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## Gaussians II

The multivariate normal distribution  $N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$

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① If  $\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{bmatrix}$  is sampled from  $N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$

then  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are indep.  
and each is  $N(0, 1)$ .

② If  $\mathbf{Q}$  is an  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix

and  $\mathbf{X} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$  then  $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{X} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ .

Ex. If  $X_1, X_2$  are indep  $N(0, 1)$ ,  
what's the distribution of  $X_1 + 2X_2$ ?

Hypothesis:  $X_1 + 2X_2$  is  $N(0, 5)$ .

$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}X_1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}X_2$  is  $N(0, 1)$ .

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix} \text{ is orthog.}$$

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$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is } N(0, 5)$$

independent and identically distributed

Ex 2. If  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d.  $N(0, 1)$  r.v's

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (X_1 + \dots + X_n) \text{ is also } N(0, 1)$$

because  $\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} & \dots & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \end{bmatrix}}_{n \text{ dimensional}}$

is the first row of an orthogonal  $n \times n$  matrix.

For a random vector  $X \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \vdots \\ X_d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) \triangleq E[X_i X_j] - E[X_i] E[X_j].$$

for a vector  $w = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_d \end{bmatrix}$ , the matrix  $ww^T$  has the  $(i,j)$  entry  $w_i w_j$ .

Def. The covariance matrix of  $X$  is

$$\text{Cov}(X) \triangleq E[XX^T] - (E[X])(E[X])^T$$

(If  $Y$  is rv taking values in vect spc  $\mathcal{V}$   
with density  $f(y)$ .

$$E[Y] = \int_{\mathcal{V}} y f(y) dy$$

Covariance of  $N(0, \mathbb{I})$ . If  $X \sim N(0, \mathbb{I})$

$$E[X_i X_j] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ E[X_i] E[X_j] \\ = 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Now what if  $X \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is distributed as  $N(0, \mathbb{I})$   
and  $Y = BX + \mu$  for some invertible  $d \times d$   $B$   
and  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

$$E[Y] = E[BX] + \mu = B E[X] + \mu = \mu$$

↙ linearity of expectation

$$\begin{aligned}
E[YY^T] &= E[(BX + \mu)(X^T B^T + \mu^T)] \\
&= E[BXX^TB^T] + E[BX\mu^T] + E[\mu X^TB^T] + \mu\mu^T \\
&= B E[X X^T]^{\cancel{1}} B^T + B E[X]^{\cancel{0}} \mu^T + \mu E[X^T]^{\cancel{0}} B^T + \mu\mu^T \\
&= BB^T + \mu\mu^T
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Cov}(Y) = BB^T.$$

Conclusion: If  $X \sim N(0, I)$  and  $Y = BX + \mu$  then  $Y \sim N(\mu, BB^T)$ .

Fact. If two Gaussian distributions have same mean and covariance, they are equal!

Suppose  $X \in \mathbb{R}^d \sim N(0, I)$  and

$Y = AX$  where  $A$  is  $d \times n$ , rank  $d$ .

Claim:  $Y$  has a Gaussian distribution

Proof. Use SVD!  $A = USV^T$ ,

$U, V$  orthogonal,

$$S = D \cdot \left[ \underbrace{\begin{matrix} I_{d \times d} & 0_{d \times (n-d)} \\ \hline 0_{(n-d) \times d} & 0_{(n-d) \times (n-d)} \end{matrix}}_{\left[ \begin{matrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_d \end{matrix} \right]} \right]$$

$$Y = UD \begin{bmatrix} I_d & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^T X$$

$$\sim UD \begin{bmatrix} I_d & 0 \end{bmatrix} X \quad \text{bk } V^T \text{ is orthogonal}$$

$X$  is not-inv

$$\sim UD \circled{X_{1:d}} \sim N(0, \mathbb{I}_{d \times d})$$

$$\sim BX_{1:d} \quad \text{where } B = UD \text{ invertible}$$

So  $Y$  Gaussian  $N(0, B B^T)$

$$\Downarrow N(0, U D^2 U^T).$$