

DCP 1206: Probability

Lecture 18 — Conditional Distributions and Bivariate Normal

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LeCun Yann's Cake Analogy

- ▶ Suppose machine intelligence is like a cake:

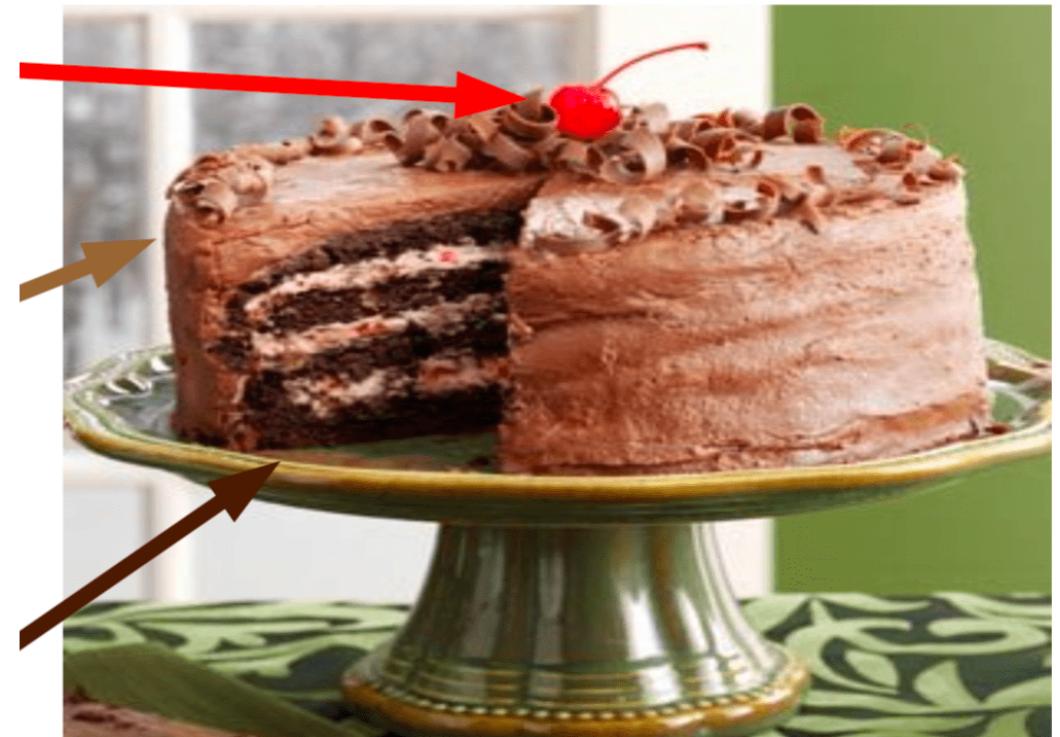


LeCun Yann

Reinforcement
learning
(cherry)

Supervised
learning
(icing)

Unsupervised
learning
(the bulk of cake)



- ▶ RL researchers were a bit offended..., so they fought back...

Another Cake In the Eyes of RL Researchers

- ▶ There could be many cherries on the same cake lol



<https://medium.com-syncedreview/yann-lecun-cake-analogy-2-0-a361da560dae>

This Lecture

1. Conditional Distributions

2. Bivariate Normal Random Variables

- Reading material: Chapter 8.3 and 10.5

1. Conditional Distributions

Example: Using Joint PMF to Find Conditional PMF

- Example: Bus #2 (NCTU - Mackay - Train Station)
 - X = traveling time from NCTU to Mackay
 - Y = traveling time from Mackay to Train Station
 - $P(X = 10 | Y = 15) = ?$



Joint PMF	$X=10$	$X=15$	$X=20$
$Y=10$	0.1	0.1	0.05
$Y=15$	0.1	0.3	0.1
$Y=20$	0.05	0.1	0.1

$$P(X=10 | Y=15) = \frac{P(X=10 \text{ and } Y=15)}{P(Y=15)}$$

$$= \frac{0.1}{0.1+0.3+0.1} = 0.2$$

$$P(X=15 | Y=15) = \frac{0.3}{0.5} = 0.6$$

$$P(X=20 | Y=15) = \frac{0.1}{0.5} = 0.2$$

Conditional PMF (Formally)

- ▶ **Conditional PMF:** Let X, Y be two discrete random variables with joint PMF $p_{XY}(x, y)$. When $P(Y = y) > 0$, the conditional PMF of X given $\underline{Y = y}$ is

$$p_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{p_{XY}(x, y)}{p_Y(y)}$$

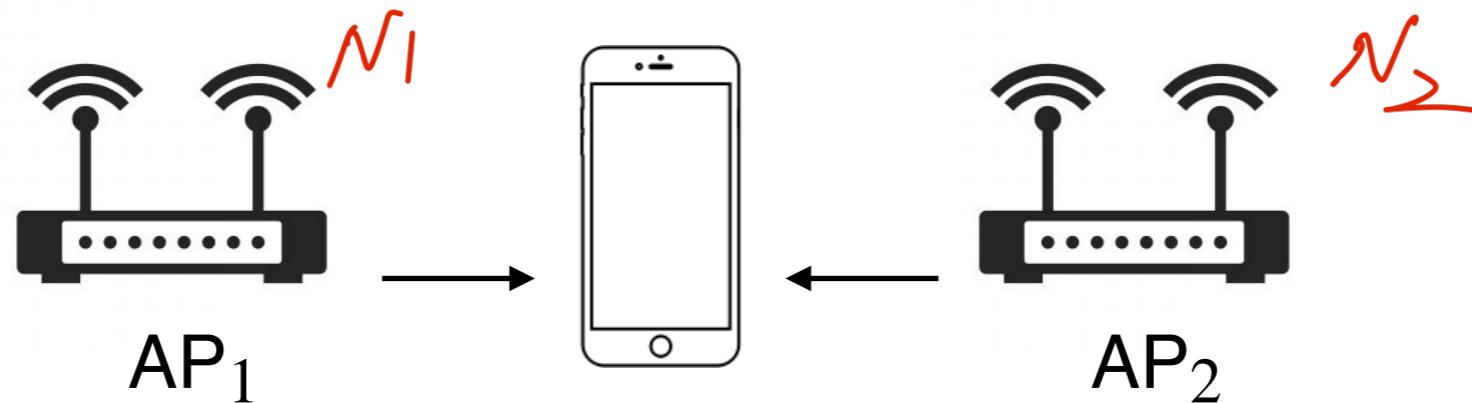
joint PMF ← *marginal PMF*

- ▶ **Question:** Conditional PMF of Y given $X = x$?

$$p_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{p_{XY}(x, y)}{p_X(x)}$$

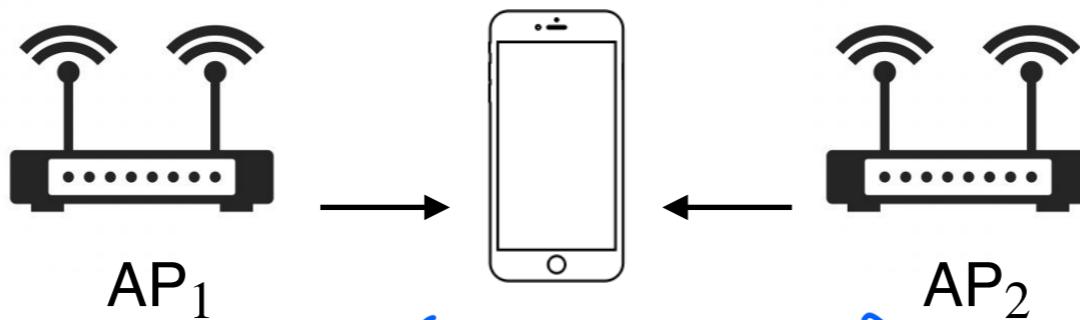
- ▶ **Question:** $\sum_x p_{X|Y}(x|y) =$

Example: Conditioning and Sum of Poisson



- Let N_1 and N_2 be the # of bits transmitted by AP_1 and AP_2 in a time interval T , respectively
 - N_1 and N_2 are Poisson with rates λ_1 and λ_2 , respectively.
 - Moreover, $\underline{N_1}$ and $\underline{N_2}$ are independent
 - Define $M = \underline{N_1} + \underline{N_2}$
 - Question:** Conditional PMF $p_{\underline{N_1}|M}(\underline{n}|m) = ?$

Example: Conditioning and Sum of Poisson



$$P(N_1=k) = \begin{cases} \frac{-\lambda_1 T}{k!} \cdot (\lambda_1 T)^k e^{-\lambda_1 T}, & k \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Conditional PMF $p_{N_1|M}(n|m)$ ($m \geq n \geq 0$)

$$\begin{aligned} p_{N_1|M}(n|m) &= \frac{P(N_1=n, N_2=m-n)}{P(N_1=n, N_2=m-n)} = \frac{P(N_1=n) \cdot P(N_2=m-n)}{P(N_1=n, N_2=m-n)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{P_M(m)}{e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)T} \cdot (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^m} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{P_M(n)}{e^{-\lambda_1 T} \cdot (\lambda_1)^n} \right)}{\left(\frac{P_M(m)}{e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)T} \cdot (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^m} \right)} \\ &= \frac{C_m^m \cdot P_M(m)}{C_n^n \cdot m! \cdot (m-n)!} \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_1^n}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_2^{m-n}}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \right) \\ &\xrightarrow{\text{PMF of Binomial}(m, \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2})} \end{aligned}$$

Conditional Expectation: Discrete Case (Formally)

- ▶ **Conditional Expectation:** Let X, Y be two discrete random variables with joint PMF $p_{XY}(x, y)$. When $P(Y = y) > 0$, the conditional expected value of X given $Y = y$ is

$$E[X | Y = y] = \sum_x x \cdot P(X = x | Y = y) = \sum_x x \cdot P_{X|Y}(x|y)$$

↑
function values
conditional PMF

- ▶ **Question:** Conditional expectation of Y given $X = x$?

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$$E[X] = \sum_x x \cdot P(X=x)$$

$$E[Y | X=x] = \sum_y y \cdot P_{Y|X}(y|x)$$

Law of Iterated Expectation (Formally)

- ▶ Question: Define $g(y) = E[X | Y = y]$

▶ What kind of object is $g(Y)$? *Random variable*

▶ $E[g(Y)] = ?$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_y (g(y)) \cdot P_Y(y) \\ &= \sum_y E[X | Y=y] \cdot P_Y(y) \\ &= \sum_y \left(\sum_x x \cdot P_{X|Y}(x|y) \right) \cdot P_Y(y) \\ &= \sum_{x,y} x \cdot P_{X|Y}(x|y) \cdot P_Y(y) \\ &= E[X] \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{P_{XY}(x,y)}{P_Y(y)}$$

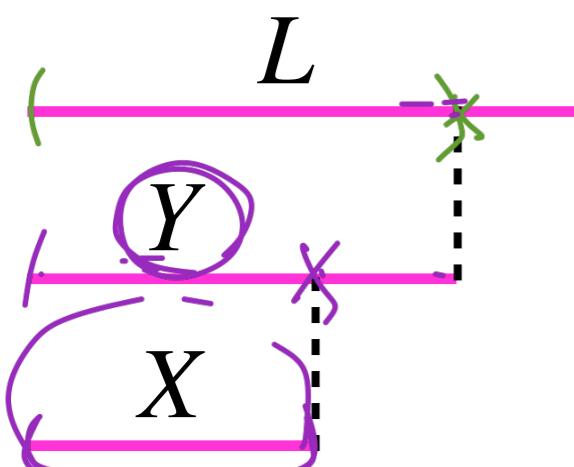
- ▶ **Law of Iterated Expectation (LIE):** Let X, Y be two discrete random variables with joint PMF $p_{XY}(x, y)$. Then,

$$E[E[X | Y]] = E[X] \quad \text{divide-and-conquer}$$

- ▶ **Remark:** This still holds for continuous cases

Example: Breaking A Stick

- ▶ **Example:** We are breaking a stick of length L at a point which is chosen uniformly over its length and keep the piece that contains the left end. Next, we repeat the process with the piece we have.
- ▶ **Question:** What is the expected length of the remaining stick?


$$E[X] = E[E[X|Y]]$$

\Downarrow

$$= E\left[\frac{1}{2}Y\right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{4}L$$

\mathbb{X}

Conditional PDF (Formally)

- ▶ **Conditional PDF:** Let X, Y be two continuous random variables with joint PDF $f_{XY}(x, y)$. When $f_Y(y) > 0$, the conditional PDF of X given $Y = y$ is

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

joint PDF
marginal PDF

- ▶ **Question:** Conditional PDF of Y given $X = x$?

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_X(x)}$$

Example: Find Conditional PDF From Joint PDF

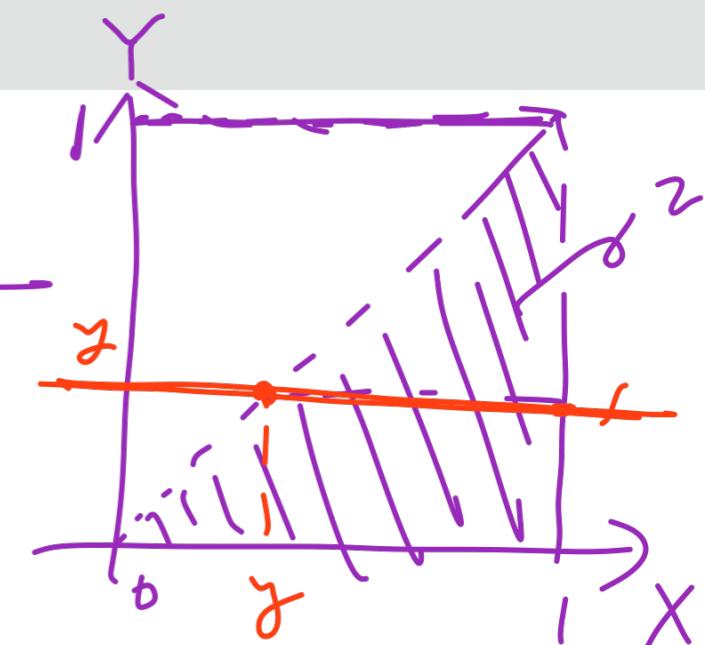
► Example:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2 & , \text{ if } 0 < y < x < 1 \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

► $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = ?$ ($y \in (0,1)$, $x \in (y,1)$)

$$\frac{f_{XY}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} = \frac{2}{\int_y^1 f_{XY}(x,y) dx} = \frac{1}{1-y}$$

$$\int_y^1 2 \cdot dx = 2 \cdot (1-y)$$



$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-y} & , \text{ if } y \in (0,1) \text{ and } x \in (y,1) \\ 0 & , \text{ else} \end{cases}$$

Conditional Expectation: Continuous Case (Formally)

- ▶ **Conditional Expectation:** Let X, Y be two continuous random variables with joint PDF $f_{XY}(x, y)$. When $f_Y(y) > 0$, the conditional expected value of X given $Y = y$ is

$$E[X | Y = y] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$$

function value

↓ conditional PDF

- ▶ **Question:** Conditional expectation of Y given $X = x$?

$$\sum x \cdot P(X=x | Y=y)$$

$$E[Y | X=x] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} y \cdot f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy$$

Example: Find Conditional Expectation

- Example:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2 & , \text{ if } 0 < y < x < 1 \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $E[X | Y = 0.5] = ?$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (x) (f_{X|Y}(x | y=0.5)) dx$$

$$= \int_{(0.5)}^1 x \cdot (2) dx$$

$$= x^2 \Big|_{0.5}^1 = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y)$$
$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-y} & \text{if } y \in (0, 1) \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$\frac{1}{1-0.5} = 2$

multivariate . . .



2. Bivariate Normal Random Variables

Joint PDF of 2 Independent Normal R.V.s

- Example: $X_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ and $X_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$

Suppose X_1, X_2 are independent.

What is the joint PDF?

$$f_{X_1}(x_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1} \exp\left(-\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2}\right)$$

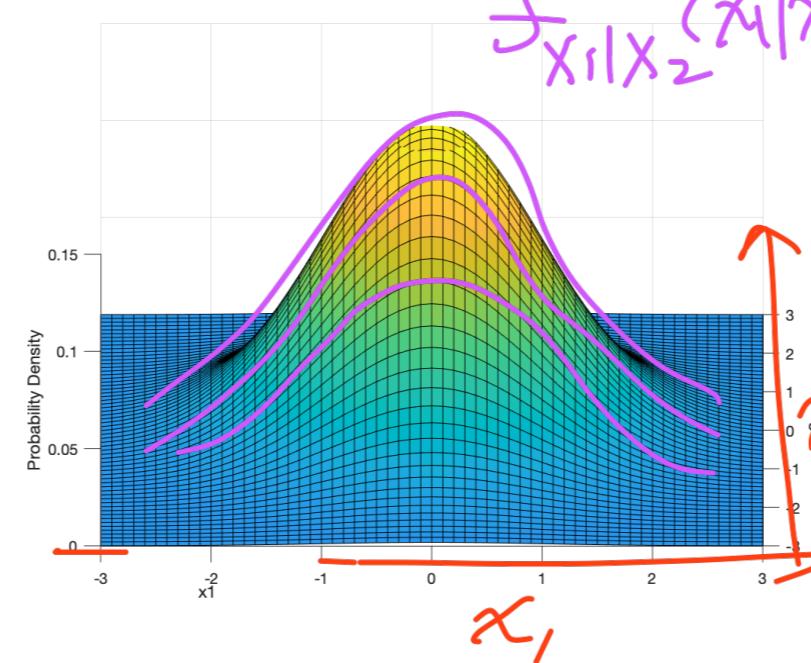
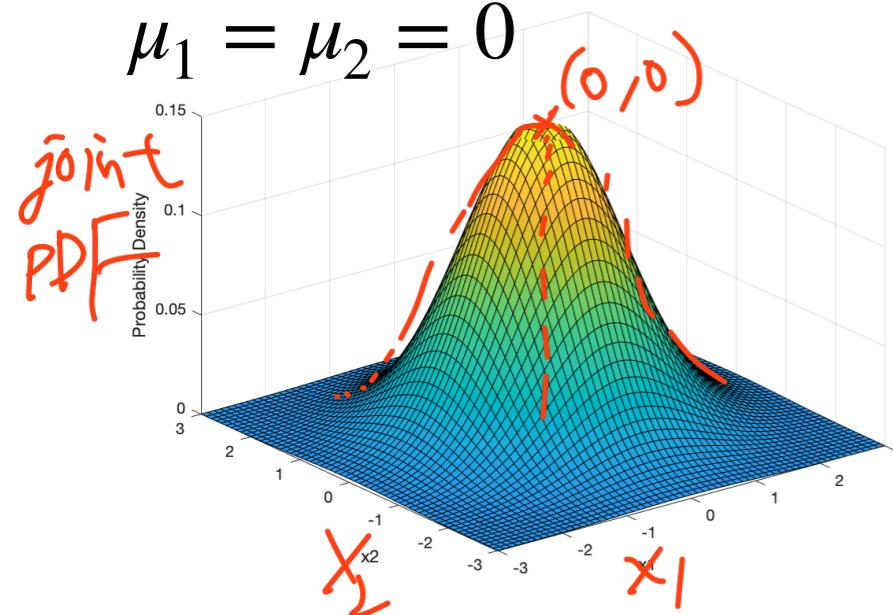
joint PDF = product
of marginal
PDF

- Joint PDF of 2 Independent Normal:

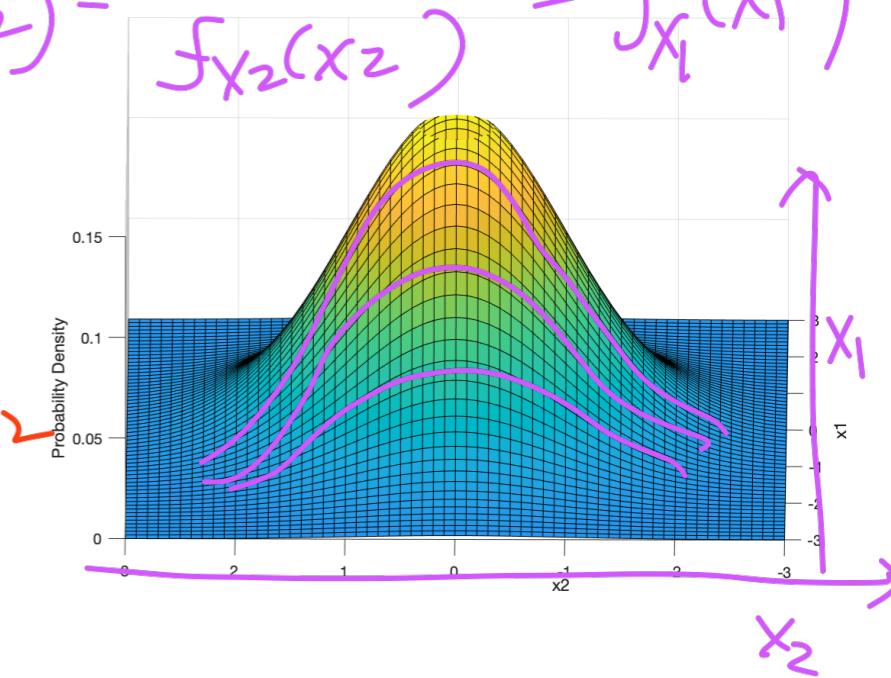
$$f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{(x_2 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2}\right)\right]$$

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 1$$

$$\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$$



$$f_{X_1|X_2}(x_1|x_2) = \frac{f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2)}{f_{X_2}(x_2)} = f_{X_1}(x_1)$$



2 Independent Normal: Matrix Form

Joint PDF of 2 Independent Normal:

$$f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{(x_2 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2}\right)\right]$$

covariance matrix

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Cov}(X_1, X_1) & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) \\ \text{Cov}(X_2, X_1) & \text{Cov}(X_2, X_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

mean vector

$$\det(\Sigma) = \sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 - 0 \times 0$$

$$= \sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2$$

Joint PDF of 2 Independent Normal:

$$f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{|\det(\Sigma)|}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\right]$$

How to extend the joint PDF for the case
where X_1, X_2 are NOT independent?

Bivariate Normal R.V.s (Formally)

- **Bivariate Normal:** X_1 and X_2 are said to be bivariate normal random variables if the joint PDF of X_1, X_2 is

$$f_{X_1X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{|\det(\Sigma)|}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right]$$

where

covariance matrix $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Cov}(X_1, X_1) & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) \\ \text{Cov}(X_2, X_1) & \text{Cov}(X_2, X_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho \cdot \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 \\ \rho \cdot \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

mean vector

$$\rho(X_1, X_2) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}$$

- Notation for bivariate normal:

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$$

mean vector
covariance matrix

Bivariate Normal R.V.s: Alternative Expression

Joint PDF of Bivariate Normal:

$$f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{|\det(\Sigma)|}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\right]$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Cov}(X_1, X_1) & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) \\ \text{Cov}(X_2, X_1) & \text{Cov}(X_2, X_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Sigma^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\Sigma)} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_2^2 - \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 & -\rho \\ -\rho & \sigma_1^2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(\Sigma) = \sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2 - \rho^2\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2$$

$$= (1 - \rho^2)\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2$$

$$\frac{1}{1 - \rho^2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} & -\frac{\rho}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} \\ -\frac{\rho}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} & \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Alternative expression:

$$f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{\left(\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - 2\rho\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)(x_2 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} + \frac{(x_2 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2}\right)}{2(1 - \rho^2)}\right]$$

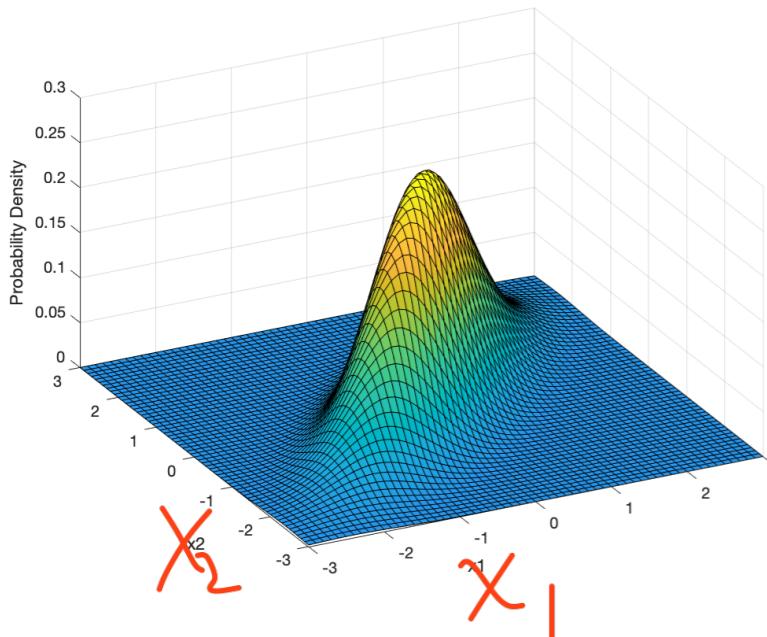
Plotting the Joint PDF Bivariate Normal

► Joint PDF of Bivariate Normal:

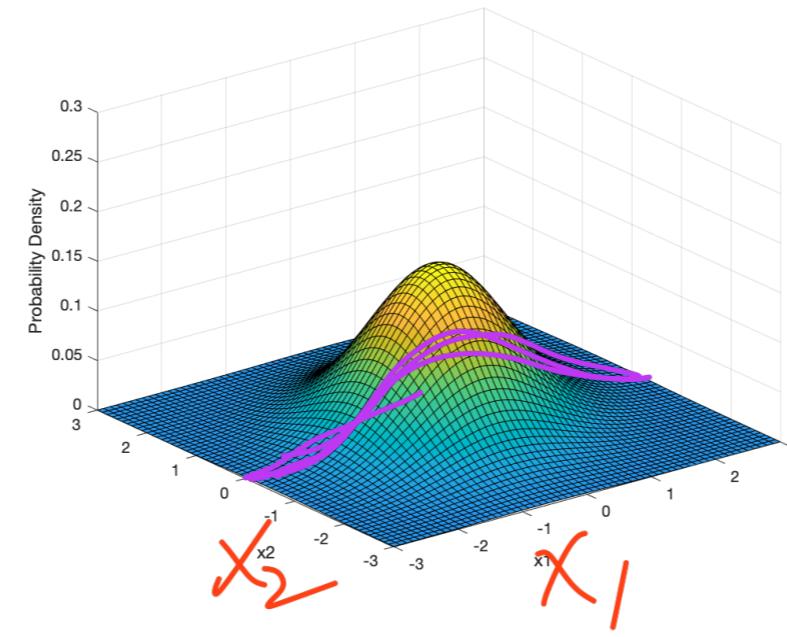
$$f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{\left(\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - 2\rho\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)(x_2 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} + \frac{(x_2 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2}\right)}{2(1-\rho^2)}\right]$$

► Example: $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 1, \mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$

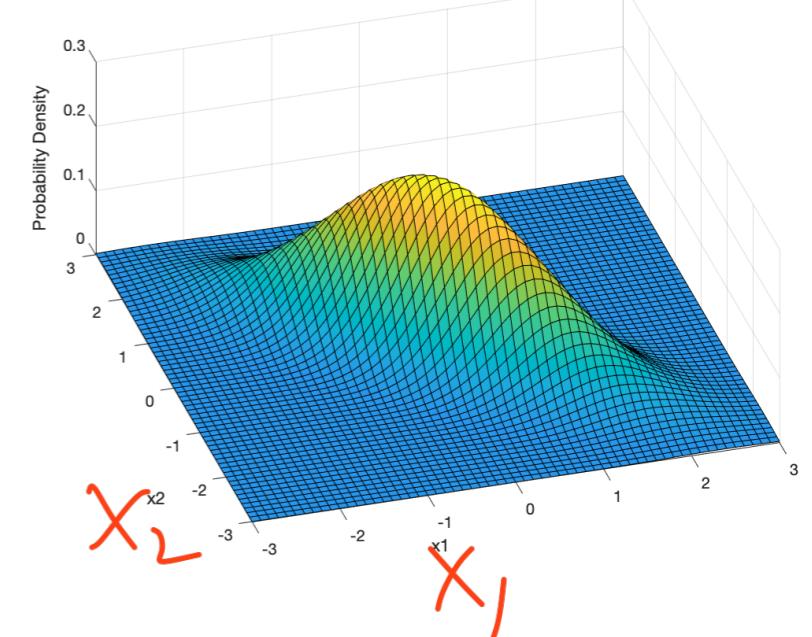
$$\rho = 0.8$$



$$\rho = 0.2$$



$$\rho = -0.8$$



X_1, X_2 Normal $\Rightarrow X_1, X_2$ Bivariate Normal

$(0, 0, 0, 0)$

$Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1), Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

- Example: Let Y and Z be two independent standard normal r.v.s

✓ $X_1 = |Y| \cdot \text{sign}(Z)$

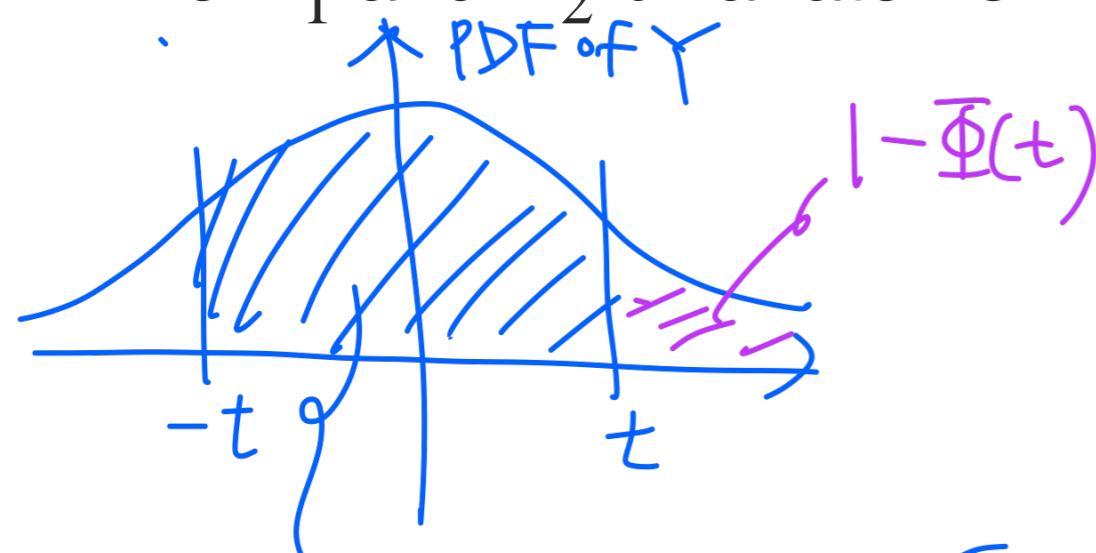
✓ $X_2 = Y$

$$\text{sign}(Z) = \begin{cases} +1 & , Z > 0 \\ 0 & , Z = 0 \\ -1 & , Z < 0 \end{cases}$$

- Question:

Are X_1 and X_2 normal? Q

Are X_1 and X_2 bivariate normal? X



$$1 - 2 \cdot (1 - \Phi(t)) = 2\Phi(t) - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_1 \leq t) &= P(|Y| \cdot \text{sign}(Z) \leq t) \\ &= P(\text{sign}(Z) \leq 0) \\ &\quad + P(\text{sign}(Z) = 1 \text{ and } |Y| \leq t) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \times P(|Y| \leq t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot (2\Phi(t) - 1) = \Phi(t)$$

Applications of Bivariate / Multivariate Normal

parametric approach

- Machine learning: Regression / classification via Gaussian process
 - Non-parametric approach
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfHKW5z-OOA> (Nando de Freitas)



- Control systems: Linear dynamical systems
 - $x_{t+1} = Ax_t + Bu_t + w_k, w_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bf1264iFr-w> (Stephen Boyd)

- Information theory and wireless communication:
 - AWGN (additive white Gaussian noise) channels

Let's study important properties of
bivariate normal!

Properties of Bivariate Normal R.V.

- **If X_1, X_2 are bivariate normal, then we have:**
1. Marginal: $X_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ and $X_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$
 2. Conditional: $X_2 | X_1 = x_1 \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_2 + \frac{\rho\sigma_2(x_1 - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}, (1 - \rho^2)\sigma_2^2\right)$
 3. Correlation coefficient: $\rho(X_1, X_2) = \rho$
 4. If X_1, X_2 are uncorrelated ($\rho = 0$), then X_1, X_2 are independent

1. Marginal: $X_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ and $X_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$

$$f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{\left(\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - 2\rho \frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)(x_2 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} + \frac{(x_2 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right)}{2(1 - \rho^2)} \right]$$
$$\frac{\left(\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - 2\rho \frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)(x_2 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} + \frac{(x_2 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right)}{2(1 - \rho^2)} = \frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma_2^2} \left(\frac{(x_2 - \mu_2) - \rho(x_1 - \mu_1)}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}} \right)^2$$

$$f_{X_1}(x_1) =$$

1. Marginal: $X_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ and $X_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$

$$f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{\left(\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - 2\rho \frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)(x_2 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} + \frac{(x_2 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right)}{2(1 - \rho^2)} \right]$$
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$$f_{X_2}(x_2) =$$

2. Conditional: $X_2 | X_1 = x_1 \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_2 + \frac{\rho\sigma_2(x_1 - \mu_1)}{\sigma_1}, (1 - \rho^2)\sigma_2^2\right)$

$$f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{\left(\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - 2\rho\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)(x_2 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} + \frac{(x_2 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2}\right)}{2(1 - \rho^2)}\right]$$

$$f_{X_1}(x_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1} \exp\left[-\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2}\right]$$

$$f_{X_2|X_1}(x_2 | x_1) =$$

3. Correlation Coefficient: $\rho(X_1, X_2) = \rho$

$$f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{\left(\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - 2\rho\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)(x_2 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} + \frac{(x_2 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2}\right)}{2(1 - \rho^2)}\right]$$

$$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = E[(X_1 - \mu_1)(X_2 - \mu_2)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x_1 - \mu_1)(x_2 - \mu_2) f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2$$

3. Correlation Coefficient: $\rho(X_1, X_2) = \rho$ (Cont.)

(left blank intentionally for the proof)

4. Uncorrelated ($\rho = 0$) Implies Independence

$$f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{\left(\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - 2\rho\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)(x_2 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} + \frac{(x_2 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2}\right)}{2(1 - \rho^2)}\right]$$

- If $\rho = 0$:

$$f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) =$$

Extension: Multivariate Normal R.V.

- **Multivariate Normal Random Variables:** X_1, \dots, X_n are said to be multivariate normal random variables if the joint PDF of X_1, \dots, X_n is

$$f_{X_1 X_2 \dots X_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{|\det(\Sigma)|}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\right]$$

where

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Cov}(X_1, X_1) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_n) \\ \text{Cov}(X_2, X_1) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_2, X_n) \\ \dots & & \dots \\ \text{Cov}(X_n, X_1) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_n, X_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, \mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \dots \\ \mu_n \end{bmatrix}$$

There is still one remaining question:

Is it possible to construct
“bivariate normal” from “normal”?

Construction of Bivariate Normal R.V.

- **Idea:** Let Z, W be 2 independent standard normal r.v.s and define

$$X_1 = \sigma_1 Z + \mu_1$$

$$X_2 = \sigma_2 \left(\rho Z + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W \right) + \mu_2$$

- **Result:** X_1, X_2 are bivariate normal with joint PDF

$$f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left[-\frac{\left(\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - 2\rho \frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)(x_2 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} + \frac{(x_2 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right)}{2(1 - \rho^2)} \right]$$

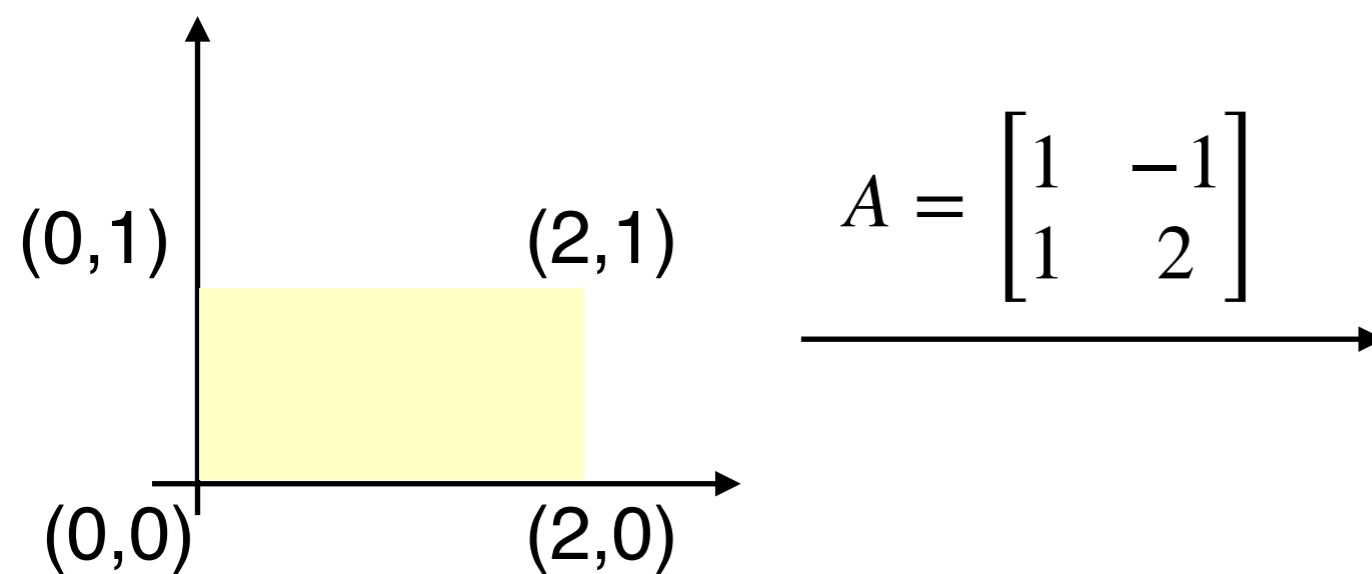
Linear Transformation of 2 Random Variables

- **Theorem:** Let U_1, U_2, V_1, V_2 be random variables that satisfy $V_1 = aU_1 + bU_2$ and $V_2 = cU_1 + dU_2$. Define the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}.$$
 Then, we have

$$f_{V_1 V_2}(v_1, v_2) = \frac{1}{|\det(A)|} f_{U_1 U_2}(A^{-1}[v_1, v_2]^T)$$

- **Intuition:**

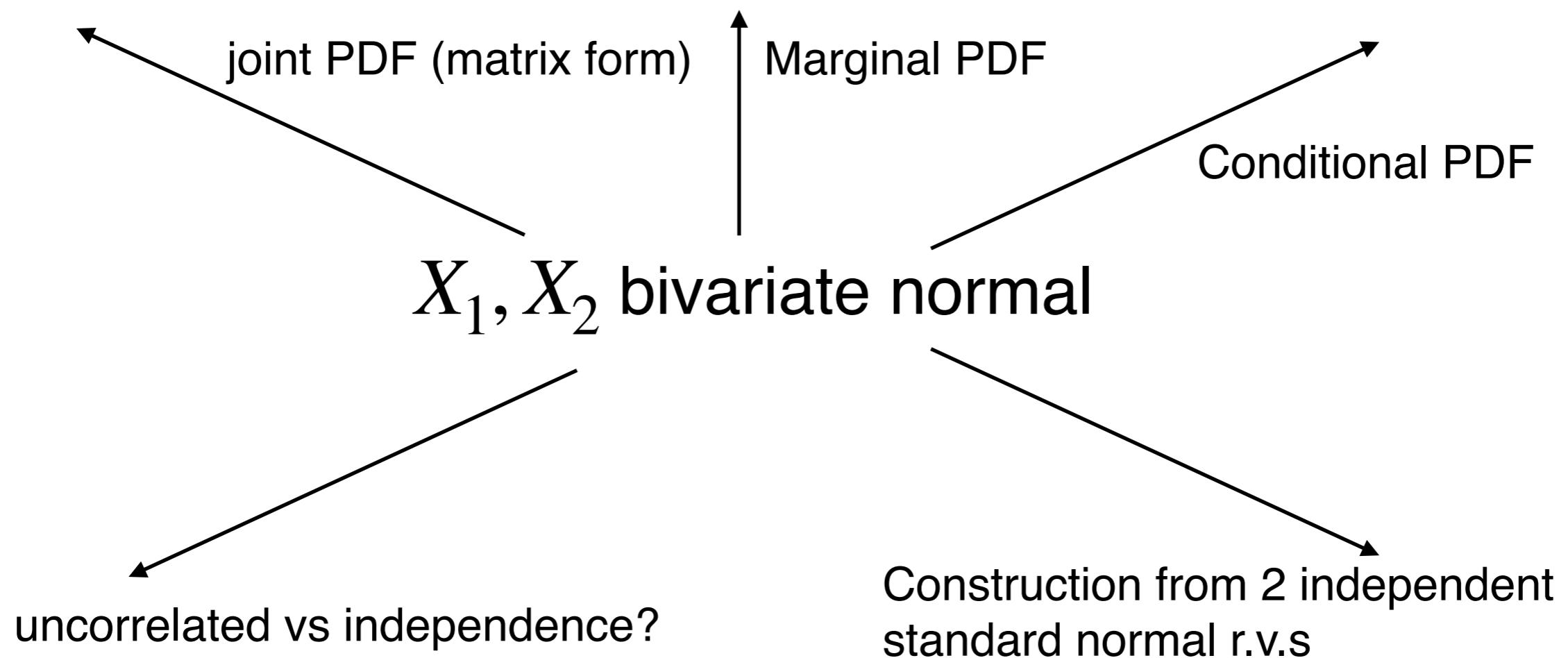


Joint PDF of X_1 and X_2

- ▶ For simplicity, assume $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$ (can be handled via translation)

$$X_1 = \sigma_1 Z$$
$$X_2 = \sigma_2 \left(\rho Z + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W \right) \quad f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{|\det(A)|} f_{ZW}(A^{-1}[x_1, x_2]^T)$$

Quick Summary: Bivariate Normal



1-Minute Summary

1. Conditional Distributions

- Conditional PMF / PDF
- Conditional expectation
- Law of iterated expectation (LIE): $E[E[X | Y]] = E[X]$

2. Bivariate Normal Random Variables

- Joint PDF
- X_1, X_2 normal $\Rightarrow X_1, X_2$ bivariate normal
- 4 properties: marginal PDF / conditional PDF / ρ / uncorrelated
- Construction from 2 independent standard normal r.v.s