

# Math 561 Assignment 2\*

SP, using Miles' template!

Due date: 10 Feb 2023 – extended to 13 Feb 2023.

Submit solutions to at least 4 problems out of problems 1-5, and at least one of 6&7.

1. Let

$$P^{(X_3=0)} := \begin{pmatrix} 0.05 & 0.15 \\ 0.075 & 0.225 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P^{(X_3=1)} := \begin{pmatrix} 0.125 & 0.125 \\ 0.125 & 0.125 \end{pmatrix}$$

Consider three binary random variables,  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  each taking values in the set  $\{0, 1\}$  with joint probabilities  $P(X_1 = i, X_2 = j, X_3 = 0) = P_{i,j}^{(X_3=0)}$  and  $P(X_1 = i, X_2 = j, X_3 = 1) = P_{i,j}^{(X_3=1)}$ .

- Find the marginal distribution  $P_{X_1}$  of  $X_1$  (Recall that in the discrete case, integration is substituted by summation.)
  - Find the conditional distribution  $P_{X_2, X_3 | X_1}$  of  $(X_2, X_3)$  given  $X_1$ .
  - Is  $X_2$  conditionally independent of  $X_3$  given  $X_1$ ?
  - Is  $X_1$  conditionally independent of  $X_2$  given  $X_3$ ?
2. Consider four binary random variables  $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4$  and the collection  $\mathcal{C} = \{X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp (X_3, X_4) \mid X_2\}$ . Write down the corresponding conditional independence ideal  $I_{\mathcal{C}}$ . Hint: The polynomials in the CI ideal are  $2 \times 2$  minors of some matrices. Can you figure out which matrices?
3. **Exercise 4.7 from the book.** For four binary random variables, consider the conditional independence model  $\mathcal{C} = \{1 \perp\!\!\!\perp 3 \mid (2, 4), 2 \perp\!\!\!\perp 4 \mid (1, 3)\}$ . Compute the primary decomposition of  $I_{\mathcal{C}}$  and describe the components.

**Advanced version of this problem** (i.e., you may choose this instead). **Exercise 4.10.** Consider the marginal independence model for four binary random variables  $\mathcal{C} = \{1 \perp\!\!\!\perp 2, 2 \perp\!\!\!\perp 3, 3 \perp\!\!\!\perp 4, 1 \perp\!\!\!\perp 4\}$ .

- Compute the primary decomposition of  $I_{\mathcal{C}}$ .
  - Show that there is exactly one component of  $V(I_{\mathcal{C}})$  that intersects the probability simplex.
  - Give a parametrization of that component.
4. **Exercise 4.12.** Consider the Gaussian conditional independence model  $\mathcal{C} = \{1 \perp\!\!\!\perp 2 \mid 3, 1 \perp\!\!\!\perp 3 \mid 4, 1 \perp\!\!\!\perp 4 \mid 2\}$ . Compute the primary decomposition of  $I_{\mathcal{C}}$  and use this to determine what, if any, further conditional independence statements are implied.
5. **Coding Problem!** Write an R (preferred) or Python (acceptable) script to generate the discrete and/or Gaussian conditional independence ideal from (1) one CI statement and (2) a list of CI statements. The output should be as the output of Macaulay2 shown in slides in Lectures 4 and 5.

6. **Exercise 6.2.** Consider the vector  $h = (1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2)$  and the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- Compute generators for the toric ideals  $I_A$  and  $I_{A,h}$ .
- What familiar statistical model is the discrete exponential family  $\mathcal{M}_{A,h}$ ?

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7. **Exercise 6.3.** Consider the monomial parametrization

$$p_{ijk} = \alpha_{ij}\beta_{ik}\gamma_{jk}$$

for  $i \in [r_1]$ ,  $j \in [r_2]$ ,  $k \in [r_3]$ . Describe the matrix  $A$  associated to this monomial parametrization. How does  $A$  act as a linear transformation on 3-way arrays (3-dimensional tables)? Compute the vanishing ideal  $I_A$  for  $r_1 = r_2 = r_3 = 3$ .

*[Hint: the easiest way to use a computer to get the ideal is use the FourTiTwo package in Macaulay2, online, as shown in the lecture.]*