

MAST90138 Week 3 Lab

- Recall that if Z_1, \dots, Z_n are independent $N(0, 1)$ then

$$X = \sum_{k=1}^n Z_k^2 \sim \chi_n^2$$

is a chi-square random variable with n degrees of freedom.

- Recall that if M is an $p \times n$ matrix whose columns are independent and all have a $N_p(0, \Sigma)$ distribution, then

$$\mathcal{Y} = MM^T \sim W_p(\Sigma, n). \quad (1)$$

Problems

- In R, generate a sample $X_1 = (X_{11}, X_{21}), \dots, X_n = (X_{1n}, X_{2n})$ of size $n = 200$ from a $N_2(\mu, \Sigma)$ distribution and draw the scatterplot of the pairs (X_{1i}, X_{2i}) , for $i = 1, \dots, n$, using a red $*$ as the symbol to represent the data points. Do this for the following four different matrices Σ :

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

You can use any μ of your choice. Plot the four scatterplots on a single graph window showing 4 scatterplots presented as the first two scatterplots on the first row and the last two scatterplots on the second row. Label the axes as $X1$ and $X2$ and add the title **Scatterplot 1**, ..., **Scatterplot 4** to the first, ..., fourth scatterplot. What do you notice about the cloud of points when you compare the four cases? Explain what is going on.

- We know if X is a p -random-vector with covariance matrix Σ_X , then $Y = AX$ is a q -random-vector with covariance matrix $\Sigma_Y = A\Sigma_X A^T$ for a $q \times p$ matrix A . Use this fact to prove that Σ_X must be positive semidefinite. (And hence, any covariance matrix must be positive semidefinite.)
- Show that if \mathcal{Y} is defined at (1) and B is a $q \times p$ matrix then

$$B\mathcal{Y}B^T \sim W_q(B\Sigma B^T, n).$$

- Show that if \mathcal{Y} is defined at (1) and a is a $p \times 1$ vector such that $a^T \Sigma a \neq 0$, then

$$a^T \mathcal{Y} a / a^T \Sigma a \sim \chi_n^2.$$