

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \dots \\ X_n \end{pmatrix} \quad - \quad \begin{array}{l} n\text{-dimensional} \\ \text{random vector} \end{array} \quad \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{X}) = \boldsymbol{\mu}_X = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \dots \\ \mu_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Covariance matrix:

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_X = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \dots & \sigma_{1n} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \dots & \sigma_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \sigma_{n1} & \sigma_{n2} & \dots & \sigma_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \sigma_{ij} = \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_X = \mathbf{E}[(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T] \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_X - \text{symmetric, nonnegative-definite} \end{array}$$

 $n = 1$

$$\mathbf{X} = (X)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_X = (\mu)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_X = (\sigma^2)$$

 $n = 2$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\mu}_X = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_X = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Var}(X_1) & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) \\ \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) & \text{Var}(X_2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \\ \rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b}$, where $\mathbf{A} - m \times n$ (non-random) matrix, $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbf{R}^m$ - (non-random) vector

$$\text{Then} \quad \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{Y}) = \boldsymbol{\mu}_Y = \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_X + \mathbf{b} \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_Y = \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_X\mathbf{A}^T$$

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \dots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a_1 X_1 + a_2 X_2 + \dots + a_n X_n = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{X}$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{a}^T \boldsymbol{\mu}_X \quad \text{Var}(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{a}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_X \mathbf{a} \geq 0$$

Example: Consider a random vector $\vec{X} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{pmatrix}$ with mean $E(\vec{X}) = \vec{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

and variance-covariance matrix $\text{Cov}(\vec{X}) = \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \\ -3 & -2 & 16 \end{pmatrix}$.

Then $\text{Var}(X_1) = 9, \quad \text{Var}(X_2) = 4, \quad \text{Var}(X_3) = 16,$

$$\rho_{12} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{9} \cdot \sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \rho_{13} = \frac{-3}{\sqrt{9} \cdot \sqrt{16}} = -\frac{1}{4}, \quad \rho_{23} = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{16}} = -\frac{1}{4}.$$

Consider $2X_1 - 3X_2 - X_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$E(2X_1 - 3X_2 - X_3) = 2\mu_1 - 3\mu_2 - \mu_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_3 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \cdot 5 - 3 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 3 = 4.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(2X_1 - 3X_2 - X_3) &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \\ -3 & -2 & 16 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 15 & -6 & -16 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 64. \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(2X_1 - 3X_2 - X_3) &= 4 \text{Var}(X_1) + 9 \text{Var}(X_2) + \text{Var}(X_3) \\ &\quad - 12 \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) - 4 \text{Cov}(X_1, X_3) + 6 \text{Cov}(X_2, X_3) \\ &= 36 + 36 + 16 - 24 + 12 - 12 = 64. \end{aligned}$$