

EE 503
Homework #3
Due: Oct. 25, 2006

The following assignment aims to use Matlab to clarify the correlation concept and decorrelating transformations.

Part 1: 2-D Gaussian Distribution

Using meshgrid, mesh, and contour commands of Matlab, generate curves of 2-D Gaussian distributions using the analytical definition. Experiment with the following parameters:

- a) $\sigma_x^2 = 1$; $\sigma_y^2 = 1$; $\rho_{xy} = 0$
- b) $\sigma_x^2 = 1$; $\sigma_y^2 = 10$; $\rho_{xy} = 0$
- c) $\sigma_x^2 = 1$; $\sigma_y^2 = 1$; $\rho_{xy} = 0.25$
- d) $\sigma_x^2 = 1$; $\sigma_y^2 = 10$; $\rho_{xy} = 0.25$
- e) $\sigma_x^2 = 1$; $\sigma_y^2 = 1$; $\rho_{xy} = 0.50$
- f) $\sigma_x^2 = 1$; $\sigma_y^2 = 1$; $\rho_{xy} = 0.99$

Note: Only submit level curve plot for part e and 3-D mesh plot for part b.

Part 2: Decorrelation

Step1: Use randn command to generate a 2x1000 matrix whose columns are 2-D Gaussian random variables with zero mean and $\sigma_x^2 = 1$; $\sigma_y^2 = 1$ (x and y are the first and second entries of the random vector). Each matrix column is independent and identically distributed. Use scatter command to see the distribution of 1000 randomly generated vectors.

Step 2: Transform 1000 random vectors generated in Step 1 with the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$,

that is multiply each vector by matrix A. Use scatter command to see the distribution after the transformation. Can you estimate the correlation coefficient from the scatter plot ? Compare your estimate with the true correlation coefficient induced by the transformation.

Step 3: Find an orthogonal matrix that decorrelates 2x1000 random vector set in Step 2. Apply the decorrelating transform and show its effect on the random vectors using scatter plot. Calculate the variance of first and second element of the random after decorrelation. To check the calculated variance, plot the histogram of first entry of decorrelated vectors and place a Gaussian pdf curve with zero mean and calculated variance.

Step 4: Find a matrix that decorrelates 2x1000 random vector set in Step 2 such that the variances of first and second elements of the vector is unity. Show the scatter plot after the unity variance decorrelation.

Step 5: Use Cholesky transformation to find a lower triangular matrix that decorrelates 2x1000 vector set in Step 2. What are the variances after decorrelation ? Can you find a another lower triangular matrix resulting in unit variance distribution for the first and second entries of the vector as in Step 4. Show the scatter plot after unit variance decorrelation.

Step 6: Random vectors generated in Step 1 is processed by a second matrix

$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. If we call a random vector in Step 1 as \mathbf{x} ; in this step we have two sets of random vectors $\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{Ax}$ (as in Step 2); and $\mathbf{z}=\mathbf{Bx}+[2 \ 2]^T$ where $[2 \ 2]^T$ is the mean of random vector \mathbf{z} . Find a decorrelating transform that decorrelates both \mathbf{y} and \mathbf{z} vectors. Show the scatter plot of \mathbf{y} and \mathbf{z} before and after decorrelation (please use different colors for the \mathbf{y} and \mathbf{z} vectors).