Example 2.14 (Computing the correlation matrix from the covariance matrix) Suppose

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 9 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & 25 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{13} & \sigma_{23} & \sigma_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Obtain $\mathbf{V}^{1/2}$ and $\boldsymbol{\rho}$.

Here

$$\mathbf{V}^{1/2} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\sigma_{11}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\sigma_{22}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{\sigma_{33}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$(\mathbf{V}^{1/2})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

Consequently, from (2-37), the correlation matrix $\boldsymbol{\rho}$ is given by

$$(\mathbf{V}^{1/2})^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{V}^{1/2})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 9 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & 25 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{1}{6} & 1 & -\frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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