

# 02409 Multivariate Statistics

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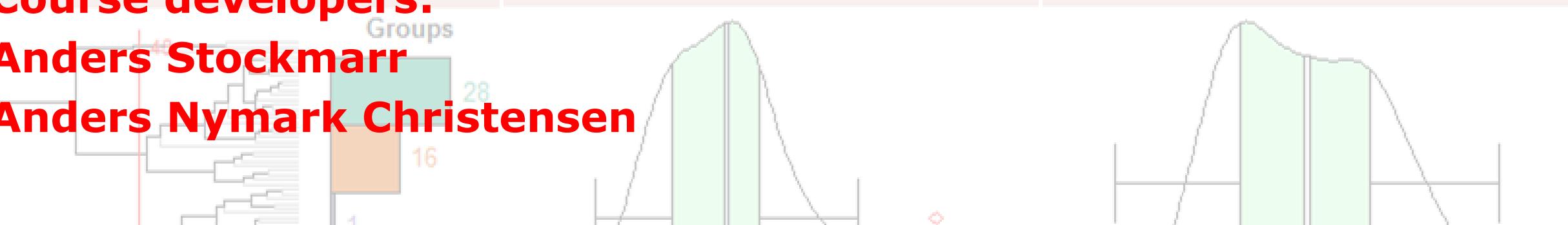
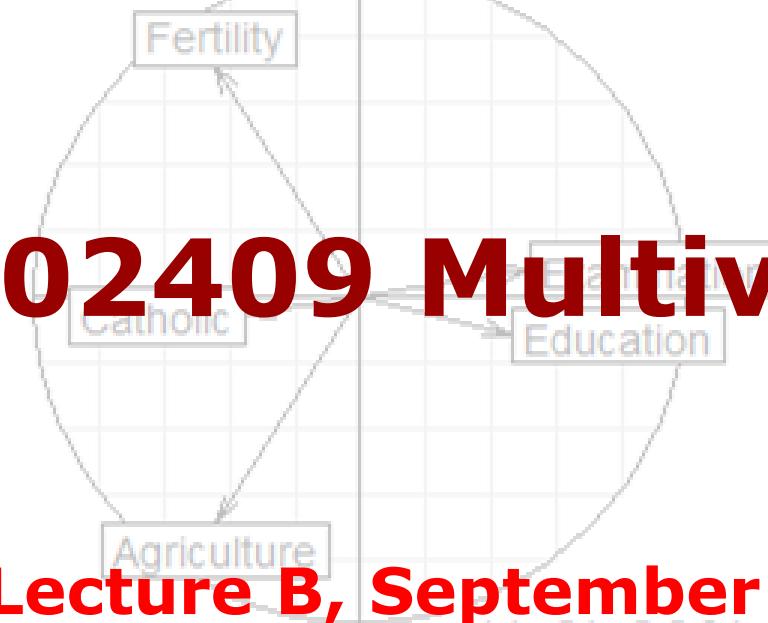
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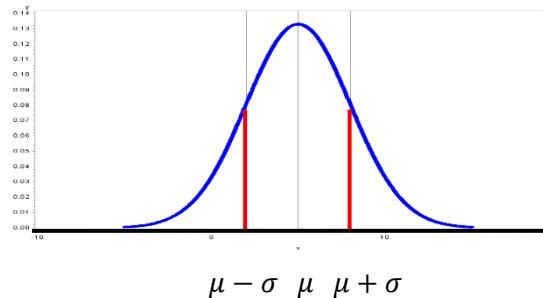
# Today's lecture

1. Causation and correlation
2. Moments of univariate random variables revisited
3. Positive semidefinite matrices.
- 4. Conditional distributions**
5. Height-weight of children
- 6. Multiple correlation coefficient**
- 7. Partial correlation coefficients**
8. Case on cement

# Recap: Uni- and bivariate normal distributions

The univariate random variable  $X$  is normally distributed  $X \in N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  if

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu)^2\right)$$

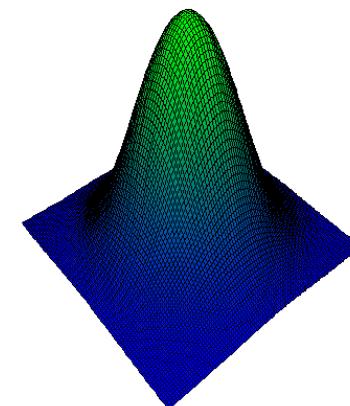


The bivariate random variable  $\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}$  is normally distributed  $\mathbf{X} \in N_2(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  if the density is

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det \boldsymbol{\Sigma}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right)$$

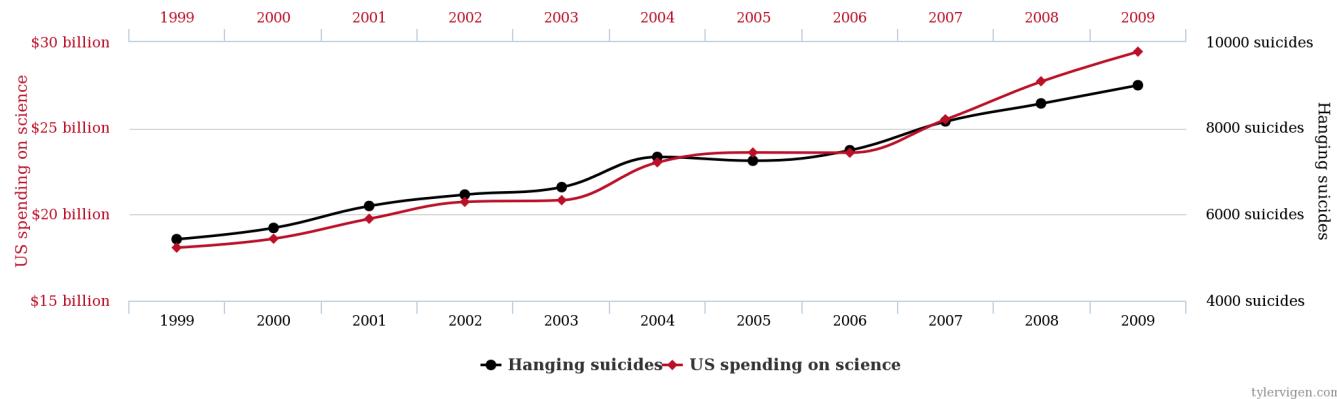
Example:  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ; independent, identically distributed standard normal:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x_1^2\right) \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x_2^2\right) \end{aligned}$$



# Correlation does not imply causation I

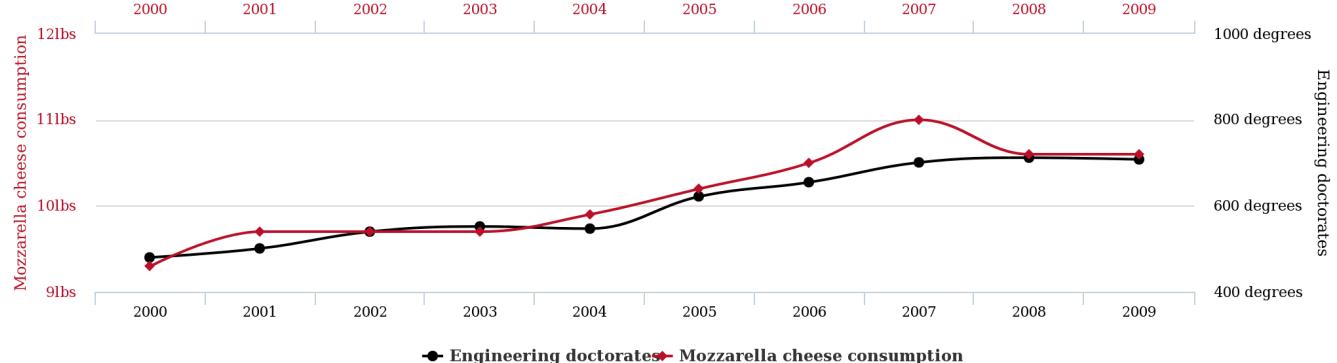
**US spending on science, space, and technology**  
correlates with  
**Suicides by hanging, strangulation and suffocation**



$$\rho=0.998$$

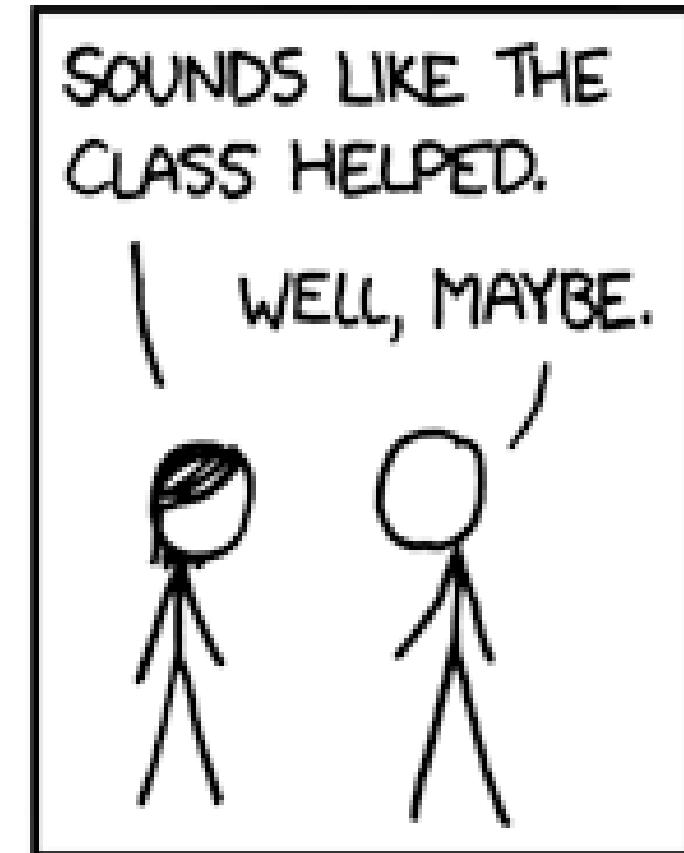
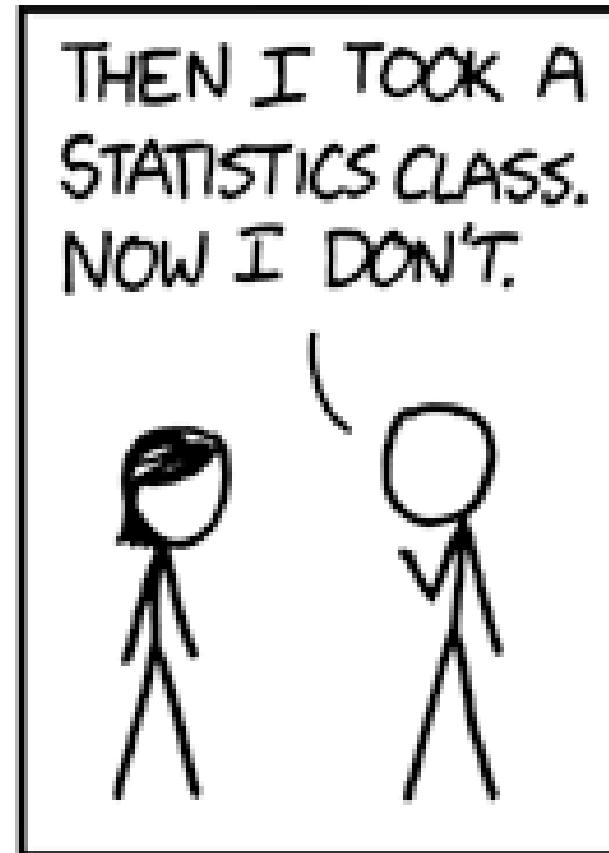
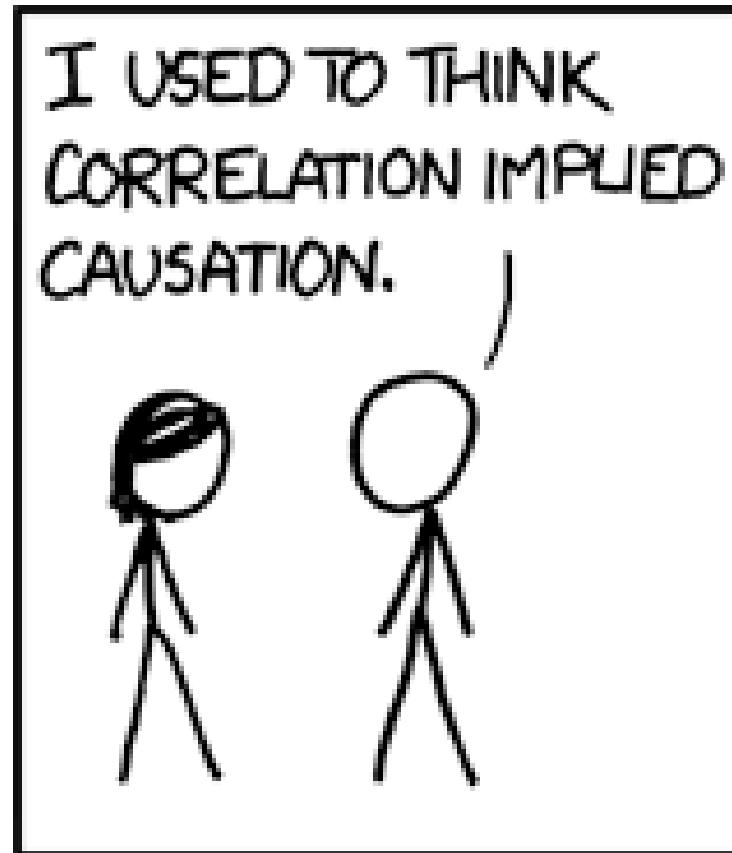
An earlier posting at  
<http://www.tylervigen.com/spurious-correlations>

**Per capita consumption of mozzarella cheese**  
correlates with  
**Civil engineering doctorates awarded**



$$\rho=0.959$$

## Correlation does not imply causation II



- Correlation doesn't imply causation, but it does waggle its eyebrows suggestively and gesture furtively while mouthing 'look over there'. Sometimes however, correlation can be terribly wrong due to confounding.

# Moments of a univariate random variable revisited

The **k'th moment**  $E_k$  is defined as:

$$E_k = E(X^k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^k f(t) dt$$

The **k'th central moment**  $M_k$  is defined as:

$$M_k = E((X - \mu)^k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (t - \mu)^k f(t) dt$$

where  $\mu$  is the first moment. Specific forms:

$E_1$  is the **Expectation** (also called the **mean** (typically for empirical distributions));

$M_2$  is the **Variance**;  $\sqrt{M_2}$  is the **Standard Deviation**;

$M_3/M_2^{3/2}$  is the **Skewness**; a measure of how much the mode is to the left or the right of the mean;

$M_4/M_2^2$  is the **Kurtosis**; a measure for how fat the tails are in the distribution.

# Moments of a univariate random variable revisited



- Example: The standard Normal distribution  $N(0,1)$ .

$$E_1 = 0, E_2 = 1, E_3 = 0, E_4 = 3.$$

Thus:

$$M_2 = 1, M_3 = 0, M_4 = 3$$

- Mean: 0. For  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ :  $\mu$ .
- Variance: 1. For  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ :  $\sigma^2$ .
- Skewness: 0. For  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ : 0.
- Kurtosis: 3. For  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ : 3.
- These values can be used for reference, when evaluating other distributions.

# Variance matrix – positive semidefinite

- What does it mean?
- $\Sigma \in Mat_k(\mathbb{R})$  positive semidefinite  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^k: x^T \Sigma x \geq 0.$

Note that if  $\mathbb{Y}$  is a random variable with variance  $\Sigma$ , then for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$ , the variance of  $x^T \mathbb{Y}$  is

$$V(x^T \mathbb{Y}) = x^T V(\mathbb{Y}) x = x^T \Sigma x,$$

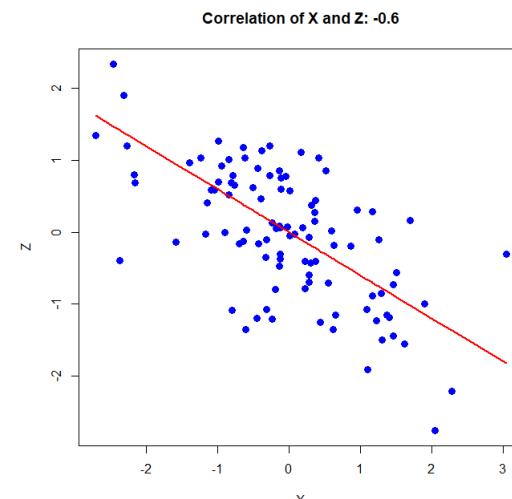
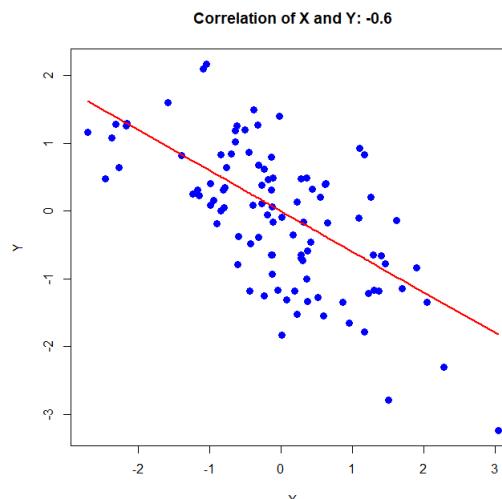
which necessarily has to be  $\geq 0$ . So, **any variance matrix is positive semidefinite**.

Conversely, it is possible to show that if  $\Sigma$  is positively semidefinite, then there is a distribution that has  $\Sigma$  as its variance matrix (in fact infinitely many; one is  $N_k(0, \Sigma)$ ).

# Variance matrix – positive semidefinite

- What does it mean?

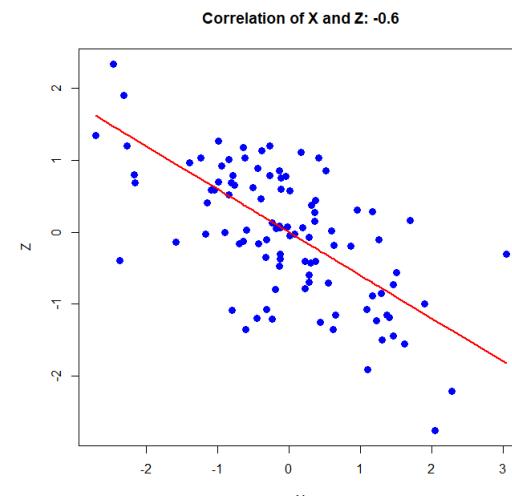
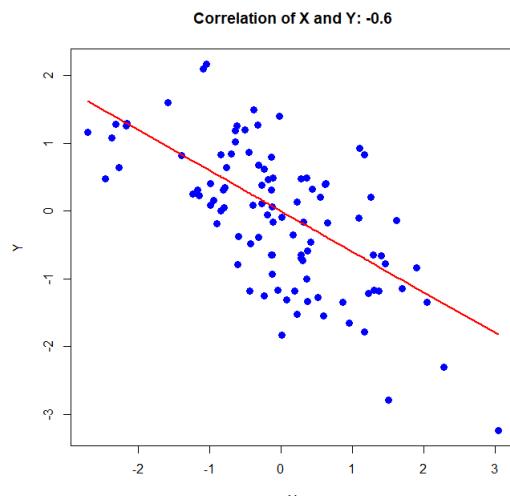
- $\mathbf{V}\left(\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho & \rho \\ \rho & 1 & \rho \\ \rho & \rho & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Does  $\Sigma$  as a variance matrix make sense, if  $\rho < -0.5$ ? NO (Exercise 1.1).  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  has the eigenvalue  $1 + 2\rho < 0$ .



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- Assume that  $\rho < -0.5$ , and that  $Cov(X, Y) = \rho$ ,  $Cov(X, Z) = \rho$ . What values can  $\gamma = Cov(Y, Z)$  attain?



# Variance matrix – positive semidefinite

- What does it mean?

- $\mathbf{V}\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho & \rho \\ \rho & 1 & \gamma \\ \rho & \gamma & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Assume that  $\rho < -0.5$  and

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= \rho \cdot X + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W_1, & W_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X, W_1 \sim N(0,1); \\ Z &= \rho \cdot X + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W_2, & W_2 \perp\!\!\!\perp X, W_2 \sim N(0,1). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &= \text{Cov}(Y, Z) = \text{Cov}\left(\rho \cdot X + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W_1, \rho \cdot X + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W_2\right) \\ &= \rho^2 + (1 - \rho^2) \cdot \text{Cov}(W_1, W_2) \end{aligned}$$

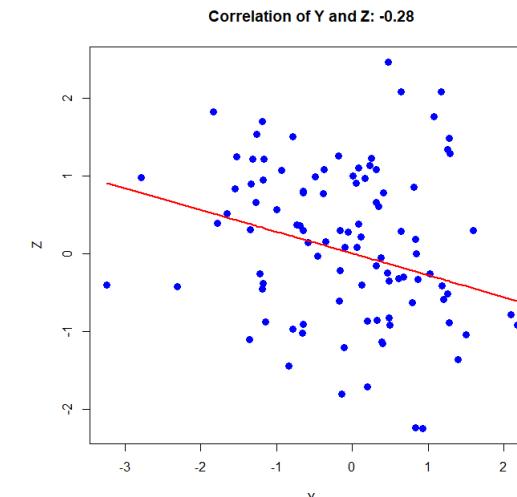
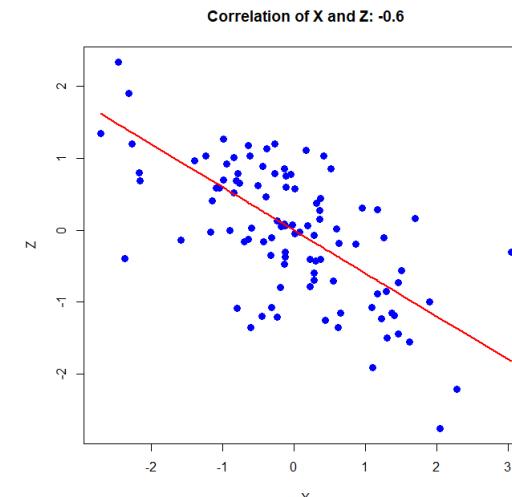
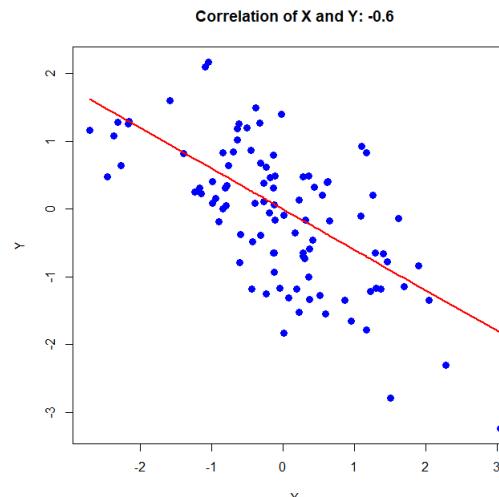
Range:  $W_1 = W_2: \gamma = 1$ .  $W_1 = -W_2: \gamma = 2\rho^2 - 1 > -0.5$ . Range is  $[2\rho^2 - 1; 1] \subset (-0.5; 1]$  !

# Variance Matrix – positive semidefinite

- What does it mean?

- $\mathbf{V} \left( \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho & \rho \\ \rho & 1 & \gamma \\ \rho & \gamma & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Example:  $W_2 = -W_1$ ,  $\rho = -0.6$ :  $\gamma = 2\rho^2 - 1 = -0.28$ .



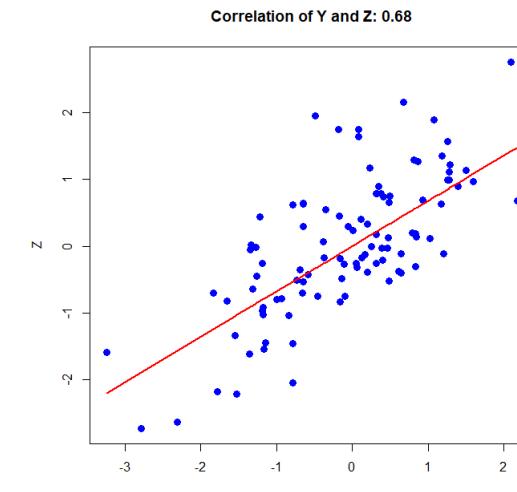
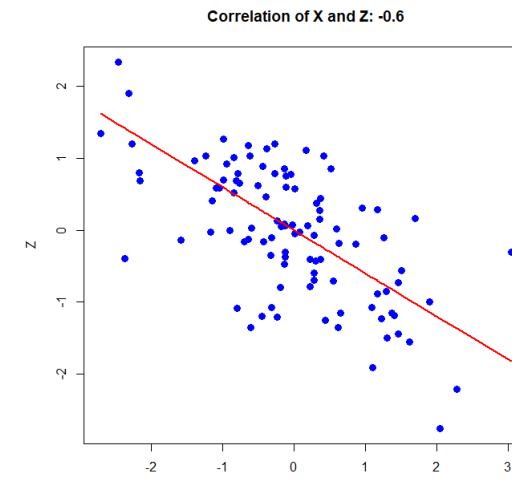
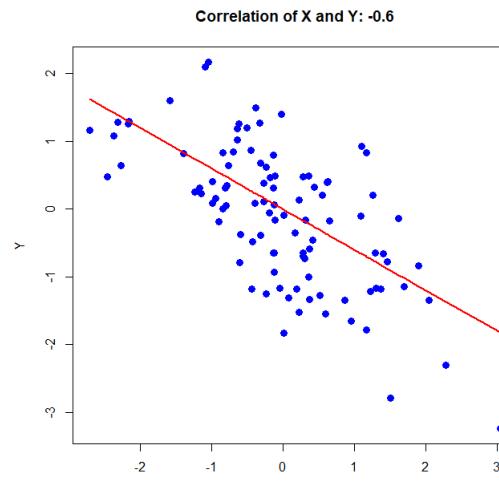
# Variance Matrix – positive semidefinite

- What does it mean?

- $D \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho & \rho \\ \rho & 1 & \gamma \\ \rho & \gamma & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**Even though both Y and Z correlate strongly negatively to the same variable, there is (nearly) no telling what the internal correlation is.**

Example:  $W_2 = \frac{1}{2}W_1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}W_3$ , with  $W_3 \perp\!\!\!\perp X, W_1$ ,  $\rho = -0.6$ :  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}(1+\rho^2) = 0.68$ .



## Estimation of parameters

$$\bar{\mathbf{X}} = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{X}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{1}$$

$$(n-1)\mathbf{S} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{X}_i - \bar{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{X}_i - \bar{\mathbf{X}})^T = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} - n \bar{\mathbf{X}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}^T = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} - \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{X}.$$

### |||| Theorem 1.32

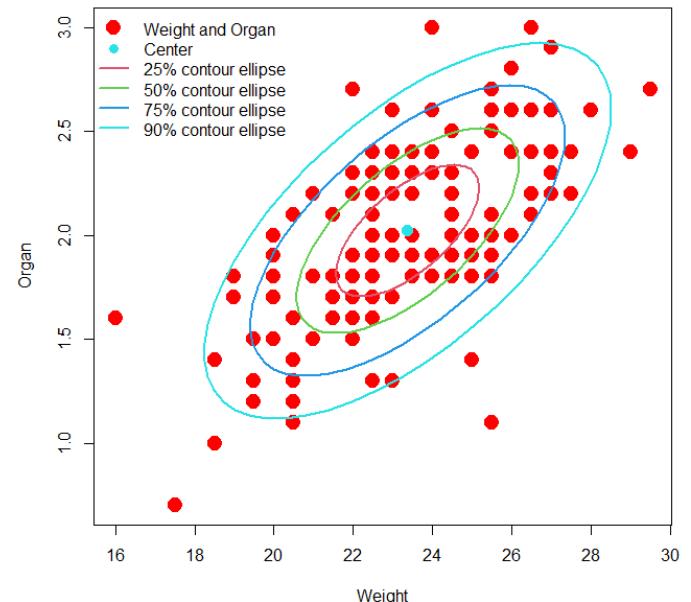
Let the situation be as stated above. Then the  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence ellipsoid for the unknown mean  $\mu$  is

$$\{\boldsymbol{\mu} | (\boldsymbol{\mu} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^T \mathbf{s}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \leq \frac{p(n-1)}{(n-p)n} F(p, n-p)_{1-\alpha}\}$$

and the  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  prediction ellipsoid for a coming observation  $\mathbf{x}$  is

$$\{\mathbf{x} | (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^T \mathbf{s}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \leq \frac{p(n-1)(n+1)}{(n-p)n} F(p, n-p)_{1-\alpha}\}$$

Organ data (last lecture): Contour ellipses for actual data (not the mean and not predictions):



## Example – heiwei data

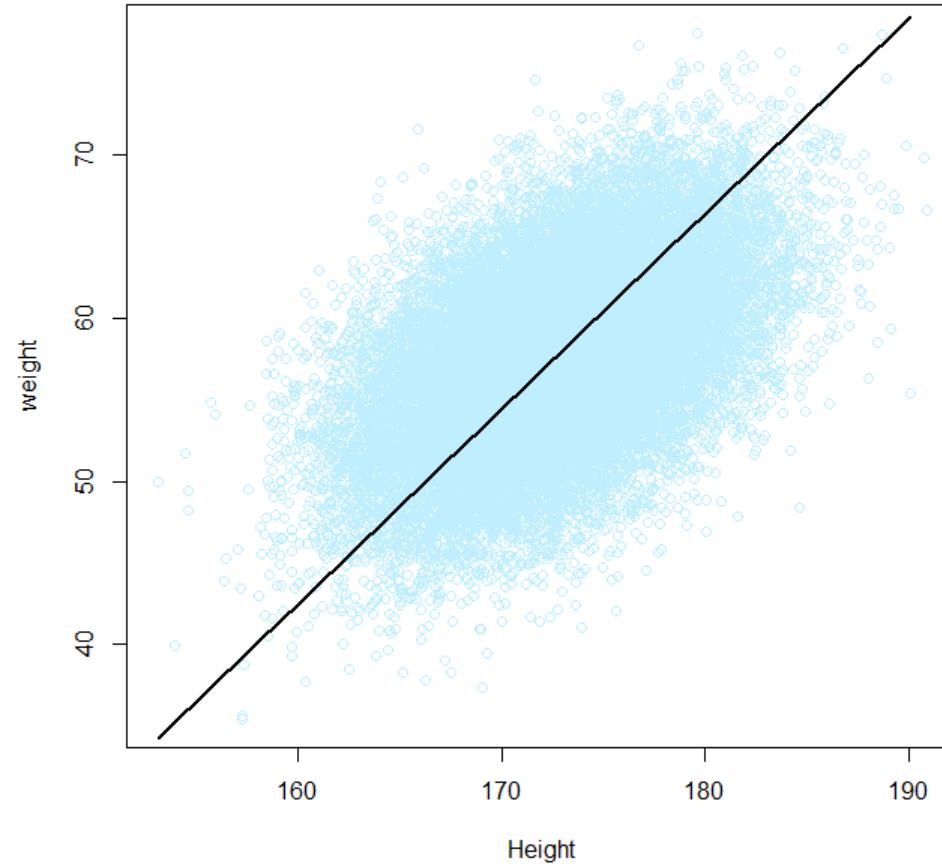
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$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mu}_{height} \\ \hat{\mu}_{weight} \end{pmatrix} = \bar{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{pmatrix} 172.70251 \\ 57.64221 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$S = \hat{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 23.33145 & 12.84736 \\ 12.84736 & 27.97659 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Example – heiwei data



# Independence in the multivariate normal distribution

## III Theorem 1.22

Let

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}\right).$$

Then

$$X_i \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \Sigma_{ii}),$$

and

$$X_1, X_2 \text{ are stochastically independent} \Leftrightarrow \Sigma_{12} = \Sigma_{21}^T = \mathbf{0},$$

where  $\mathbf{0}$  is a null matrix.

# Conditional distributions in the multivariate normal distribution

Suppose that  $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$  decomposes into

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}, \mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

## ||| Theorem 1.27

If  $X_2$  is regularly distributed, i.e. if  $\Sigma_{22}$  has full rank, then the distribution of  $X_1$  conditioned on  $X_2 = x_2$  is again a normal distribution, and the following holds

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_1 | X_2 = x_2) &= \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(x_2 - \mu_2) \\ D(X_1 | X_2 = x_2) &= \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\Sigma_{22}$  does not have full rank then the conditional distribution is still normal and  $\Sigma_{22}^{-1}$  in the above equations should be substituted by a generalised inverse  $\Sigma_{22}^-$ .

# Conditional distributions in the multivariate normal distribution

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_1|X_2 = x_2) &= \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(x_2 - \mu_2) \\ D(X_1|X_2 = x_2) &= \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof for  $\mu = 0$  and  $\Sigma_{22}$  regular:** The general case easily follows:

Define  $Z = X_1 - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}X_2$ . Then

$$Cov(Z, X_2) = Cov(X_1, X_2) - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}Cov(X_2, X_2) = \Sigma_{12} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{22} = 0$$

By Theorem 1.22, **Z and  $X_2$  are independent.**

# Conditional distributions in the multivariate normal distribution

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_1|X_2 = x_2) &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(x_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) \\ D(X_1|X_2 = x_2) &= \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $X_1 = X_1 - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}X_2 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}X_2 = Z + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}X_2$ . This establishes normality of  $X_1|X_2 = x_2$ .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_1|X_2 = x_2) &= E(Z + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}X_2|X_2 = x_2) \\ &= E(Z + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}x_2|X_2 = x_2) \\ &= E(Z + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}x_2) \\ &= E(Z) + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}x_2 = \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}x_2. \end{aligned}$$

# Conditional distributions in the multivariate normal distribution

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_1|X_2 = x_2) &= \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(x_2 - \mu_2) \\ D(X_1|X_2 = x_2) &= \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}. \end{aligned}$$

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Also,

$$\begin{aligned} V(X_1|X_2 = x_2) &= V(Z + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}X_2|X_2 = x_2) \\ &= V(Z + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}x_2|X_2 = x_2) \\ &= V(Z + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}x_2) \\ &= V(Z) = V\left(\begin{pmatrix} I & -\Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) \\ &= (I - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}) \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix} (I - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1})^T \\ &= (\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21} \quad \Sigma_{12} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{22}) \begin{pmatrix} I \\ \Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21} \end{pmatrix} = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

## Conditional distributions II

For the two-dimensional normal distribution

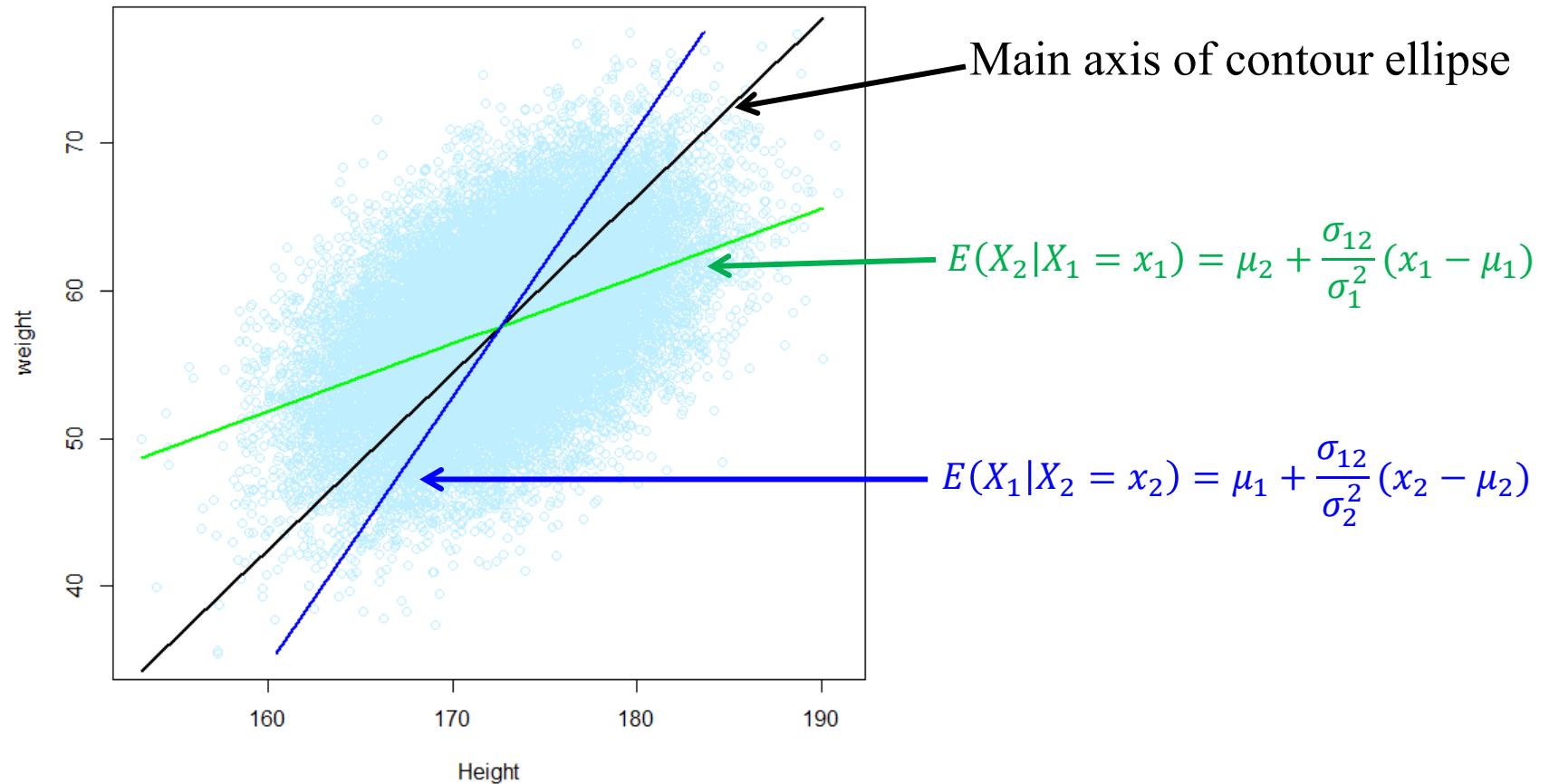
$$\begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} \in N_2 \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{12} & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

with  $\rho = Cor(X_1, X_2)$ , the formula reads

$$E(X_1 | X_2 = x_2) = \mu_1 + \frac{\sigma_{12}}{\sigma_2^2} (x_2 - \mu_2) = \mu_1 + \rho \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} (x_2 - \mu_2)$$

$$V(X_1 | X_2 = x_2) = \sigma_1^2 - \frac{\sigma_{12}^2}{\sigma_2^2} = \sigma_1^2 (1 - \rho^2)$$

# Conditional distributions II



# Example

$$\hat{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} 172.70251 \\ 57.64221 \end{pmatrix}, \hat{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 23.33145 & 12.84736 \\ 12.84736 & 27.97659 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $E(X_2|X_1 = x_1) = \mu_2 + \frac{\sigma_{21}}{\sigma_1^2}(x_1 - \mu_1)$  is estimated as  **$-37.46 + 0.55x_1$**
- $E(X_1|X_2 = x_2) = \mu_1 + \frac{\sigma_{12}}{\sigma_2^2}(x_2 - \mu_2)$  is estimated as  **$146.23 + 0.46x_2$**
- Assume a height of 180 cm: Weight is expected to be  $-37.46 + 0.55 * 180 = 61.66$  kilogram;
- Assume a weight of 65 kilogram: Height is expected to be  $146.23 + 0.46 * 65 = 176.08$  cm.

# Partial correlation coefficient

The partial correlation between some variables given others is simply

The correlation in the conditional distribution of the 'some' variables given the 'other'

Variables:

$$\rho_{ij|k} = \frac{\rho_{ij} - \rho_{ik}\rho_{jk}}{\sqrt{(1 - \rho_{ik}^2)(1 - \rho_{jk}^2)}}$$

It follows from successive conditioning that

$$\rho_{ij|kl} = \frac{\rho_{ij|k} - \rho_{il|k} \cdot \rho_{jl|k}}{\sqrt{(1 - \rho_{il|k}^2) \cdot (1 - \rho_{jl|k}^2)}}$$

## Example: Ice cream - I

We consider a two-dimensional random variable

$$\begin{bmatrix} D \\ I \end{bmatrix}, \text{Cor}\left(\begin{bmatrix} D \\ I \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $D$  is the number of drowning accidents, and  $I$  is the ice-cream sale.

Should ice-cream be prohibited? Is the ice-cream industry behind drownings to get more sales?

$$\begin{bmatrix} D \\ I \\ T \end{bmatrix}, Cor\left(\begin{bmatrix} D \\ I \\ T \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 & 0.7 \\ 0.5 & 1 & 0.7 \\ 0.7 & 0.7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $T$  is the temperature

$$\rho_{ij|k} = \frac{\rho_{ij} - \rho_{ik}\rho_{jk}}{\sqrt{(1 - \rho_{ik}^2)(1 - \rho_{jk}^2)}}$$

Find the correlation between  $D$  and  $I$  conditioned on  $T$ , assuming normality:

## Example: Ice cream - II

$$\rho_{ij|k} = \frac{\rho_{ij} - \rho_{ik}\rho_{jk}}{\sqrt{(1 - \rho_{ik}^2)(1 - \rho_{jk}^2)}}$$

$$\rho_{DI|T} = \frac{\rho_{DI} - \rho_{DT}\rho_{IT}}{\sqrt{(1 - \rho_{DT}^2)(1 - \rho_{IT}^2)}} = \frac{0.5 - 0.7 \cdot 0.7}{\sqrt{(1 - 0.7^2)(1 - 0.7^2)}} = 0.0196$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} D \\ I \\ T \end{bmatrix}, Cor\left(\begin{bmatrix} D \\ I \\ T \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 & 0.7 \\ 0.5 & 1 & 0.7 \\ 0.7 & 0.7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- There is little correlation between drawings and ice cream sale, once we control for the temperature.

## Example: Ice cream - III

We consider a three-dimensional random variable

$$\begin{bmatrix} D \\ I \\ T \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \sigma_D^2 & 0.5\sigma_D\sigma_I & 0.7\sigma_D\sigma_T & \\ 0.5\sigma_D\sigma_I & \sigma_I^2 & 0.7\sigma_I\sigma_T & \\ 0.7\sigma_D\sigma_T & 0.7\sigma_I\sigma_T & \sigma_T^2 & \end{array} \right]$$

where  $D$  is the number of drowning accidents, and  $I$  is the ice-cream sale and  $T$  the temperature.

Find the variance, when conditioned upon temperature

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If  $\Sigma_{22}$  does not have full rank then the conditional distribution is still normal and  $\Sigma_{22}^{-1}$  in the above equations should be substituted by a generalised inverse  $\Sigma_{22}^-$ .

The variance of (D,I|T) is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_D^2 & 0.7\sigma_D\sigma_I \\ * & \sigma_I^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

0%

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_D^2 & 0.7\sigma_T \\ * & \sigma_I^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.49\sigma_D^2 & 0.49\sigma_T \\ * & 0.49\sigma_I^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.51\sigma_D^2 & 0.51\sigma_D\sigma_I \\ * & 0.51\sigma_I^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.51\sigma_D^2 & 0.01\sigma_D\sigma_I \\ * & 0.51\sigma_I^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Don't know (F)

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# Example: Ice cream – IV

## Find the variance, when conditioned upon temperature



We consider the three-dimensional normal random variable

$$\begin{bmatrix} D \\ I \\ T \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_D^2 & 0.5\sigma_D\sigma_I & 0.7\sigma_D\sigma_T \\ 0.5\sigma_I\sigma_D & \sigma_I^2 & 0.7\sigma_I\sigma_T \\ 0.7\sigma_T\sigma_D & 0.7\sigma_I\sigma_T & \sigma_T^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $D$  is the number of drowning accidents, and  $I$  is the ice-cream sale and  $T$  the temperature.

Find the variance, when conditioned upon temperature:

$$\begin{aligned} V\left(\begin{bmatrix} D \\ I \end{bmatrix} \mid T\right) &= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_D^2 & 0.5\sigma_D\sigma_I \\ 0.5\sigma_I\sigma_D & \sigma_I^2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0.7\sigma_D\sigma_T \\ 0.7\sigma_I\sigma_T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_T^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0.7\sigma_T\sigma_D & 0.7\sigma_I\sigma_T \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_D^2 & 0.5\sigma_D\sigma_I \\ 0.5\sigma_I\sigma_D & \sigma_I^2 \end{bmatrix} - 0.49 \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_D^2 & \sigma_D\sigma_I \\ \sigma_D\sigma_I & \sigma_I^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.51\sigma_D^2 & 0.01\sigma_D\sigma_I \\ 0.01\sigma_D\sigma_I & 0.51\sigma_I^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

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### Option E

Independent of  $\sigma_T^2$ !

$$\text{corr}(D, I | T) = \frac{0.01\sigma_D\sigma_I}{\sqrt{0.51\sigma_D^2 \cdot 0.51\sigma_I^2}} = 0.0196$$

# Example: Ice cream – V

## R code:



As seen from the previous slide, we can work directly with the correlations:

```
Sigma <- matrix(c(1, 0.5, 0.7,  
                  0.5, 1, 0.7,  
                  0.7, 0.7, 1), ncol=3)  
  
Sigma.11<-Sigma[1:2,1:2]  
Sigma.12<-Sigma[1:2,3]  
Sigma.21<-Sigma[3,1:2]  
Sigma.22<-Sigma[3,3]  
  
(Sigma1.2<-Sigma.11-Sigma.12%*%solve(Sigma.22)%*%Sigma.21)  
  
[,1]      [,2]  
[1,] 1.00000000 0.01960784  
[2,] 0.01960784 1.00000000
```

Partial Correlation Matrix		
	D	I
D	1.0000	0.0196
I	0.0196	1.0000

# Multiple correlation coefficient I

## (Better known as R<sup>2</sup>)

Let

$$\mathbf{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} Y \\ X \end{bmatrix}; \quad \boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_y \\ \mu_x \end{bmatrix}; \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{yy} & \Sigma_{yx} \\ \Sigma_{xy} & \Sigma_{xx} \end{bmatrix}.$$

We now define the multiple correlation coefficient between  $Y_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $X$  as the maximal correlation between  $Y_i$  and a linear combination of  $X$ 's elements. It is denoted  $\rho_{y_i|x}$ .

# Multiple correlation coefficient II

$$\mathbf{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} Y \\ X \end{bmatrix}; \quad \boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_y \\ \mu_x \end{bmatrix}; \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{yy} & \Sigma_{yx} \\ \Sigma_{xy} & \Sigma_{xx} \end{bmatrix}$$

Take  $\beta_i$  to be the  $i$ 'th row of  $\Sigma_{yx}\Sigma_{xx}^{-1}$ , so that

$$Y_i = Y_i - \beta_i X + \beta_i X = Z_i + \beta_i X$$

where  $Z_i$  and  $X$  are **stochastically independent**. Thus, for any unit length vector  $\alpha$ ,

$$\text{Cov}(Y_i, \alpha X) = \text{Cov}(\beta_i X, \alpha X)$$

Obviously highest when  $\alpha$  and  $\beta_i$  are proportional.

# Multiple correlation coefficient III

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} Y \\ X \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_y \\ \mu_x \end{bmatrix}; \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{yy} & \Sigma_{yx} \\ \Sigma_{xy} & \Sigma_{xx} \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, with  $\beta_i$  the  $i$ 'th row of  $\Sigma_{yx}\Sigma_{xx}^{-1}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{y_i|x} &= \frac{Cov(Y_i, \beta_i X)}{\sqrt{V(Y_i)V(\beta_i X)}} = \frac{Cov(\beta_i X, \beta_i X)}{\sqrt{V(Y_i)V(\beta_i X)}} = \frac{V(\beta_i X)}{\sqrt{V(Y_i)V(\beta_i X)}} = \sqrt{\frac{V(\beta_i X)}{V(Y_i)}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{(\Sigma_{yx}\Sigma_{xx}^{-1})_{i,i} \Sigma_{xx} (\Sigma_{yx}\Sigma_{xx}^{-1})_{i,i}^T}{\sigma_{Y_i}^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{(\Sigma_{yx})_{i,i} \Sigma_{xx}^{-1} (\Sigma_{yx})_{i,i}^T}{\sigma_{Y_i}^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$V(Y_i|X) = V(Y_i) - (\Sigma_{yx})_{i,i} \Sigma_{xx}^{-1} (\Sigma_{yx})_{i,i}^T = V(Y_i) - V(\beta_i X)$$

## Multiple correlation coefficient IV

### ||| Theorem 1.42

We consider the situation above. Let  $\sigma_i$  be the  $i$ 'th column in  $\Sigma_{xy}$ , i.e.  $\sigma_i^T$  is the  $i$ 'th row in  $\Sigma_{yx}$ . Further, let  $\sigma_{ii}$  denote the  $i$ 'th diagonal element, i.e. the variance of  $Y_i$ .

Then

$$\rho_{y_i|x} = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_i^T \Sigma_{xx}^{-1} \sigma_i}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{ii}}}.$$

If we let

$$\Sigma_i = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{ii} & \sigma_i^T \\ \sigma_i & \Sigma_{xx} \end{bmatrix},$$

then

$$1 - \rho_{y_i|x}^2 = \frac{\det \Sigma_i}{\sigma_{ii} \det \Sigma_{xx}} = \frac{V(Y_i | \mathbf{X})}{V(Y_i)},$$

# Multiple correlation coefficient V

- Note that

$$V(Y_i|X) = (1 - \rho_{y_i|x}^2) V(Y)$$

- Thus,  $\rho_{y_i|x}^2$  measures how much the variance of  $Y_i$  decreases when you know  $X$ .
- In a regression where  $Y_i$  is regressed on  $X$ ,  $\rho_{y_i|x}^2$  measure the degree that the regression model explains the total variation of  $Y_i$ . Since  $Y_i$  and  $X$  are implicitly given in such a situation,  $\rho_{y_i|x}^2$  is usually termed without these, as  $R^2$ .

# Multiple correlation coefficient VI



## Example

We consider a three-dimensional random variable

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$$

with dispersion matrix

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho & \rho \\ \rho & 1 & \rho \\ \rho & \rho & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the squared multiple correlation between  $X$  and  $(Y, Z)^T$

### III Theorem 1.42

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Then

$$\rho_{y_i|x} = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_i^T \Sigma_{xx}^{-1} \sigma_i}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{ii}}}.$$

If we let

$$\Sigma_i = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{ii} & \sigma_i^T \\ \sigma_i & \Sigma_{xx} \end{bmatrix},$$

then

$$1 - \rho_{y_i|x}^2 = \frac{\det \Sigma_i}{\sigma_{ii} \det \Sigma_{xx}} = \frac{V(Y_i|X)}{V(Y_i)},$$

# Multiple correlation coefficient VII



Example – solution, using theorem 1.40:

$$\Sigma_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho & \rho \\ \rho & 1 & \rho \\ \rho & \rho & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Sigma_{xx} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_{ii} = 1$$

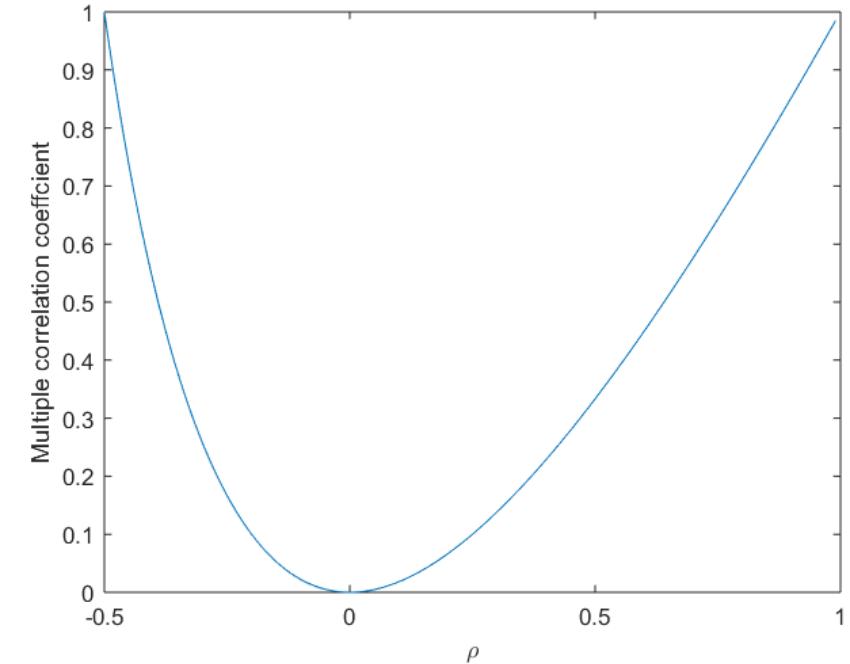
$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{X|YZ}^2 &= 1 - \frac{\det \Sigma_i}{\sigma_{ii} \cdot \det \Sigma_{xx}} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 - \rho \cdot 1 \cdot \rho + \rho \cdot \rho \cdot \rho - \rho \cdot \rho \cdot 1 + \rho \cdot \rho \cdot \rho - \rho \cdot \rho \cdot 1}{1 \cdot (1 \cdot 1 - \rho \cdot \rho)} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1 - 3\rho^2 + 2\rho^3}{1 - \rho^2} \end{aligned}$$

Similar:

$$\Sigma_{yy} = 1, \quad \Sigma_{y,xz} = [\rho \quad \rho] = \rho [1 \quad 1], \quad \Sigma_{xz,y} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho \end{bmatrix} = \rho \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

Since  $V(Y) = 1$  and  $\Sigma_{xz,xz}^{-1} = \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\rho \\ -\rho & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , it follows that

$$\rho_{x|yz}^2 = \Sigma_{y,xz} \Sigma_{xz,xz}^{-1} \Sigma_{xz,y} = \frac{\rho^2}{1-\rho^2} [1 \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\rho \\ -\rho & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\rho^2}{1-\rho^2} (2(1-\rho)) = \frac{2\rho^2}{1+\rho}$$



**Interpretation: The more correlated the variables are, the more we know about X given Y and Z.**

## Multiple correlation coefficient VIII

### |||| Theorem 1.45

Let  $R = \hat{\rho}_{y_i|x}$  be the empirical multiple correlation coefficient between  $Y_i$  and  $X = (Z_{m+1}, \dots, Z_p)$  based upon  $n$  observations. Then

$$\frac{R^2}{1 - R^2} \cdot \frac{n - (p - m) - 1}{p - m} \sim F(p - m, n - (p - m) - 1),$$

if  $\rho_{y_i|x} = \rho_{y_i|z_{m+1}, \dots, z_p} = 0$ .

# Cement strength–R program



```
my.corr<-diag(rep(1,5))
my.corr[lower.tri(my.corr)]<-c(-0.309,
                                    0.091,0.192,
                                    0.158,0.120,0.745,
                                    0.344,-0.166,0.320,0.464)
my.corr<-my.corr+t(my.corr)-diag(rep(1,5))

colnames(my.corr)<-
c("C3A","C3S","Blaine","Strgth3","Strgth28")
row.names(my.corr)<-colnames(my.corr)

#principal components and values:
eigen(my.corr)

#partial covariance:

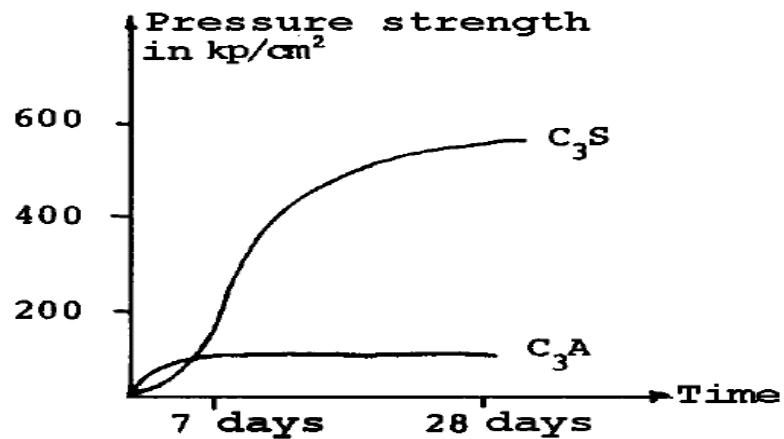
Sigma.11<-my.corr[-3,-3]
Sigma.12<-my.corr[-3,3]
Sigma.21<-my.corr[3,-3]
Sigma.22<-my.corr[3,3]
Sigma.1.2<-Sigma.11-Sigma.12%*%solve(Sigma.22)%*%Sigma.21

# partial correlation:
cov2cor(Sigma.1.2)
#principal components and values:
eigen(Sigma.1.2)
```

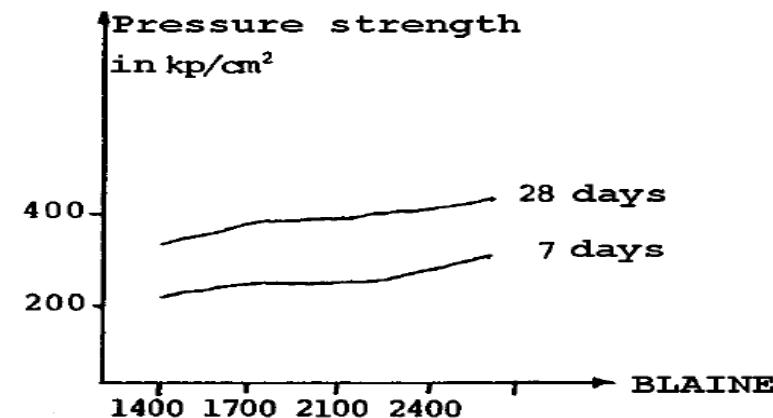
If only the correlation matrix and not the full dataset is available, we must use input statements as shown.

Finding partial covariances from matrix formula; converting to correlations directly.  
Using eigen to find **eigenvalues** and **eigenvectors** of the correlation matrix.

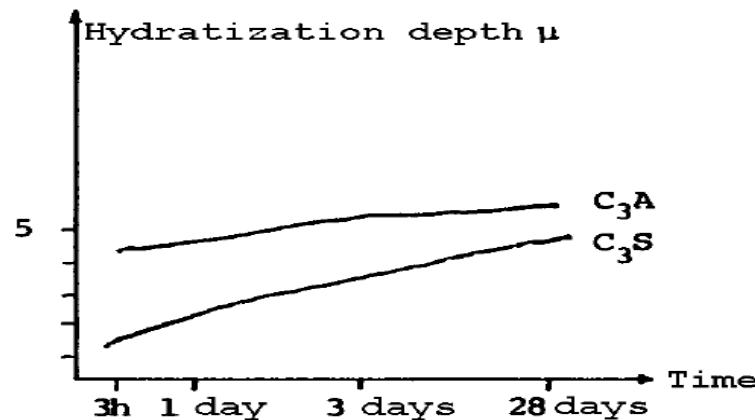
# Cement strength-Conventionel Wisdom



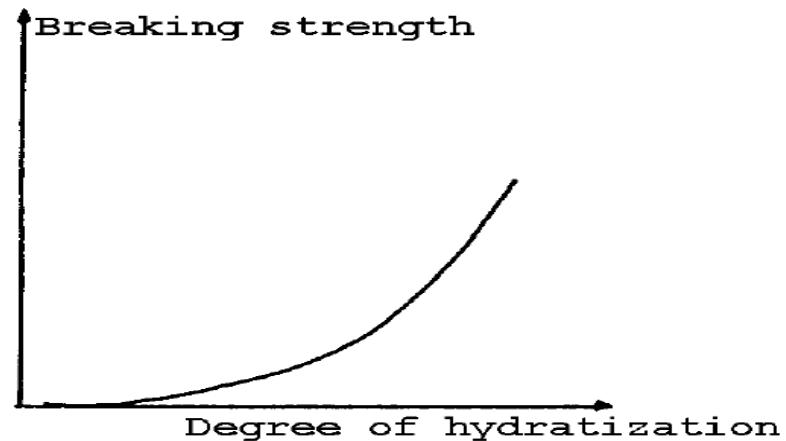
(a) Strength by pressure test at ordinary temperature of paste of C<sub>3</sub>S and C<sub>3</sub>A seasoned for different amounts of time. (from [13]).



(b) Pressure strengths for different fine-grainedness of the cement. (from [13]).



(c) Degree of hydratation for cement minerals and their dependence on time (from [13]).



(d) Relationship between degree of hydratation and strength (from [13]).

# Cement strength

Correlation Matrix					
	C3S	C3A	BLAINE	Strgth3	Strgth28
C3S	1.000	.	.	.	.
C3A	-0.309	1.000	.	.	.
BLAINE	0.091	0.192	1.000	.	.
Strgth3	0.158	0.120	0.745	1.000	.
Strgth28	0.344	-0.166	0.320	0.464	1.000

Partial Correlation Matrix					
	C3S	C3A	BLAINE	Strgth3	Strgth28
C3S	1.0000				
C3A	-.3340	1.0000			
BLAINE					
Strgth3	0.1358	-.0352		1.0000	
Strgth28	0.3337	-.2446		0.3570	1.0000

# Exercises



## 1.3 , 2.4, 2.5.

1.3 is a 'pen and paper' exercise to explore multiple and partial correlation

2.4 is a real data case on hay production, that explores partial correlation.

2.5 is a real data case on fitness data.