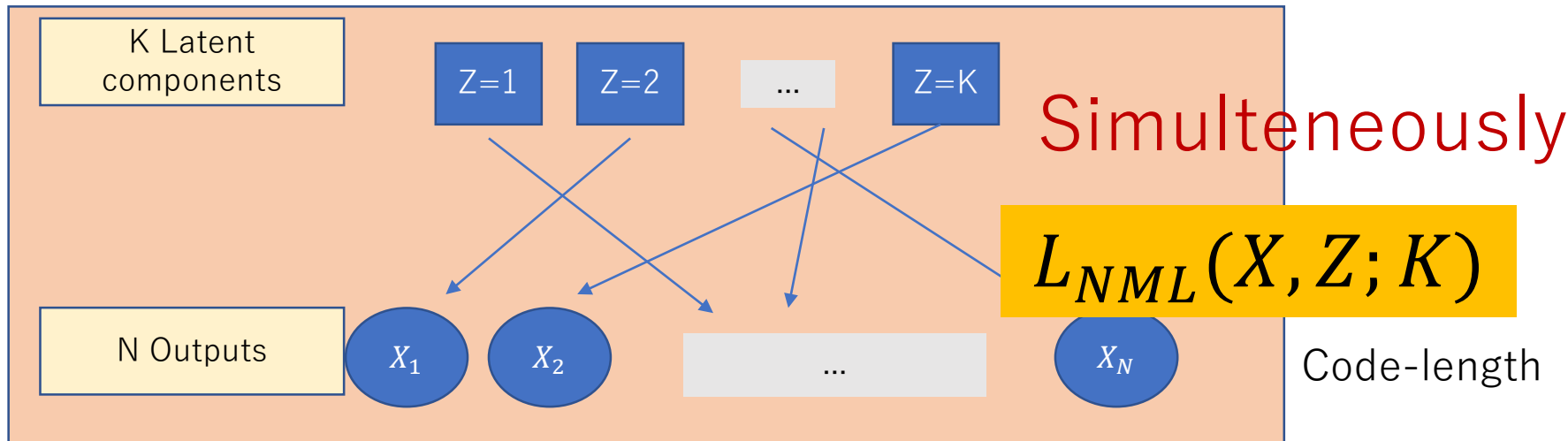
**Complete variable model**  $p(X, Z; \theta)$  Estimate Z from X



**Identifiable**

# 3.3.1. Latent Stochastic Complexity

Normalized maximum likelihood (NML)  
Codelength for complete variable model



$\mathbf{x} = x_1, \dots, x_n$ : data sequence     $\mathbf{z} = z_1, \dots, z_n$ : latent variable sequence

Latent Stochastic Complexity(LSC)

$$-\log \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}; \theta, M) + \underbrace{\log \sum_{\mathbf{y}} \sum_{\mathbf{w}} \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}; \theta, M)}_{\text{Latent Parametric Complexity}}$$

$\implies \min \text{ w.r.t. } M$

# Finite Mixture Model

Finite  
Mixture  
Model

$$p(X, Z; \theta, K) = p(X|Z; \theta_1)p(Z; \theta_2)$$

$$p(X; \theta, K) = \sum_{Z=1}^K p(X|Z; \theta_1)p(Z; \theta_2) \quad K: \# \text{ components}$$

$$p(Z = i; \theta_2) = \phi_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, K), \quad \theta_2 = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_K)$$

Latent  
Parametric  
Complexity

$$C_n(K) = \sum_z \left( \int \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}; \theta, K) d\mathbf{x} \right)$$

$$= \sum_z \max_{\theta_2} p(\mathbf{z}; \theta_2) \int p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}; \theta_1) d\mathbf{x}$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{n_1 + \dots + n_K = n \\ n_i \geq 0 \ i = 1, \dots, K}} \frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_K!} \left( \frac{n_1}{n} \right)^{n_1} \dots \left( \frac{n_K}{n} \right)^{n_K} \prod_{k=1}^K \bar{C}_{n_k}$$

$$\implies O(K^n) \text{ computation time} \quad \text{where} \quad \bar{C}_n = \int \max_{\theta_1} p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}; \theta_1) d\mathbf{x}$$

# Parametric Complexity of FMM

Theorem 3.3.1 (Recurrence relation for parametric complexity fo FMM) [Hirai and Yamanishi IEEE IT2013]

$$C_n(K+1) = \sum_{\substack{r_1 + r_2 = n \\ r_1 \geq 0, r_2 \geq 0}} \frac{n!}{r_1! r_2!} \left(\frac{r_1}{n}\right)^{r_1} \left(\frac{r_2}{n}\right)^{r_2} C_{r_1}(K) \overline{C}_{r_2}$$

$$r_1 \geq 0, r_2 \geq 0$$

$K$ : # components,  $n$ : data length

$\implies$  computable in  $O(n^2 K)$  time

# Gaussian Mixture Models

[Hirai Yamanishi IEEE IT 2013, 2019]

Example 3.3.1 (Parametric complexity of multivariate GMM)

$$C_n(K+1) = \sum_{\substack{r_1 + r_2 = n \\ r_1 \geq 0, r_2 \geq 0}} \frac{n!}{r_1! r_2!} \left(\frac{r_1}{n}\right)^{r_1} \left(\frac{r_2}{n}\right)^{r_2} C_{r_1}(K) \bar{C}_{r_2}$$

where

$$\bar{C}_n = \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} p(\mathbf{x}; \hat{\mu}(\mathbf{x}), \hat{\Sigma}(\mathbf{x})) d\mathbf{x}$$

$$\leq \frac{2^{d+1} R^{\frac{d}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^d \left(\lambda_{\min}^{(j)}\right)^{-\frac{d}{2}}}{d^{d+1} \Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right) \Gamma_d\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)} \left(\frac{n}{2e}\right)^{\frac{dn}{2}}$$

$d$ : data dimension  $\mathcal{X} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\mathbf{x} : \|\hat{\mu}(\mathbf{x})\| \leq R, \lambda_{\min}^{(j)} \leq \hat{\lambda}_j(\mathbf{x})\}$

$R > 0, \lambda_{\min}^{(j)} (j = 1, \dots, d)$ : given,  $\lambda_j$ : the  $j$ -th largest eigenvalue of  $\hat{\Sigma}$

# Latent Variable Model Selection with Latent Stochastic Complexity(1/2)

- Naïve Bayes Model

[Kontkanen and Myllymaki 2008]

- Gaussian Mixture Model

[Kyrgyzov, Kyrgyzov, Maître, Campedel MLDM2007]

[Hirai and Yamanishi IEEE IT 2013, 2019]

- General Relation Model

[Sakai, Yamanishi IEEEBigData 2013]

- Principal Component Analysis/Canonical Component Analysis

[Archambeau, Bach NIPS2009]

[Virtanen, Klami, Kaski ICML2011]

[Nakamura, Iwata, Yamanishi DSAA2017]

# Latent Variable Model Selection with Latent Stochastic Complexity(2/2)

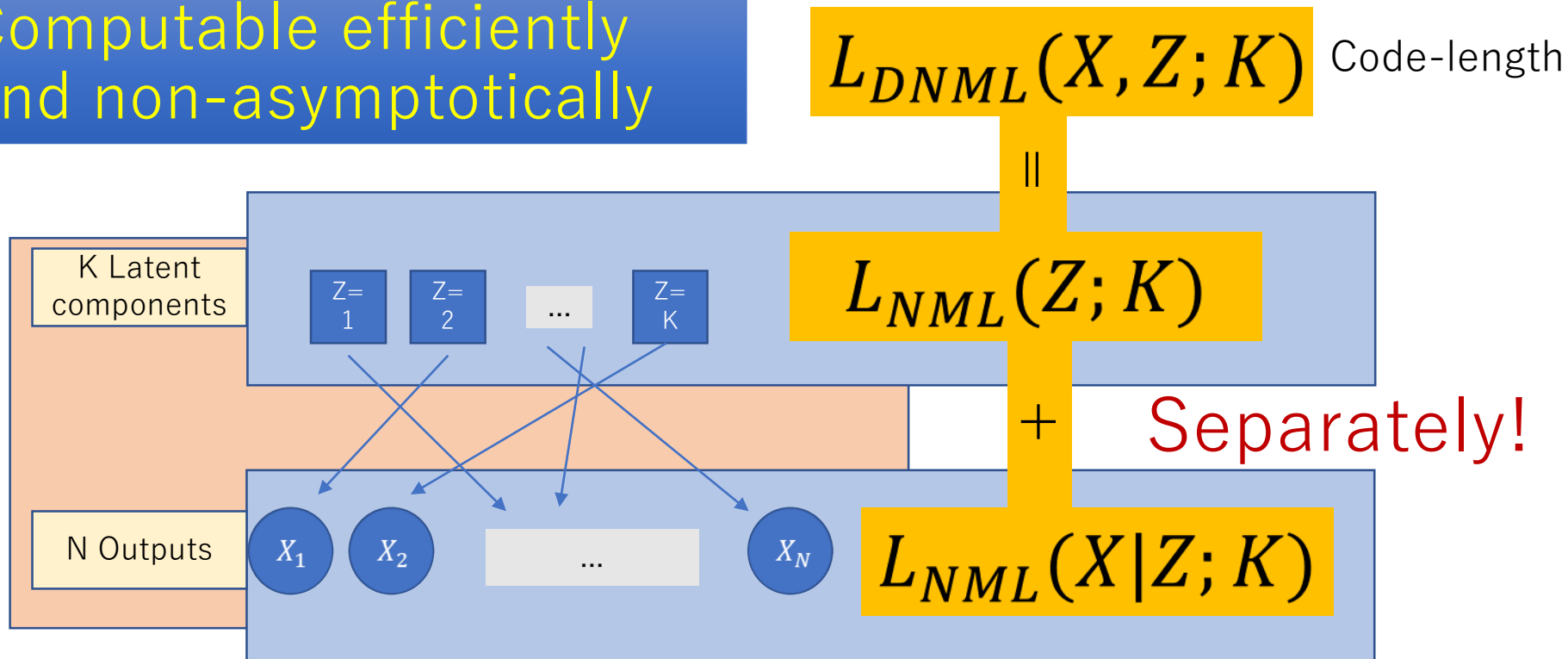
- Non-negative Matrix Factorization(NMF) Rank Estimation
  - [Miettinen, Vreeken KDD2011]
  - [Yamauchi, Kawakita, Takeuchi ICONIP2012]
  - [Ito, Oeda, Yamanishi SDM2016]
  - [Squire, Benett, Niranjyan NeuroComput2017]
  - c.f. [Cemgil CIN2009] Variational Bayes
  - [Hoffman, Blei, Cook 2010] Non-parametric Bayes
- Convolutional NMF
  - [Suzuki, Miyaguchi, Yamanishi ICDM2016]
- Non-negative Tensor Factorization(NTF) Rank Estimation
  - [Fu, Matsushima, Yamanishi Entropy2019]

# 3.3.2. Decomposed Normalized Maximum Likelihood (DNML) Codelength

[Wu, Sugawara, Yamanishi KDD2017]

[Yamanishi, Wu, Sugawara, Okada DAMI2019]

Computable efficiently  
and non-asymptotically



# How to Compute DNML

$$p(X, Z; \theta, K) = p(X|Z; \theta_1)p(Z; \theta_2)$$

$K$ : # latent variables

$\mathbf{x} = x_1, \dots, x_n$ : observed data sequence

$\mathbf{z} = z_1, \dots, z_n$ : latent variable sequence

DNML criterion

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{DNML}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}; K) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{L}_{\text{NML}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}; K) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{NML}}(\mathbf{z}; K)$$

$\implies \min \text{ w.r.t. } K$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NML}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}; K) = -\log \max_{\theta_1} p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}; \theta_1) + \log \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \max_{\theta_1} p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}; \theta_1)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NML}}(\mathbf{z}; K) = -\log \max_{\theta_2} p(\mathbf{z}; \theta_2) + \log \sum_{\mathbf{z}} \max_{\theta_2} p(\mathbf{z}; \theta_2)$$

# Finite Mixture Models

$\mathbf{z}_k$  subsequence of  $\mathbf{z}$  s.t.  $Z = k$

$\mathbf{x}_k$  data sequence corresponding to  $\mathbf{z}_k$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{NML}}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}; K) &= -\log \prod_k \max_{\theta_1} p(\mathbf{x}_k|\mathbf{z}_k; \theta_1) + \log \prod_k \left( \sum_{\mathbf{x}_k} \max_{\theta_1} p(\mathbf{x}_k|\mathbf{z}_k; \theta_1) \right) \\ &= \sum_k \mathcal{L}_{\text{NML}}(\mathbf{x}_k|\mathbf{z}_k)\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{NML}}(\mathbf{x}_k|\mathbf{z}_k) = -\log \max_{\theta_1} p(\mathbf{x}_k|\mathbf{z}_k; \theta_1) + \log \sum_{\mathbf{x}_k} \max_{\theta_1} p(\mathbf{x}_k|\mathbf{z}_k; \theta_1)$ .

$$\theta_2 = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_K) \quad (\sum_k \phi_k = 1, \phi_k \geq 0) \quad \hat{\theta}_2 = \left( \frac{n_1}{n}, \dots, \frac{n_K}{n} \right) \quad \text{Multinomial distribution}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NML}}(\mathbf{z}; K) = -\log \prod_{k=1}^K \left( \frac{n_k}{n} \right)^{n_k} + \log C_n^{\text{MN}}(K)$$

$$C_n^{\text{MN}}(K) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\substack{n_1 + \dots + n_K = n \\ n_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, K}} \frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_K!} \prod_{k=1}^K \left( \frac{n_k}{n} \right)^{n_k}$$

# Efficient Computation of Parametric Complexity for Multinomial Distribution

$$C_n^{\text{MN}}(K) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\substack{n_1 + \dots + n_K = n \\ n_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, K}} \frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_K!} \prod_{k=1}^K \left(\frac{n_k}{n}\right)^{n_k}$$



Petri Myllymaki

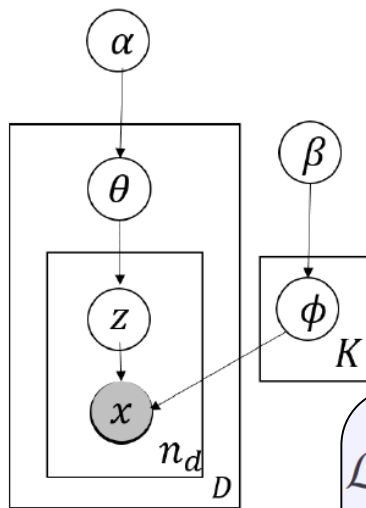
Theorem 3.3.2 (Recurrence relation of parametric complexity of multinomial distribution) [Kontkanen, Myllymaki IPL 2006]

$$C_n^{\text{MN}}(K) = C_n^{\text{MN}}(K - 1) + \frac{n}{K - 2} C_n^{\text{MN}}(K - 2)$$

$\implies O(n + K)$  comput. time

# 3.3.3 Applications to a Variety of Classes

## Example 3.3.2 (Latent Dirichlet Allocation: LDA)



b) LDA

- (1) For topic  $k = 1, \dots, K$ :
  - Generate a word distribution  $\phi_k \sim \text{Dir}(\beta)$ .
- (2) For document  $d = 1, \dots, D$ :
  - (a) Generate a topic mixture  $\theta_d \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha)$ .
  - (b) For word  $i = 1, \dots, n_d$  in document  $d$ :
    - (i) Generate a latent variable  $z_{di} \sim \text{Multi}(\theta_d)$ .
    - (ii) Generate an observed variable  $x_{di} \sim \text{Multi}(\phi_{z_{di}})$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{DNML}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}; K) = & \sum_k \sum_v n_{kv} (\log n_k - \log n_{kv}) + \sum_k \log C_{\text{MN}}(n_k, V) \\ & + \sum_d \sum_k n_{dk} (\log n_d - \log n_{dk}) + \sum_d \log C_{\text{MN}}(n_d, K), \\ & \implies \text{computable in time } \mathcal{O}(n + K + V) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$C_{\text{MN}}(n, K) = C_n^{\text{MN}}(K)$$

$n_{kv}$ : # word  $v$  in topic  $k$

$n_k$ : # words in topic  $k$

$n_{dk}$ : # words in topic  $k$  from document  $d$

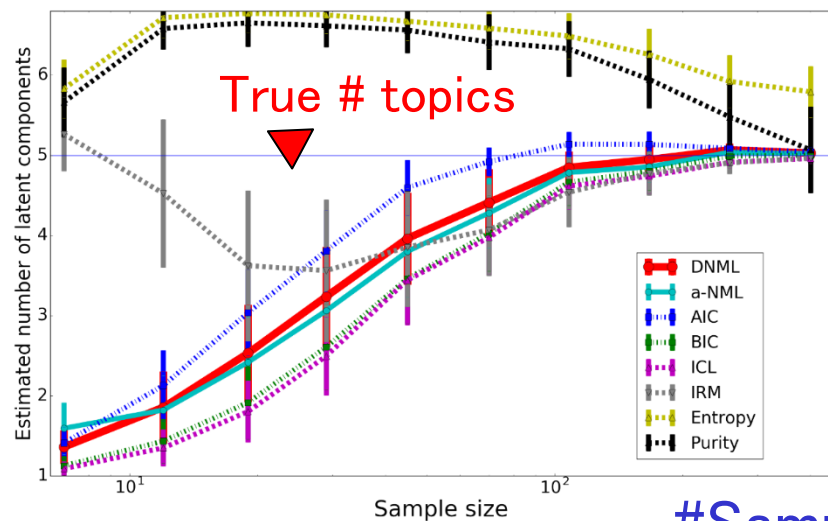
$n_d$ : # words in document  $d$

# Empirical Evaluation

-Synthetic Data-

DNML is able to identify the true # topics of LDA most robustly

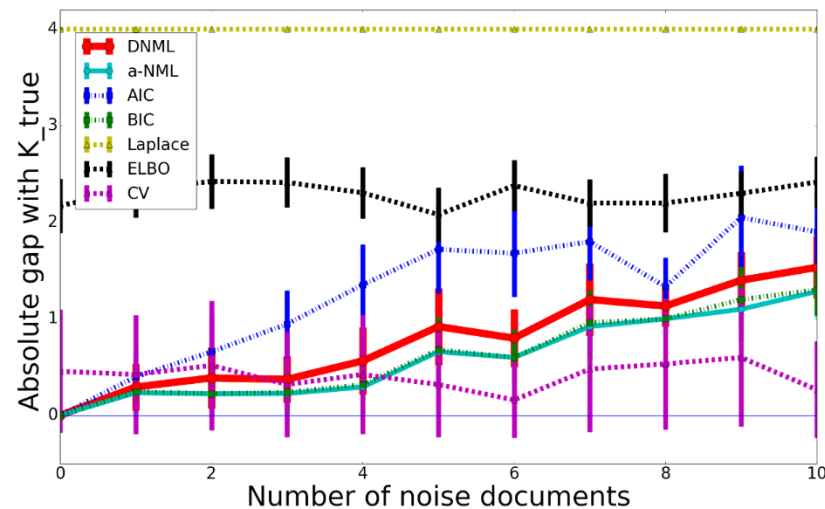
Estimated #topics



#Sample

DNML converges to the true model as rapidly as LSC, but slower than AIC.

Error Rate



Noise Ratio

DNML is more robust against noise than AIC.

# Empirical Evaluation

-Benchmark Data-

**DNML is able to identify the true # topics most exactly**

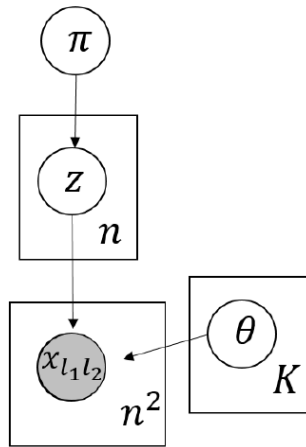
Newsgroup Dataset

| Method      | 2 topics | 3 topics | 4 topics | 5 topics | 6 topics |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>DNML</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>7</b> |
| AIC         | 7        | 4        | 9        | 7        | <b>7</b> |
| Laplace     | 8        | 4        | 8        | 9        | 5        |
| ELBO        | 3        | 4        | <b>4</b> | 4        | 3        |
| CV          | 9        | 1        | 3        | 7        | 1        |
| HDP         | 80       | 98       | 94       | 92       | 98       |

[Wu, Sugawara, Yamanishi KDD2017]

## Example 3.3.3 (Stochastic Block Models: SBM)

- (1) For vertex  $i = 1, \dots, n$ :
  - Generate a latent variable  $z_i \sim \text{Multi}(\pi)$ .
- (2) For vertex  $i_1 = 1, \dots, n$ :
  - For vertex  $i_2 = 1, \dots, n$ :
    - Generate a variable  $x_{i_1 i_2} \sim \text{Ber}(\eta_{z_{i_1} z_{i_2}})$ .



c) SBM

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{DNML}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}; K)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{k_1} \sum_{k_2} \left( n_{k_1 k_2} \log n_{k_1 k_2} - n_{k_1 k_2}^1 \log n_{k_1 k_2}^1 - n_{k_1 k_2}^0 \log n_{k_1 k_2}^0 \right) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{k_1} \sum_{k_2} \log C_{\text{MN}}(n_{k_1 k_2}, 2) \\
 &\quad + \sum_k n_k (\log n - \log n_k) + \log C_{\text{MN}}(n, K),
 \end{aligned}$$

$\implies$  computable in time  $O(n + K)$

where

$n_{k_1 k_2}$ : # occurrences in  $(k_1, k_2)$  cluster

$n_{k_1 k_2}^1$ : # links in  $(k_1, k_2)$  cluster

$n_{k_1 k_2}^0$ : # no-links in  $(k_1, k_2)$  cluster

$n_k$ : # occurrences in  $k$  cluster

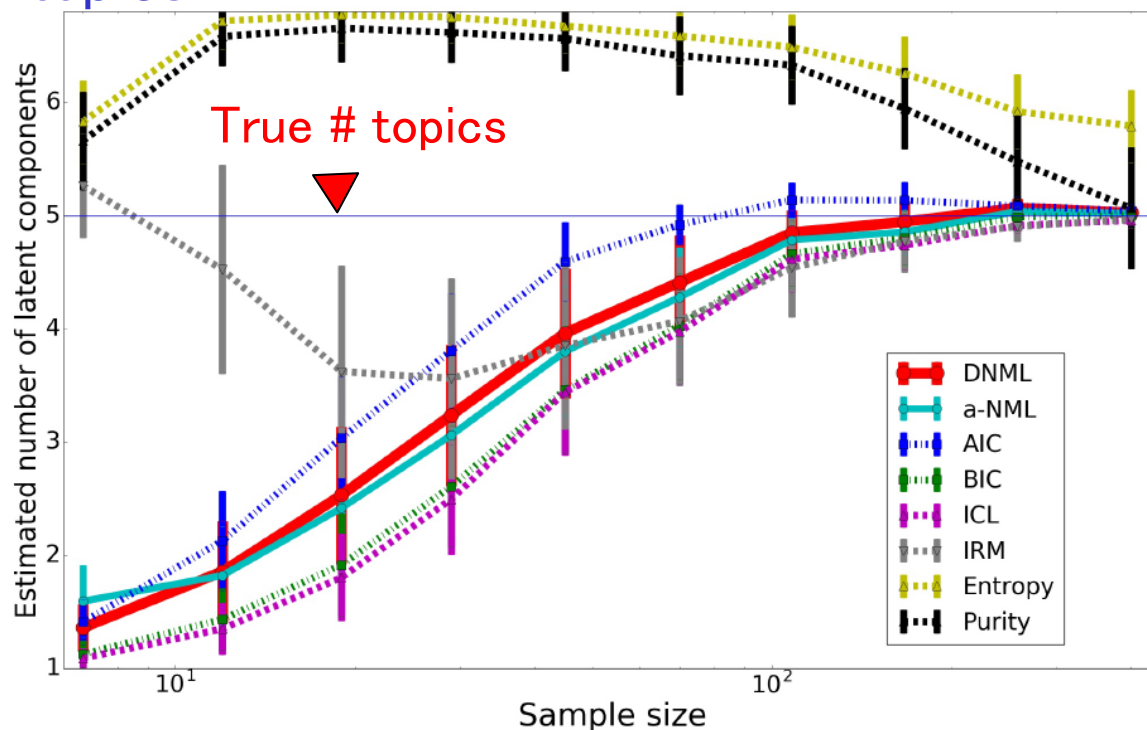
# Empirical Evaluation

## -Synthetic Data-

AIC increases most rapidly but overfit data for large sample size  
DNML increases more slowly but converges to true one.

[Wu, Sugawara, Yamanishi KDD2017]

Estimated #topics



#Sample

Figure 3: SBM: Estimated number  $K$  vs sample size  $n$  with  $K_{true} = 5$

## Example 3.3.4 (Gaussian Mixture Models: GMM)

For observations  $i = 1, \dots, n$ :

1. Generate a latent variable  $z_i \sim \text{Multi}(\pi)$  with  $\pi = (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_K)$ .
2. Generate  $x_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{z_i}, \Sigma_{z_i})$ .

$$L_{\text{DNML}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}; K) = \sum_{k=1}^K L_{\text{NML}}(\mathbf{x}_k) + \sum_{k=1}^K n_k (\log n - \log n_k) + \log C_{\text{MN}}(n, K),$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_{\text{NML}}(\mathbf{x}_k) \leq & \frac{mn_k}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{n_k}{2} \log |\hat{\Sigma}_k| + \frac{mn_k}{2} \\ & + \frac{mn_k}{2} \log \frac{n_k}{2e} - \frac{m(m-1)}{4} \log \pi - \sum_{j=1}^m \log \Gamma \left( \frac{n_k - j}{2} \right) \\ & - m \log \frac{m}{2} - \log \Gamma \left( \frac{m}{2} + 1 \right) \\ & + \frac{m}{2} \log \|\hat{\mu}_k\|_2^2 - \frac{m}{2} \sum_{j=1}^m \log \lambda^{(j)}(\hat{\Sigma}_k) \\ & + (m+1) \log \frac{m}{2} + \log \log \frac{R_2}{R_1} + m \log \log \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}, \end{aligned}$$

# Empirical Evaluation

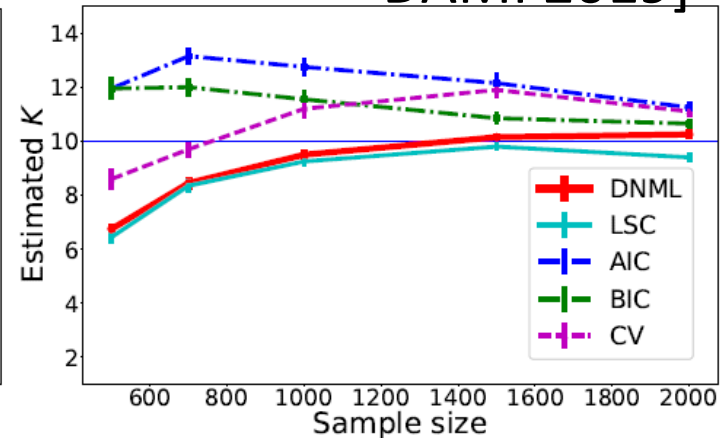
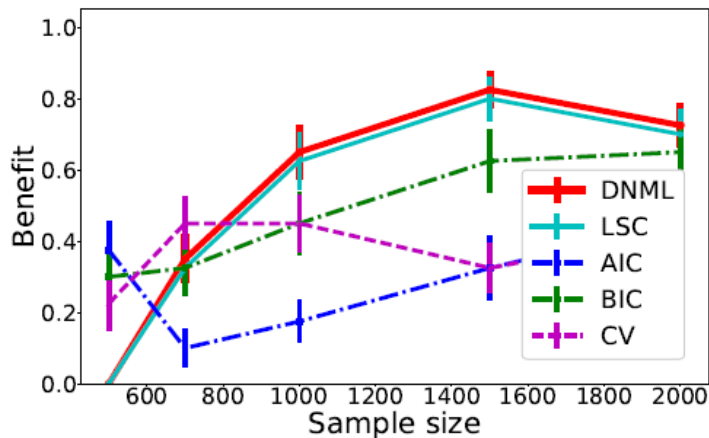
## -Synthetic Data-

DNML performs best and can identify small components exactly.

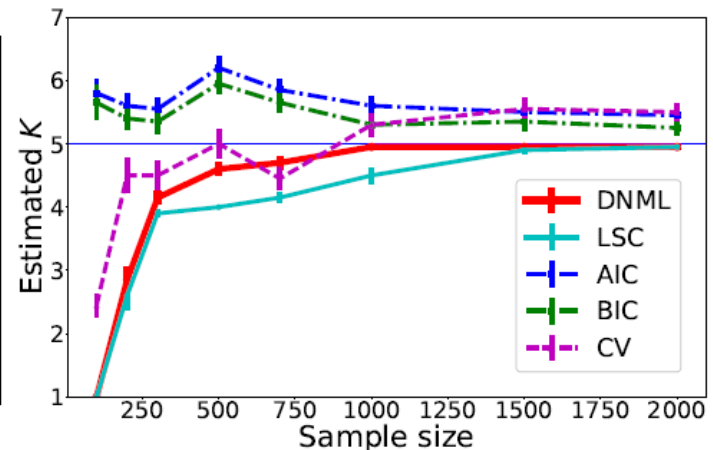
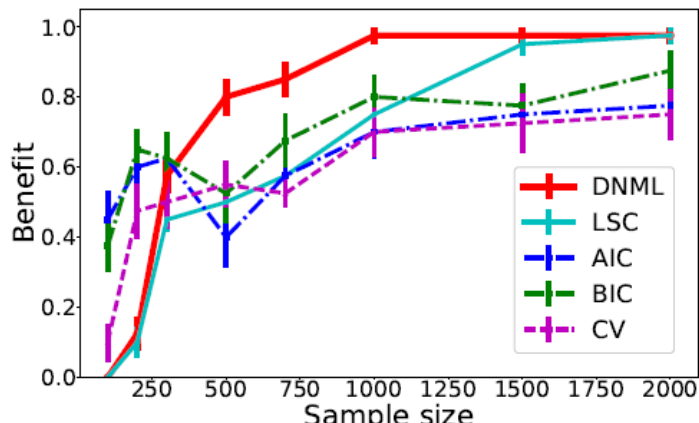
$$\text{Benefit}(\hat{K}, K_{true}) = \max \left\{ 0, 1 - \frac{|\hat{K} - K_{true}|}{2} \right\}$$

[Yamanishi et al.  
DAMI 2019]

m=5  
K\*=10



m=5  
K\*=5  
With small components



# Minimax Optimality of DNML

## Theorem 3.3.3 (Estimation Optimality of DNML)

[Yamanishi, Wu, Sugawara, Okada DAMI2019]

$\bar{K}(\cdot)$ : Arbitrary model estimator

NML dist. associated with  $\bar{K}$

$$\bar{p}(x, z) = \frac{\bar{p}(x|z; \bar{K}(x, z))\bar{p}(z; \bar{K}(x, z))}{\bar{C}_{X,Z}^n}, \quad \bar{C}_{X,Z}^n = \sum_{x,z} \bar{p}(x, z; \bar{K}(x, z))\bar{p}(z; \bar{K}(x, z)).$$

$\hat{K}(\cdot)$ : DNML model estimator  $\hat{K}(x, z) = \operatorname{argmax}_K \{p_{\text{NML}}(x|z; K)p_{\text{NML}}(z; K)\}$ .

DNML dist. associated with  $\hat{K}$

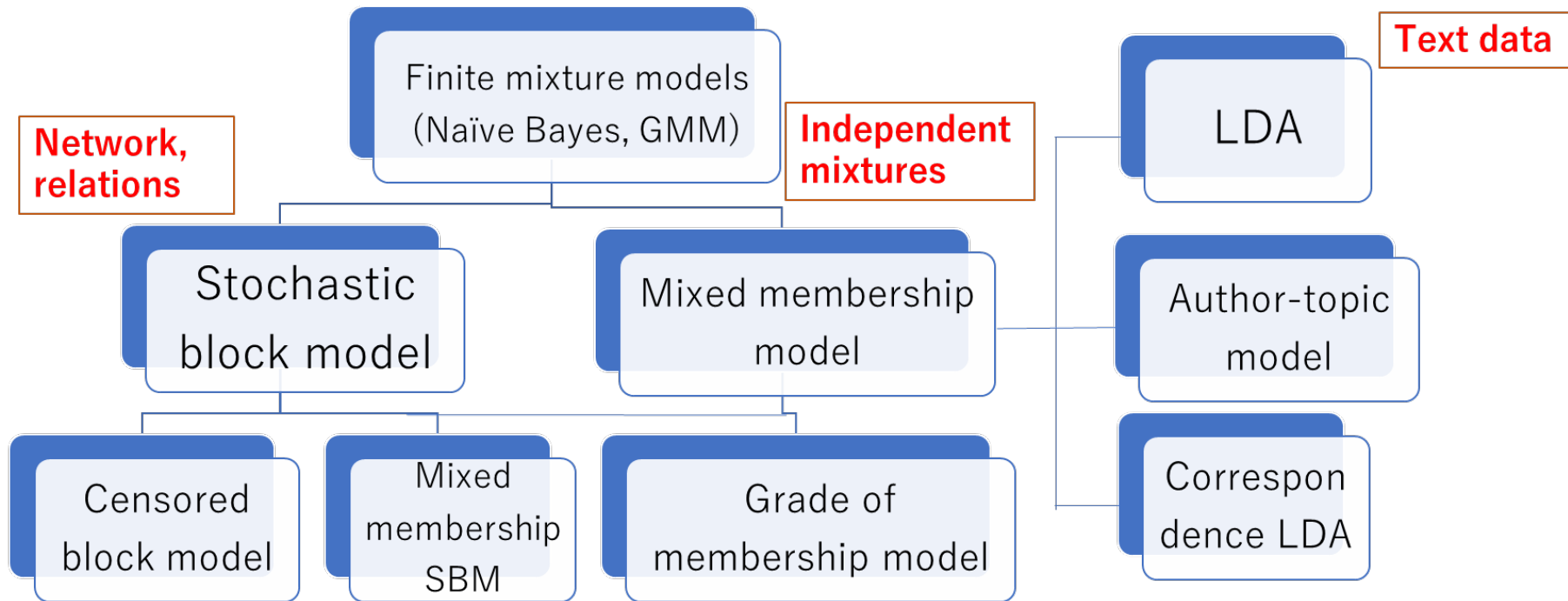
$$\hat{p}(x, z) = \frac{p_{\text{NML}}(x|z; \hat{K}(x, z))p_{\text{NML}}(z; \hat{K}(x, z))}{\hat{C}_{X,Z}^n}$$

Then DNML dist.  $\hat{p}_{\text{DNML}}$  achieves the minimum of

$$\min_{\bar{p}} \max_{\theta, K} D(p_{\theta, K} || \bar{p}) \quad \text{KL-Divergence}$$

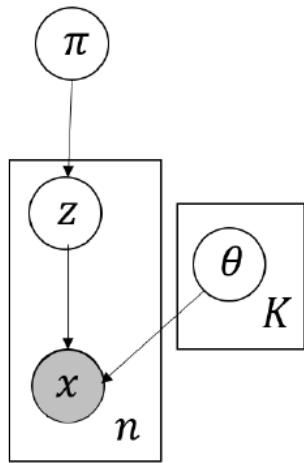
# Wide Applicability of DNML

DNML is universally applicable to model selection for a wide class of hierarchical latent variable models.

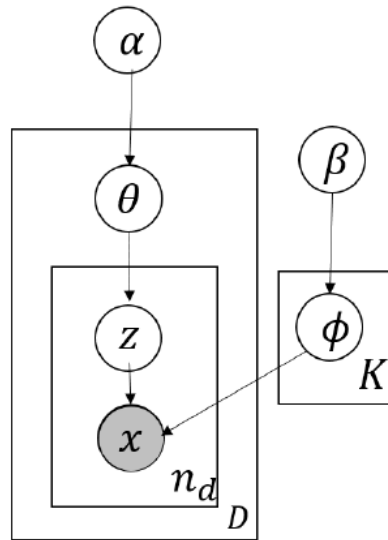


DNML is a conclusive solution to latent variable model selection.

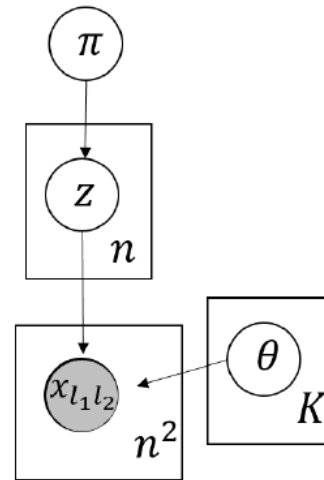
# Classes of Hierarchical Latent Variable Models



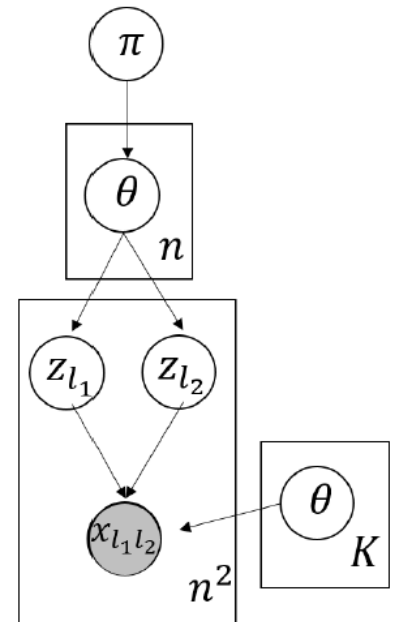
a) Finite mixture models



b) LDA



c) SBM



d) MMSBM

## 3.4. High-dimensional Sparse Model Selection

## 3.4.1. High-dimensional Penalty Selection

**Goal)** Identify “essential” parameter subset in high dim. models

- To achieve better generalization
- To realize knowledge discovery in lower dimensional space

**Method)** Minimize regularized log loss:

$\mathbf{x} = x_1, \dots, x_n$ : data sequence,  $\Theta$ : parameter space

$$\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in \Theta} \{-\log p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) + g(\theta, \lambda)\}$$

where  $g(\theta, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d \lambda_j \theta_j^2$  penalty

- Small  $\lambda_j$  for essential parameters
- Large  $\lambda_j$  for unnecessary parameters

# Luckiness NML Codelength (LNML)

[Grünwald 2007]



Peter Grünwald

- Luckiness Minimax Regret

$$\mathcal{P} = \{p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) : \theta \in \Theta\}$$

$$LR_n(\mathcal{P}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min_{\mathcal{L}: \text{prefix code}} \max_{\mathbf{x}} \{ \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) - \min_{\theta} (-\log p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) + g(\theta, \lambda)) \}$$

The minimum of  $LR_n(\mathcal{P})$  is achieved by **Luckiness NML(LNML)**:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{LNML}}(\mathbf{x}) = \min_{\theta} (-\log p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) + g(\theta, \lambda)) + \log Z_n(\lambda)$$

where  $Z_n(\lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) e^{-g(\theta, \lambda)} d\mathbf{x}$

Problem:

- 1)  $Z_n(\lambda)$  is analytically intractable in general
- 2) How to choose  $\lambda$ ?

# Upper Bounding on LNML

Theorem 3.3.5 (uLNML: An upper bound on LNML)

[Miyaguchi, Yamanishi *Machine Learning* 2018]

LNML codelength is uniformly upper-bounded by

$$L_{\text{LNML}}(\mathbf{x}) \leq \min_{\theta} (-\log p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) + g(\theta, \lambda)) \\ \left[ + \frac{1}{2} \log |H(\lambda)| + \log \int e^{-g(\theta, \lambda)} d\theta \right] + \text{const}$$

an upper bound on  $Z_n(\lambda)$

where  $|H(\lambda)|$  is an upper bound on  $\left| \left( -\frac{\partial^2 \log p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) g(\theta, \lambda)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta^\top} \right) \right|$ .

# Optimization Algorithm

[Miyaguchi, Yamanishi *Machine Learning* 2018]

- Upper bound on LNML = concave + convex function

$$\overline{L}_{\text{LNML}}(\mathbf{x}; \lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \underbrace{\min_{\theta} (-\log p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) + g(\theta, \lambda))}_{\text{Concave}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \log |H(\lambda)| + \log \int e^{-g(\theta, \lambda)} d\theta}_{\text{Convex}}$$

$\implies \min \text{ w.r.t. } \lambda$

- Concave-convex procedure (CCCP) [Yuille, Rangarajan NC 02]
  - ✓ Monotone non-increasing optimization
  - ✓ Convergence to a saddle point

### Example 3.3.4 (Linear regression model)

$$y = X\beta + \sigma\epsilon, \quad \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}_n[\mathbf{0}, I_n]$$

The upper bound on LNML is calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{LNML}}(\lambda) = \min_{\beta, \sigma^2} & \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|y - X\beta\|^2 + \frac{n}{2} \ln \sigma^2}_{\text{loss}} + \\ & \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \beta_j^2}_{\text{penalty}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\det(X^\top X + \text{diag } \lambda)}{\det \text{diag } \lambda}}_{\text{normalizing term}} \end{aligned}$$

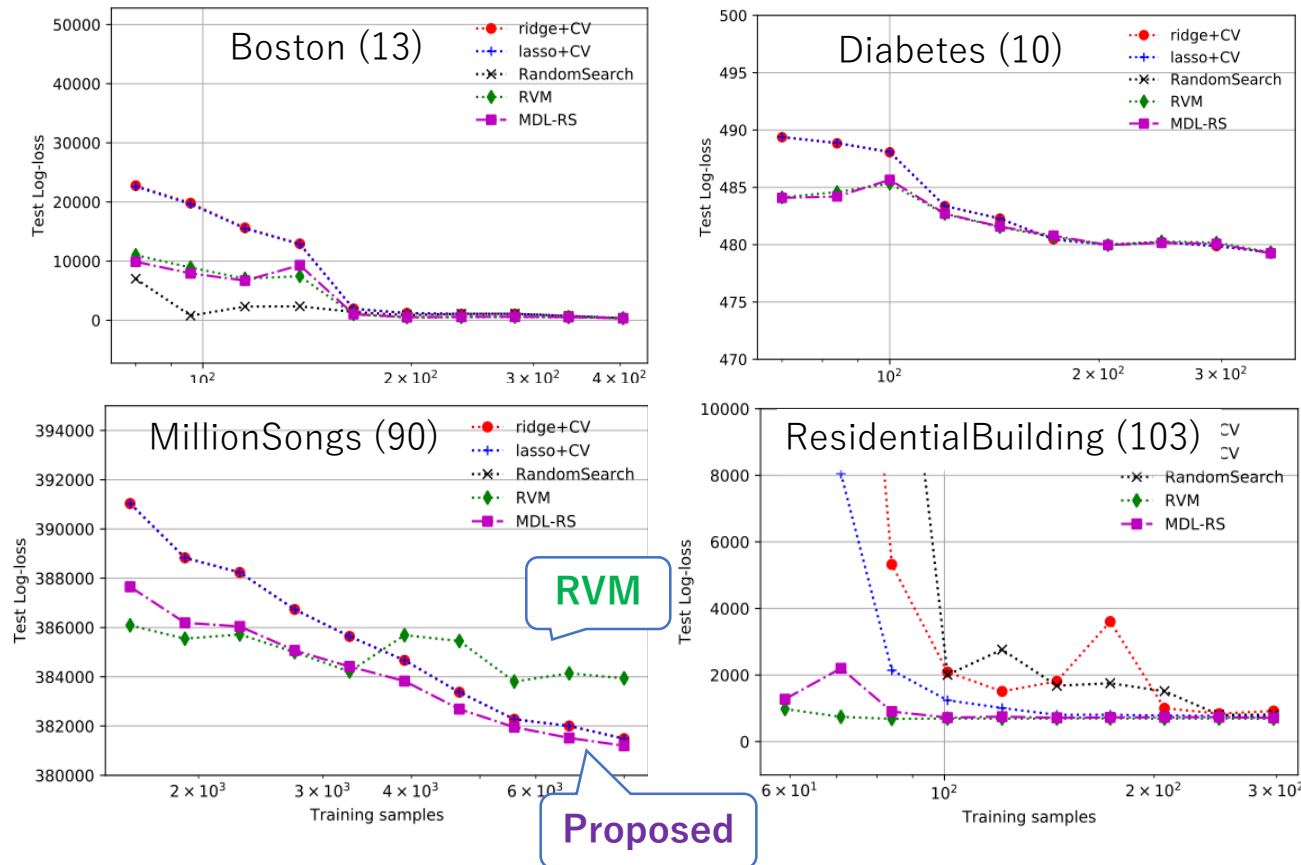
$\implies \min \text{ w.r.t. } \lambda$

# Experiments: Linear Regression

—UCI Repository—

- Better than grid-search-based methods (esp. if  $d \gtrsim n$ )
- More robust than **RVM** (relevant vector machine)

[Miyaguchi, Yamanishi *Machine Learning* 2018]



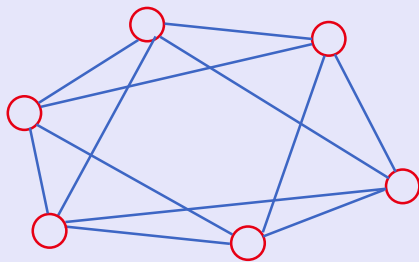
### Example 3.3.5 (Graphical Model Estimation)

- $m$ -variate Gaussian model
- Precision  $\Theta$  represents conditional dependencies

$$x_i \sim \mathcal{N}_m[\mathbf{0}, \Theta^{-1}] \quad (i = 1, \dots, n), \quad \Theta \succeq R^{-1} I_m$$

- The upper bound on LNML

$$\overline{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{LNML}}(\lambda) = \min_{\Theta} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[X^\top X \Theta]}_{\text{loss}} - \frac{n}{2} \ln \det \Theta +$$



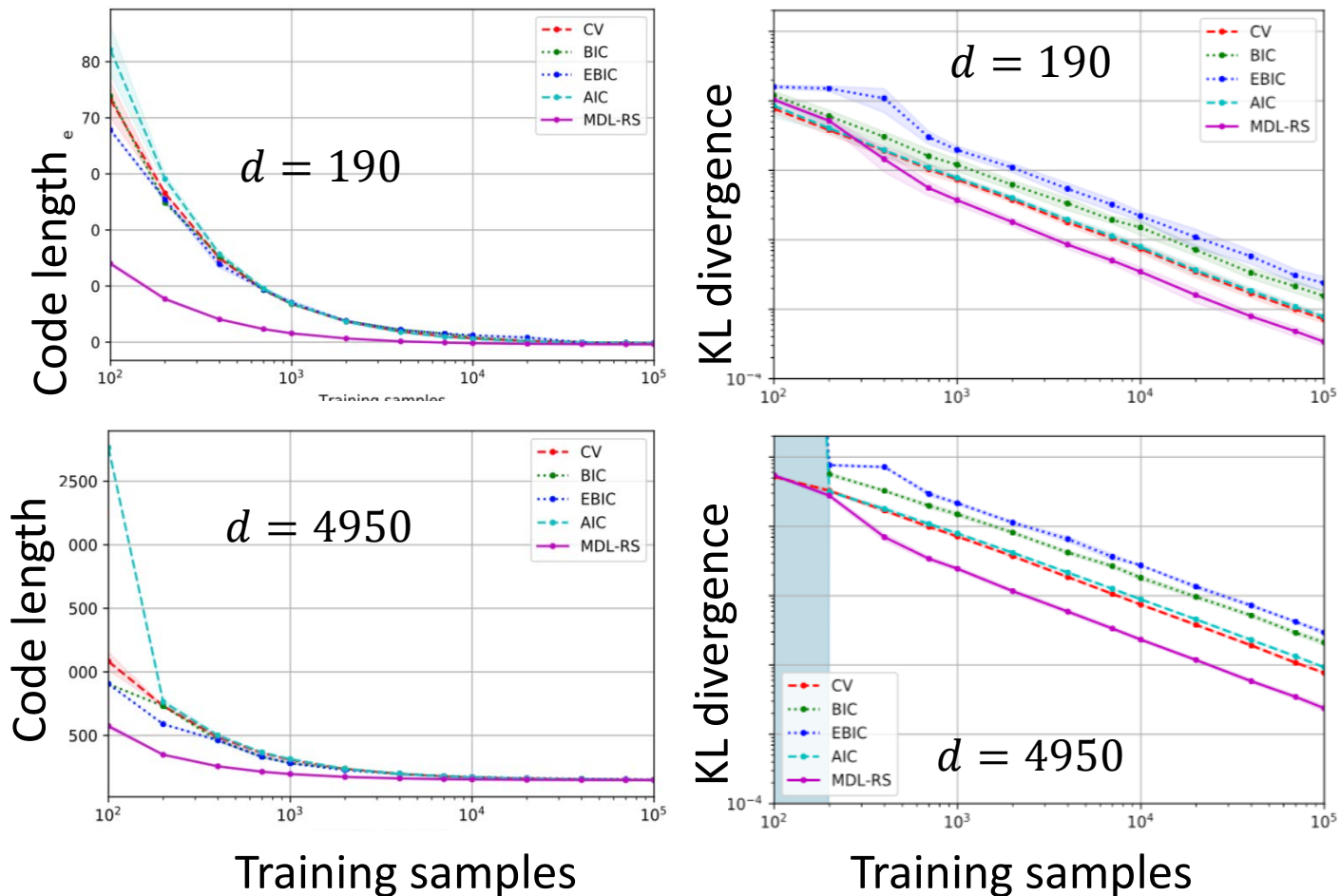
$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i < j} \lambda_{ij} \Theta_{ij}^2}_{\text{penalty}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i < j} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{n R^2}{\lambda_{ij}} \right)}_{\text{normalizing term}}$$

# Experiments: Graphical Model

— Synthetic Data —

Generated w/ double-ring model, Can handle  $>10^3$  dimension

[Miyaguchi, Yamanishi *Machine Learning* 2018]



# Luckiness NML for L1-Penalty

[Miyaguchi, Matsushima and Yamanishi SDM2016]

- Luckiness Minimax Regret

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{LNML}}(\mathbf{x}) = \min_{\theta} (-\log p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) + g(\theta, \lambda)) + \log Z_n(\lambda)$$

where

$$Z_n(\lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) e^{-g(\theta, \lambda)} d\mathbf{x} \quad g(\theta, \lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^d \lambda_j |\theta_j|$$

## Stochastic Gradient Descent

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &\leftarrow \lambda - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\text{LNML}}(\mathbf{x}; \lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = \lambda - \eta (|\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, \lambda)| - E[|\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Y}, \lambda)|]) \\ &\approx \lambda - \eta (|\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, \lambda)| - |\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{y}, \lambda)|) \end{aligned}$$

sampled by  $p(\mathbf{y}; \theta) e^{-g(\theta, \lambda)}$

$$\bar{\theta} = \arg\max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \lambda) e^{-g(\theta, \lambda)}$$

## 3.4.2. High-dimensional Minimax Prediction

**Problem:**

$\mathbf{x} = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t, \dots$ : data sequence

$\mathcal{P} = \{p(X; \theta) : \theta \in \Theta\}$ : probability model

Construct on-line predictor  $\mathcal{A}$ :  $\{p(X|x^{t-1})\}$

attaining the minimax regret:

$$\min_{\mathcal{A}} \max_{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^n (-\log p(x_t|x^{t-1})) - \min_{\theta} \sum_{t=1}^n (-\log p(x_t; \theta)) \right\}$$

# On-line Bayesian Prediction Strategy

In conventional low dimensionality setting, the minimax regret is attained by e.g. the Bayesian prediction strategy

[Clarke and Barron JSPI 1994, Takeuchi and Barron ISIT1998]

$$p_{\text{Bayes}}(X|x^{t-1}) = \int p(X; \theta) p(\theta|x^{t-1}) d\theta$$

$$p(\theta|x^{t-1}) = \frac{\pi_{\text{Jeff}}(\theta) p(x^{t-1}; \theta)}{\int \pi_{\text{Jeff}}(\theta) p(x^{t-1}; \theta) d\theta}$$

$$\pi_{\text{Jeff}}(\theta) = \frac{|I(\theta)|^{1/2}}{\int |I(\theta)|^{1/2} d\theta} : \text{Jeffreys' prior}$$

Then cumulative log loss amounts

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=1}^n (-\log p_{\text{Bayes}}(x_t|x^{t-1})) &= -\log \int \pi_{\text{Jeff}}(\theta) p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) d\theta \\ &\approx -\log \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) + \frac{k}{2} \log \frac{n}{2\pi} + \log \int |I(\theta)|^{1/2} d\theta \end{aligned}$$

**Problem:** No counterpart in high-dim setting ( $d \gtrsim n$ )

# High-dimensional Asymptotics

## Assumption

- Twice differentiable of loss is uniformly upper bound by  $L$
- $\ell_1$ -radius of  $P$  is at most  $R < +\infty$

Worst-case regret for on-line prediction algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$R_n(\mathcal{A}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max_x \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^n (-\log p_{\mathcal{A}}(x_t | x^{t-1})) - \min_{\theta} \sum_{t=1}^n (-\log p(x_t; \theta)) \right\}$$

## Theorem 3.3.6 (Asymptotics on worst regret)

[Miyaguchi, Yamanishi AISTATS 2019]

Under the high-dim limit  $\omega(\sqrt{n}) = d = e^{o(n)}$ ,

For the Bayesian prediction alg. with ST prior,

$$R_n(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ST}}) \leq R \sqrt{2Ln \log \left( \frac{d}{\sqrt{n}} \right)} (1 + o(1)).$$

For some  $L$ -smooth model, for any prediction alg.  $\mathcal{A}$ ,

$$R_n(\mathcal{A}) \geq \frac{R}{2} \sqrt{2Ln \log \left( \frac{d}{\sqrt{n}} \right)} (1 + o(1)).$$

Optimal within  
a factor of 2

# Minimax Predictor in High-dimensional Setting

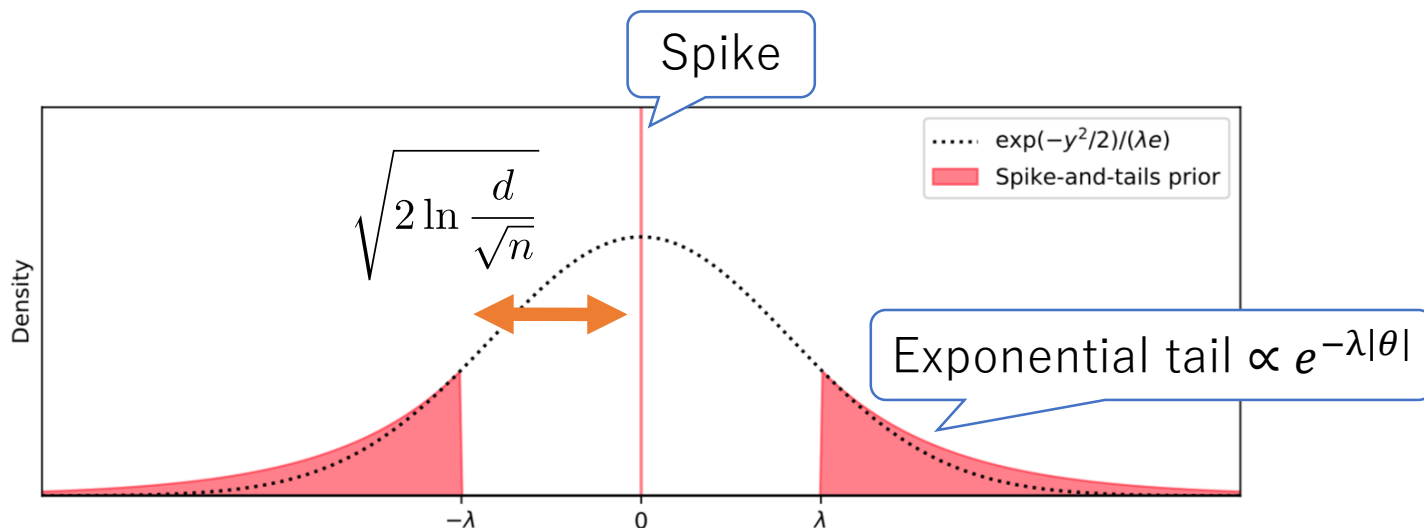
[Miyaguchi and Yamanishi AISTATS2019]

## Bayesian prediction with Spike-and-Tails (ST) prior

$$\sum_{t=1}^n (-\log p_{\text{ST}}(x_t | x^{t-1})) = -\log \int \pi_{\text{ST}}(\theta) p(\mathbf{x}; \theta) d\theta$$

- One-dim illustration of ST prior

Gap is wide when  $d \gg \sqrt{n}$



# Summary

- Stochastic complexity (SC) , namely the NML codelength, is the well-defined key information quantity of data relative to the model. MDL is to minimize SC.
- Techniques for efficient computation of SC are established:  
1) asymptotic formula, 2) g-functions, 3) Fourier transform, 4) combinatorial method.
- When applying MDL to latent variable models, use complete variable models, and apply Latent Stochastic Complexity(LSC) or Decomposed NML (DNML) to realize efficient and optimal estimation.
- When applying MDL to high-dimensional sparse models, apply LNML to realize optimal penalty selection.

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