

SDS 383D The Multivariate Normal Distribution

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C: Multivariate Normal for x

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_p)^T, \quad x \sim N(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2) \quad (1)$$

$$z = a^T \quad (2)$$

$$\mu_z = a^T \mu_x \quad (3)$$

$$\sigma_z^2 = a^T \sigma_x^2 a \quad (4)$$

$$y = \frac{z - \mu_z}{\sigma_z}, \quad z = \sigma_z y + \mu_z \quad (5)$$

$$f_Z(z) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_z^2}} \right) \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2}(z - \mu_z)^2 \right) \quad (6)$$

$$f_Y(y) = f_Z(h(y)) \cdot |h'(y)| \quad (7)$$

$$M_z(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(t\sigma_z y + \mu_z t) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_z^2}} \right) \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_z^2}(\sigma_z y)^2 \right) \left| \frac{dz}{dy} \right| dy \quad (8)$$

$$= \exp(\mu_z t) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(t\sigma_z y) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2}y^2 \right) dy \quad (9)$$

$$= \exp(\mu_z t) \exp \left(\frac{1}{2}\sigma_z^2 t^2 \right) \quad (10)$$

$$= \exp \left(\mu_z t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_z^2 t^2 \right) \quad (11)$$

$$= \exp \left(t a^T \mu_x + \frac{1}{2} t^2 a^T \sigma_x^2 a \right) \quad (12)$$