Appendix

In this appendix, we derive the gradient of \( L_D(X_1, X_2; \Theta) \) with respect to \( u_K(x_{it}) \) to obtain Eq. (5) in the main text.

To simplify the presentation, we first elucidate our notation system that is completely consistent to that used in the main text. We collectively denote the output of neurons in \( \mathcal{G}^S \) at the code layer or layer \( K \) of subnet \( i (i=1,2) \) as \( \mathcal{G}^S(X_i) = \left\{ \left( (\mathcal{G}^S(x_{it}))_j \right)_{j=1}^{\mathcal{G}^S|} \right\}_{t=1}^{T_B} \) for a speech segment of \( T_B \) frames, \( X_i = \{x_{it}\}_{t=1}^{T_B} \). Accordingly, we have \( \mu^{(i)} = \left( \mu_j^{(i)} \right)_{j=1}^{\mathcal{G}^S|} \) and \( \Sigma^{(i)} = \left[ \sigma_{in}^{(i)} \right] \) \((l, n = 1, \cdots, |\mathcal{G}|) \) where \( \sigma_{in}^{(i)} = \frac{1}{T_B} \sum_{t=1}^{T_B} \left( [ (\mathcal{G}^S(x_{it}))_l - \mu_l^{(i)} ] [ (\mathcal{G}^S(x_{it}))_n - \mu_n^{(i)} ] \right)^T \). In the following derivation, we also drop all explicit parameters in \( L_D(X_1, X_2; \Theta) \) and rewrite it into \( L_D = L_m + L_S \) where \( L_m = TD_m + (1-I)e^{-\frac{e_D}{\lambda_m}} \) and \( L_S = TD_S + (1-I)e^{-\frac{e_S}{\lambda_S}} \).

Using our notation described above, we immediately achieve

\[
\frac{\partial L_D}{\partial u_K(x_{it})} = \frac{\partial L_m}{\partial u_K(x_{it})} + \frac{\partial L_S}{\partial u_K(x_{it})} = \left( \left[ I - \lambda_m^{-1} \right](1-I)e^{-\frac{e_D}{\lambda_m}} \frac{\partial D_m}{\partial u_K(x_{it})} \right|_{j=1}^{\mathcal{G}^S|} + \left[ I - \lambda_m^{-1} \right](1-I)e^{-\frac{e_S}{\lambda_m}} \frac{\partial D_S}{\partial u_K(x_{it})} \right|_{j=1}^{\mathcal{G}^S|} \right) + \left( \left[ I - \lambda_S^{-1} \right](1-I)e^{-\frac{e_D}{\lambda_S}} \frac{\partial D_m}{\partial u_K(x_{it})} \right|_{j=1}^{\mathcal{G}^S|} + \left[ I - \lambda_S^{-1} \right](1-I)e^{-\frac{e_S}{\lambda_S}} \frac{\partial D_S}{\partial u_K(x_{it})} \right|_{j=1}^{\mathcal{G}^S|} \right) \tag{A.1}
\]

To facilitate the presentation, we define \( \psi_j(x_{it}) = \frac{\partial D_m}{\partial u_K(x_{it})} \) and \( \xi_j(x_{it}) = \frac{\partial D_S}{\partial u_K(x_{it})} \). Now we simply need to calculate \( \psi_j(x_{it}) \) and \( \xi_j(x_{it}) \) for \( j = 1, \cdots, |\mathcal{G}| \) to obtain Eq. (5) in the main text.

As \( D_m = ||\mu^{(1)} - \mu^{(2)}||_2^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{\mathcal{G}|} (\mu_j^{(1)} - \mu_j^{(2)})^2 \), we have

\[
\psi_j(x_{it}) = \frac{\partial D_m}{\partial u_K(x_{it})} \left( \mathcal{G}^S(x_{it}) \right)_j = \frac{\partial \sum_{j=1}^{\mathcal{G}|} (\mu_j^{(1)} - \mu_j^{(2)})^2 \left( \mathcal{G}^S(x_{it}) \right)_j}{\partial u_K(x_{it})} = \left( \mathcal{G}^S(x_{it}) \right)_j \frac{\partial}{\partial u_K(x_{it})} \left[ 1 - \left( \mathcal{G}^S(x_{it}) \right)_j \right], \tag{A.2}
\]

where

\[
\psi_j = \frac{\partial \sum_{j=1}^{\mathcal{G}|} (\mu_j^{(1)} - \mu_j^{(2)})^2 \left( \mathcal{G}^S(x_{it}) \right)_j}{\partial u_K(x_{it})} = \frac{2}{T_B} \text{sign}(1.5 - i)(\mu_j^{(1)} - \mu_j^{(2)}),
\]
and
\[
\frac{\partial (C_S(x_{it}))}{\partial u_{Kj}(x_{it})} = (C_S(x_{it}))_j [1 - (C_S(x_{it}))_j]
\]
given the fact that the transfer function used in the code layer or layer K is the sigmoid function. Collectively, we have \( p(i) = \frac{4}{T_B} \text{sign}(1.5 - i)(\mu^{(1)} - \mu^{(2)}) \).

Similarly, \( D_S = ||\Sigma^{(1)} - \Sigma^{(2)}||^2_F = \sum_{l=1}^{|C_S|} \sum_{n=1}^{|C_S|} (\sigma^{(1)}_{ln} - \sigma^{(2)}_{ln})^2 \). Hence, we have
\[
\xi_j(x_{it}) = \frac{\partial D_S}{\partial (C_S(x_{it}))} \frac{\partial (C_S(x_{it}))}{\partial u_{Kj}(x_{it})}
= \frac{\partial \sum_{l=1}^{|C_S|} \sum_{n=1}^{|C_S|} (\sigma^{(1)}_{ln} - \sigma^{(2)}_{ln})^2 \frac{\partial (C_S(x_{it}))}{\partial (C_S(x_{it}))}}{\partial u_{Kj}(x_{it})}
= q_j(x_{it})(C_S(x_{it}))_j [1 - (C_S(x_{it}))_j],
\]
where
\[
q_j(x_{it}) = \frac{4}{T_B - 1} \text{sign}(1.5 - i) \sum_{n=1}^{|C_S|} (\sigma^{(1)}_{jn} - \sigma^{(2)}_{jn}) (C_S(x_{it}))_n - \mu^{(i)}_n,
\]
and, collectively, we have \( q(x_{it}) = \frac{4}{T_B - 1} \text{sign}(1.5 - i)(\Sigma^{(1)} - \Sigma^{(2)})(C_S(x_{it}) - \mu^{(i)}) \).

Inserting Eqs. (A.2) and (A.3) into Eq. (A.1), we obtain Eq. (5) in the main text as
\[
\frac{\partial L_D}{\partial u_{K}(x_{it})} = \left( (l - \lambda_n^{-1}(1 - l)e^{-\frac{D_m}{T_m}})\psi_j(x_{it}) \right)_{j=1}^{|C_S|} (0)_{j=|C_S|+1} + \left( (l - \lambda_S^{-1}(1 - l)e^{-\frac{D_S}{T_S}})\xi_j(x_{it}) \right)_{j=1}^{|C_S|} (0)_{j=|C_S|+1}.
\]