STAT 331 - Applied Linear Models

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Regression model infers the relationship between:

- Response (dependent) variable: variable of primary interest, denoted by a capital letter such as Y.
- Explanatory (independent) variables: (covariates, predictors, features) variables that potentially impact response, denoted $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p)$.

Alligator data:

- Y: length (m)
- x_1: male/female (categorical, 0 or 1)

Mass in stomach:

- x_2: fish
- x_3: invertebrates
- x_4: reptiles
- x_5: birds
- $x_6, \dots, x_p$: other variables

We imagine we can explain Y in terms of $(x_1, \dots, x_p)$ using some function so that $Y = f(x_1, \dots, x_p)$.

In this course, we will be looking at linear models.

The Linear regression model assumes that

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \cdots + \beta_p x_p + \varepsilon$$

- $Y =$ value of response
- $x_1, \dots, x_p =$ values of p explanatory variables (assumed to be fixed constants)
- $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p =$ model parameters
  - $\beta_0 =$ intercept, expected value of Y when all $x_j = 0$.
  - $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_p$ all quantify effect on x_j on Y, $j = 1, \dots, p$
  - $\varepsilon =$ random error

A good quote:

> "All models are wrong, but some are useful."

Assume $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$. In general, the model will not perfectly explain the data.

Q: What is the distribution of Y under these assumptions?

We know:

- $\mathbf{E}[Y] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \cdots + \beta_p x_p$, and
- $\mathbf{Var}[Y] = \mathbf{Var}[\varepsilon] = \sigma^2$.

Therefore,

$$Y \sim N\left(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \cdots + \beta_p x_p, \sigma^2\right)$$

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A linear model with response variable (Y) and *one* explanatory variable (x) is called a **simple linear regression**; that is,

$$\bar{Y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon$$

Data consists of pairs (x_i, y_i) where $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Before fitting any model, we might

- make a scatterplot to visualize if there is a linear relationship between x and y
- calculate *correlation*

If X and Y are random variables, then

$$\rho = \mathbf{Corr}\left[X, Y\right] = \frac{\mathbf{Cov}\left[X, Y\right]}{\mathbf{Sd}\left[X\right] \mathbf{Sd}\left[Y\right]}$$

Based on (x_i, y_i) we can estimate the sample correlation:

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \frac{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \bar{y})}} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \bar{y})^2}} \\ &= \frac{S_{xy}}{\sqrt{S_{xx} S_{yy}}} \end{aligned}$$

The sample correlation measures the strength and direction of the *linear* relationship between X and Y.

- $|r| \approx 1$ strong linear relationship
- $|r| \approx 0$ lack of linear relationship
- $r > 0$ positive relationship
- $r < 0$ negative relationship
- $-1 \leqslant r \leqslant 1$

But does not tell us how to predict Y from X. To do so, we need to estimate β_0 and β_1.

For data (x_i, y_i) for $i = 1, \dots, n$, the simple linear regression model is

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i$$

Assume

$$\varepsilon \overset{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$$

Therefore,

$$Y_i \sim N(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i, \sigma^2)$$

In other words,

$$\mathbf{E}\left[Y_i\right] = \mu_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i \text{ and } \mathbf{Var}\left[Y_i\right] = \sigma^2$$

Note that the Y_i's are independent, but they are *not* independently distributed.

Use the *Least Squares* (LS) to estimate β_0 and β_1.

$$\min_{\beta_0, \beta_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[y_i - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i)\right]^2 = S(\beta_0, \beta_1)$$

LS is equivalent to MLE when ε_i's are iid and Normal.

Taking partial derivatives:

$$\frac{dS}{d\beta_0} = 2\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[y_i - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i)\right](-1)$$

$$\frac{dS}{d\beta_1} = 2\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[y_i - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i)\right](-x_i)$$

Now,

$$\frac{dS}{d\beta_0} = 0 \iff \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i - n\beta_0 - \beta_1 \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i = 0 \iff \beta_0 = \bar{y} - \beta_1 \bar{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dS}{d\beta_1} = 0 &\overset{\text{plug } \beta_0}{\iff} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[y_i - \bar{y} + \beta_1 \bar{x} - \beta_1 x_i\right] x_i = 0 \\ &\iff \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i(y_i - \bar{y}) - \beta_1 \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i(x_i - \bar{x}) = 0 \\ &\iff \beta_1 = \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} x_i(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} x_i(x_i - \bar{x})} \end{aligned}$$

We can also show that

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{x})}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

We use a hat on the β's to show that they are estimates; that is,

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

Call $\hat{\mu}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i$ the **fitted values** and $e_i = y_i - \hat{\mu}_i$ the **residual**.

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Model: $Y_i \sim N(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i, \sigma^2)$

Equation of fitted line: $y = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$

Interpretation:

- $\hat{\beta}_0$ is the estimate of the expected response when $x = 0$ (but not always meaningful if outside range of x_i's in data)
- $\hat{\beta}_1$ is the estimate of expected change in response for unit increase in x

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x}) \sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}}$$

- σ^2 is the "variability around the line."

  Recall that $\sigma^2 = \mathbf{Var}\left[\varepsilon_i\right] = \mathbf{Var}\left[Y_i\right]$

Q: How to estimate σ^2?

$$\varepsilon_i = Y_i - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i)$$
$$e_i = y_i - (\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)$$

Intuition: use variability in residuals to estimate σ^2.

We use

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(e_i - \bar{e})^2}{n-2}$$

which looks looks like sample variance of e_i's. Therefore,

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} e_i^2}{n-2} = \frac{\mathbf{Ss}\left[\text{Res}\right]}{n-2}$$

Note that "Square Sum" is abbreviated as "Ss". Now,

$$\bar{e} = \bar{y} - (\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}) = 0$$

The $n-2$ will be looked are more carefully later, but for now it suffices to say that $n-2 = \text{d.f.} =$ number of parameters estimated. It allows $\hat{\sigma}^2$ to be an unbiased estimator for the true value of σ^2; that is,

$$\mathbf{E}\left[\hat{\sigma}^2\right] = \sigma^2$$

whenever $\hat{\sigma}^2$ is viewed as a random variable.

Q: Is there a statistically significant relationship?

Fact (proved using mgf in STAT 330): Suppose $Y_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$ are all independent. Then,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i Y_i \sim N\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \mu_i, \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i^2 \sigma_i^2\right)$$

for any constant a_i.

In words,

"Linear combination of Normal is Normal."

Viewing $\hat{\beta}_1$ as a random variable:

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})Y_i - \bar{Y}\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})x_i - \bar{x}\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})} = \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})Y_i}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})x_i}$$

So,

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i Y_i$$

where $a_i = \dfrac{x_i - \bar{x}}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} x_i(x_i - \bar{x})}$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{E}\left[\hat{\beta}_1\right] &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \mathbf{E}\left[Y_i\right] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i) \\
&= \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i)}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} x_i(x_i - \bar{x})} \\
&= \frac{\beta_0 \overbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})}^{=0} + \beta_1 \sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} x_i(x_i - \bar{x})}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} x_i(x_i - \bar{x})} \\
&= \beta_1
\end{aligned}
$$

On average, $\hat{\beta}_1$ is an unbiased estimator for β_1.

Now, we calculate the variance of $\hat{\beta}_1$:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{Var}\left[\hat{\beta}_1\right] &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i^2 \mathbf{Var}\left[Y_i\right] \\
&= \sigma^2 \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{\left[\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} x_i(x_i - \bar{x})\right]^2} \\
&= \sigma^2 \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{\left[\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2\right]^2} \\
&= \frac{\sigma^2}{S_{xx}}
\end{aligned}
$$

So, since $\hat{\beta}_1$ is a linear combination of Normals,

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \sim N\left(\beta_1, \frac{\sigma^2}{S_{xx}}\right)$$

In a similar manner,

$$\hat{\beta}_0 \sim N\left(\beta_0, \sigma^2\left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{S_{xx}}\right)\right)$$

That is, $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ are unbiased estimates.

Then,

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1}{\sigma/\sqrt{S_{xx}}} \sim N(0,1)$$

However, σ is unknown, so need to estimate with $\hat{\sigma}$:

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{\hat{\sigma}/\sqrt{S_{xx}}} \sim t(n-2)$$

Since $\mathbf{Sd}\left[\hat{\beta}_1\right] = \hat{\sigma}^2/S_{xx}$, we say the standard error of $\hat{\beta}_1$ is $\mathbf{Se}\left[\hat{\beta}_1\right] = \hat{\sigma}/\sqrt{S_{xx}}$

DEFINITION 0.0.1: Student's T-distribution

T is said to follow a **Student's T-distribution** with k degrees of freedom, denoted $T \sim t(k)$, if

$$T = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{U/k}}$$

where $Z \sim N(0,1)$ and $U \sim \chi^2(k)$.

Fact: For the simple linear regression model,

$$\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2(n-2)}{\sigma^2} = \frac{\mathbf{Ss}\left[\text{Res}\right]}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n-2)$$

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1}{\hat{\sigma}/\sqrt{S_{xx}}} = \frac{\dfrac{\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1}{\sigma/\sqrt{S_{xx}}}}{\sqrt{\dfrac{\hat{\sigma}^2(n-2)}{\sigma^2}\left(\dfrac{1}{n-2}\right)}} \sim t(n-2)$$

A $(1-\alpha)$ confidence interval for β_1 is

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \pm (c)\mathbf{Se}\left[\hat{\beta}_1\right]$$

where c is the $1 - \dfrac{\alpha}{2}$ quantile of $t(n-2)$; that is,

- $P(|T| \leqslant c) = 1 - \alpha$, or
- $P(T \leqslant c) = 1 - \dfrac{\alpha}{2}$

where $T \sim t(n-2)$.

Hypothesis test: H_0: $\beta = 0$ versus H_A: $\beta_1 \neq 0$.

If H_0 is true, then

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1}{\mathbf{Se}\left[\hat{\beta}_1\right]} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{\mathbf{Se}\left[\hat{\beta}_1\right]} \sim t(n-2)$$

so calculate

$$t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{\mathbf{Se}\left[\hat{\beta}_1\right]}$$

and reject H_0 at level α if $|t| > c$ where c is $1 - \dfrac{\alpha}{2}$ quantile of $t(n-2)$.

$$p\text{-value} = P(|T| \geqslant |t|) = 2P(T \geqslant |t|)$$

Prediction for SLR: Suppose we want to predict the response y for a new value of x. Say $x = x_0$. Then, SLR model says

$$Y_0 \sim N(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_0, \sigma^2)$$

where Y_0 is a r.v. for response when $x = x_0$.

The fitted model predicts the *value* of y to be

$$\hat{y}_0 = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_0$$

As a random variable,

$$\hat{Y}_0 = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_0$$

then,

$$\mathbf{E}\left[\hat{Y}_0\right] = \mathbf{E}\left[\hat{\beta}_0\right] + x_0 \mathbf{E}\left[\hat{\beta}_1\right] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_0 = \mathbf{E}\left[Y_0\right]$$

since $\hat{\beta}_i$ for $i = 0, 1$ are unbiased. We can say that $\hat{Y}_0$ is an unbiased estimate of the random variable for the prediction: Y_0.

We claim that:

$$\mathbf{Var}\left[\hat{Y}_0\right] = \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}}\right)$$

by expressing $\hat{Y}_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i Y_i$. This implies that,

$$\hat{Y}_0 \sim N\left(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_0, \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}}\right)\right)$$

The random variable for prediction error is

$$Y_0 - \hat{Y}_0$$

where Y_0 and $\hat{Y}_0$ are independent.

$$\mathbf{E}\left[Y_0 - \bar{Y}_0\right] = \mathbf{E}\left[Y_0\right] - \mathbf{E}\left[\hat{Y}_0\right] = 0$$

$$\mathbf{Var}\left[Y_0 - \bar{Y}_0\right] = \mathbf{Var}\left[Y_0\right] + (-1)^2 \mathbf{Var}\left[\hat{Y}_0\right] = \sigma^2 + \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}}\right)$$

Again, we have a linear combination of independent Normals, so

$$Y_0 - \hat{Y}_0 \sim N\left(0, \sigma^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}}\right)\right)$$

Since σ is unknown, we use $\hat{\sigma}$ and get the following:

$$\frac{Y_0 - \hat{Y}_0}{\hat{\sigma}\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}}}} \sim t(n-2)$$

Intuition for prediction error composed of 2 terms:

- $\mathbf{Var}\left[Y_0\right]$: random error of new observation
- $\mathbf{Var}\left[\hat{Y}_0\right]$ (predictor): estimating β_0 and β_1

Those are 2 sources of uncertainty.

Note: Be careful that the prediction may not make sense if x_0 is outside the range of the x_i's in the data.

$(1-\alpha)$ prediction interval for y_0:

$$\hat{y}_0 \pm c\hat{\sigma}\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n}+\frac{(x_0-\bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}}}$$

where c is the $1-\dfrac{\alpha}{2}$ quantile of $t(n-2)$.

Orange production 2018 in FL

- x: acres
- y: # boxes of oranges (thousands)
- (x_i, y_i) recorded for each of 25 FL counties
- $r = 0.964$
- $\bar{x} = 16133$
- $\bar{y} = 1798$
- $S_{xx} = 1.245 \times 10^{10}$
- $S_{xy} = 1.453 \times 10^{9}$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}} = 0.1167$$

which is a positive slope (positive correlation between x and y). The expected number of boxes produced is estimated to be about 117 higher per an additional acre.

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1\bar{x} = -85.3$$

Not meaningful to interpret, since it is the expected production if there were 0 acres (outside the range of x_i) as no county has $x = 0$.

Now suppose

$$\mathbf{Ss}\,[\text{Res}] = 1.31 \times 10^7$$

the residuals are the differences between y_i and the fitted regression line.

- $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \dfrac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} e_i^2}{n-2} = \dfrac{1.31 \times 10^7}{25-2} = 5.7 \times 10^5$
- $\mathbf{Se}\left[\hat{\beta}_1\right] = \dfrac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{S_{xx}}} = 0.00676$
- To test H_0: $\beta_1 = 0$, calculate

  $$t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - 0}{\mathbf{Se}\left[\hat{\beta}_0\right]} = \frac{0.1167}{0.00676} \approx 17.3$$

  Select the 0.975 quantile (for demonstration purposes) of $t(23)$ is 2.07.
- Note that 17.3 is very unlikely to see in $t(23)$.

Since $17.3 > 2.07$, we reject H_0 at $\alpha = 0.05$ level, conclude there's a significant linear relationship between acres and oranges produced.

The 95% confidence interval for β_1 is

$$0.1167 \pm 2.07(0.00676)$$

which does not contain 0.

$$p\text{-value} = P(|t_{23}| \geqslant 17.3) = 2P(t_{23} \geqslant 17.3) \approx 1.2 \times 10^{-14}$$

Predict the # of boxes in thousands produced if we had 10000 acres to grow oranges.

$$\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_0 = -85.3 + (0.1167)(10000) \approx 1082$$

The 95% prediction interval is:

$$1082 \pm 2.07\sqrt{5.69 \times 10^5}\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{25} + \frac{(6133)^2}{1.245 \times 10^{10}}}$$

<u>Note</u>: **not** trying to establish causation.

<u>Check LEARN for `florange.csv`</u>.

Is σ the same for all values of y?

It appears to be violated, can consider taking the $\log$.

Are the error terms plausibly independent? (e.g. does knowing one e_i help predict e_j for a different county?)

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0.1 Multiple Linear Regression (MLR)

p explanatory variables which can be categorical, continuous, etc.

<u>Rocket</u>

- x_1: nozzle area (large or small)
- x_2: mixture in propellent, ratio oxidized fuel
- Y: thrust

Want to develop linear relationship between y and $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p$.

<u>Data</u> n observations each consists of response and explanatory variables $(y_i, x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{ip})$. Then,

$$Y_i \sim N(\underbrace{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \cdots + \beta_p x_{ip}}_{\mathbf{E}[Y_i] = \mu_i}, \sigma^2)$$

or $Y_i = \mu_i + \varepsilon_i$ where $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$.

We can write in vector/matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{bmatrix}_{n\times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{11} + \cdots + \beta_p x_{1p} \\ \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{21} + \cdots + \beta_p x_{2p} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{n1} + \cdots + \beta_p x_{np} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Which we can write as

$$\vec{Y} = X\vec{\beta} + \vec{\varepsilon}$$

where

$$\vec{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{bmatrix}_{n\times 1}, X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & x_{12} & \cdots & x_{1p} \\ 1 & x_{21} & x_{22} & \cdots & x_{2p} \\ & & \vdots & & \\ 1 & x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \cdots & x_{np} \end{bmatrix}_{n\times(p+1)}, \vec{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p \end{bmatrix}_{(p+1)\times 1}, \vec{\varepsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_n \end{bmatrix}_{n\times 1}$$

We call $\vec{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)^\top$ a **random vector** (vector of r.v.'s), analogue of expectation and variance properties.

- Mean vector:

$$\mathbf{E}\left[\vec{Y}\right] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}[Y_1] \\ \mathbf{E}[Y_2] \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{E}[Y_n] \end{bmatrix}$$

- Covariance matrix (variance-covariance matrix):

$$\mathbf{Var}\left[\vec{Y}\right] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Var}[Y_1] & \mathbf{Cov}[Y_1, Y_2] & \cdots & \mathbf{Cov}[Y_1, Y_n] \\ \mathbf{Cov}[Y_2, Y_1] & \mathbf{Var}[Y_2] & \cdots & \mathbf{Cov}[Y_2, Y_n] \\ \vdots & & & \\ \mathbf{Cov}[Y_n, Y_1] & \mathbf{Cov}[Y_n, Y_2] & \cdots & \mathbf{Var}[Y_n] \end{bmatrix}$$

  - symmetric since $\mathbf{Cov}[Y_i, Y_j] = \mathbf{Cov}[Y_j, Y_i]$
  - positive semi-definite since $\vec{a}^\top \mathbf{Var}\left[\vec{Y}\right] \vec{a} \geqslant 0$ for all $\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
  - $\mathbf{Var}\left[\vec{Y}\right] = \mathbf{E}\left[\left(\vec{Y} - \mathbf{E}\left[\vec{Y}\right]\right)\left(\vec{Y} - \mathbf{E}\left[\vec{Y}\right]\right)^\top\right]$

Properties of random vector: let $\vec{a}$ be a $1 \times n$ matrix (row vector) of constants and A be an $n \times n$ matrix of constants.

$$\mathbf{E}\left[\vec{a}\vec{Y}\right] = \vec{a}\vec{Y}$$

$$\mathbf{E}\left[A\vec{Y}\right] = A\mathbf{E}\left[\vec{Y}\right]$$

$$\mathbf{Var}\left[\vec{a}\vec{Y}\right] = \vec{a}\mathbf{Var}\left[\vec{Y}\right]\vec{a}^\top$$

$$\mathbf{Var}\left[A\vec{Y}\right] = A\mathbf{Var}\left[\vec{Y}\right]A^\top$$

Derivation of (4):

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{Var}\left[A\vec{Y}\right] &= \mathbf{E}\left[\left(A\vec{Y} - \mathbf{E}\left[A\vec{Y}\right]\right)\left(A\vec{Y} - \mathbf{E}\left[A\vec{Y}\right]\right)^\top\right] \\
&= \mathbf{E}\left[\left(A\vec{Y} - A\mathbf{E}\left[\vec{Y}\right]\right)\left(A\vec{Y} - A\mathbf{E}\left[\vec{Y}\right]\right)^\top\right] \\
&= \mathbf{E}\left[A\left(\vec{Y} - \mathbf{E}\left[\vec{Y}\right]\right)\left(A\left(\vec{Y} - \mathbf{E}\left[\vec{Y}\right]\right)\right)^\top\right] \\
&= \mathbf{E}\left[A\left(\vec{Y} - \mathbf{E}\left[\vec{Y}\right]\right)\left(\vec{Y} - \mathbf{E}\left[\vec{Y}\right]\right)^\top A^\top\right] \\
&= A\mathbf{E}\left[\left(\vec{Y} - \mathbf{E}\left[\vec{Y}\right]\right)\left(\vec{Y} - \mathbf{E}\left[\vec{Y}\right]\right)^\top\right] A^\top \\
&= A\mathbf{Var}\left[\vec{Y}\right]A^\top
\end{aligned}$$

Numerical example: $\vec{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3)^\top$. Suppose

$$\mathbf{E}\left[\vec{Y}\right] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{Var}\left[Y\right]=\begin{bmatrix}4 & 1/2 & -2\\ 1/2 & 1 & 0\\ -2 & 0 & 3\end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\vec{a}=\begin{bmatrix}1 & -1 & 2\end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$A=\begin{bmatrix}1 & 2 & 3\\ 4 & 5 & 6\\ 7 & 8 & 9\end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise:

- $\mathbf{E}\left[\vec{a}\vec{Y}\right]$
- $\mathbf{Var}\left[\vec{a}\vec{Y}\right]$
- $\mathbf{E}\left[A\vec{Y}\right]$
- $\mathbf{Var}\left[A\vec{Y}\right]$

Let's do the first two,

$$\mathbf{E}\left[\vec{a}\vec{Y}\right]=\vec{a}\mathbf{E}\left[\vec{Y}\right]=\begin{bmatrix}1 & -1 & 2\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}3\\ 1\\ 2\end{bmatrix}=1(3)-1(1)+2(2)=6$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Var}\left[\vec{a}\vec{Y}\right]&=\begin{bmatrix}1 & -1 & 2\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}4 & 1/2 & -2\\ 1/2 & 1 & 0\\ -2 & 0 & 3\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}1\\ -1\\ 2\end{bmatrix}\\ &=\begin{bmatrix}1 & -1 & 2\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}4(1)+(1/2)(-1)-2(2)\\ (1/2)(1)+1(-1)+0(2)\\ -2(1)+0(-1)+3(2)\end{bmatrix}\\ &=\begin{bmatrix}1 & -1 & 2\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}-1/2\\ -1/2\\ 4\end{bmatrix}\\ &=1(-1/2)-1(-1/2)+2(4)\\ &=8\end{aligned}$$

Multivariate normal distribution (MVN): We say that $\vec{Y}\sim\text{MVN}(\vec{\mu},\Sigma)$ where $\vec{\mu}$ = mean vector and Σ = covariance matrix. Suppose $Y=(Y_1,\ldots,Y_n)^\top$.

$$f(\vec{y};\vec{\mu},\Sigma)=\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}}\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{y}-\vec{\mu})\Sigma^{-1}(\vec{y}-\vec{\mu})^\top\right\}$$

where Σ^{-1} is the inverse of the covariance matrix and $|\Sigma|$ is the determinant of Σ.

Properties of MVN: Suppose $\vec{Y}=(Y_1,\ldots,Y_n)^\top\sim\text{MVN}(\vec{\mu},\Sigma)$ and $\vec{a}$ is a $1\times n$ constant and A is an $n\times n$ matrix of constants.

1. Linear transformations of MVN is MVN, so

$$\vec{a}\vec{Y}\sim\text{MVN}(\vec{a}\vec{\mu},\vec{a}\Sigma\vec{a}^\top)$$

$$A\vec{Y}\sim\text{MVN}(A\vec{\mu},A\Sigma A^\top)$$

2. Marginal distribution of Y_i is Normal,
$$Y_i \sim N(\mu_i, \Sigma_{ii})$$
In fact, any subset of Y_i's is MVN
3. Conditional MVN is MVN, e.g. $Y_1 \mid Y_2, \ldots, Y_n$
4. Another property:
$$\mathbf{Cov}\left[Y_i, Y_j\right] = 0 \iff Y_i, Y_j \text{ independent}$$
that is, Y_i and Y_j are uncorrelated.
$$\Sigma_{ij} = 0$$