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Its c.f. is

$$f(\mathbf{t}) = \exp(i\mathbf{t}'\mathbf{a} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{t}'\mathbf{B}\mathbf{t}),$$

i.e.,

$$f(t_1, \dots, t_n) = \exp\left(i \sum_{k=1}^n a_k t_k - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^n b_{ls} t_l t_s\right).$$

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i.e., η_1, \dots, η_n i.i.d. $\sim N(0, 1)$. From Property 3' in §3.3 it follows that

$$f_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(\mathbf{t}) = \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-\frac{t_i^2}{2}} = \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{t}'\mathbf{t}\right\}.$$

Also $\xi = L\eta + a$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{t}) &= Ee^{it'\xi} = e^{it'a} Ee^{it'L\eta} = e^{it'a} Ee^{i(L't)'\eta} \\ &= e^{it'a} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{L}'\mathbf{t})'(\mathbf{L}'\mathbf{t})\right\} \\ &= e^{it'a} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{t}'\mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}'\mathbf{t}\right\} \\ &= e^{it'a} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{t}'\mathbf{B}\mathbf{t}\right\} \\ &= \exp\left\{it'a - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{t}'\mathbf{B}\mathbf{t}\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

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We call the corresponding distribution a **singular** normal distribution or a **degenerate** normal distribution. When the rank of \mathbf{B} is r ($r < n$), it is actually only a distribution in r dimensional subspace.

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- 5 $\boldsymbol{\xi}$ is normally distributed iff any linear combination of its components follows normal distributions. Specifically, let $\boldsymbol{l} = (l_1, \dots, l_n)'$ be any n dimensional real vector, then

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\xi} \sim N(\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{B}) &\Leftrightarrow \zeta = \boldsymbol{l}'\boldsymbol{\xi} \sim N(\boldsymbol{l}'\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{l}'\boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{l}) \\ \Leftrightarrow \zeta &= \sum_{j=1}^n l_j \xi_j \sim N\left(\sum_{j=1}^n l_j a_j, \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n l_j l_k b_{jk}\right)\end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{11} & \mathbf{B}_{12} \\ \mathbf{B}_{21} & \mathbf{B}_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then $\xi_1 \sim N(\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{B}_{11})$, $\xi_2 \sim N(\mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{B}_{22})$; and, ξ_1 and ξ_2 are independent if and only if $\mathbf{B}_{12} = \mathbf{0}$ (resp. $\mathbf{B}_{21} = \mathbf{0}$), i.e., $Cov\{\xi_1, \xi_2\} = E[(\xi_1 - E\xi_1)(\xi_2 - E\xi_2)'] = \mathbf{0}$.

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Then conditioning on $\boldsymbol{\xi}_1 = \boldsymbol{x}_1$, the conditional distribution of $\boldsymbol{\xi}_2$ is a normal distribution

$$N(\boldsymbol{a}_2 + \boldsymbol{B}_{21}\boldsymbol{B}_{11}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{a}_1), \boldsymbol{B}_{22} - \boldsymbol{B}_{21}\boldsymbol{B}_{11}^{-1}\boldsymbol{B}_{12}).$$

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Example

Suppose ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n be i.i.d. normal $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ random variables.

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且 $Y_1 = (X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_n)/\sqrt{n} = \sqrt{n}\bar{X}$.

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所以

$$(n-1)S^2 = \sum_{i=2}^n Y_i^2 \text{ 与 } \bar{X} = Y_1/\sqrt{n} \text{ 独立,}$$

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