

MULTIVARIATE NORMAL

Univariate standard normal distribution $N(0,1)$: $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-\frac{x^2}{2})$, $E[X] = 0$, $\text{var}[X] = 1$
 Univariate normal distribution $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$: $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2})$, $E[X] = \mu$, $\text{var}[X] = \sigma^2$
 If $X \sim N[0,1]$ then $Y = \mu + \sigma \cdot X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. If $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ then $Y = a + bX \sim N(a + b\mu, b^2\sigma^2)$

Multivariate standard normal of $X \in \mathbb{R}^m \sim N(0, I_{m \times m})$: $f(x) = f(x_1, \dots, x_m) = \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-\frac{x_i^2}{2}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{m/2}} \exp(-\frac{x^T x}{2})$, $E[X] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\Sigma = \text{var}[X] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_{m \times m}$

Multivariate normal of $X \in \mathbb{R}^m \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$:

$f(x) = f(x_1, \dots, x_m) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{m/2} (\det \Sigma)^{1/2}} \exp(-\frac{(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu)}{2})$ where $\frac{(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu)}{2}$ with

$E[X] = \mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_m \end{pmatrix}$ and $\text{var}[X] = \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{12} & \dots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_m^2 & \dots & \sigma_m^2 \end{bmatrix}$

(*) In general $\sigma_{ij}^2 = \text{cov}(x_i, x_j) \neq 0 \forall i, j \Rightarrow x_1, \dots, x_m$: correlated $\Rightarrow x_1, \dots, x_m$: NOT independent $\Rightarrow f(x) \neq f(x_1) \dots f(x_m)$

(*) If $\sigma_{ij}^2 = 0 \forall i, j \Rightarrow x_1, \dots, x_m$: uncorrelated $\xrightarrow[\text{normal}]{\text{only for}}$ x_1, \dots, x_m : independent $\Rightarrow f(x) = \prod_{i=1}^m f(x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i^2} \exp(-\frac{(x_i-\mu_i)^2}{2\sigma_i^2})$
 as $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_m^2) \Rightarrow \Sigma^{-1} = \text{diag}(1/\sigma_1^2, \dots, 1/\sigma_m^2)$ and $\det \Sigma = \prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i^2$

(*) If $X \sim N(0, I_m) \Rightarrow Y = \mu + KX \sim N(\mu, \Sigma = KK^T)$

(*) If $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma) \Rightarrow Y = A + BX \sim N(A + B\mu, B\Sigma B^T)$

(*) Let $X \in \mathbb{R}^m, Y \in \mathbb{R}^k$ random vectors. Define the $\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m+k}$, then
 $\Sigma = \text{var} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = E[(\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} - E[\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}])(\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} - E[\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}])^T] = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{x1}^2 & \dots & \sigma_{xm}^2 & \sigma_{x1}^2 & \dots & \sigma_{xk}^2 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{m1}^2 & \dots & \sigma_{mk}^2 & \sigma_{y1}^2 & \dots & \sigma_{yk}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{XX} & \Sigma_{XY} \\ \Sigma_{YX} & \Sigma_{YY} \end{bmatrix}$
 $\Sigma_{XX} \rightarrow \text{cov}(X, X)$
 $\Sigma_{YY} \rightarrow \text{cov}(Y, Y)$
 $\Sigma_{XY} = \Sigma_{YX} = \text{cov}(X, Y)$

If $\Sigma_{XY} = \Sigma_{YX} = \text{cov}(X, Y) = 0 \Rightarrow X, Y$: uncorrelated $\xrightarrow[\text{if } X, Y: \text{normal}]{\text{if}}$ X, Y : independent $f(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$

(*) Many important distributions are derived as transformation of multivariate normal...