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Q1. Recall Edgeworth's Theorem (IV.3, D8) that for the multivariate normal distribution $N(\mu, \Sigma)$ with mean vector μ and covariance matrix Σ , the density has the form $\text{const.} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu)\}$. For vectors y, u , one has

$$y|u \sim N(X\beta + Zu, R), \quad u \sim N(0, D).$$

Show that

$$u|y \sim N(\mu, \Sigma), \quad \mu = (Z^T R^{-1} Z + D^{-1})^{-1} Z^T R^{-1} (y - X\beta), \quad \Sigma = (Z^T R^{-1} Z + D^{-1})^{-1}.$$

(The apparently complicated algebra should not suggest that this example is artificial! It is standard theory when dealing with *random effects* in regression, and originally arose in statistical studies of breeding of dairy cattle. For background and details, see e.g. [BF], 208-9.)

Q2 (*Inverse of a partitioned matrix*).

Show that

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} M & -MBD^{-1} \\ -D^{-1}CM & D^{-1} + D^{-1}CMBD^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad M := (A - BD^{-1}C)^{-1}.$$

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