

# How to check if samples are Gaussian

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Let's suppose that we have a dataset  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{samples} \times N_{dim}}$  of rank  $N_{latent} \leq \min\{N_{samples}, N_{dim}\}$  and  $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{X}$ . We would check if  $\mathcal{X}$  is a (degenerate if  $N_{dim} > N_{latent}$ ) normal distribution. Let  $\bar{\mathbf{X}} = \frac{\mathbf{X} - \text{mean}(\mathbf{X}, \text{axis}=0)}{\sqrt{N_{samples}-1}}$  and let  $\bar{\mathbf{X}}^T = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{V}$  an SVD of  $\bar{\mathbf{X}}^T$  with  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{dim} \times N_{latent}}$ ,  $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{latent} \times N_{latent}}$ ,  $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{latent} \times N_{samples}}$ . Let  $\bar{\mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{dim} \times N_{latent}}$ . Note that  $\text{Cov}(\mathcal{X}) \approx \bar{\mathbf{X}}^T \bar{\mathbf{X}} = \bar{\mathbf{B}} \bar{\mathbf{B}}^T$ .

Let  $\mu = \text{Mean}(\mathcal{X})$ .

Let  $\bar{\mathbf{B}}^+ = \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{U}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{latent} \times N_{dim}}$ . Let  $\mathcal{Z} = \bar{\mathbf{B}}^+(\mathcal{X} - \mu)$ . Because of the properties of the covariance we have that  $\text{Cov}(\mathcal{Z}) = \bar{\mathbf{B}}^+ \text{Cov}(\mathcal{X}) \bar{\mathbf{B}}^{T+} = \mathbf{I}_{N_{latent}}$ . Also it holds  $\bar{\mathbf{B}} \mathcal{Z} + \mu = \bar{\mathbf{B}}(\bar{\mathbf{B}}^+(\mathcal{X} - \mu) + \mu) = \mathbf{I}_{N_{dim}} \mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}$ . Because of the properties of the multivariate normal distributions, we have that  $\mathcal{X}$  is normal if and only if  $\mathcal{Z}$  is normal. So we can check the normality of  $\mathcal{X}$  by checking the samples  $\mathbf{Z} = (\mathbf{X} - \mu) \bar{\mathbf{B}}^{T+}$ . This is easy if we use the empirical cdf confidence interval

$$F_n(x) - \varepsilon \leq F(x) \leq F_n(x) + \varepsilon \text{ where } \varepsilon = \sqrt{\frac{\ln \frac{2}{\alpha}}{2n}}$$

of the Dvoretzky–Kiefer–Wolfowitz inequality.