

# Conditional distribution for jointly normal Gaussian random variables

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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  $\Sigma_{yy}$  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*

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