

Covariance Matrix - Prob 10.16

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A is an $n \times k$ matrix.

```
ones = function(n) matrix(rep(1,n)) # function to create a column vector of 1s
dat = cbind(c(2,5,6),c(8,22,8),c(9,10,11),c(22,44,66))
A = matrix(data=dat,ncol=4,nrow=3) # demonstration matrix
A

##      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
## [1,]    2    8    9   22
## [2,]    5   22   10   44
## [3,]    6    8   11   66
```

a) Give expression for column mean (k -vector), μ , in terms of **A**.

```
n = nrow(A)
k = ncol(A)
one_over_n = matrix((1/n) * ones(n)) # scalar-vector multiplication
mu = crossprod(A, one_over_n)        # matrix-vector multiplication
one_over_n
```

```
##      [,1]
## [1,] 0.3333333
## [2,] 0.3333333
## [3,] 0.3333333
```

```
mu # vector of column means
```

```
##      [,1]
## [1,] 4.333333
## [2,] 12.666667
## [3,] 10.000000
## [4,] 44.000000
```

b) Give expression for de-meaned **A**, \tilde{A} .

$$\tilde{A} = A - 1_n \mu^T$$

```
Atilde = A - (ones(n) %*% t(mu))
Atilde # de-meaned A
```

```
##           [,1]      [,2] [,3] [,4]
## [1,] -2.3333333 -4.666667  -1  -22
## [2,]  0.6666667  9.333333   0   0
## [3,]  1.6666667 -4.666667   1  22
```

c) The *covariance matrix* $\Sigma = (1/N)\tilde{A}^T \tilde{A}$

The Σ_{ii} terms are $\text{stdev}(a_i)^2$ where a_i are the column vectors of the original matrix, A .

The Σ_{ij} terms are $\text{stdev}(a_i)\text{stdev}(a_j)\rho_{ij}$ where ρ_{ij} is the correlation between columns i and j .

Thus, the covariance matrix contains the stdev of each column as well as the correlation of all the column pairs.

```
library(magrittr) # import the pipe operator %>%

# stdev = rms of de-meaned vector
stdev = function(x) {
  if (!is.vector(x)) {
    warning("stdev should only be used on vectors")
    return(NULL)
  }
  sqrt( sum( (x - mean(x))^2 ) / length(x) )
}

covar = (1/n) * crossprod(Atilde)
covar
```

```
##           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]      [,4]
## [1,]  2.888889  3.111111  1.3333333 29.33333
## [2,]  3.111111 43.555556  0.0000000  0.00000
## [3,]  1.333333  0.000000  0.6666667 14.66667
## [4,] 29.333333  0.000000 14.6666667 322.66667
```

```
for(i in 1:4) stdev(A[,i])^2 %>% print
```

```
## [1] 2.888889
## [1] 43.55556
## [1] 0.6666667
## [1] 322.6667
```

```
rho12 = covar[1,2] / ( diag(covar)[2]^0.5 * diag(covar)[1]^0.5 )
rho12
```

```
## [1] 0.2773501
```

```
stdev(A[,1])*stdev(A[,2])*rho12
```

```
## [1] 3.111111
```

The de-meaned version of the column vector a , \tilde{a} , divided by $\text{std}(a)$, gives the **standardized** version of a (aka **z-score**).

$$z = \frac{a - \text{avg}(a)}{\text{std}(a)}$$

d) Derive an expression for the z-score matrix, $Z = [z_1, \dots, z_k]$

\tilde{A} is the de-meaned version of A .

$$Z = (\tilde{A} - 1\mu^T) \text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{\text{std}(a_1)}, \dots, \frac{1}{\text{std}(a_k)}\right)$$

```
std_a = matrix(sqrt(diag(covar)))
one_over_std_a = 1/std_a
Z = Atilde %*% diag(as.vector(one_over_std_a),ncol=4,nrow=4)
Z
```

```
##           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]      [,4]
## [1,] -1.3728129 -0.7071068 -1.224745 -1.224745
## [2,]  0.3922323  1.4142136  0.000000  0.000000
## [3,]  0.9805807 -0.7071068  1.224745  1.224745
```