

6.12 Manipulation of Gaussian Random Variables.

Consider a Gaussian random variable $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_x, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x)$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D$.

Furthermore, we have

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{w}$$

,

where $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^E$, $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{E \times D}$, $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^E$, and $\mathbf{w} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q})$ is independent Gaussian noise. "Independent" implies that \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{w} are independent random variables and that \mathbf{Q} is diagonal.

- a. Write down the likelihood $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})$.

Solution.

$$p(\mathbf{y}) = p(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{w})$$

Linearity properties of Gaussian mixtures tell us that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{w}$ is a Gaussian distribution.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}] &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{w}] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}] + \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{b}] + \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{w}] \\ &= \mathbf{A}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}] + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{0} \\ &= \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b}\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{V}[\mathbf{y}] = \mathbb{V}[\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{w}]$$

$$= \mathbb{V}[\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{w}] \quad \text{Since } \mathbf{b} \text{ is a constant}$$

$$= \mathbb{V}[\mathbf{Ax}] + \mathbb{V}[\mathbf{w}] + \text{Cov}[\mathbf{Ax}, \mathbf{w}] + \text{Cov}[\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{Ax}]$$

$$= \mathbf{A}\mathbb{V}[\mathbf{x}]\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0} \quad \text{since } \mathbf{x} \text{ and } \mathbf{w} \text{ are independent}$$

$$= \mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q}$$

$$\implies \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{b}, \quad \Sigma_{\mathbf{yy}} = \mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q}$$

From 6.65, 6.66 and 6.67, we know that

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}}, \Sigma_{\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}})$$

$$\text{where, } \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{y}} + \Sigma_{\mathbf{yx}}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}})$$

$$\text{and } \Sigma_{\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}} = \Sigma_{\mathbf{yy}} - \Sigma_{\mathbf{yx}}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-1}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xy}}.$$

From 6.37, we know that

$$\Sigma_{\mathbf{yx}} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{yx}^T] - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}]\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}]^T = \Sigma_{\mathbf{xy}}^T$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{yx}^T] = \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{w})\mathbf{x}^T]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Axx}^T] + \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{bx}^T] + \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{wx}^T]$$

$$= \mathbf{A}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{xx}^T] + \mathbf{b}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}^T] + \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{wx}^T]$$

$$= \mathbf{A}(\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}^T) + \mathbf{b}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}^T + \mathbf{0}$$

$$= \mathbf{A}(\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}^T) + \mathbf{b}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}^T$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \Sigma_{y\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{A}(\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}^T) + \mathbf{b}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}^T - (\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{b})(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}})^T \\
&= \mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}} + \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}^T + \mathbf{b}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}^T - \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}^T - \mathbf{b}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}^T \\
&= \mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\mu}_{y|\mathbf{x}} &= (\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{b}) + (\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}})\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}) \\
&= \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\Sigma_{y|\mathbf{x}} &= (\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q}) - (\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}})\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-1}(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}})^T \\
&= (\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q}) - \mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}^T\mathbf{A}^T \\
&= \mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T \\
&= \mathbf{Q}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{Q})$$

- b. The distribution $p(\mathbf{y}) = \int p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x})d\mathbf{x}$ is Gaussian. Compute the mean $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{y}}$ and the covariance $\Sigma_{\mathbf{y}}$. Derive your result in detail.

Solution.

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_y = \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b}, \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yy} = \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xx}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q}$$

Already calculated above.

- c. The random variable \mathbf{y} is being transformed according to the measurement mapping

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{v}$$

where $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^F$, $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{F \times E}$, and $\mathbf{v} \sim (\mathbf{v}|\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R})$ is independent Gaussian (measurement) noise.

- Write down $p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{y})$.

Solution.

Linear transformation of a Gaussian variable gives us another Gaussian variable.

$$\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_z, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_z)$$

From 6.65, 6.66 and 6.67, we know that

$$p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{y}) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{z|\mathbf{y}}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{z|\mathbf{y}})$$

$$\text{where, } \boldsymbol{\mu}_{z|\mathbf{y}} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_z + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{zy}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yy}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_y)$$

$$\text{and } \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{z|\mathbf{y}} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{zz} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{zy}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yy}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yz}.$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_z = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{C}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{v}] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}] + \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{v}] = \mathbf{C}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}] + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_z &= \mathbb{V}[\mathbf{C}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{v}] = \mathbb{V}[\mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}] + \mathbb{V}[\mathbf{v}] + Cov[\mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{v}] + Cov[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}] \\ &= \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_y\mathbf{C}^T + \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xx}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})\mathbf{C}^T + \mathbf{R}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{zy} &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yz}^T = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}\mathbf{y}^T] - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}]\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}]^T \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{v})\mathbf{y}^T] - (\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b}))(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b})^T \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^T] + \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{v}\mathbf{y}^T] - (\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b}))(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b})^T \\ &= \mathbf{C}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^T] + \mathbf{0} - (\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b}))(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b})^T \\ &= \mathbf{C}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yy} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_y\boldsymbol{\mu}_y^T) - (\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b}))(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b})^T \\ &= \mathbf{C}((\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xx}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q}) + (\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b})^T) - (\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b}))(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b})^T \\ &= \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xx}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{z|y} &= \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b}) + \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xx}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xx}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - (\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b})) \\ &= \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b}) + \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{y} - (\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \mathbf{b})) \\ &= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}\end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{z|y} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{zz} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{zy}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yy}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yz}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})\mathbf{C}^T + \mathbf{R}) - \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})^{-1}(\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q}))^T \\
&= \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})\mathbf{C}^T + \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q}))^T \\
&= \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})\mathbf{C}^T + \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})^T\mathbf{C}^T \\
&= \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})\mathbf{C}^T + \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}^T\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q}^T)\mathbf{C}^T \\
&= \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})\mathbf{C}^T + \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})\mathbf{C}^T \\
&= \mathbf{R}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\implies p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{y}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{R})$$

- Compute $p(\mathbf{z})$, i.e., the mean $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{z}}$, and the covariance $\Sigma_{\mathbf{z}}$. Derive your result in detail.

Solution.

As calculated above,

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{b})$$

$$\Sigma_{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})\mathbf{C}^T + \mathbf{R}$$

$$\implies p(\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{b}), \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})\mathbf{C}^T + \mathbf{R})$$

- d. Now, a value $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is measured. Compute the posterior distribution $p(\mathbf{x}|\hat{\mathbf{y}})$. Hint for solution: This posterior is also Gaussian, i.e., we need to determine only its mean and covariance matrix. Start by explicitly computing the joint Gaussian $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$. This also requires us to compute the cross-covariances $Cov_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}}[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}]$ and $Cov_{\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}}[\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}]$. Then apply the rules for Gaussian conditioning.

Solution.

Since conditionals of Gaussians are Gaussians, $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y})$ is also a Gaussian.

From 6.65, 6.66 and 6.67, we know that

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

$$\text{where, } \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{xy}} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{yy}}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{y}})$$

$$\text{and } \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{xx}} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{xy}} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{yy}}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{yx}}.$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{yy}} = \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{xx}} \mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{yx}} = \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{xx}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{xy}} = (\mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{xx}})^T = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{xx}}^T \mathbf{A}^T = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{xx}} \mathbf{A}^T$$

$$\Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}} + (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{xx}} \mathbf{A}^T) (\mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{xx}} \mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - (\mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{b}))$$

and

$$\implies \Sigma_{\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}} = \Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}} - (\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T)(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})^{-1}\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}$$

$$\implies p(\mathbf{x}|\hat{\mathbf{y}})$$

$$=$$

$$\mathcal{N}\left(\mu_{\mathbf{x}} + (\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T)(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})^{-1}(\hat{\mathbf{y}} - (\mathbf{A}\mu_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{b})), \Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}} - (\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T)(\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{Q})^{-1}\mathbf{A}\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}\right)$$