

Conditional distribution for jointly normal Gaussian random vectors

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Theorem 1 *Let \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} be jointly normally-distributed random vectors with*

$$\begin{aligned} E \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{pmatrix} \right\} &= \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_x \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_y \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{Cov} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{pmatrix} \right\} &= \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{xx} & \Sigma_{xy} \\ \Sigma_{yx} & \Sigma_{yy} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where Σ_{yy} is assumed to be non-singular. Then the conditional distribution of \mathbf{x} given \mathbf{y} is normal with mean vector

$$E\{\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}\} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \Sigma_{xy}\Sigma_{yy}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_y)$$

and covariance matrix

$$\text{Cov}\{\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}\} = \Sigma_{xx} - \Sigma_{xy}\Sigma_{yy}^{-1}\Sigma_{yx}$$