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## *Probability Distributions*

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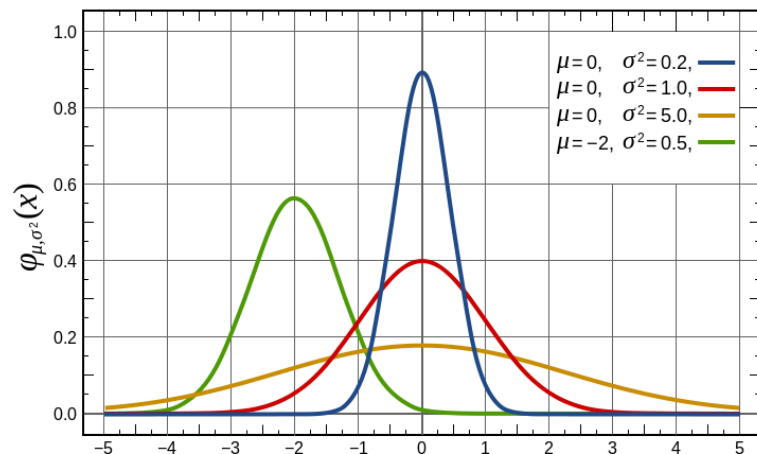
## The Gaussian Distribution



# The Gaussian Distribution

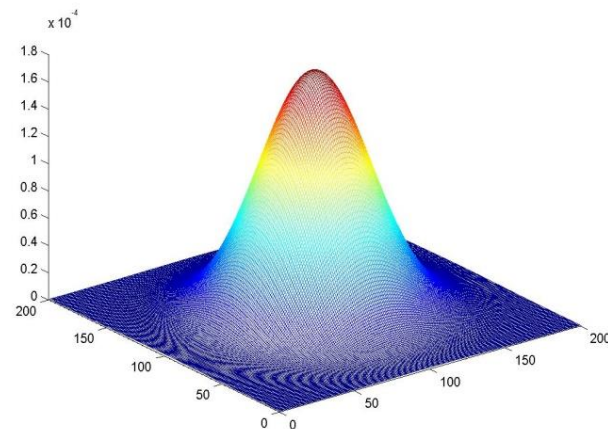
- Single variable Gaussian

$$\mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu)^2 \right\}$$



- Multivariate Gaussian

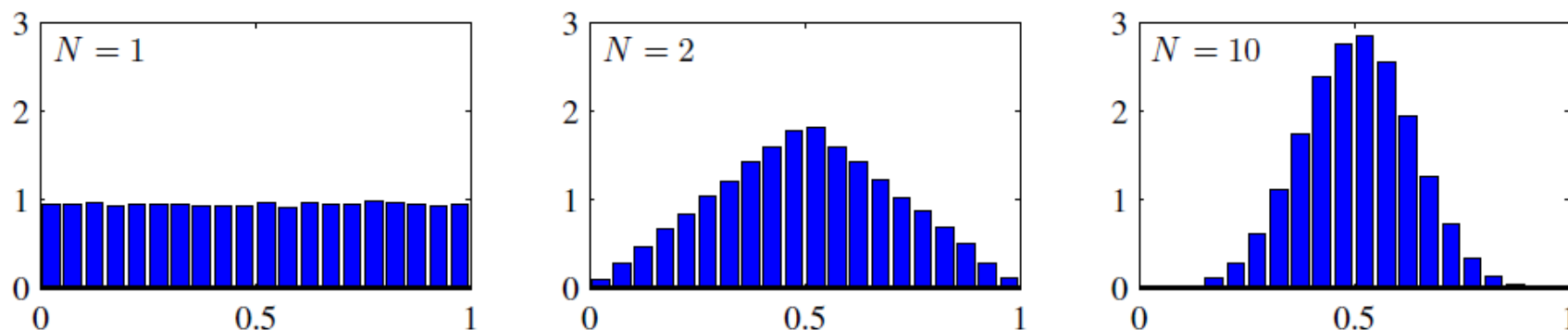
$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}$$





# The Gaussian Distribution

- Central limit theorem:



**Figure 2.6** Histogram plots of the mean of  $N$  uniformly distributed numbers for various values of  $N$ . We observe that as  $N$  increases, the distribution tends towards a Gaussian.

$$\mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu)^2 \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mu) \right\}$$

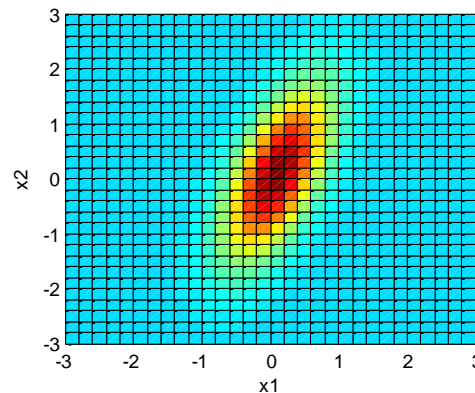
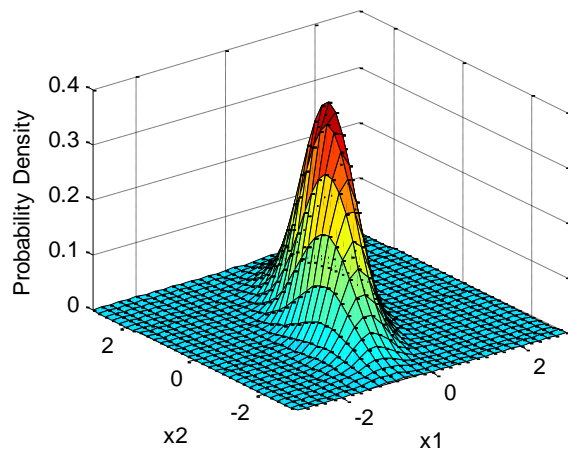


# Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}$$

- Mahalanobis distance  $\Delta \rightarrow$  Euclidean distance

$$\Delta^2 = (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$



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mu = [0 0];  
Sigma = [.25 .3; .3 1];  
%Sigma = [.25 0; 0 1];  
%Sigma = [0.5 0; 0 0.5];  
x1 = -3:.1:3;  
x2 = -3:.1:3;  
[X1,X2] = meshgrid(x1,x2);  
F = mvnpdf([X1(:) X2(:)],mu,Sigma);  
  
F = reshape(F,length(x2),length(x1));  
surf(x1,x2,F);  
caxis([min(F(:))-0.5*range(F(:)),max(F(:))]);  
axis([-3 3 -3 3 0 .4])  
xlabel('x1'); ylabel('x2');  
zlabel('Probability Density');
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# Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

$$\Delta^2 = (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \mathbf{U}^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1} \mathbf{U} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = (\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}))^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1} (\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})) = \mathbf{y}^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

The matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  can be taken to be symmetric, without loss of generality.

$\mathbf{M}$  is symmetric, so that  $\mathbf{M}^T = \mathbf{M}$ .  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$

$$(\mathbf{M}^{-1})^T \mathbf{M}^T = \mathbf{I}^T = \mathbf{I} \quad \rightarrow \quad (\mathbf{M}^{-1})^T \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I} \quad \rightarrow \quad (\mathbf{M}^{-1})^T = \mathbf{M}^{-1}$$

so  $\mathbf{M}^{-1}$  is also a symmetric matrix.

the eigenvector equation for the covariance matrix

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i \quad \text{where } i = 1, \dots, D. \quad \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_j = I_{ij} \quad I_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^T = \mathbf{I}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \sum_{i=1}^D \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T = \mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}^T \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{U}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \quad \mathbf{U} \text{ is orthonormal, } \mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}^T$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} = (\mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}^T)^{-1} = (\mathbf{U}^T)^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1} \mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1} \mathbf{U}^T = \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{1}{\lambda_i} \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T.$$

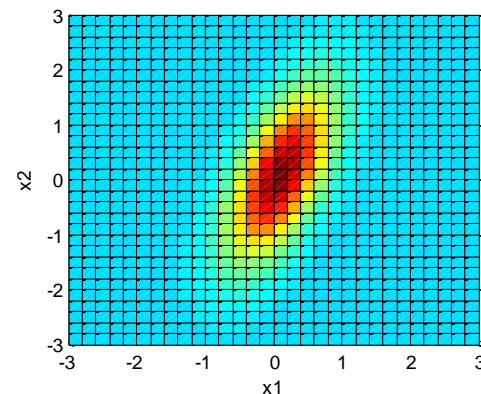
$$\Delta^2 = (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \xrightarrow{y_i = \mathbf{u}_i^T (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})} \Delta^2 = \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{y_i^2}{\lambda_i} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})} \Delta^2 = \mathbf{y}^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$



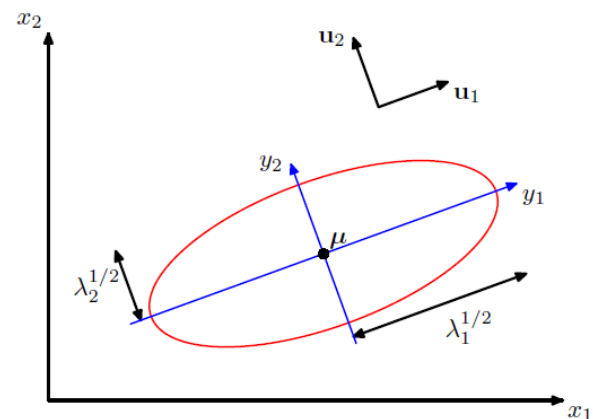
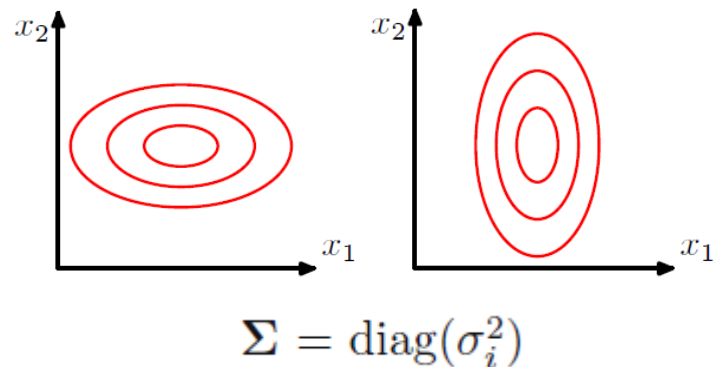
# Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}$$

$$\Delta^2 = (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \mathbf{y}^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1} \mathbf{y} \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} = \mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1} \mathbf{U}^T$$



⇒  $\Delta^2 = \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{y_i^2}{\lambda_i} \quad y_i = \mathbf{u}_i^T (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$







# Jacobian factor or matrix

Under a nonlinear change of variable, a probability density transforms differently from a simple function, due to the Jacobian factor. For instance, if we consider a change of variables  $x = g(y)$ , then a function  $f(x)$  becomes  $\tilde{f}(y) = f(g(y))$ . Now consider a probability density  $p_x(x)$  that corresponds to a density  $p_y(y)$  with respect to the new variable  $y$ , where the suffices denote the fact that  $p_x(x)$  and  $p_y(y)$  are different densities. Observations falling in the range  $(x, x + \delta x)$  will, for small values of  $\delta x$ , be transformed into the range  $(y, y + \delta y)$  where  $p_x(x)\delta x \simeq p_y(y)\delta y$ , and hence

$$p_y(y) = p_x(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| = p_x(g(y)) |g'(y)|.$$

$$\Delta^2 = \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{y_i^2}{\lambda_i} \quad y_i = \mathbf{u}_i^T (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\mu} \rightarrow J_{ij} = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial y_j} = U_{ji}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{U}^T \rightarrow |\mathbf{J}|^2 = |\mathbf{U}^T|^2 = |\mathbf{U}^T| |\mathbf{U}| = |\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U}| = |\mathbf{I}| = 1 \rightarrow |\mathbf{J}| = 1$$

$$|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2} = \prod_{j=1}^D \lambda_j^{1/2} \rightarrow p(\mathbf{y}) = p(\mathbf{x}) |\mathbf{J}| = \prod_{j=1}^D \frac{1}{(2\pi\lambda_j)^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{y_j^2}{2\lambda_j} \right\}$$



# Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

- It's normalized!

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma^2) dx = 1$$

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mu) \right\}$$

$$\Delta^2 = \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{y_i^2}{\lambda_i}$$

$$|\mathbf{J}| = 1$$

$$\Sigma = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^T \quad \longrightarrow \quad |\Sigma| = |\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^T| = |\mathbf{U}||\mathbf{\Lambda}||\mathbf{U}^T| = |\mathbf{U}||\mathbf{U}^T||\mathbf{\Lambda}| = |\mathbf{\Lambda}| \quad \longrightarrow \quad |\Sigma|^{1/2} = \prod_{j=1}^D \lambda_j^{1/2}$$

$$p(\mathbf{y}) = p(\mathbf{x})|\mathbf{J}| = \prod_{j=1}^D \frac{1}{(2\pi\lambda_j)^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{y_j^2}{2\lambda_j} \right\}$$

$$\longrightarrow \int p(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y} = \prod_{j=1}^D \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2\pi\lambda_j)^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{y_j^2}{2\lambda_j} \right\} dy_j = 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \int p(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y} = 1$$



# Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

- Expectation of a random vector  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}] &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \int \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\} \mathbf{x} d\mathbf{x} \\ \underline{\underline{\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}}} &\quad \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \int \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{z}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\mathbf{z} \right\} (\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu}) d\mathbf{z} = \boldsymbol{\mu} \end{aligned}$$



# Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

- The second order moments of the Gaussian

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T] = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \int \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mu) \right\} \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T d\mathbf{x}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} - \mu}} \quad \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \int \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{z}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{z} \right\} (\mathbf{z} + \mu)(\mathbf{z} + \mu)^T d\mathbf{z}$$

$\mu\mu^T$  is constant,  $\mu\mathbf{z}^T$  and  $\mu^T\mathbf{z}$  will again vanish by symmetry.

Consider the term involving  $\mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}^T$

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \int \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{z}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{z} \right\} \mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}^T d\mathbf{z}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^D \sum_{j=1}^D \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_j^T \int \exp \left\{ -\sum_{k=1}^D \frac{y_k^2}{2\lambda_k} \right\} y_i y_j dy = \sum_{i=1}^D \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \lambda_i = \Sigma$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \sum_{j=1}^D y_j \mathbf{u}_j$$

where  $y_j = \mathbf{u}_j^T \mathbf{z}$ ,

$$\Delta^2 = \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{y_i^2}{\lambda_i}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T] = \mu\mu^T + \Sigma$$

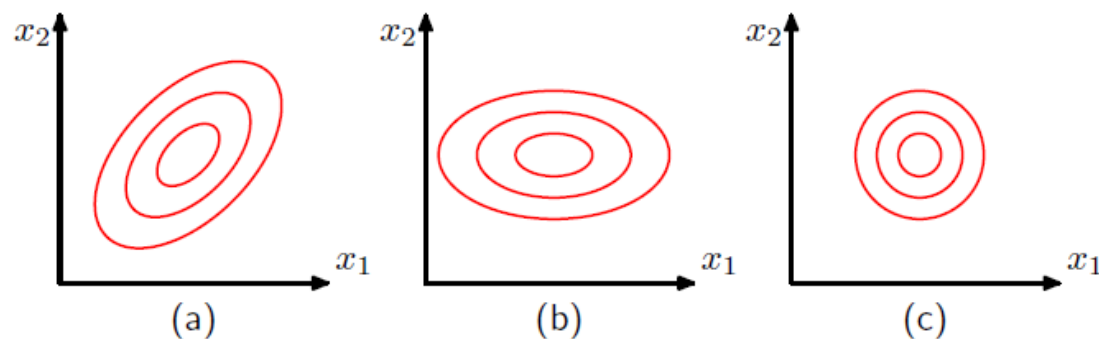


# Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

- The covariance of a random vector  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$\text{cov}[\mathbf{x}] = \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{x} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}])(\mathbf{x} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}])^T] \xrightarrow{\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}} \text{cov}[\mathbf{x}] = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$$

A general symmetric covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  will have  $D(D + 1)/2$  independent parameters, and there are another  $D$  independent parameters in  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ , giving  $D(D + 3)/2$  parameters in total.



$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \text{diag}(\sigma_i^2) \quad \text{2D independent parameters}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I} \quad \text{isotropic covariance, } D + 1 \text{ independent parameters}$$



# Conditional Gaussian Distributions

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\} \quad p(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_b) = p(\mathbf{x}_a|\mathbf{x}_b) p(\mathbf{x}_b)$$

- If two sets of variables are jointly Gaussian, then the conditional distribution of one set conditioned on the other is again Gaussian.

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_a \\ \mathbf{x}_b \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_a \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_b \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \Lambda \equiv \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \\ \longleftrightarrow \end{matrix} \quad \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_{aa} & \Lambda_{ab} \\ \Lambda_{ba} & \Lambda_{bb} \end{pmatrix}$$

covariance matrix precision matrix

*Both of  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  and  $\Lambda$  can be taken to be symmetric, without loss of generality.*

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}_a|\mathbf{x}_b) &\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\mu} + \text{const} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a)^T \Lambda_{aa}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a) - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a)^T \Lambda_{ab}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)^T \Lambda_{ba}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a) - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)^T \Lambda_{bb}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b). \end{aligned}$$

completing the square

## Completing the square:

$$\mu_{a|b} \quad \Sigma_{a|b} \quad p(\mathbf{x}_a|\mathbf{x}_b) \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu} + \text{const}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a)^T \Lambda_{aa} (\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a) - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a)^T \Lambda_{ab} (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b) - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)^T \Lambda_{ba} (\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a) - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)^T \Lambda_{bb} (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}_a^T \Lambda_{aa} \mathbf{x}_a \Rightarrow \boxed{\Sigma_{a|b} = \Lambda_{aa}^{-1}}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_a^T \{ \Lambda_{aa} \boldsymbol{\mu}_a - \Lambda_{ab} (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b) \} = \mathbf{x}_a^T \Sigma_{a|b}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{a|b} \Rightarrow \Sigma_{a|b}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{a|b} = \Lambda_{aa} \boldsymbol{\mu}_a - \Lambda_{ab} (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\mu}_{a|b} = \Sigma_{a|b} \{ \Lambda_{aa} \boldsymbol{\mu}_a - \Lambda_{ab} (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b) \} = \boxed{\boldsymbol{\mu}_a - \Lambda_{aa}^{-1} \Lambda_{ab} (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M} & -\mathbf{M}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}^{-1} \\ -\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{M} & \mathbf{D}^{-1} + \mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{C})^{-1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{aa} & \Sigma_{ab} \\ \Sigma_{ba} & \Sigma_{bb} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_{aa} & \Lambda_{ab} \\ \Lambda_{ba} & \Lambda_{bb} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_{aa} &= (\Sigma_{aa} - \Sigma_{ab} \Sigma_{bb}^{-1} \Sigma_{ba})^{-1} \\ \Lambda_{ab} &= -(\Sigma_{aa} - \Sigma_{ab} \Sigma_{bb}^{-1} \Sigma_{ba})^{-1} \Sigma_{ab} \Sigma_{bb}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{a|b} &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_a + \Sigma_{ab} \Sigma_{bb}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b) \\ \Sigma_{a|b} &= \Sigma_{aa} - \Sigma_{ab} \Sigma_{bb}^{-1} \Sigma_{ba} \end{aligned}$$





# Marginal Gaussian Distributions

$$p(\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_b) : -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a)^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a) - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a)^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b) - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a) - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_a) = \int p(\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_b) d\mathbf{x}_b$$

1. considering the terms involving  $\mathbf{x}_b$  and then completing the square:

$$-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}_b^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}\mathbf{x}_b + \mathbf{x}_b^T \mathbf{m} = -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}^{-1}\mathbf{m})^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}^{-1}\mathbf{m}) + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{m}^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}^{-1}\mathbf{m}$$

$$\int \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}^{-1}\mathbf{m})^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}^{-1}\mathbf{m}) \right\} d\mathbf{x}_b \quad \mathbf{m} = \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}\boldsymbol{\mu}_b - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a)$$

2. considering the remaining terms that depend on  $\mathbf{x}_a$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} [\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}\boldsymbol{\mu}_b - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a)]^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}^{-1} [\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}\boldsymbol{\mu}_b - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba}(\mathbf{x}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_a)] - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}_a^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa}\mathbf{x}_a + \mathbf{x}_a^T (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa}\boldsymbol{\mu}_a + \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab}\boldsymbol{\mu}_b) + \text{const} \\ = & -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}_a^T (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa} - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba})\mathbf{x}_a + \mathbf{x}_a^T (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa} - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba})^{-1}\boldsymbol{\mu}_a + \text{const} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb} \end{pmatrix} \\ (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa} - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba})^{-1} &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_a = (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa} - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba})^{-1}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_a (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa} - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba}) \boldsymbol{\mu}_a = \boldsymbol{\mu}_a$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_a] &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_a \\ \text{cov}[\mathbf{x}_a] &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa} \end{aligned}$$





# Partitioned Gaussians

## Partitioned Gaussians

Given a joint Gaussian distribution  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  with  $\boldsymbol{\Lambda} \equiv \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}$  and

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_a \\ \mathbf{x}_b \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_a \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_b \end{pmatrix}$$

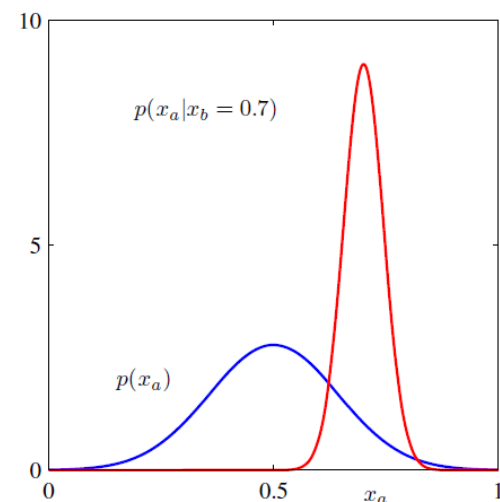
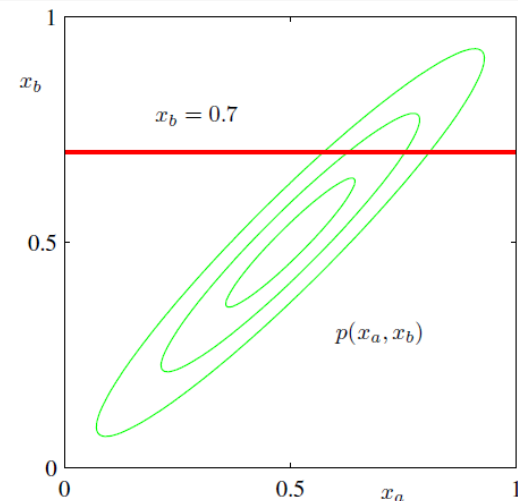
$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Conditional distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}_a|\mathbf{x}_b) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_a|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{a|b}, \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa}^{-1}) \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{a|b} &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_a - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab}(\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b). \end{aligned}$$

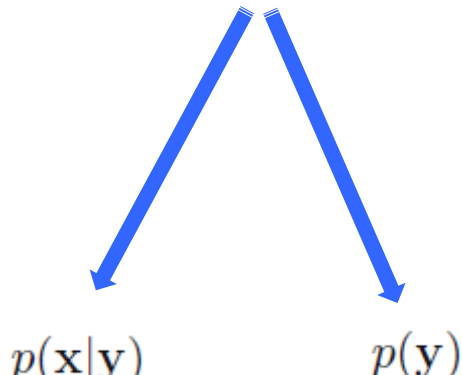
Marginal distribution:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_a) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_a|\boldsymbol{\mu}_a, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa}).$$





# Bayes' Theorem for Gaussian Variables

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1}) \\ p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{L}^{-1}) \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad p(\mathbf{z}) = p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x}) \quad \mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{pmatrix}$$


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graph TD; A["p(z) = p(y|x)p(x)"] --> B["p(x|y)"]; A --> C["p(y)"]
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$$\begin{aligned} \ln p(\mathbf{z}) &= \ln p(\mathbf{x}) + \ln p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}) + \text{const} \end{aligned}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T(\boldsymbol{\Lambda} + \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L}\mathbf{A})\mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{L}\mathbf{y} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{L}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L}\mathbf{y} \\ = -\frac{1}{2}\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda} + \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L}\mathbf{A} & -\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L} \\ -\mathbf{L}\mathbf{A} & \mathbf{L} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{z}^T\mathbf{R}\mathbf{z}\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda} + \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L}\mathbf{A} & -\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L} \\ -\mathbf{L}\mathbf{A} & \mathbf{L} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{cov}[\mathbf{z}] = \mathbf{R}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T \\ \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1} & \mathbf{L}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\Lambda}\boldsymbol{\mu} - \mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L}\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{L}\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}\boldsymbol{\mu} - \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L}\mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{L}\mathbf{b} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}] = \mathbf{R}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}\boldsymbol{\mu} - \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L}\mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{L}\mathbf{b} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{b} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}] &= \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{b} \\ \text{cov}[\mathbf{y}] &= \mathbf{L}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}] &= (\boldsymbol{\Lambda} + \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L}\mathbf{A})^{-1} \{ \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}) + \boldsymbol{\Lambda}\boldsymbol{\mu} \} \\ \text{cov}[\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}] &= (\boldsymbol{\Lambda} + \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L}\mathbf{A})^{-1}.\end{aligned}$$



# Maximum Likelihood for the Gaussian

- Given a data set  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N)^T$  in which the observations  $\{\mathbf{x}_n\}$  are assumed to be drawn independently from a multivariate Gaussian distribution, how to estimate the parameters of the distribution by maximum likelihood?

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}$$

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = -\frac{ND}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{N}{2} \ln |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$



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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}} \ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ML}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\Sigma}} \ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = -\frac{N}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\Sigma}} \ln |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}| - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\Sigma}} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \quad \boxed{\frac{\partial \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{b}}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = -\mathbf{X}^{-T} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{X}^{-T}}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{A}} \ln |\mathbf{A}| = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T} \quad \Rightarrow \quad -\frac{N}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\Sigma}} \ln |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}| = -\frac{N}{2} (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1})^T = -\frac{N}{2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\Sigma}} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \frac{N}{2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{S} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \quad \mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T$$

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$$\frac{N}{2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} = \frac{N}{2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{S} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \mathbf{S} \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\text{ML}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ML}})(\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ML}})^T$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} \ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \Sigma) = -\frac{N}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} \ln |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$


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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}) &= N \text{Tr} [\Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{S}] \\ \mathbf{S} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma_{ij}} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}) &= N \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma_{ij}} \text{Tr} [\Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{S}] \\ &= N \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma_{ij}} \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{S} \right] = -N \text{Tr} \left[ \Sigma^{-1} \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial \Sigma_{ij}} \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{S} \right] \\ &= -N \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial \Sigma_{ij}} \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{S} \Sigma^{-1} \right] = -N (\Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{S} \Sigma^{-1})_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \frac{N}{2} \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{S} \Sigma^{-1}$$

$$\frac{N}{2} \Sigma^{-1} = \frac{N}{2} \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{S} \Sigma^{-1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Sigma = \mathbf{S} \quad \Sigma_{\text{ML}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ML}})(\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ML}})^T$$



# Maximum Likelihood for the Gaussian

- Estimate the parameters of the distribution by maximum likelihood:

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = -\frac{ND}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{N}{2} \ln |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$



$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ML}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\text{ML}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ML}})(\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ML}})^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\text{ML}}] &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \mathbf{x}_n - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{m=1}^N \mathbf{x}_m \right) \left( \mathbf{x}_n^T - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=1}^N \mathbf{x}_l^T \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^T - \frac{2}{N} \mathbf{x}_n \sum_{m=1}^N \mathbf{x}_m^T + \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{m=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^N \mathbf{x}_m \mathbf{x}_l^T \right] \\ &= \left\{ \boldsymbol{\mu} \boldsymbol{\mu}^T + \boldsymbol{\Sigma} - 2 \left( \boldsymbol{\mu} \boldsymbol{\mu}^T + \frac{1}{N} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \right) + \boldsymbol{\mu} \boldsymbol{\mu}^T + \frac{1}{N} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \right\} \\ &= \left( \frac{N-1}{N} \right) \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ML}}] &= \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ \mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\text{ML}}] &= \frac{N-1}{N} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ML}})(\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ML}})^T$$



# Bayesian Inference for the Gaussian

- Maximum likelihood framework → Bayesian treatment
  - Input:

$$\mathbf{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$$

	Known	To infer
$\mathcal{N}(x \mu, \sigma^2)$	variance $\sigma^2$	mean $\mu$
	mean $\mu$	variance $\sigma^2$
$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} \mu, \Sigma)$		mean $\mu$ variance $\sigma^2$





# Bayesian Inference for the Gaussian

## 1. Known the variance, to infer the mean:

$$\text{Likelihood: } p(\mathbf{X}|\mu) = \prod_{n=1}^N p(x_n|\mu) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{N/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \right\}$$

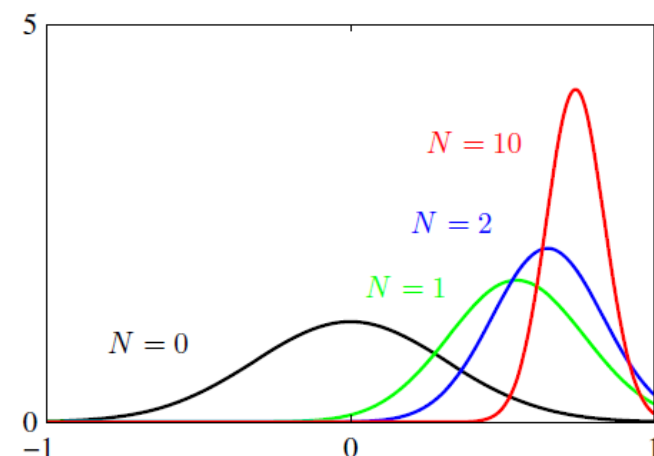
$$\text{Prior: } p(\mu) = \mathcal{N}(\mu|\mu_0, \sigma_0^2)$$

$$\text{Posterior: } p(\mu|\mathbf{X}) \propto p(\mathbf{X}|\mu)p(\mu)$$

$$p(\mu|\mathbf{X}) = \mathcal{N}(\mu|\mu_N, \sigma_N^2)$$

$$\mu_N = \frac{\sigma^2}{N\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}\mu_0 + \frac{N\sigma_0^2}{N\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}\mu_{\text{ML}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_N^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} + \frac{N}{\sigma^2}$$



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$$-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mu) = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T \Sigma^{-1}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T \Sigma^{-1}\mu + \text{const}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{2\sigma_0^2}(\mu - \mu_0)^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \\ & = -\frac{\mu^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} + \frac{N}{\sigma^2} \right) + \mu \left( \frac{\mu_0}{\sigma_0^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n \right) + \text{const} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_N^2} = \frac{N}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} \quad \mu_N = \left( \frac{N}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{\mu_0}{\sigma_0^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n \right)$$

$$\mu_{\text{ML}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n \quad = \frac{\sigma^2}{N\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2} \mu_0 + \frac{N\sigma_0^2}{N\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2} \mu_{\text{ML}}.$$



# Bayesian Inference for the Gaussian

2. Known the mean, to infer the variance:  $\lambda \equiv 1/\sigma^2$

Likelihood: 
$$p(\mathbf{X}|\lambda) = \prod_{n=1}^N \mathcal{N}(x_n|\mu, \lambda^{-1}) \propto \lambda^{N/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \right\}$$

Prior:  $\text{Gam}(\lambda|a_0, b_0)$  *gamma distribution*

Posterior:  $p(\lambda|\mathbf{X}) \propto p(\mathbf{X}|\lambda) \text{Gam}(\lambda|a_0, b_0)$

$$\text{Gam}(\lambda|a, b) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} b^a \lambda^{a-1} \exp(-b\lambda)$$

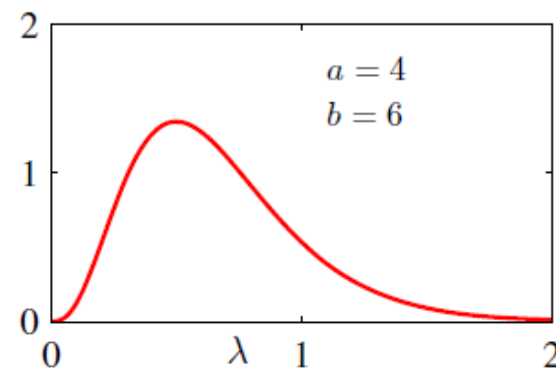
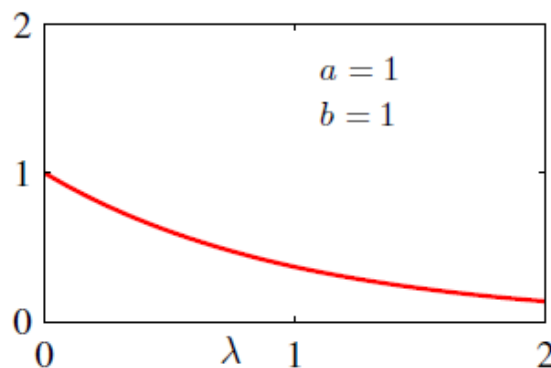
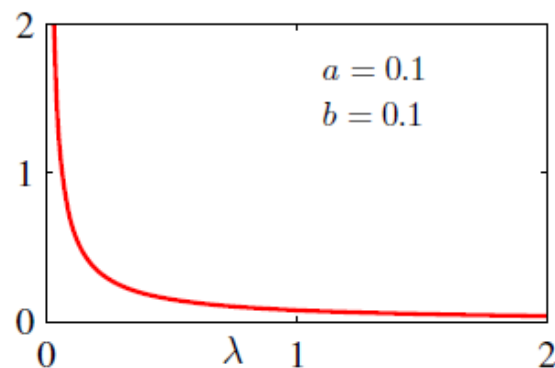
$$p(\lambda|\mathbf{X}) \propto \lambda^{a_0-1} \lambda^{N/2} \exp \left\{ -b_0\lambda - \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \right\} \Rightarrow \text{Gam}(\lambda|a_N, b_N)$$

$$a_N = a_0 + \frac{N}{2}$$

$$b_N = b_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 = b_0 + \frac{N}{2} \sigma_{\text{ML}}^2$$

Gamma distribution:  $\text{Gam}(\lambda|a, b) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} b^a \lambda^{a-1} \exp(-b\lambda)$

$$\Gamma(x) \equiv \int_0^\infty u^{x-1} e^{-u} du$$



$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \text{Gam}(\tau|a, b) d\tau &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^\infty b^a \tau^{a-1} \exp(-b\tau) d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^\infty b^a u^{a-1} \exp(-u) b^{-a} b^{-1} du \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$b\tau = u$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\tau] &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^\infty b^a \tau^{a-1} \tau \exp(-b\tau) d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^\infty b^a u^{a-1} \exp(-u) b^{-a} b^{-1} du \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{b\Gamma(a)} = \frac{a}{b} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\tau^2] &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^\infty b^a \tau^{a-1} \tau^2 \exp(-b\tau) d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^\infty b^a u^{a-1} \exp(-u) b^{-a} b^{-1} du \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(a+2)}{b^2\Gamma(a)} = \frac{(a+1)\Gamma(a+1)}{b^2\Gamma(a)} = \frac{a(a+1)}{b^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{var}[\tau] = \mathbb{E}[\tau^2] - \mathbb{E}[\tau]^2 = \frac{a(a+1)}{b^2} - \frac{a^2}{b^2} = \frac{a}{b^2}$$



# Bayesian Inference for the Gaussian

3. Both unknown, to infer the mean and the variance:  $\lambda \equiv 1/\sigma^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Likelihood: } p(\mathbf{X}|\mu, \lambda) &= \prod_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\lambda}{2} (x_n - \mu)^2 \right\} \\ &\propto \left[ \lambda^{1/2} \exp \left( -\frac{\lambda \mu^2}{2} \right) \right]^N \exp \left\{ \lambda \mu \sum_{n=1}^N x_n - \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n^2 \right\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Conjugate Prior: } p(\mu, \lambda) \propto \left[ \lambda^{1/2} \exp \left( -\frac{\lambda \mu^2}{2} \right) \right]^\beta \exp \{ c\lambda\mu - d\lambda \}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_0 &= c/\beta \\ a &= 1 + \beta/2 \\ b &= d - c^2/2\beta\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \exp \left\{ -\frac{\beta\lambda}{2} (\mu - c/\beta)^2 \right\} \lambda^{\beta/2} \exp \left\{ -\left( d - \frac{c^2}{2\beta} \right) \lambda \right\} \\ &= \mathcal{N}(\mu|\mu_0, (\beta\lambda)^{-1}) \text{Gam}(\lambda|a, b) \quad \textit{normal-gamma or Gaussian-gamma}\end{aligned}$$

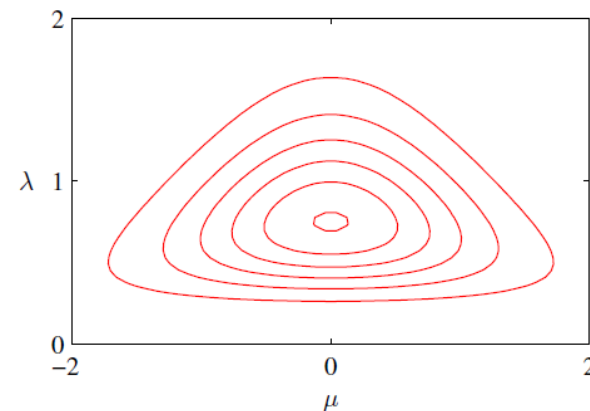
$$\text{Posterior: } p(\mu, \lambda|\mathbf{X}) \propto p(\mathbf{X}|\mu, \lambda)p(\mu, \lambda)$$

- *Normal-gamma or Gaussian-gamma distribution:*

$$p(\mu, \lambda) = \mathcal{N}(\mu|\mu_0, (\beta\lambda)^{-1}) \text{Gam}(\lambda|a, b)$$

$$= \exp \left\{ -\frac{\beta\lambda}{2} (\mu - c/\beta)^2 \right\} \lambda^{\beta/2} \exp \left\{ -\left( d - \frac{c^2}{2\beta} \right) \lambda \right\}$$

$$\mu_0 = c/\beta \quad a = 1 + \beta/2 \quad b = d - c^2/2\beta$$



**Conjugacy:** *If we choose a prior, then the posterior distribution will have the same functional form as the prior.*

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- *Normal-Wishart or Gaussian-Wishart distribution :*

$$p(\mu, \Lambda|\mu_0, \beta, \mathbf{W}, \nu) = \mathcal{N}(\mu|\mu_0, (\beta\Lambda)^{-1}) \mathcal{W}(\Lambda|\mathbf{W}, \nu)$$

$$\mathcal{W}(\Lambda|\mathbf{W}, \nu) = B|\Lambda|^{(\nu-D-1)/2} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}^{-1}\Lambda) \right)$$

$$B(\mathbf{W}, \nu) = |\mathbf{W}|^{-\nu/2} \left( 2^{\nu D/2} \pi^{D(D-1)/4} \prod_{i=1}^D \Gamma \left( \frac{\nu + 1 - i}{2} \right) \right)^{-1}$$

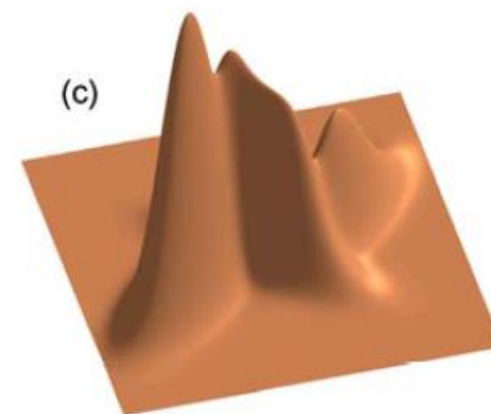
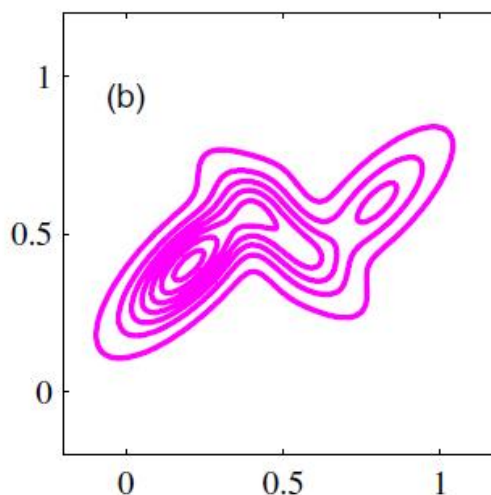
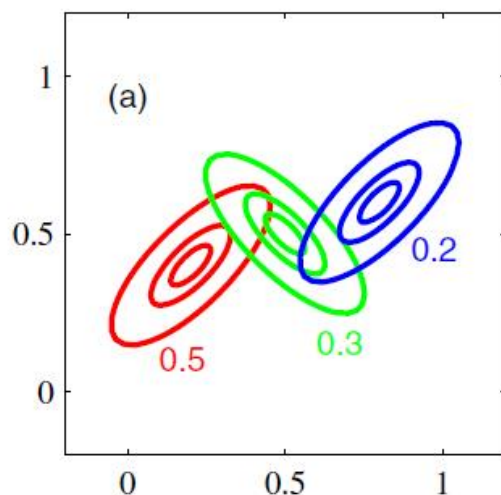
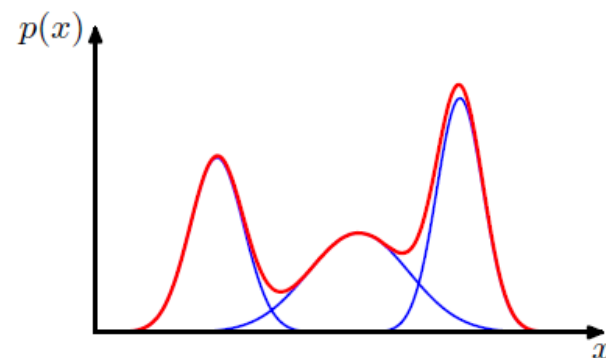


# Mixture of Gaussians

- Component and mixing coefficients

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1$$
$$0 \leq \pi_k \leq 1$$





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Other distributions





# Binary Variables

- Bernoulli distribution:

$$\text{Bern}(x|\mu) = \mu^x(1-\mu)^{1-x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[x] &= \mu \\ \text{var}[x] &= \mu(1-\mu) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &\in \{0, 1\} \\ p(x=1|\mu) &= \mu \\ p(x=0|\mu) &= 1-\mu \\ 0 &\leq \mu \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$p(\mathcal{D}|\mu) = \prod_{n=1}^N p(x_n|\mu) = \prod_{n=1}^N \mu^{x_n}(1-\mu)^{1-x_n} \quad \mathcal{D} = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$$

$$\ln p(\mathcal{D}|\mu) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln p(x_n|\mu) = \sum_{n=1}^N \{x_n \ln \mu + (1-x_n) \ln(1-\mu)\} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mu_{\text{ML}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n$$

- Binomial distribution:

$$\text{Bin}(m|N, \mu) = \binom{N}{m} \mu^m (1-\mu)^{N-m} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[m] &\equiv \sum_{m=0}^N m \text{Bin}(m|N, \mu) = N\mu \\ \text{var}[m] &\equiv \sum_{m=0}^N (m - \mathbb{E}[m])^2 \text{Bin}(m|N, \mu) = N\mu(1-\mu) \end{aligned}$$
$$\binom{N}{m} \equiv \frac{N!}{(N-m)!m!}$$



# Binary Variables

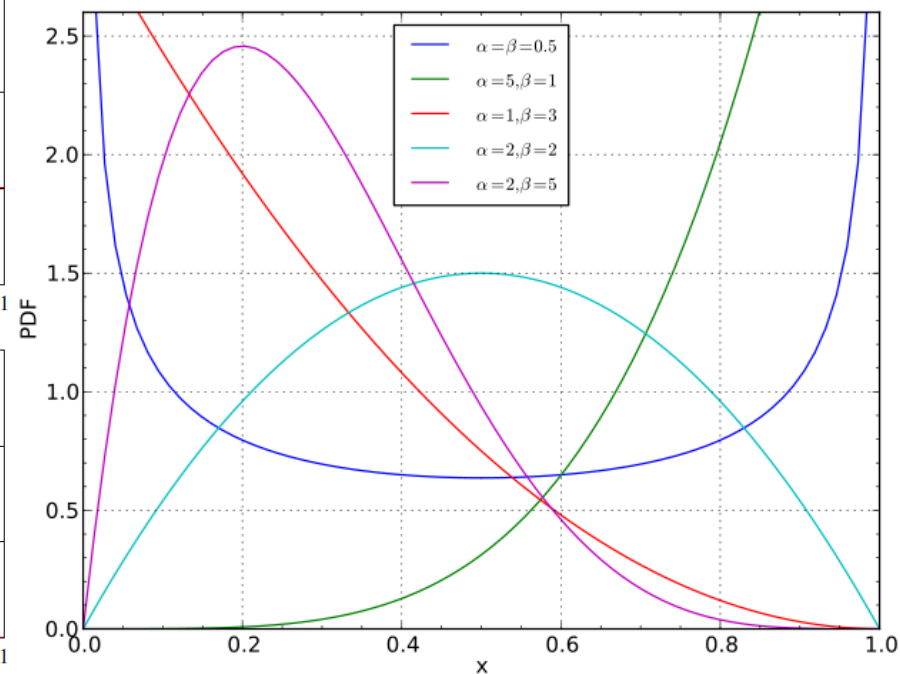
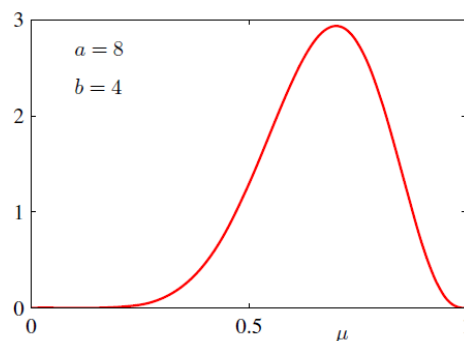
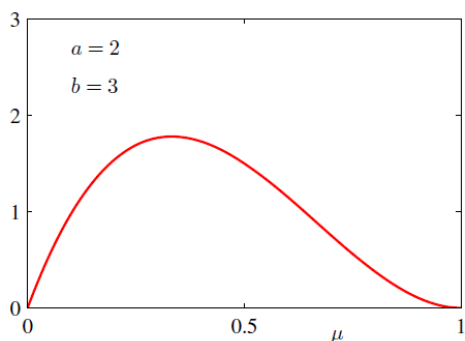
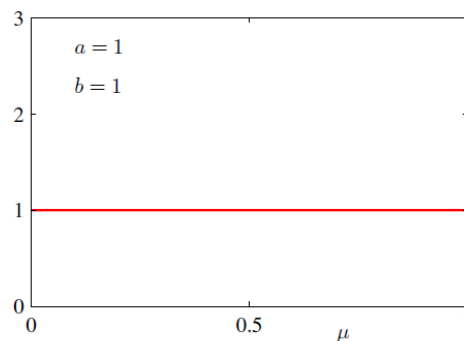
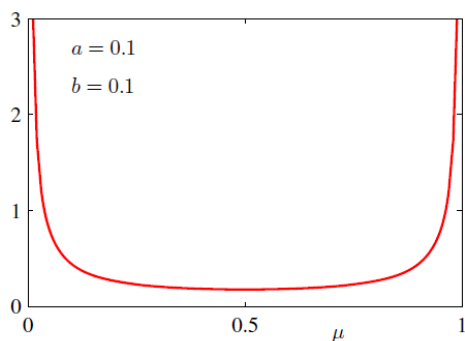
- Beta distribution:

$$\text{Beta}(\mu|a, b) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \mu^{a-1} (1-\mu)^{b-1}$$



$$\mathbb{E}[\mu] = \frac{a}{a+b}$$

$$\text{var}[\mu] = \frac{ab}{(a+b)^2(a+b+1)}$$





# Multinomial Variables

- Multinomial distribution:

$$\text{Mult}(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_K | \mu, N) = \binom{N}{m_1 m_2 \dots m_K} \prod_{k=1}^K \mu_k^{m_k}$$

$$\binom{N}{m_1 m_2 \dots m_K} = \frac{N!}{m_1! m_2! \dots m_K!} \quad \sum_{k=1}^K m_k = N.$$

$$\mathbf{x} = (0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)^T$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^K x_k = 1$$

$$p(\mathbf{x} | \mu) = \prod_{k=1}^K \mu_k^{x_k}$$

$$\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_K)^T$$

$$\sum_k \mu_k = 1$$

$$\sum_{\mathbf{x}} p(\mathbf{x} | \mu) = \sum_{k=1}^K \mu_k = 1$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x} | \mu] = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} p(\mathbf{x} | \mu) \mathbf{x} = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_M)^T = \mu$$

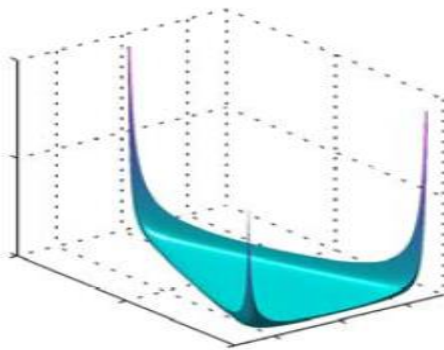
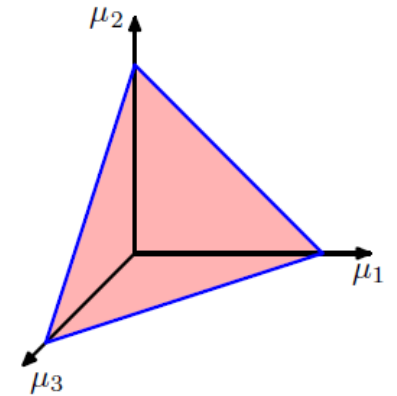


# Multinomial Variables

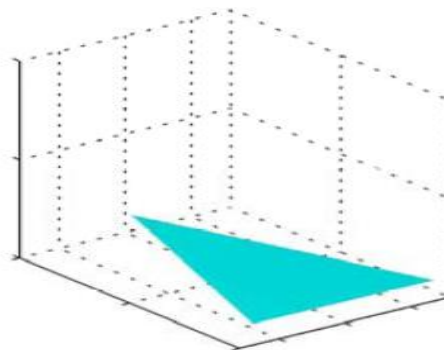
- The Dirichlet distribution:

$$p(\mu|\alpha) \propto \prod_{k=1}^K \mu_k^{\alpha_k-1} \quad 0 \leq \mu_k \leq 1 \text{ and } \sum_k \mu_k = 1$$

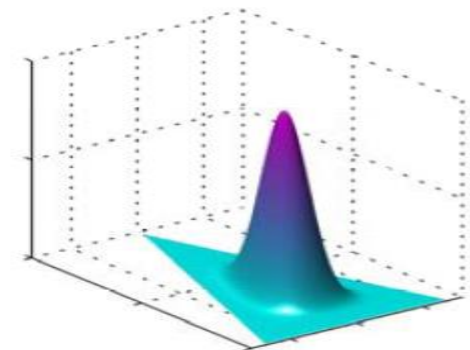
$$\text{Dir}(\mu|\alpha) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_0)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \cdots \Gamma(\alpha_K)} \prod_{k=1}^K \mu_k^{\alpha_k-1} \quad \alpha_0 = \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k$$



$\{\alpha_k\} = 0.1$



$\{\alpha_k\} = 1$



$\{\alpha_k\} = 10$



# Student's t-distribution

$$\text{St}(x|\mu, \lambda, \nu) = \frac{\Gamma(\nu/2 + 1/2)}{\Gamma(\nu/2)} \left( \frac{\lambda}{\pi\nu} \right)^{1/2} \left[ 1 + \frac{\lambda(x - \mu)^2}{\nu} \right]^{-\nu/2 - 1/2}$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \tau^{-1}) \text{Gam}(\tau|a, b) d\tau$$

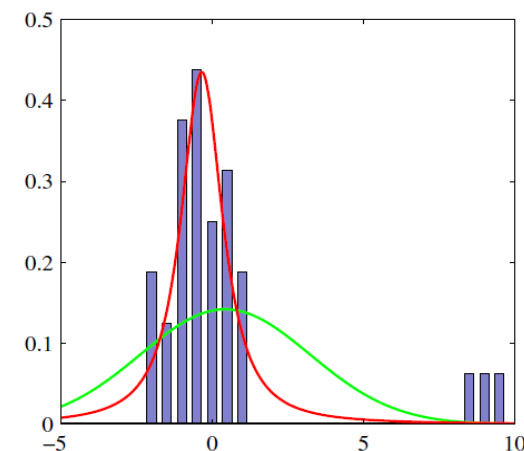
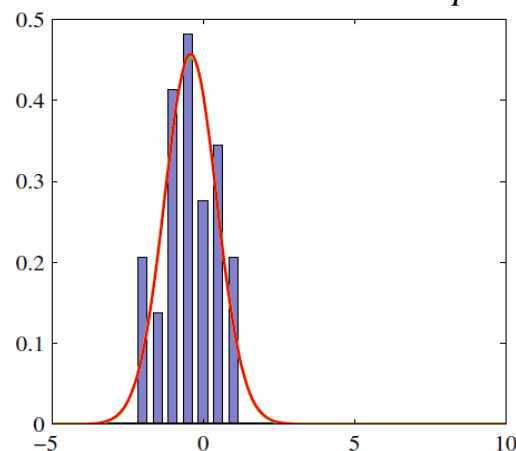
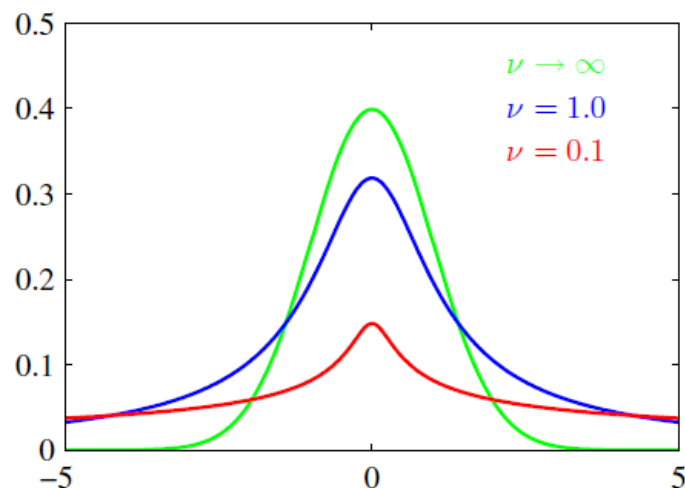
$$\nu = 2a \quad \lambda = a/b$$

$$\Gamma(x) \equiv \int_0^\infty u^{x-1} e^{-u} du$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[x] &= \mu, & \text{if } \nu > 1 \\ \text{cov}[x] &= \frac{\nu}{(\nu - 2)} \Lambda^{-1}, & \text{if } \nu > 2 \end{aligned}$$

- Precision  $\lambda$  and degrees of freedom  $\nu$*

*Illustration of the robustness of Student's t-distribution compared to a Gaussian*





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## The Exponential Family



# The Exponential Family

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\eta) = h(\mathbf{x})g(\eta) \exp \{ \eta^T \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) \}$$

$$g(\eta) \int h(\mathbf{x}) \exp \{ \eta^T \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) \} d\mathbf{x} = 1$$

- A pdf or pmf  $p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ , for  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_m) \in \mathcal{X}^m$  and  $\theta \in \Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ , is said to be in the **exponential family** if it is of the form

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} h(\mathbf{x}) \exp[\theta^T \phi(\mathbf{x})] \quad (9.1)$$

$$= h(\mathbf{x}) \exp[\theta^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) - A(\theta)] \quad (9.2)$$

where

$$Z(\theta) = \int_{\mathcal{X}^m} h(\mathbf{x}) \exp[\theta^T \phi(\mathbf{x})] d\mathbf{x} \quad (9.3)$$

$$A(\theta) = \log Z(\theta) \quad (9.4)$$

Here  $\theta$  are called the **natural parameters** or **canonical parameters**,  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is called a vector of **sufficient statistics**,  $Z(\theta)$  is called the **partition function**,  $A(\theta)$  is called the **log partition function** or **cumulant function**, and  $h(\mathbf{x})$  is the a scaling constant, often 1. If  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$ , we say it is a **natural exponential family**.

# Examples: $p(\mathbf{x}|\eta) = h(\mathbf{x})g(\eta) \exp \{ \eta^T \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) \}$

- Bernoulli distribution:

$$p(x|\mu) = \text{Bern}(x|\mu) = \mu^x(1-\mu)^{1-x} = \exp \{ x \ln \mu + (1-x) \ln(1-\mu) \}$$

$$= (1-\mu) \exp \left\{ \ln \left( \frac{\mu}{1-\mu} \right) x \right\} = p(x|\eta) = \sigma(-\eta) \exp(\eta x)$$

Logistic sigmoid  
function

$$\eta = \ln \left( \frac{\mu}{1-\mu} \right)$$

$$\sigma(\eta) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\eta)}$$

$$1 - \sigma(\eta) = \sigma(-\eta)$$

- Multinomial distribution:

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mu) = \prod_{k=1}^M \mu_k^{x_k} = \exp \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^M x_k \ln \mu_k \right\}$$

$$\frac{\eta = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_M)^T}{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_M)^T} \quad p(\mathbf{x}|\eta) = \exp(\eta^T \mathbf{x})$$

$$\frac{\ln \left( \frac{\mu_k}{1 - \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \mu_j} \right) = \eta_k}{0 \leq \mu_k \leq 1, \sum_{k=1}^{M-1} \mu_k \leq 1} \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{M-1} \exp(\eta_k) \right)^{-1} \exp(\eta^T \mathbf{x})$$

Softmax function

$$\mu_k = \frac{\exp(\eta_k)}{1 + \sum_j \exp(\eta_j)}$$

- Gaussian distribution:

$$p(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu)^2 \right\}$$

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



$$\eta = \begin{pmatrix} \mu/\sigma^2 \\ -1/2\sigma^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = (2\pi)^{-1/2}$$

$$g(\eta) = (-2\eta_2)^{1/2} \exp \left( \frac{\eta_1^2}{4\eta_2} \right)$$





# Maximum likelihood and sufficient statistics

- To estimate  $\eta$  by ML:

$$\nabla g(\eta) \int h(\mathbf{x}) \exp \{ \eta^T \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) \} d\mathbf{x} + g(\eta) \int h(\mathbf{x}) \exp \{ \eta^T \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) \} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{g(\eta)} \nabla g(\eta) = \int h(\mathbf{x}) \exp \{ \eta^T \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) \} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})]$$



$$-\nabla \ln g(\eta) = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})]$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \nabla \ln g(\eta) &= g(\eta) \int h(\mathbf{x}) \exp \{ \eta^T \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) \} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})^T d\mathbf{x} + \nabla g(\eta) \int h(\mathbf{x}) \exp \{ \eta^T \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) \} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})^T] - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})] \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})^T] = \text{cov}[\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})] \end{aligned}$$

$$p(\mathbf{X}|\eta) = \left( \prod_{n=1}^N h(\mathbf{x}_n) \right) g(\eta)^N \exp \left\{ \eta^T \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_n) \right\} \Rightarrow -\nabla \ln g(\eta_{\text{ML}}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

$N \rightarrow \infty \quad \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})]$



# Conjugate priors

- **Conjugacy:** If we choose a prior, then the posterior distribution will have the same functional form as the prior.
- For any member of the exponential family:  $p(\mathbf{x}|\eta) = h(\mathbf{x})g(\eta) \exp \{ \eta^T \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) \}$
- there exists a conjugate prior:  $p(\eta|\chi, \nu) = f(\chi, \nu)g(\eta)^\nu \exp \{ \nu \eta^T \chi \}$

$$p(\mathbf{X}|\eta) = \left( \prod_{n=1}^N h(\mathbf{x}_n) \right) g(\eta)^N \exp \left\{ \eta^T \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_n) \right\}$$

$$p(\eta|\chi, \nu) = f(\chi, \nu)g(\eta)^\nu \exp \{ \nu \eta^T \chi \}$$



$$p(\eta|\mathbf{X}, \chi, \nu) \propto p(\mathbf{X}|\eta) p(\eta|\chi, \nu)$$

$$= \left( \prod_{n=1}^N h(\mathbf{x}_n) \right) g(\eta)^N \exp \left\{ \eta^T \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_n) \right\} f(\chi, \nu)g(\eta)^\nu \exp \{ \nu \eta^T \chi \}$$

$$\propto g(\eta)^{\nu+N} \exp \left\{ \eta^T \left( \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_n) + \nu \chi \right) \right\}$$



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## Nonparametric Methods

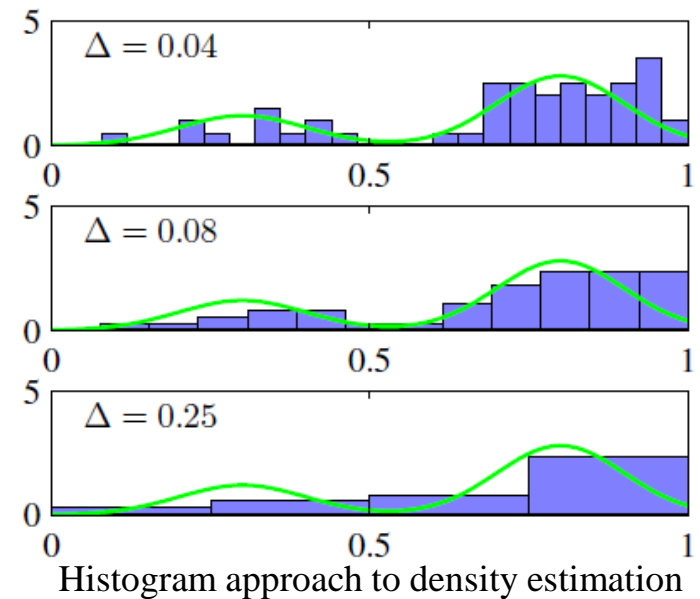


# Nonparametric Methods

- How to estimate unknown probability density  $p(x)$ :

$$P = \int_{\mathcal{R}} p(x) dx \quad \Rightarrow \quad p(x) = \frac{K}{NV}$$

- Kernel density estimator
  - Fix  $V$ , determine  $K$  from the data
- KNN density estimator
  - K-nearest-neighbour
  - Fix  $K$ , determine the value of  $V$  from the data





# Kernel density estimators

- Parzen window (an example of a Kernel function)

$$k(\mathbf{u}) = \begin{cases} 1, & |u_i| \leq 1/2, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad i = 1, \dots, D$$

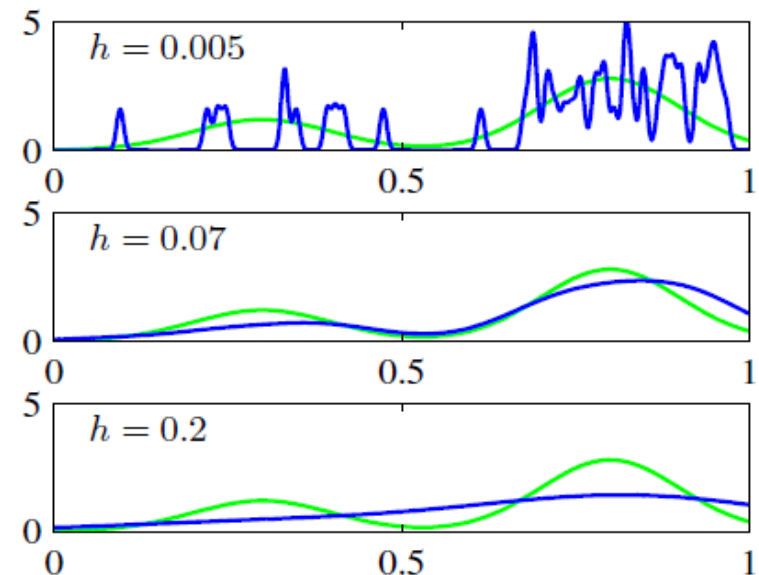
- The total number of data points lying inside this cube:

$$K = \sum_{n=1}^N k\left(\frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_n}{h}\right)$$

- The estimated density at  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{h^D} k\left(\frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_n}{h}\right)$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{(2\pi h^2)^{D/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_n\|^2}{2h^2}\right\}$$



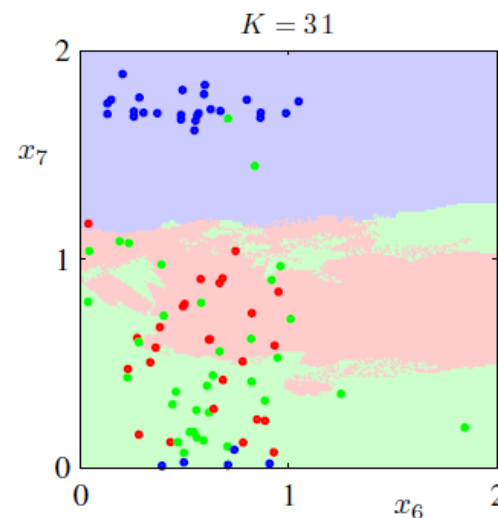
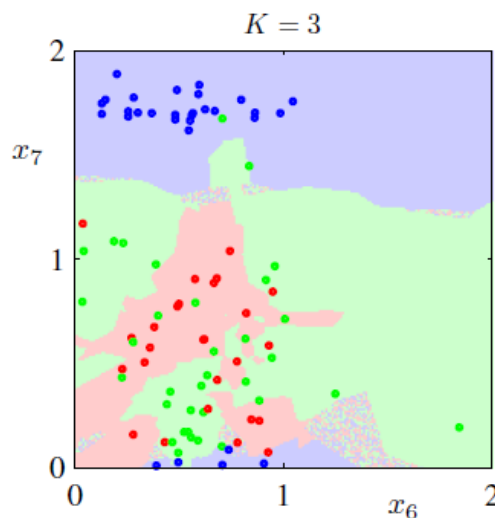
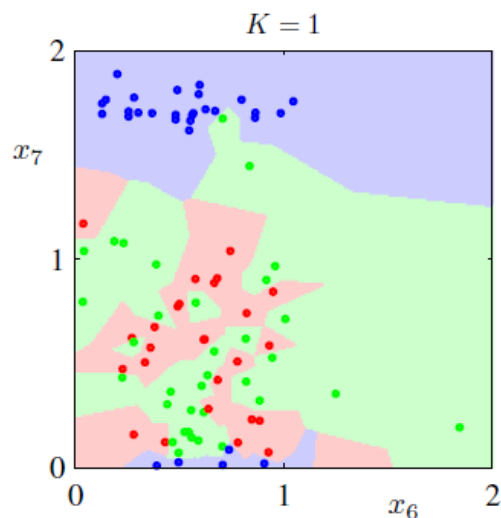
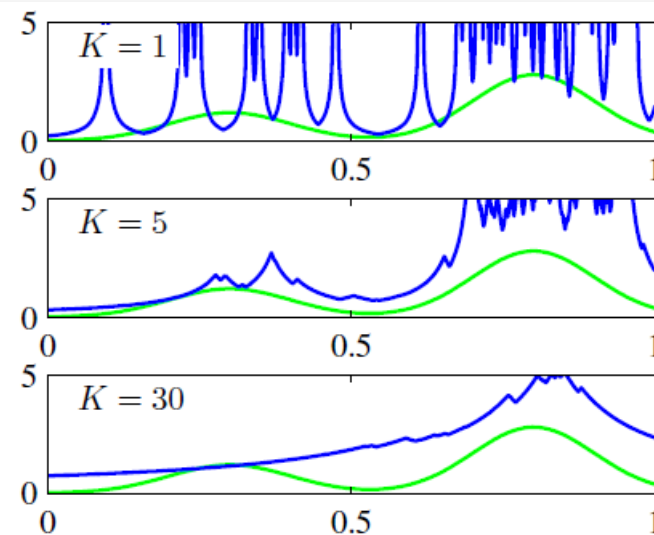


# Nearest-neighbour methods

- KNN density estimation
  - K govern the radius of the sphere
- KNN classifier

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k) = \frac{K_k}{N_k V} \quad p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{K}{NV} \quad p(\mathcal{C}_k) = \frac{N_k}{N}$$

➡ 
$$p(\mathcal{C}_k|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k)p(\mathcal{C}_k)}{p(\mathbf{x})} = \frac{K_k}{K}$$





## Next: Linear Models for Regression

- HW2:
  - 2.17, 2.19, 2.24, 2.26, 2.29, 2.30, 2.41, 2.47
  - Use KNN classifier to determine the class of handwritten digits.(find the details from course website)