

Computing the Volume Element of a  
Family of Metrics on the Multinomial Simplex

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## **Abstract**

We compute the differential volume element of a family of metrics on the multinomial simplex. The metric family is composed of pull-backs of the Fisher information metric through a continuous group of transformations. This note complements the paper by Lebanon [3] that describes a metric learning framework and applies the results below to text classification.



# 1 Basic Concepts from Riemannian Geometry

We start with a brief discussion of some basic concepts from differential geometry and refer to [1] for a more detailed description. A Riemannian metric  $g$ , on an  $n$ th dimensional differentiable manifold  $\mathcal{M}$ , is a function that assigns for each point of the manifold  $x \in \mathcal{M}$  an inner product on the tangent space  $T_x\mathcal{M}$ . The metric is required to satisfy the usual inner product properties and to be  $C^\infty$  in  $x$ .

The metric allows us to measure lengths of tangent vectors  $v \in T_x\mathcal{M}$  as  $\|v\|_x = \sqrt{g_x(v, v)}$ , leading to the definition of a length of a curve on the manifold  $c : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  as  $\int_a^b \|\dot{c}(t)\| dt$ . The geodesic distance function  $d(x, y)$  for  $x, y \in \mathcal{M}$  is defined as the length of the shortest curve connecting  $x$  and  $y$  and turns the manifold into a metric space.

For a Riemannian manifold  $(\mathcal{M}, g)$  the differential volume element of the metric at  $x \in \mathcal{M}$  is given by the square root of the determinant  $d\text{vol}g(x) = \sqrt{\det g(x)}$ . The volume element  $d\text{vol}(x)$  summarizes the size of the metric at  $x$  in a scalar. Intuitively, paths crossing areas with high volume will tend to be longer than the same paths over an area with low volume.

Let  $F : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  be a diffeomorphism of the manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  onto the manifold  $\mathcal{N}$ . Let  $T_x\mathcal{M}, T_y\mathcal{N}$  be the tangent spaces to  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  at  $x$  and  $y$  respectively. Associated with  $F$  is the push-forward map  $F_*$  that maps  $v \in T_x\mathcal{M}$  to  $v' \in T_{F(x)}\mathcal{N}$ . It is defined as

$$v(h \circ F) = (F_*v)h, \quad \forall h \in C^\infty(\mathcal{N}).$$

Intuitively, the push forward maps velocity vectors of curves to velocity vectors of the transformed curves.

Assuming a Riemannian metric  $h$  on  $\mathcal{N}$ , we can obtain a metric  $F^*h$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  called the pullback metric

$$F^*h_x(u, v) = h_{F(x)}(F_*u, F_*v)$$

where  $F_*$  is the push-forward map defined above. The importance of this map is that it turns  $F$  (as well as  $F^{-1}$ ) into an isometry; that is,

$$d_{F^*h}(x, y) = d_h(F(x), F(y)).$$

## 2 A Family of Metrics on the Simplex

We start by defining the  $n$ -simplex by

$$\mathcal{P}_n = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : \forall i, x_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i = 1 \right\}$$

and the  $n$ -positive sphere by

$$\mathcal{S}_n^+ = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : \forall i, x_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i^2 = 1 \right\}.$$

The interior of the above manifolds will be denoted by  $\text{int}\mathcal{P}_n$  or  $\text{int}\mathcal{S}_n^+$ .

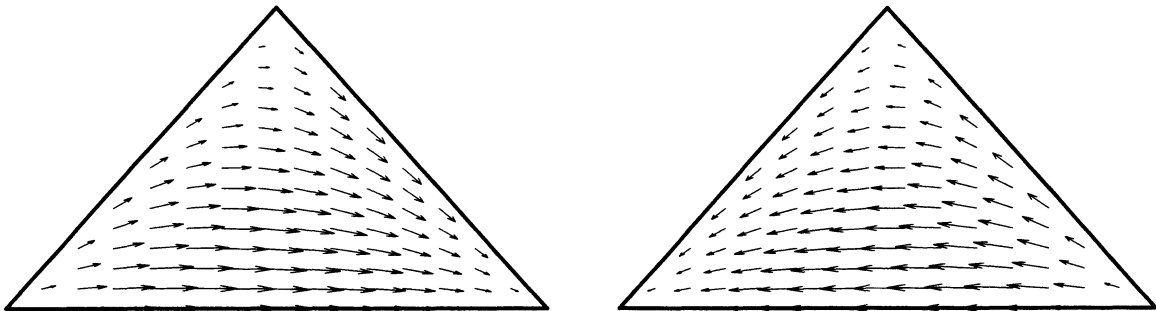


Figure 1: The action of  $F_\lambda$  (left) and  $F_\lambda^{-1}$  (right) on  $\mathcal{P}_2$  for  $\lambda = (\frac{2}{10}, \frac{5}{10}, \frac{3}{10})$

Consider the following family of diffeomorphisms  $F_\lambda : \text{int}\mathcal{P}_n \rightarrow \text{int}\mathcal{P}_n$

$$F_\lambda(x) = \left( \frac{x_1 \lambda_1}{x \cdot \lambda}, \dots, \frac{x_{n+1} \lambda_{n+1}}{x \cdot \lambda} \right), \quad \lambda \in \text{int}\mathcal{P}_n$$

where  $x \cdot \lambda$  is the scalar product  $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i \lambda_i$ . The family  $F_\lambda$  is a Lie group of transformations under composition that is isomorphic to  $\text{int}\mathcal{P}_n$ . The identity element is  $(\frac{1}{n+1}, \dots, \frac{1}{n+1})$  and the inverse of  $F_\lambda$  is  $(F_\lambda)^{-1} = F_\eta$  where  $\eta_i = \frac{1/\lambda_i}{\sum_k 1/\lambda_k}$ . The above transformation group acts on  $x \in \text{int}\mathcal{P}_n$  by increasing the components of  $x$  with high  $\lambda_i$  values while remaining in the simplex. See Figure 1 for an illustration of the above action in  $\mathcal{P}_2$ .

We study the volume properties of metrics on  $\mathcal{P}_n$  that are expressed as pull-backs through  $F_\lambda^* \mathcal{J}$  of the Fisher information metric  $\mathcal{J}$

$$\mathcal{J}_{ij}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \frac{1}{x_k} \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial x_j}.$$

We now describe a well-known way of characterizing the Fisher information on  $\mathcal{P}_n$  as a pull-back metric from the positive  $n$ -sphere  $\mathcal{S}_n^+$  (see for example [2]). The transformation  $R : \mathcal{P}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_n^+$  defined by

$$R(x) = (\sqrt{x_1}, \dots, \sqrt{x_{n+1}})$$

pulls-back the Euclidean metric on the surface of the sphere to the Fisher information on the multinomial simplex. As a result we have that  $F_\lambda^* \mathcal{J}$  may also be characterized as the pull back of the metric inherited from the Euclidean space on  $\mathcal{S}_n^+$  through

$$\hat{F}_\lambda(x) = \left( \sqrt{\frac{x_1 \lambda_1}{x \cdot \lambda}}, \dots, \sqrt{\frac{x_{n+1} \lambda_{n+1}}{x \cdot \lambda}} \right), \quad \lambda \in \text{int}\mathcal{P}_n.$$

### 3 The Differential Volume Element of $F_\lambda^* \mathcal{J}$

We start by computing the Gram matrix  $[G]_{ij} = F_\lambda^* \mathcal{J}(\partial_i, \partial_j)$  where  $\{\partial_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is a basis for  $T_x \mathcal{P}_n$  given by the rows of the matrix

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & -1 \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n+1}. \quad (1)$$

and computing  $\det G$  in Propositions 2-1 below.

**Proposition 1.** *The matrix  $[G]_{ij} = F_\lambda^* \mathcal{J}(\partial_i, \partial_j)$  is given by*

$$G = JJ^\top = U(D - \lambda\alpha^\top)(D - \lambda\alpha^\top)^\top U^\top \quad (2)$$

where  $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1 \times n+1}$  is a diagonal matrix whose entries are  $[D]_{ii} = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_i}{x_i}} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda \cdot x}}$  and  $\alpha$  is a column vector given by  $[\alpha]_i = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_i}{x_i}} \frac{x_i}{2(\lambda \cdot x)^{3/2}}$

Note that all vectors are treated as column vectors and for  $\lambda, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ ,  $\lambda\alpha^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1 \times n+1}$  is the outer product matrix  $[\lambda\alpha^\top]_{ij} = \lambda_i \alpha_j$ .

*Proof.* The  $j$ th component of the vector  $\hat{F}_{\lambda^*} v$  is

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{F}_{\lambda^*} v]_j &= \frac{d}{dt} \sqrt{\frac{(x_j + tv_j)\lambda_j}{(x + tv) \cdot \lambda}} \Big|_{t=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_j \lambda_j}{\sqrt{(x_j + tv_j)\lambda_j} \sqrt{(x + tv) \cdot \lambda}} \Big|_{t=0} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{v \cdot \lambda \sqrt{(x_j + tv_j)\lambda_j}}{((x + tv) \cdot \lambda)^{3/2}} \Big|_{t=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_j \lambda_j}{\sqrt{x_j \lambda_j} \sqrt{x \cdot \lambda}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{v \cdot \lambda \sqrt{x_j \lambda_j}}{(x \cdot \lambda)^{3/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the rows of  $U$  to be the basis  $\{\partial_i\}_{i=1}^n$  for  $T_x \mathcal{P}_n$  we have, for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $j = 1, \dots, n+1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{F}_{\lambda^*} \partial_i]_j &= \frac{\lambda_j [\partial_i]_j}{2\sqrt{x_j \lambda_j} \sqrt{x \cdot \lambda}} - \frac{\sqrt{x_j \lambda_j}}{2(x \cdot \lambda)^{3/2}} \partial_i \cdot \lambda \\ &= \frac{\delta_{j,i} - \delta_{j,n+1}}{2\sqrt{x \cdot \lambda}} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_j}{x_j}} - \frac{\lambda_i - \lambda_{n+1}}{2(x \cdot \lambda)^{3/2}} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_j}{x_j}} x_j. \end{aligned}$$

If we define  $J \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n+1}$  to be the matrix whose rows are  $\{\hat{F}_{\lambda^*} \partial_i\}_{i=1}^n$  we have

$$J = U(D - \lambda\alpha^\top).$$

Since the metric  $F_\lambda^* \mathcal{J}$  is the pullback of the metric on  $\mathcal{S}_n^+$  that is inherited from the Euclidean space through  $\hat{F}_\lambda$  we have  $[G]_{ij} = \hat{F}_{\lambda^*} \partial_i \cdot \hat{F}_{\lambda^*} \partial_j$  hence

$$G = JJ^\top = U(D - \lambda\alpha^\top)(D - \lambda\alpha^\top)^\top U^\top.$$

□

**Proposition 2.** *The determinant of  $F_\lambda^* \mathcal{J}$  is*

$$\det F_\lambda^* \mathcal{J} \propto \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} (\lambda_i/x_i)}{(x \cdot \lambda)^{n+1}}. \quad (3)$$

*Proof.* We will factor  $G$  into a product of square matrices and compute  $\det G$  as the product of the determinants of each factor. Note that  $G = JJ^\top$  does not qualify as such a factorization since  $J$  is not a square matrix.

By factoring a diagonal matrix  $\Lambda$ ,  $[\Lambda]_{ii} = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_i}{x_i} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x \cdot \lambda}}}$  from  $D - \lambda\alpha^\top$  we have

$$J = U \left( I - \frac{\lambda x^\top}{x \cdot \lambda} \right) \Lambda \quad (4)$$

$$G = U \left( I - \frac{\lambda x^\top}{x \cdot \lambda} \right) \Lambda^2 \left( I - \frac{\lambda x^\top}{x \cdot \lambda} \right)^\top U^\top. \quad (5)$$

We proceed by studying the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $I - \frac{\lambda x^\top}{x \cdot \lambda}$  in order to simplify (5) via an eigenvalue decomposition. First note that if  $(v, \mu)$  is an eigenvector-eigenvalue pair of  $\frac{\lambda x^\top}{x \cdot \lambda}$  then  $(v, 1 - \mu)$  is an eigenvector-eigenvalue pair of  $I - \frac{\lambda x^\top}{x \cdot \lambda}$ . Next, note that vectors  $v$  such that  $x^\top v = 0$  are eigenvectors of  $\frac{\lambda x^\top}{x \cdot \lambda}$  with eigenvalue 0. Hence they are also eigenvectors of  $I - \frac{\lambda x^\top}{x \cdot \lambda}$  with eigenvalue 1. There are  $n$  such independent vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ . Since  $\text{trace}(I - \frac{\lambda x^\top}{x \cdot \lambda}) = n$ , the sum of the eigenvalues is also  $n$  and we may conclude that the last of the  $n + 1$  eigenvalues is 0.

The eigenvectors of  $I - \frac{\lambda x^\top}{x \cdot \lambda}$  may be written in several ways. One possibility is as the columns of the following matrix

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{x_2}{x_1} & -\frac{x_3}{x_1} & \dots & -\frac{x_{n+1}}{x_1} & \lambda_1 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \lambda_2 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & \lambda_3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & \lambda_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+1) \times (n+1)}$$

where the first  $n$  columns are the eigenvectors that correspond to unit eigenvalues and the last eigenvector corresponds to a 0 eigenvalue.

Using the above eigenvector decomposition we have  $I - \frac{\lambda x^\top}{x \cdot \lambda} = V\tilde{I}V^{-1}$  and  $\tilde{I}$  is a diagonal matrix containing all the eigenvalues. Since the diagonal of  $\tilde{I}$  is  $(1, 1, \dots, 1, 0)$  we may write  $I - \frac{\lambda x^\top}{x \cdot \lambda} = V|{}^n V^{-1|}{}^n$  where  $V|{}^n \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+1) \times n}$  is  $V$  with the last column removed and  $V^{-1|}{}^n \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n+1)}$  is  $V^{-1}$  with the last row removed.

We have then,

$$\begin{aligned} \det G &= \det(U(V|{}^n V^{-1|}{}^n) \Lambda^2 (V^{-1|}{}^n{}^\top V|{}^n{}^\top) U^\top) \\ &= \det((UV|{}^n)(V^{-1|}{}^n \Lambda^2 V^{-1|}{}^n{}^\top)(V|{}^n{}^\top U^\top)) \\ &= (\det(UV|{}^n))^2 \det(V^{-1|}{}^n \Lambda^2 V^{-1|}{}^n{}^\top). \end{aligned}$$



Noting that

$$UV^{|n} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{x_2}{x_1} & -\frac{x_3}{x_1} & \cdots & -\frac{x_n}{x_1} & -\frac{x_{n+1}}{x_1} - 1 \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

we factor  $1/x_1$  from the first row and add columns  $2, \dots, n$  to column 1 thus obtaining

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i & -x_3 & \cdots & -x_n & -x_{n+1} - x_1 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Computing the determinant by minor expansion of the first column we obtain

$$\det(UV^{|n})^2 = \left( \frac{1}{x_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i \right)^2 = \frac{1}{x_1^2}. \quad (6)$$

We now turn to computing  $\det V^{-1|n} \Lambda^2 V^{-1|n\top}$ . The inverse of  $V$ , as may be easily verified is,

$$V^{-1} = \frac{1}{x \cdot \lambda} \begin{pmatrix} -x_1 \lambda_2 & x \cdot \lambda - x_2 \lambda_2 & -x_3 \lambda_2 & \cdots & -x_{n+1} \lambda_2 \\ -x_1 \lambda_3 & -x_2 \lambda_3 & x \cdot \lambda - x_3 \lambda_3 & \cdots & -x_{n+1} \lambda_3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -x_1 \lambda_{n+1} & -x_2 \lambda_{n+1} & \cdots & \cdots & x \cdot \lambda - x_{n+1} \lambda_{n+1} \\ x_1 \lambda_1 & x_2 \lambda_1 & \cdots & \cdots & x_{n+1} \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Removing the last row gives

$$\begin{aligned} V^{-1|n} &= \frac{1}{x \cdot \lambda} \begin{pmatrix} -x_1 \lambda_2 & x \cdot \lambda - x_2 \lambda_2 & -x_3 \lambda_2 & \cdots & -x_{n+1} \lambda_2 \\ -x_1 \lambda_3 & -x_2 \lambda_3 & x \cdot \lambda - x_3 \lambda_3 & \cdots & -x_{n+1} \lambda_3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -x_1 \lambda_{n+1} & -x_2 \lambda_{n+1} & \cdots & \cdots & x \cdot \lambda - x_{n+1} \lambda_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{x \cdot \lambda} P \begin{pmatrix} -x_1 & x \cdot \lambda / \lambda_2 - x_2 & -x_3 & \cdots & -x_{n+1} \\ -x_1 & -x_2 & x \cdot \lambda / \lambda_3 - x_3 & \cdots & -x_{n+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -x_1 & -x_2 & \cdots & \cdots & x \cdot \lambda / \lambda_{n+1} - x_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

where

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_3 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$[V_n^{-1}\Lambda^2V_n^{-1\top}]_{ij}$  is the scalar product of the  $i$ th and  $j$ th rows of the following matrix

$$V_n^{-1}\Lambda = \frac{1}{2}(x \cdot \lambda)^{-3/2}P \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{x_1\lambda_1} & x \cdot \lambda/\sqrt{x_2\lambda_2} - \sqrt{x_2\lambda_2} & -\sqrt{x_3\lambda_3} & \cdots & -\sqrt{x_{n+1}\lambda_{n+1}} \\ -\sqrt{x_1\lambda_1} & -\sqrt{x_2\lambda_2} & x \cdot \lambda/\sqrt{x_3\lambda_3} - \sqrt{x_3\lambda_3} & \cdots & -\sqrt{x_{n+1}\lambda_{n+1}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\sqrt{x_1\lambda_1} & -\sqrt{x_2\lambda_2} & \cdots & \cdots & x \cdot \lambda/\sqrt{x_{n+1}\lambda_{n+1}} - \sqrt{x_{n+1}\lambda_{n+1}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We therefore have

$$V_n^{-1}\Lambda^2V_n^{-1\top} = \frac{1}{4}(x \cdot \lambda)^{-2}PQP$$

where

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x \cdot \lambda}{x_2\lambda_2} - 1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ -1 & \frac{x \cdot \lambda}{x_3\lambda_3} - 1 & \cdots & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & \frac{x \cdot \lambda}{x_{n+1}\lambda_{n+1}} - 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

As a consequence of Lemma 2 in the appendix we have

$$\det Q = x_1\lambda_1 \frac{(x \cdot \lambda)^n}{\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i\lambda_i} - x_1\lambda_1 \frac{(x \cdot \lambda)^{n-1} \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} x_j\lambda_j}{\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i\lambda_i} = x_1^2\lambda_1^2 \frac{(x \cdot \lambda)^{n-1}}{\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i\lambda_i}.$$

The determinant then is

$$\det V_n^{-1}\Lambda^2V_n^{-1\top} = (1/4)^n (x \cdot \lambda)^{-2n} \left( \prod_{i=2}^{n+1} \lambda_i \right) x_1^2\lambda_1^2 \frac{(x \cdot \lambda)^{n-1}}{\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i\lambda_i} \left( \prod_{i=2}^{n+1} \lambda_i \right) = \frac{x_1^2(x \cdot \lambda)^{n-1}}{4^n(x \cdot \lambda)^{2n}} \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{\lambda_i}{x_i}$$

The determinant of  $G$  is

$$\det G = (\det UV_n)^2 \det V_n^{-1}\Lambda^2V_n^{-1\top} = \frac{1}{x_1^2} \frac{x_1^2(x \cdot \lambda)^{n-1}}{4^n(x \cdot \lambda)^{2n}} \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{\lambda_i}{x_i} \propto \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} (\lambda_i/x_i)}{(x \cdot \lambda)^{n+1}}.$$

□

Note that the determinant does not depend on the choice of the basis for  $T_x\mathcal{P}_n$  and is symmetric in all  $n+1$  variables

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## Appendix

### A The Determinant of a Diagonal Matrix plus a Constant Matrix

We prove some basic results concerning the determinants of a diagonal matrix plus a constant matrix. These results are useful in proving Proposition 1.

The determinant of a matrix  $\det A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  may be seen as a function of the rows of  $A$ ,  $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^n$

$$f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \cdots \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \det A.$$

The multilinearity property of the determinant means that the function  $f$  above is linear in each of its components

$$\begin{aligned} \forall j = 1, \dots, n \quad f(A_1, \dots, A_{j-1}, A_j + B_j, A_{j+1}, \dots, A_n) &= f(A_1, \dots, A_{j-1}, A_j, A_{j+1}, \dots, A_n) \\ &\quad + f(A_1, \dots, A_{j-1}, B_j, A_{j+1}, \dots, A_n). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be a diagonal matrix with  $D_{11} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{1}$  a matrix of ones. Then*

$$\det(D - \mathbf{1}) = - \prod_{i=2}^m D_{ii}.$$

*Proof.* Subtract the first row from all the other rows to obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ 0 & D_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \ddots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & D_{mm} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now compute the determinant by the cofactor expansion along the first column to obtain

$$\det(D - \mathbf{1}) = (-1) \prod_{j=2}^m D_{jj} + 0 + 0 + \cdots + 0.$$

□

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be a diagonal matrix and  $\mathbf{1}$  a matrix of ones. Then*

$$\det(D - \mathbf{1}) = \prod_{i=1}^m D_{ii} - \sum_{i=1}^m \prod_{j \neq i} D_{jj}.$$

*Proof.* Using the multilinearity property of the determinant we separate the first row of  $D - \mathbf{1}$  as  $(D_{11}, 0, \dots, 0) + (-1, \dots, -1)$ . The determinant  $\det D - \mathbf{1}$  then becomes  $\det A + \det B$  where  $A$  is  $D - \mathbf{1}$  with the first row replaced by  $(D_{11}, 0, \dots, 0)$  and  $B$  is the  $D - \mathbf{1}$  with the first row replaced by a vector of  $-1$ .

Using Lemma 1 we have  $\det B = - \prod_{j=2}^n D_{jj}$ . The determinant  $\det A$  may be expanded along the first row resulting in  $\det A = D_{11} M_{11}$  where  $M_{11}$  is the minor resulting from deleting the first row and the first column. Note that  $M_{11}$  is the determinant of a matrix similar to  $D - \mathbf{1}$  but of size  $n - 1 \times n - 1$ .

Repeating recursively the above multilinearity argument we have

$$\begin{aligned} \det(D - \mathbf{1}) &= - \prod_{j=2}^n D_{jj} + D_{11} \left( - \prod_{j=3}^n D_{jj} + D_{22} \left( - \prod_{j=4}^n D_{jj} + D_{33} \left( - \prod_{j=5}^n D_{jj} + D_{44}(\dots) \right) \right) \right) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n D_{ii} - \sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{j \neq i} D_{jj}. \end{aligned}$$

□

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