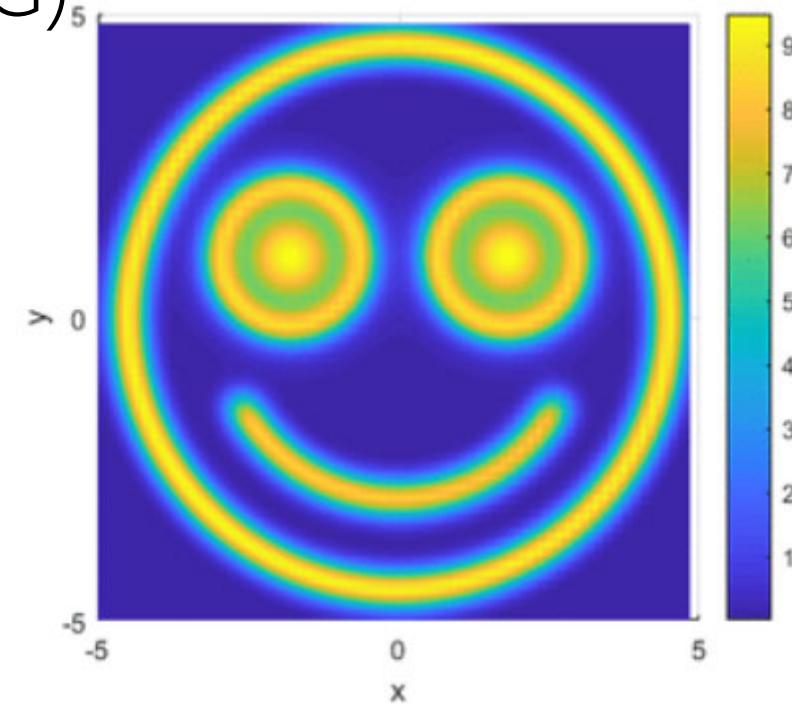
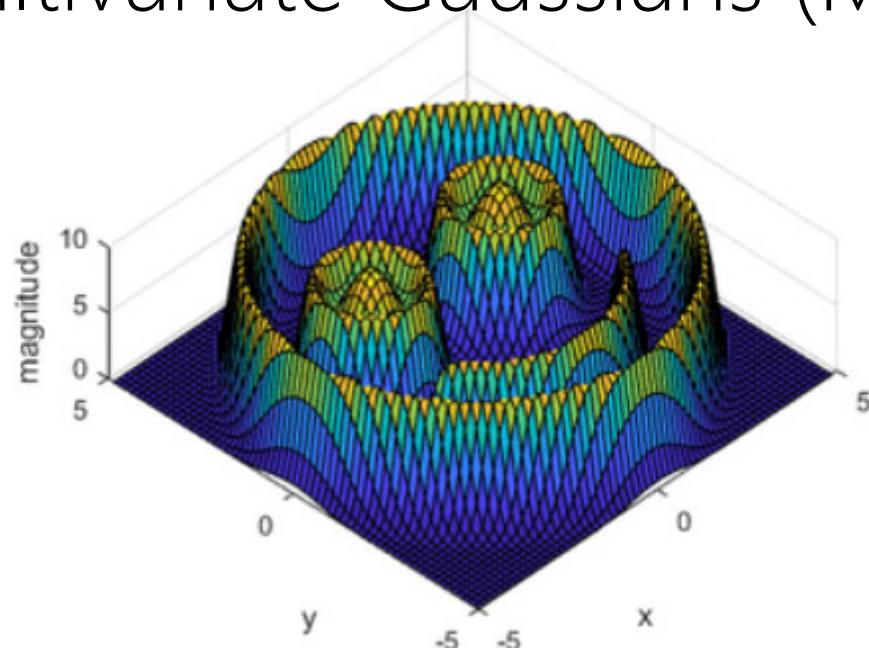


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FAQs 1

Website is up and running finally! <https://eecs189.org>

I'm on the waitlist or a CE student. Do I have to keep up with assignments? Yes, you have to keep up with assignments like an enrolled student.

Will I get off the waitlist/have CE enrollment approved?

The EECS department handles waitlist/enrollment, so we don't have control over that. I don't know any more. Don't reach out to course staff/profs about CE approval: these applications are being processed.

FAQs 2

Can I get added to the bCourses?

- We are not using bCourses for the semester, as everything is self-contained within Ed, Gradescope, and the course website (eecs189.org). (Slides also posted to google folder)

Are discussions recorded/available by zoom?

- No. However, discussion sheets and solutions will be posted periodically.

What are the Ed and Gradescope codes?

- Posted on eecs189.org as well but also included info here:
- Gradescope Code: E73744
- Ed: [**https://edstem.org/us/join/fCBF32**](https://edstem.org/us/join/fCBF32)
- Still having difficulty, contact arvind.rajaraman@berkeley.edu (Head GSI).

FAQs 3

- Do we have alternate exam times?
 - No. You must take the midterm and final in-person with the rest of the class (if you're DSP, your exam time accommodation will be honored).
- Can lecture slides be posted before lecture?
 - Yes, there is now a Google Drive folder (check homepage of eecs189.org) which contains these slides for faster access.

Please check eecs189.org's syllabus first, as most students' questions so far have been answered there. If you have any other questions, please initiate contact in this order of priority.

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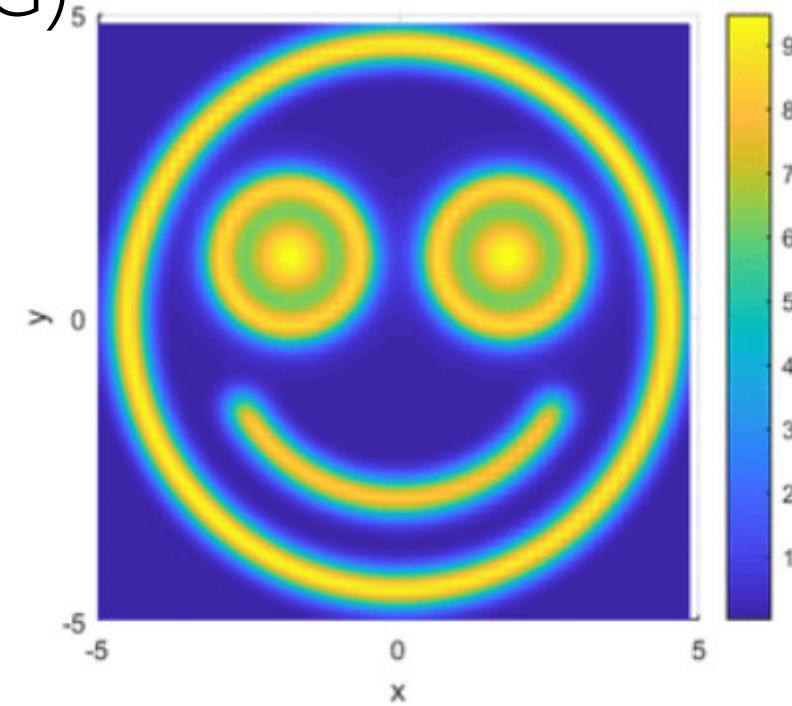
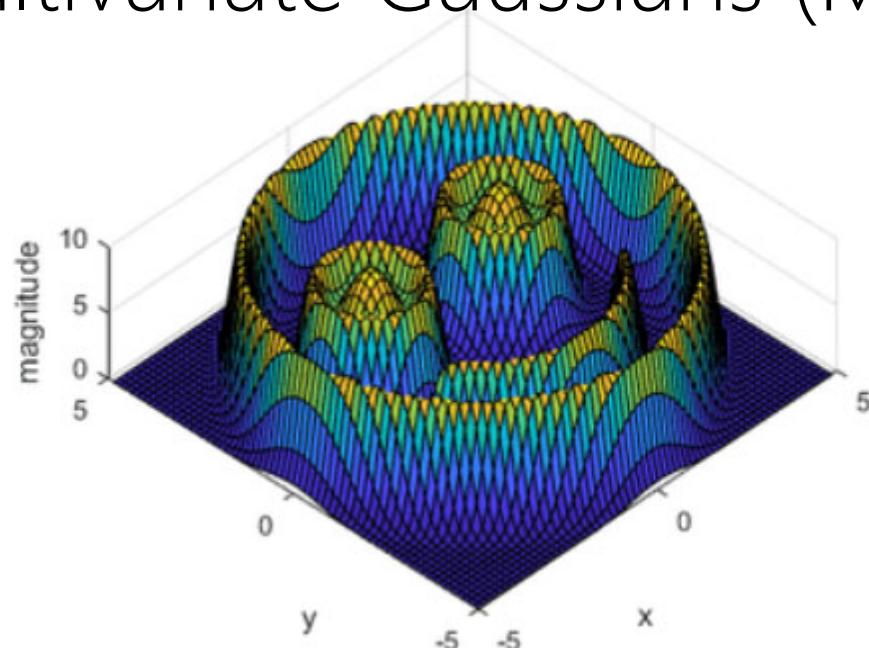
When and where are professor office hours.

- These will be held by the lecturing professor directly after the lecture for one hour.
- We are struggling to find an appropriate room, so for now, follow the professor out of the lecture hall and we can meet outside somewhere near Dwinelle.

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Recall last class:

e.g. MLE for univariate Gaussian

- In simple settings, we can find the setting of the parameters that set the partial derivatives to zero in closed-form:

$$\mu_{MLE}, \sigma_{MLE}^2 = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mu, \sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(x_i | \mu, \sigma^2)$$

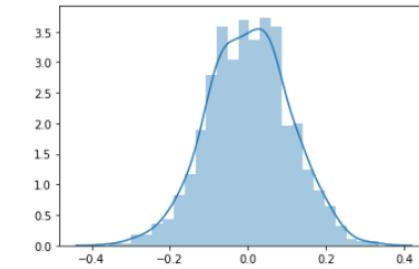
- Let's expand out so we can take the derivative:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(x_i | \mu, \sigma^2) = \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \log \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i - \mu)^2 \right) \right]$$

Today: Multivariate Gaussian (MVG) distributions

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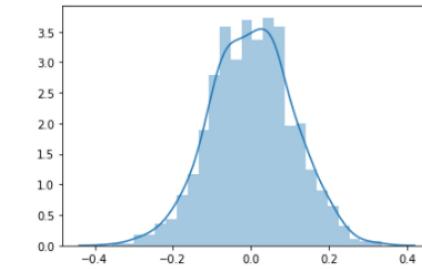
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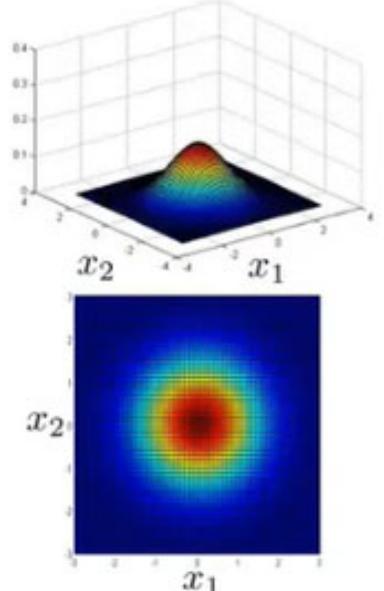
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The multivariate extension of this is for $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ and PSD.

$$p(x; \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\right)$$



Carl Friedrich Gauss



Portrait of Gauss by [Christian Albrecht Jensen](#)
(1840)

Born

Johann Carl Friedrich Gauss
30 April 1777
[Brunswick, Principality of](#)
[Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel](#)

Died

23 February 1855 (aged 77)
[Göttingen, Kingdom of](#)
[Hanover, German](#)
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Why a lecture on MVGs?

MVGs permeate much of classical and modern day ML:

- Classification: generative vs. discriminative (this class).
- Unsupervised models: Principle Components Analysis & autoencoders (this class).
- Advanced topics: Gaussian Process Regression (and deep versions thereof), etc.

Why a lecture on MVGs?

- *All models are wrong but some are useful!*— George Box, JASA 1976.
- Ubiquitous in natural phenomena because of CLT.
- CLT: sum large # of independent RVs, their sum tends towards a Gaussian distribution.
 - e.g., complex genetic traits such as height, blood pressure, etc.
- Convenient to work with (analytically tractable).

Goals of this lecture:

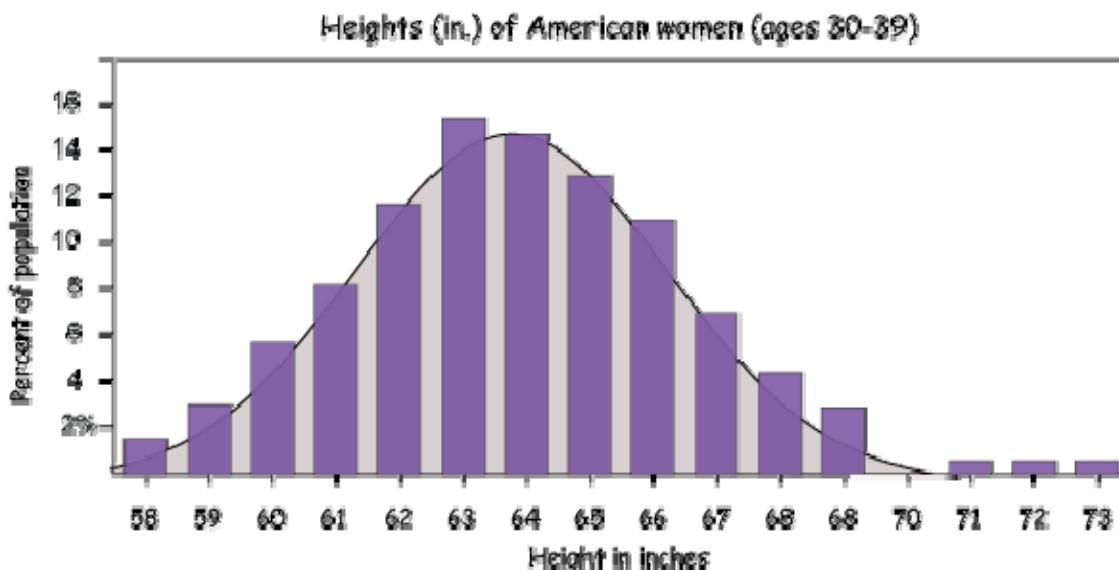
1. Give you intuitive interpretation and manipulation of MVG (with technical underpinnings).
2. Teach you some of the properties of MVG that will come in handy for ML.

[may see MVN for “Multivariate Normal Distribution”]

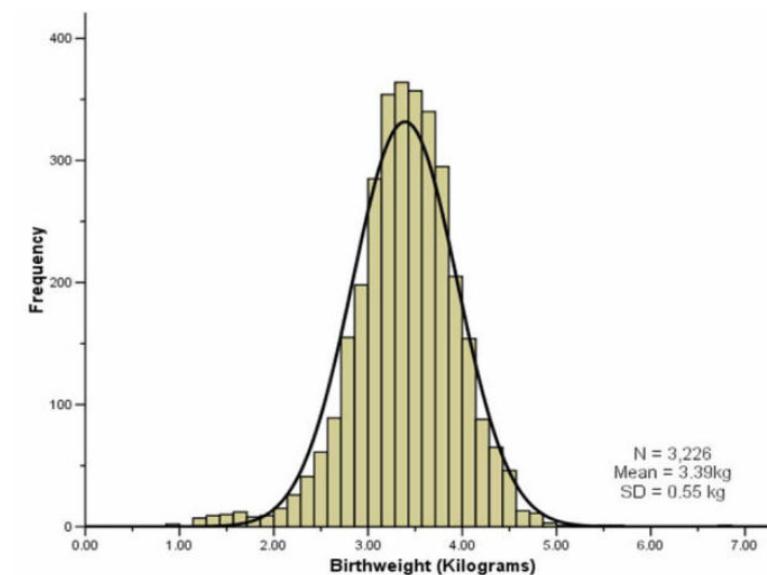
Multivariate Gaussian (MVG) distributions

- Consider two quantities, height and weight (of humans).
- Given the arguments of CLT with genetics, it's plausible that each of these is Gaussian distributed, so lets assume:

$$\text{height} = X_h \sim N(\mu_h, \sigma_h^2)$$



$$\text{weight} = X_w \sim N(\mu_w, \sigma_w^2)$$

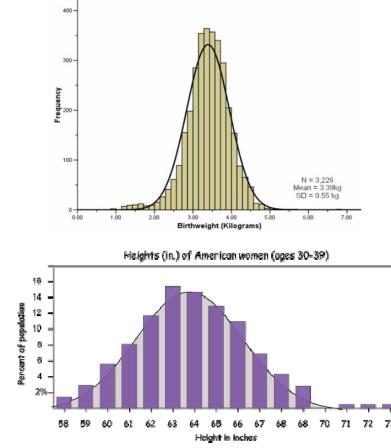
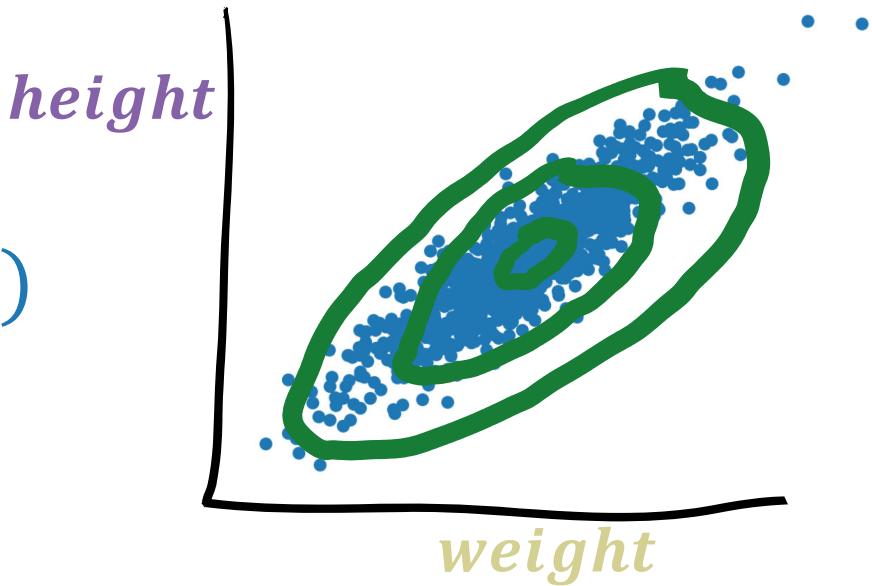


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Suppose I want the *joint distribution*, $p([X_h = x_h, X_w = x_w])$, how would we write it down? (Shorthand: $p([x_h, x_w])$).

Multivariate Gaussian (MVG) distributions

$$p([x_h, x_w]) = N(?)$$



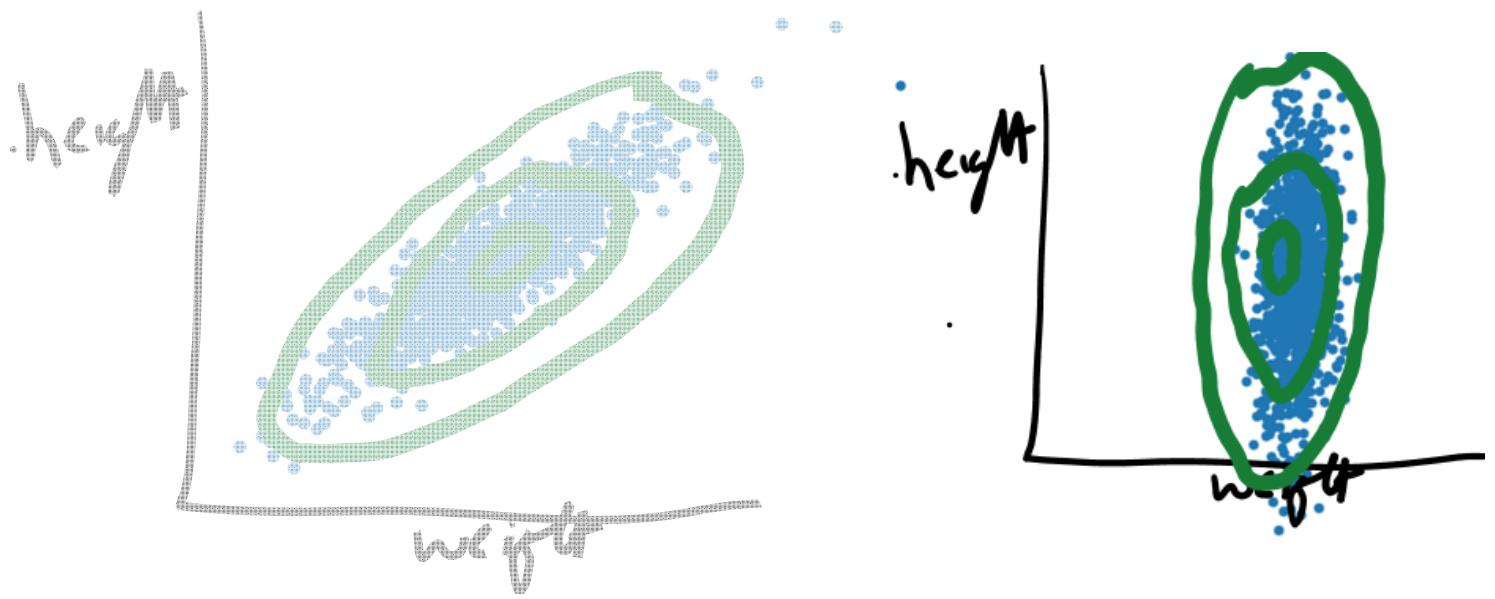
- Each point is a sample from some 2D pdf, $p([x_h, x_w])$.
- If we computed the mean of this distribution, $\mu = [\mu_h, \mu_w]$, it would be..?.
- $\mu = [\mu_h, \mu_w]$
- How do we compute/write the “spread” of the points?
- Can we use $p([x_h, x_w]) = N(x_h; \mu_h, \sigma_h^2) * N(x_w; \mu_w, \sigma_w^2)$?

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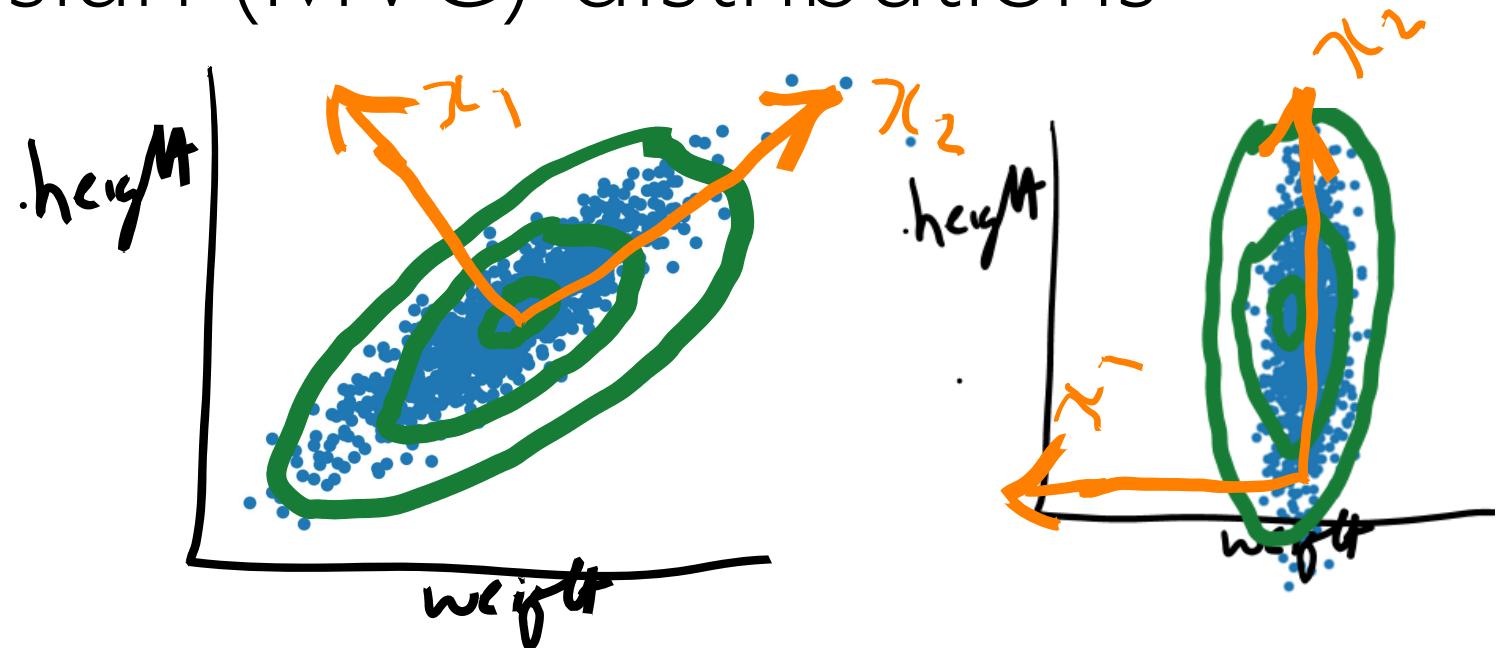
If independent RVs, $p([x_h, x_w]) = N(\mu_h, \sigma_h^2) * N(\mu_w, \sigma_w^2)$.

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Multivariate Gaussian (MVG) distributions

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- If we could rotate the coordinate system to be "axis aligned", then
$$p([x_1, x_2]) = N(x_1; \mu_1, \sigma_1^2) * N(x_2; \mu_2, \sigma_2^2).$$
- How do we do a rotation?
- Multiply by an appropriate orthonormal matrix, Q :

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = Q \begin{bmatrix} x_h \\ x_w \end{bmatrix}$$

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MVGs: Finding the right rotation matrix

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Math inverse: $\begin{bmatrix}\sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2\end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix}1/\sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\sigma_2^2\end{bmatrix}$

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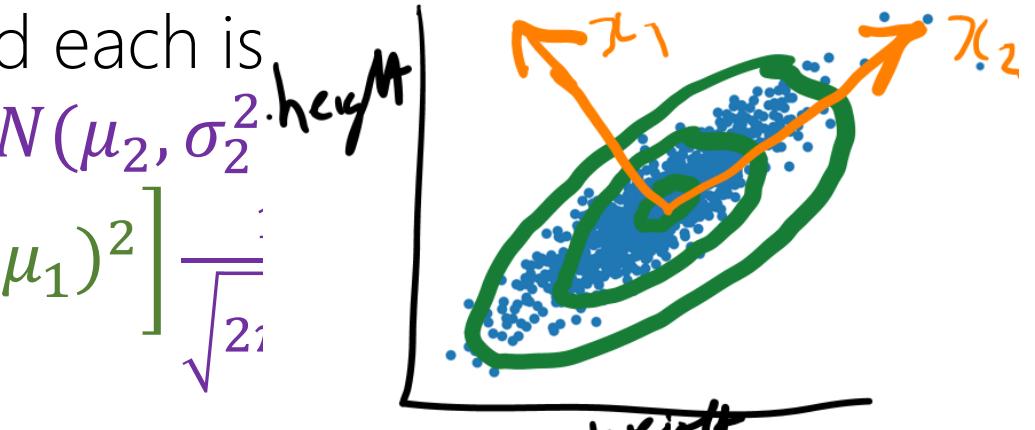
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Review of expectations, variance, covariance

EXPECTATION

$E[X]$ for discrete $\sum x P(x)$
for continuous $\int x p(x) dx$
often denoted by μ for mean.

$$E[h(x, y)] = \int h(x, y) p(x) dx$$

Properties of expectation

- Linearity $E(\sum_i \alpha_i x_i) = \sum_i \alpha_i E(x_i)$ ↗ independence
- Let X_1, \dots, X_n be independent random variables
 $E(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n E(x_i)$
- $E(X+C) = E(X)+C$ ↗ constant

Review of expectations, variance, covariance

VARIANCE

Let \underline{X} be a r.v. with mean (expectation) $\mu = E[X]$

Then variance is defined as $E(X-\mu)^2$

Properties:

- $V(x) = E(X^2) - \mu^2$
- $Var(ax+b) = a^2 Var(x)$
- if x_1, \dots, x_n are independent and $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ constants

$$Var(\sum \alpha_i x_i) = \sum \alpha_i^2 Var(x_i)$$

Review of expectations, variance, covariance

COVARIANCE of two RV.

$$\text{Cov}(x, y) = E((\underbrace{(x - E(x))}_{\text{R.V. with mean 0}})(\underbrace{(y - E(y))}_{})) = E((x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y)) = E[xy] - E[x]E[y]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(x, x) = \text{Var}(x) . \text{ independent } x, y \Rightarrow \text{Cov}(x, y) = 0$$

CORRELATION

$$\text{corr}(x, y) = \frac{\text{cov}(x, y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(x)\text{Var}(y)}} \Rightarrow \rho \in [-1, 1]$$

↳ r

Back to this example

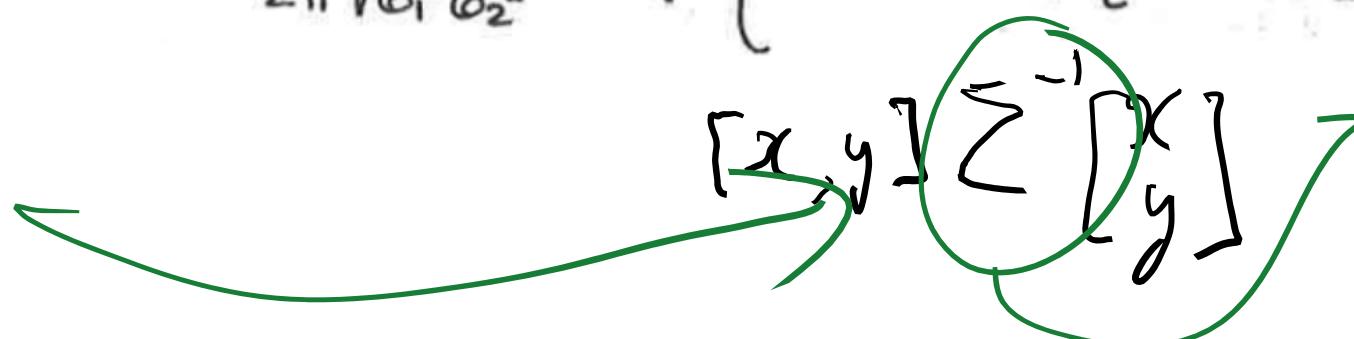
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The covariance matrix contains covariances!

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \sum = \begin{bmatrix} \text{cov}(x_1, x_1) & \text{cov}(x_1, x_2) & \text{cov}(x_1, x_3) \\ \text{cov}(x_2, x_1) & \text{cov}(x_2, x_2) & \text{cov}(x_2, x_3) \\ \text{cov}(x_3, x_1) & \text{cov}(x_3, x_2) & \text{cov}(x_3, x_3) \end{bmatrix}$$

σ_1^2 ↗ ↘ σ_3^2

Symmetric. Since $\text{cov}(x_1, x_2) = \text{cov}(x_2, x_1)$
also positive semi definite.

In our example $\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$ is the Cov. Matrix. $\text{cov}(x_1, x_2) \approx 0$ since
we started from independent variables x, y.

Multivariate Gaussian (MVG) distributions

Fact: If $X \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is distributed as a MVG, then $\forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, d\}$
 $\text{cov}(X_i, X_j) = 0$ iff X_i, X_j are independent.

Generally (beyond MVG), weaker statement: if X_i, X_j are independent then $\text{cov}(X_i, X_j) = 0$.

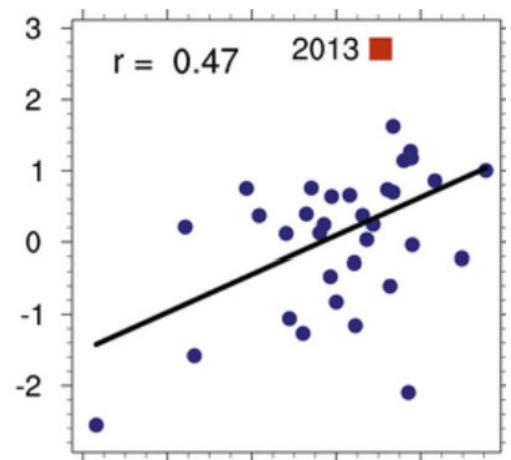
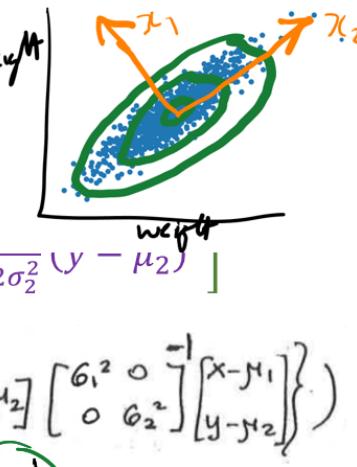
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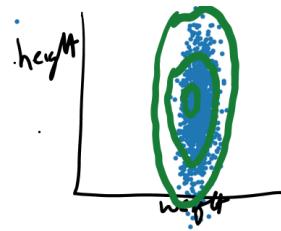
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From the baby case to the general case

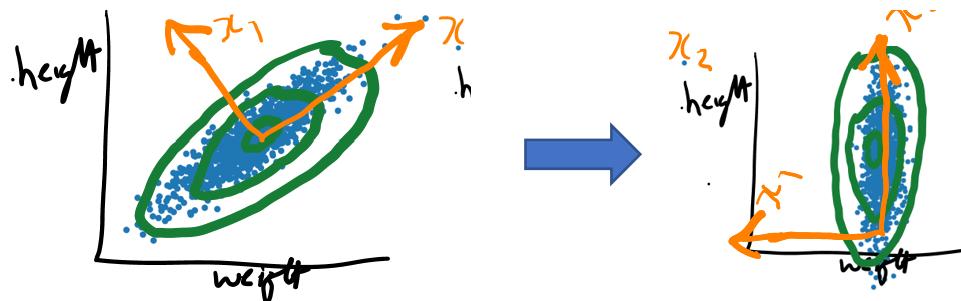
We worked the baby case, variables are independent, and each is 1D:

$X \sim p(x) = N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ and $Y \sim p(y) = N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$, so that $p([x, y]) = p(x)p(y)$

$$p(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left\{\begin{bmatrix}x - \mu_1 \\ y - \mu_2\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}\sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2\end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix}x - \mu_1 \\ y - \mu_2\end{bmatrix}\right\}\right)$$


How can we better understand the general case, with $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and non-independence between the components?

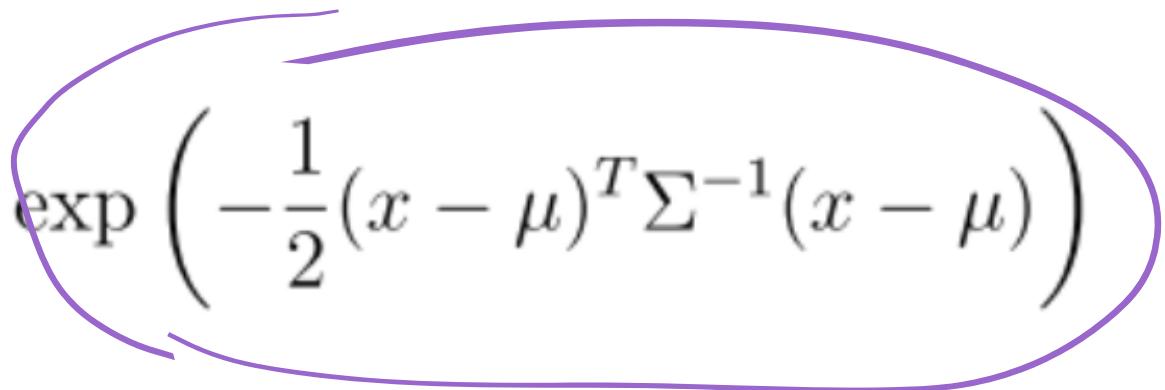
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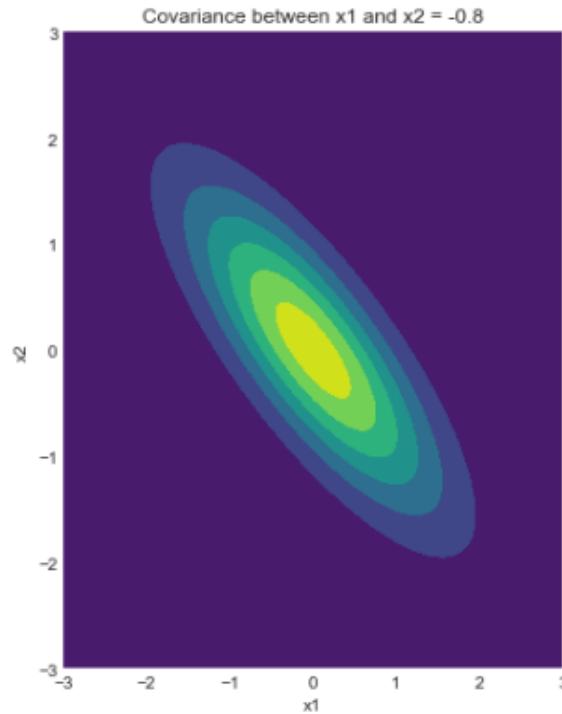
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1. Quadratic term, where most of the "*action happens*".
2. Normalizing constant, which ensures that the distribution integrates to 1.

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$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\right) dx_1 dx_2 \cdots dx_n = 1.$$

Quadratic term \Rightarrow level sets of MVG pdf are ellipses



One level set (contour line) of MVG pdf comprises the values x for which $p(x)$ is a constant:

$$\mathbf{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \text{constant}$$

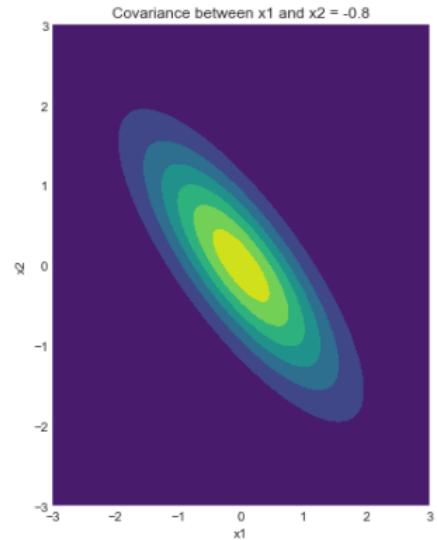
$1 \times d \quad d \times d \quad d \times 1$

e.g. $x \in \mathbb{R}^{d=2}$ then $0 = ax_1^2 + bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2 + d$

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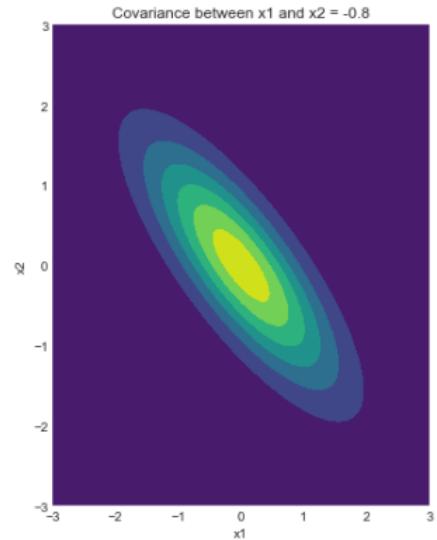


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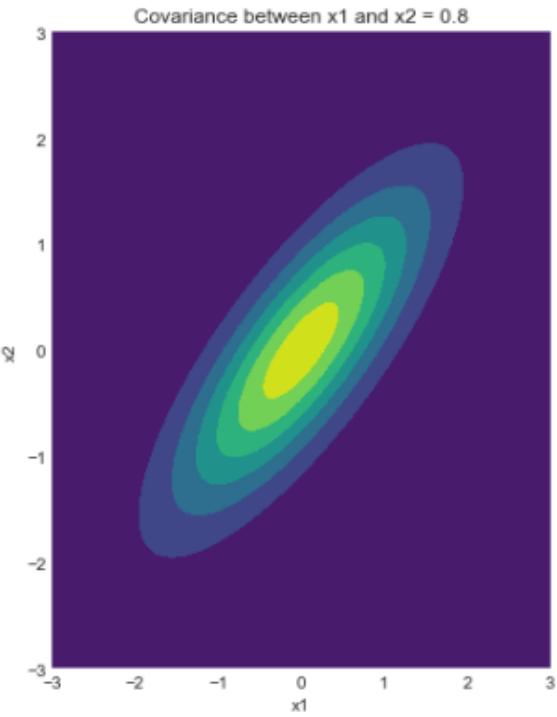
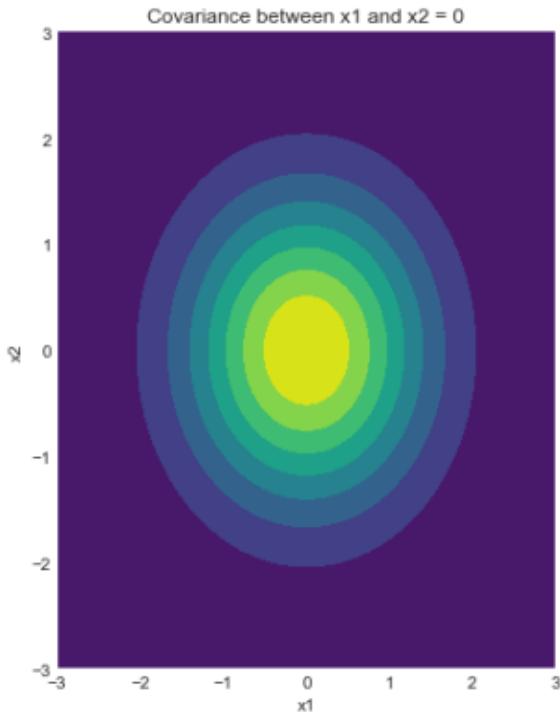
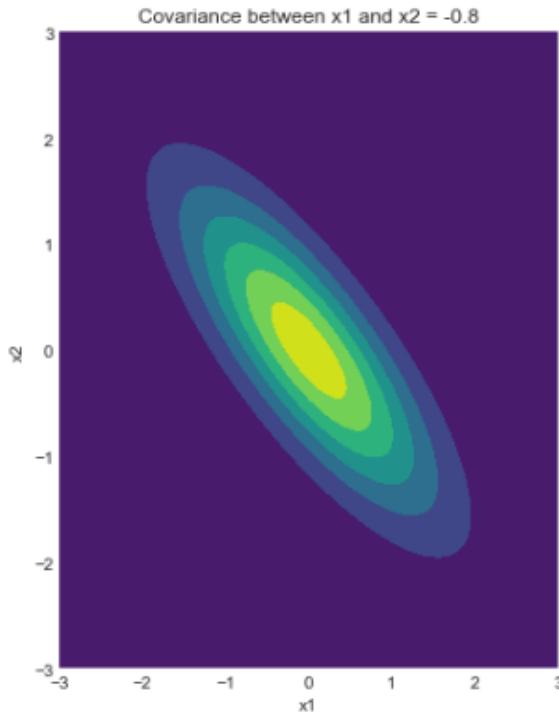
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Everyone does it.*



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Still, lets try to get an intuition.



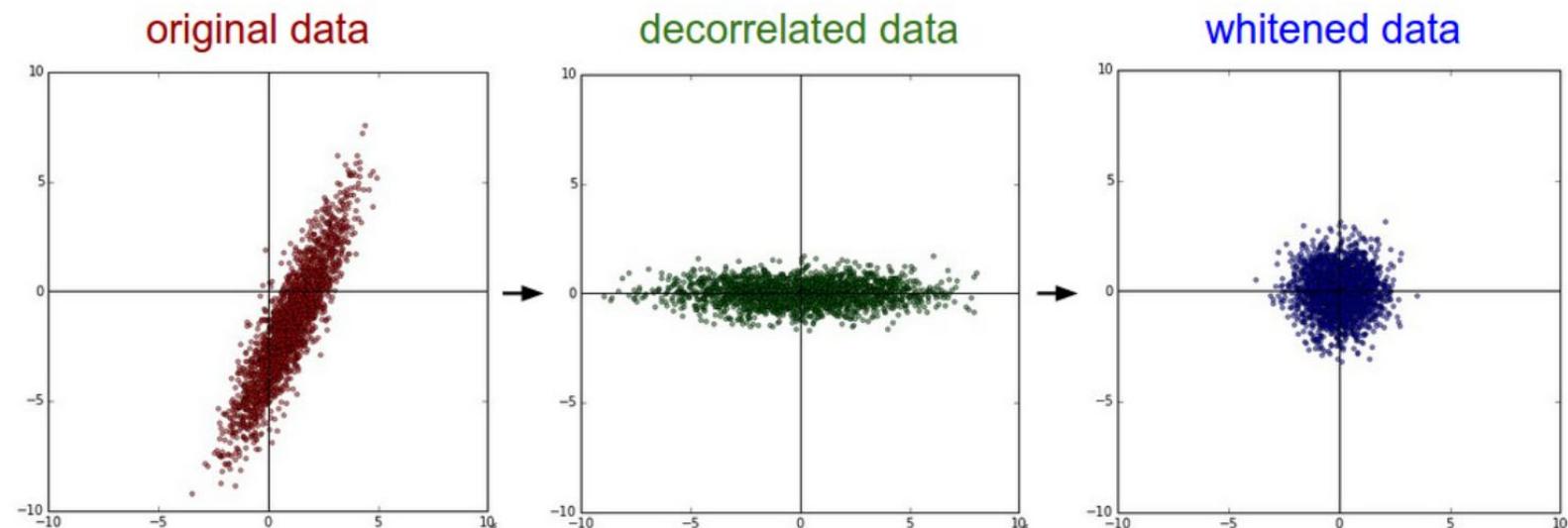
could look at each pair of variables x_i and x_j

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Sphering a MVG

"diagonalized"

- To “sphere” a MVG is to alter it so as make all its contour lines be spheres (also called “whitening”):
- (useful for manipulation of MVGs related to PCA, advanced linear regressions, etc.)



Linear Algebra: Diagonalizing a matrix

- For the MVG, the covariance matrix (and its inverse) is symmetric and *positive semi-definite* (PSD).
- Symmetric because covariance is symmetric $\text{cov}(x, y) = \text{cov}(y, x)$.
- Recall a symmetric matrix $C \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ is PSD iff $u^T Cu \geq 0$ for every $u \in \mathbb{R}^d$. (PD if strictly > 0). It follows that all eigenvalues are ≥ 0 .
- Recall eigenvalues:

$\underline{Ax = \lambda x} \rightarrow \underline{x}$ is an eigenvector
 λ is an eigenvalue
eigenvalues are found by solving -
 $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

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Q is an orthonormal matrix

$$[q_1 \ q_2 \dots q_n]$$

any two
are orthogonal

each is
of length 1

true for col and row

$$\Downarrow$$

$Q^{-1} = Q^T$
(rotations & reflections)

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Inverses and square roots

- If $A = QDQ^T$

Then $A^{-1} = QD^{-1}Q^T$

where $D^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^{-1} & & & \\ & \lambda_2^{-1} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$

why?

$$QDQ^T Q D^{-1} Q^T \stackrel{?}{=} I \quad \text{Yes.}$$

$\boxed{\boxed{I}}$

This is nice because in the gaussian we

Σ^{-1} = "precision Matrix" or "concentration Matrix"

- Define $R = Q\sqrt{D} Q^T$ (symmetric)

where $\sqrt{D} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & & & \\ & \sqrt{\lambda_2} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix}$

then $A = R^T R = RR^T$
if R symmetric

why?

$$\overbrace{R^T R}^{= A} = Q\sqrt{D} Q^T Q\sqrt{D} Q^T = Q\sqrt{D} \cdot \sqrt{D} Q^T = QDQ^T = A.$$

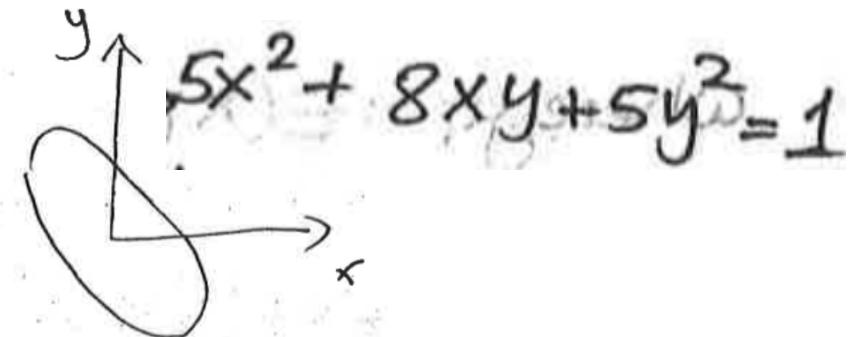
can be a useful factorization of A

Diagonalizing an ellipse

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 1$$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ is positive definite

$$A = QDQ^T$$



1. Eigenvalues of A -

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda_1 = 9$$

2. Want to make this into an orthonormal Q

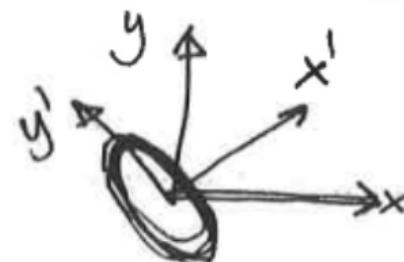
→ make eigenvectors normalized by dividing by $\sqrt{2}$

$$Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda_2 = 1 \rightarrow A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Change coordinate system along the eigenvectors -

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{Q} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} x' &= \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{2}} \\ y' &= \frac{x-y}{\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$



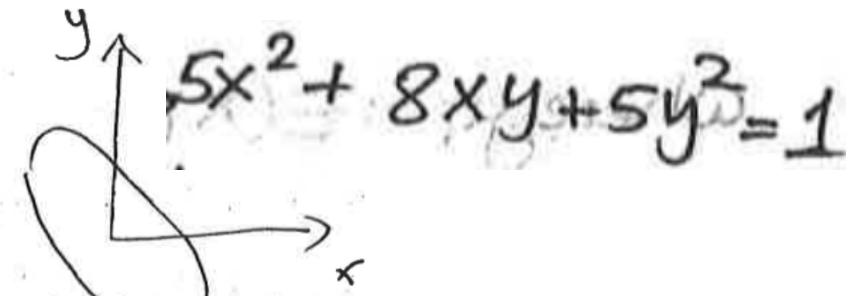
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The axes point along the eigenvectors

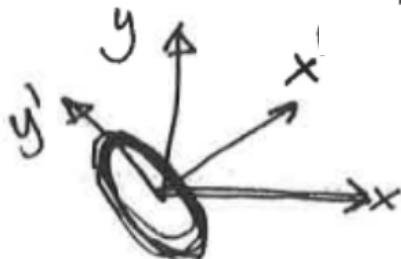
the minor and major axes lengths are $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$. by dividing

→ So finding a coordinate system that makes the ellipse axis aligned is the same as diagonalizing A.



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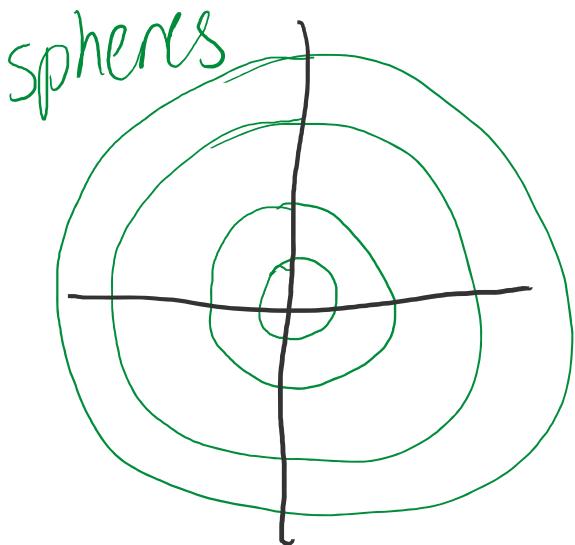


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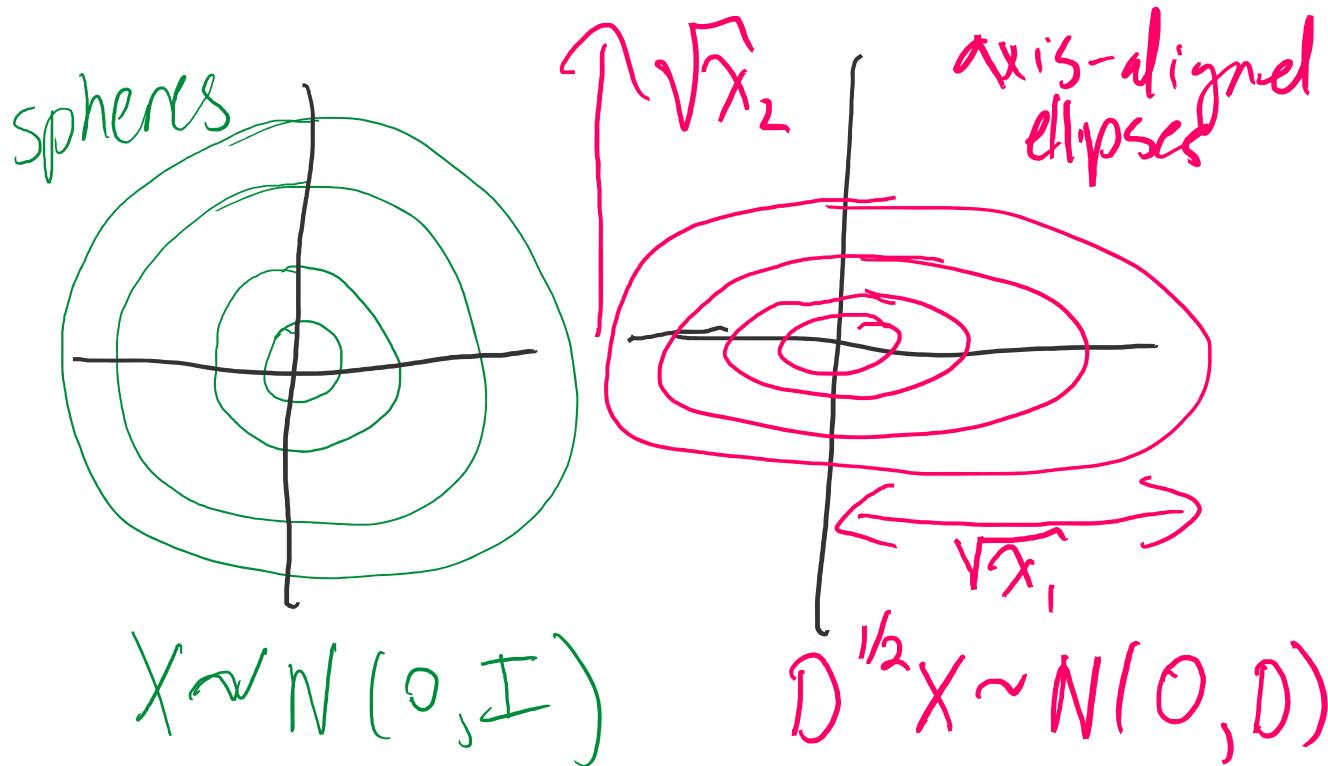
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① $x_1, x_2 \dots x_n \sim N(0, 1)$ all independent.
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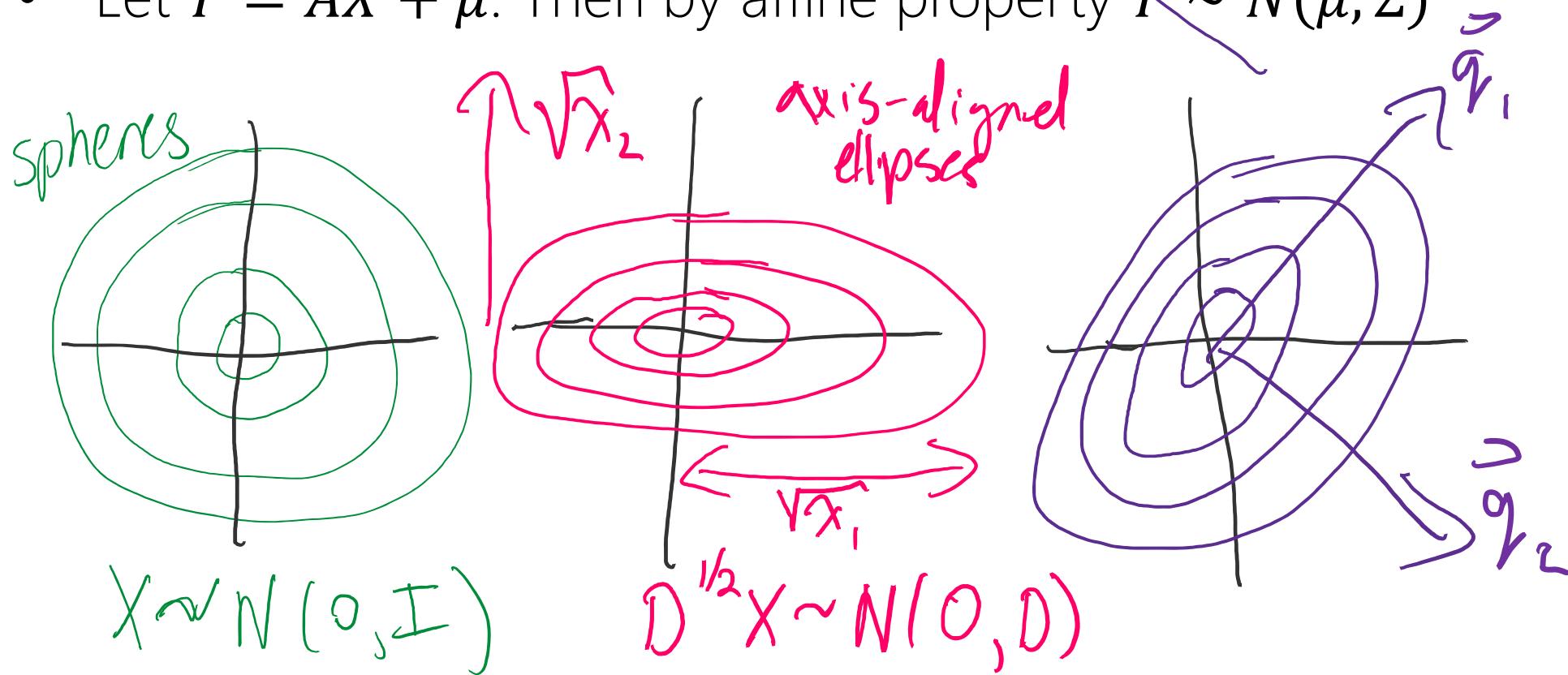
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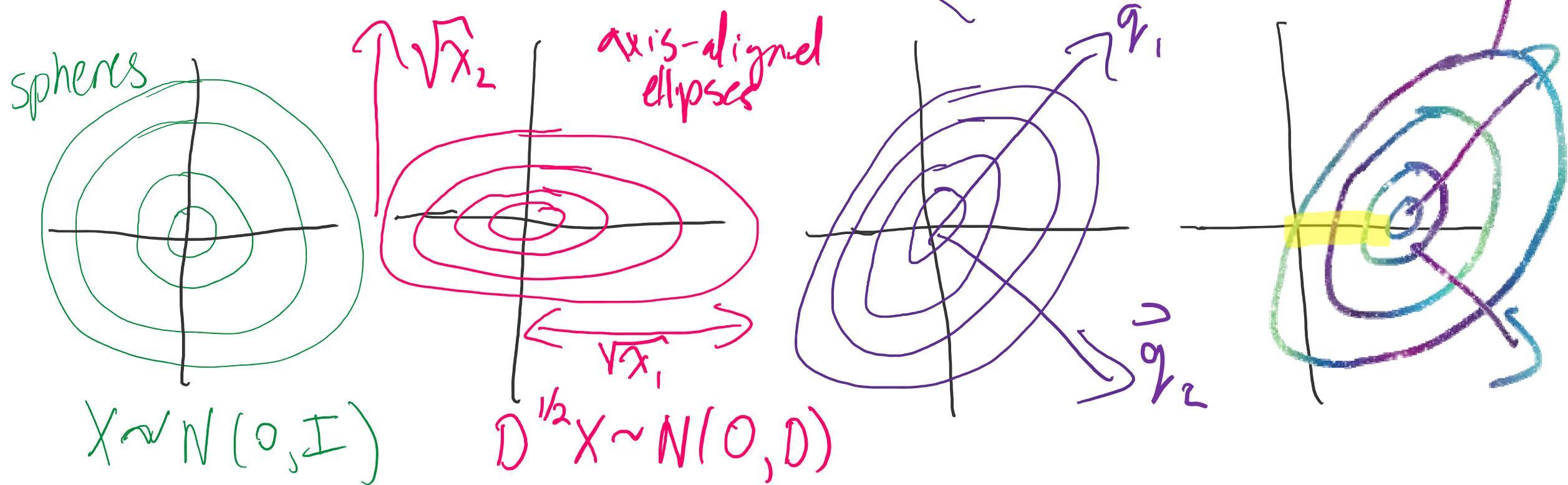
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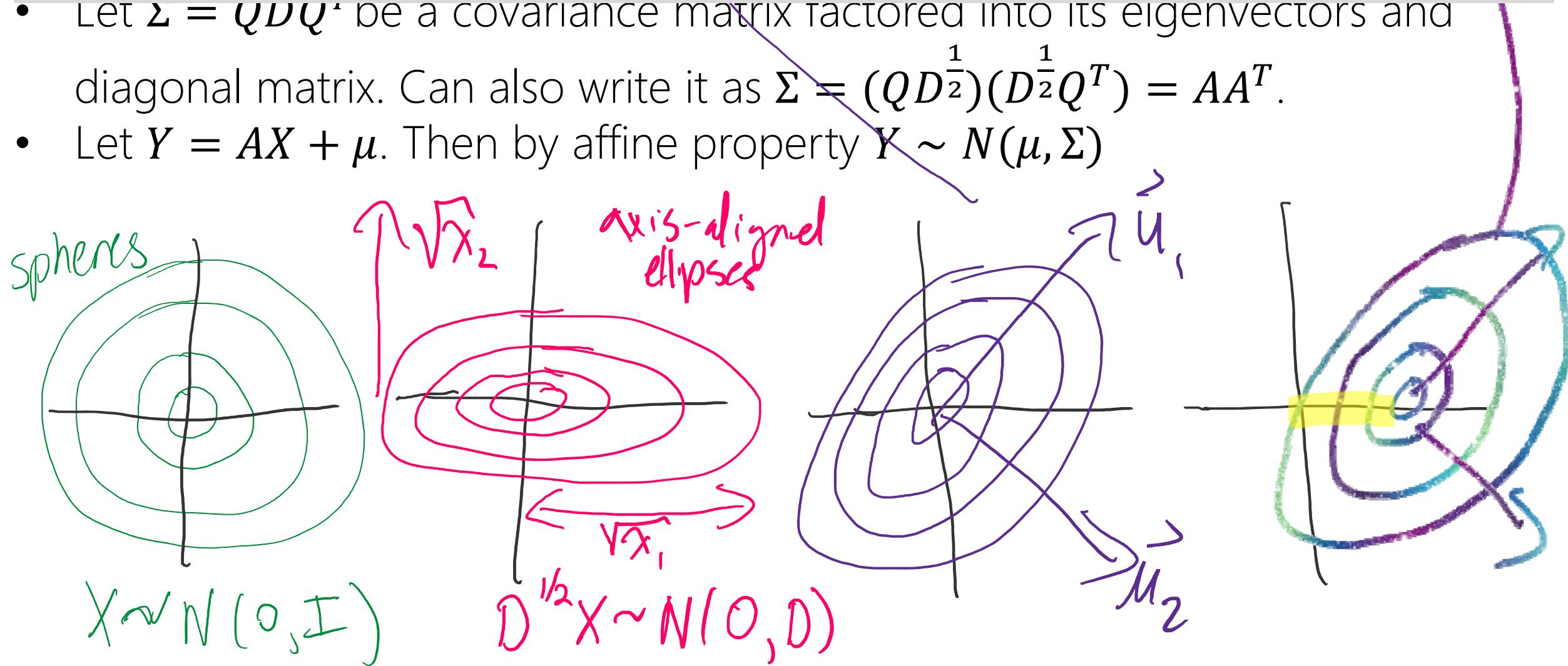
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- Can decompose any MVG in terms of a “scaling”, “rotation” and “shift” operator with respect to the standard $N(0, I)$ form.
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Extra slides (not responsible for)

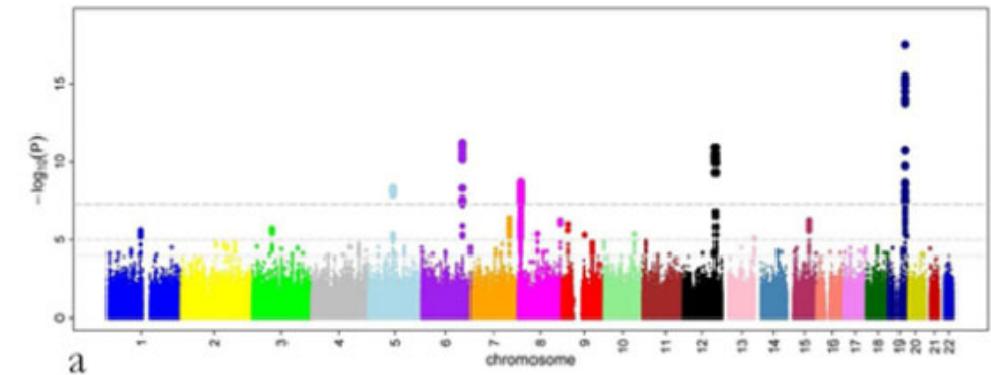
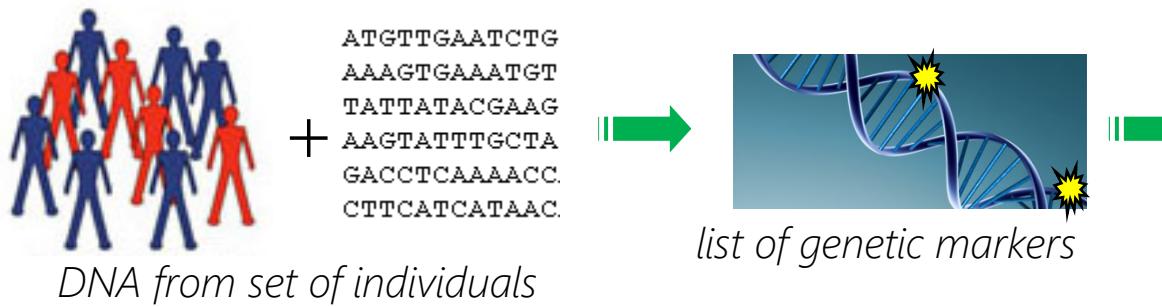
Real application: Genome-Wide Association Studies (GWAS)

Input:

- A set of people with/without a disease
- Measure a large set of genetic markers for each person (e.g., SNPs: *single nucleotide polymorphism*).

Desired output:

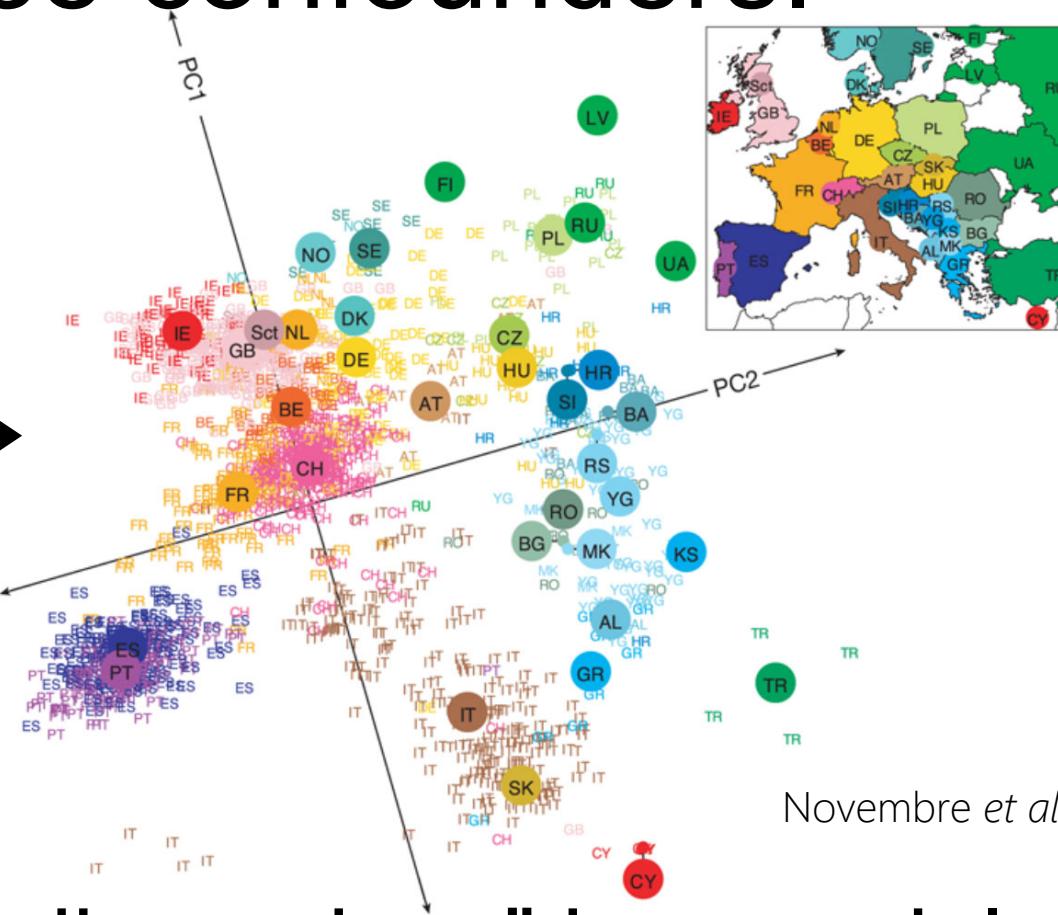
- A list of genetic markers underlying the disease.



Spurious “signal” in the genetic markers owing to racial/pedigree confounders.



$N \times N$ covariance matrix



Novembre *et al* Nature 2008

By including these “hidden dimensions” in a model, we can correct the problem.

Nat. Genetics 2013, Nat. Methods 2012, 2011, 2014 etc.

Mixed Model Approach (GPR)

Generative model:

- sample a “latent ancestry vector”
- add as covariate

$$p(\vec{u}) = N(\vec{0}, \begin{matrix} \text{red diagonal grid} \\ \text{red square} \end{matrix})$$
$$p(\vec{y}|\vec{u}) = N(X\beta + \eta \vec{u}, I\sigma^2)$$

“amount of
confounding
genetic signal”

➡ LIKELIHOOD $p(\vec{y}) = \int p(\vec{y}|\vec{u})p(\vec{u})d\vec{u}$

$$p(\vec{y}) = N(X\beta, \eta^2 \begin{matrix} \text{red diagonal grid} \\ \text{red square} \end{matrix} + I\sigma^2)$$

2. Exploit rank when few SNPs are used

If \mathbf{K} is computed in a particular way, and $n > s_c$ then computations are linear in n .

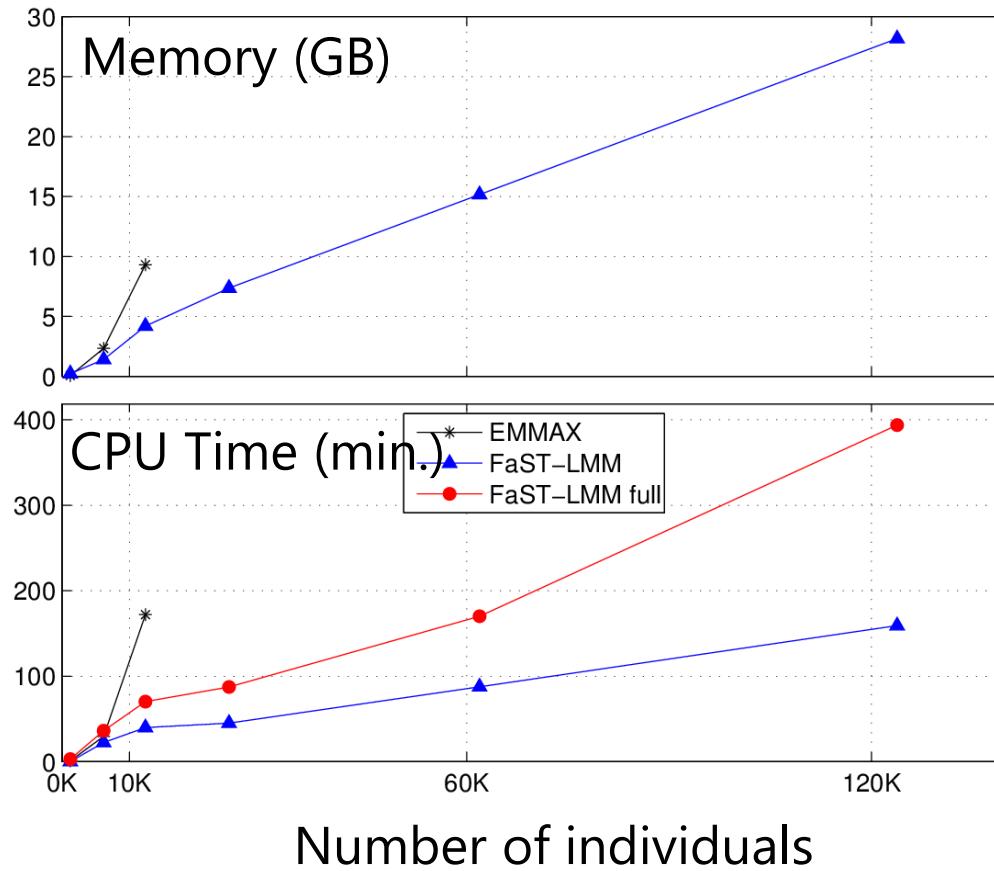
$$n \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ \mathbf{K} \end{matrix} \right\} = \frac{1}{s_c} n \left\{ \begin{matrix} s_c \\ \mathbf{W} \end{matrix} \right\} \times \mathbf{W}^T$$

e.g., the realized relationship matrix (RRM) [Visscher et al]

n is # people

s_c is # of SNPs used to compute \mathbf{K}

Experimental running time and memory



- **EMMAX** out of memory after 13K individuals
- **FaST-LMM** fixed variance components
- **FaST-LMM full** re-estimate variance components