

# POSITIVE SEMIDEFINITE

## POSITIVE DEFINITE MATRICES

✓ (PSD)

(PD)

Square matrices.

Consider square matrix  $A$

If  $\bar{x}^T A \bar{x} \geq 0$  for all  $\bar{x}$   
Then  $A$  is PSD

For  
Real  
vectors/matrices.

$\vec{x}^T A \vec{x} > 0$  For all  $\vec{x}$   
Then  $A$  is PD

For complex vectors/matrices.

$\vec{x}^H A \vec{x} \geq 0$  For all  $\vec{x}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  PSD

$\vec{x}^T A \vec{x} > 0$  For all  $\vec{x}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  PD.

ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\bar{x}^T A \bar{x}$$

$$= [x_1 \ x_2] \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 18 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (2x_1^2 + 18x_2^2 + 12x_1x_2)$$

$$= (2x_1 + 3x_2)^2 \geq 0$$

Hence A  
is PSD.  
since

$$\bar{x}^T A \bar{x} \geq 0 \text{ for all } \bar{x}$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 = 0$$

$$\text{if } x_1 = -\frac{3}{2}x_2$$

## Property of PSD, PD matrices:

Eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$

If  $A$  is PD, then  $\lambda_i(A) > 0$

If  $A$  is PSD, then  $\lambda_i(A) \geq 0$

ex:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A - \lambda I|$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 6 \\ 6 & 18-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 - \lambda)(18 - \lambda) - 36 = 0.$$

Characteristic Equation

$$\Rightarrow 36 - 20\lambda + \lambda^2 - 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 20\lambda = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 = 20\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda = 0, 20}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 0.$$

Matrix is PSD.

For a symmetric matrix  $A$ ,  
if eigenvalues  $\lambda_i(A) \geq 0$   
then  $A$  is PSD.

if  $\lambda_i(A) > 0$  the  $A$  is PD.

# Gaussian RV:

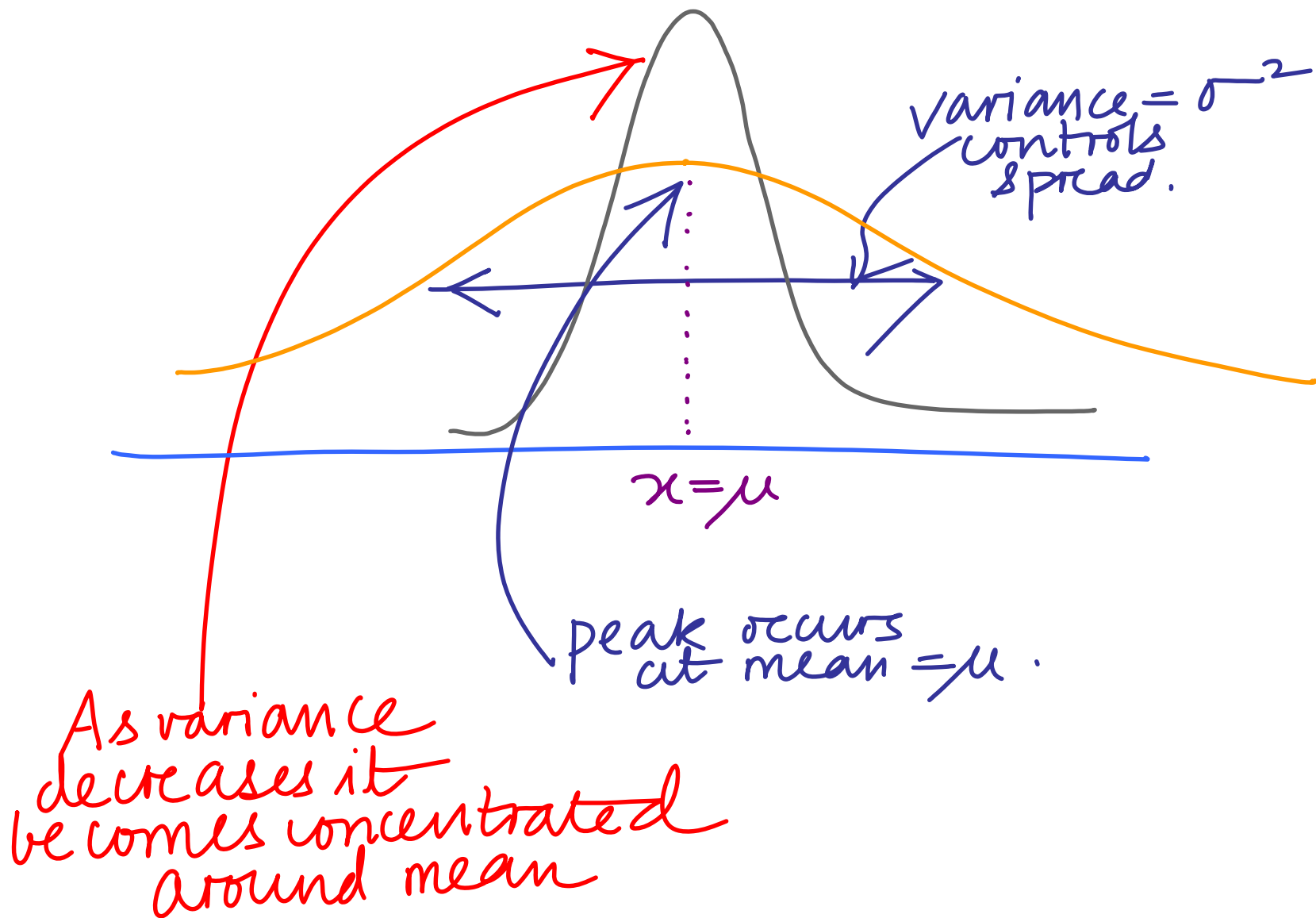
$X$  is Gaussian Random Variable with  
mean =  $\mu$  var =  $\sigma^2$

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

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Probability Density  
Function (PDF) of  
Gaussian RV





$$\tilde{X} = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

Gaussian RV

$$E\{\tilde{X}\} = 0$$

$$E\{\tilde{X}^2\} = 1$$

Gaussian RV  
with mean = 0  
var = 1

Termed as Standard  
Normal Random Variable

$$f_{\tilde{X}}(\tilde{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\tilde{x}^2/2}$$

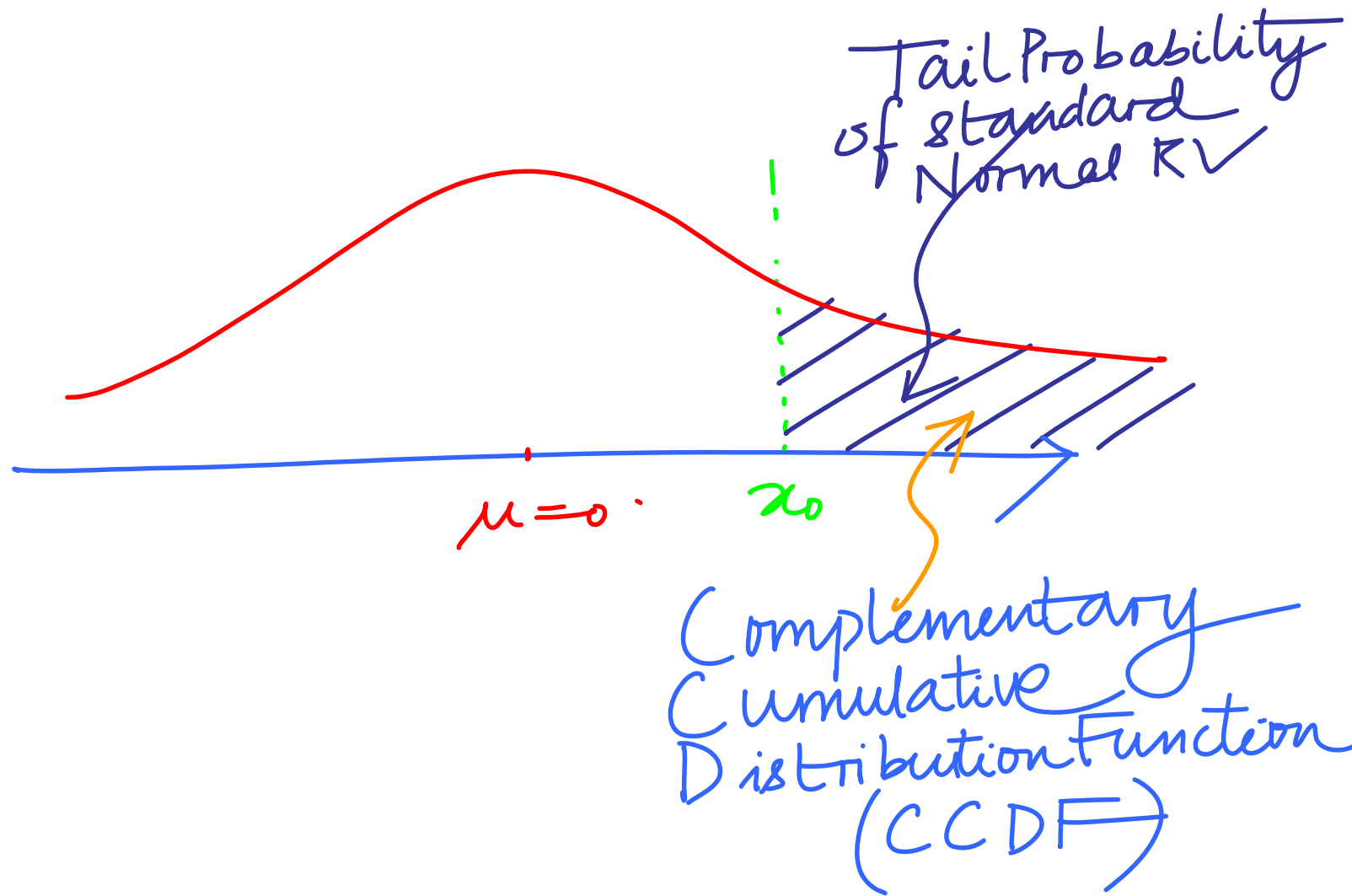

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PDF of  
Standard  
Normal.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(\tilde{X} \geq x_0) &= Q(x_0). \\ &= \Pr(\tilde{X} \in [x_0, \infty)) \end{aligned}$$

Gaussian  
Q-function

$$= \int_{x_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\tilde{x}^2/2} d\tilde{x}$$



# Multivariate Gaussian RV:

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Gaussian RV

$$E\{\vec{x}\} = \begin{bmatrix} E\{x_1\} \\ \vdots \\ E\{x_n\} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_n \end{bmatrix} = \vec{\mu}$$

Mean vector

$$R = E \{ (\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})(\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})^T \}$$

Covariance matrix  
 $n \times n$  matrix

$$\bar{X} \sim N(\bar{\mu}, R)$$

$$f_{\bar{X}}(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |R|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})^T R^{-1}(\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})}$$

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PDF of multivariate  
 Gaussian Random vector

mean =  $\bar{\mu}$   
 covariance  
 matrix =  $R$

Consider multivariate Gaussian  
with

$$E\{\bar{x}\} = \bar{\mu} = 0$$
$$E\{\bar{x}_i \bar{x}_j\} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ \sigma^2 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

uncorrelated  
Gaussian RVs.

$$E\left((\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})(\bar{x} - \bar{\mu})^T\right)$$
$$= E\left\{\bar{x} \bar{x}^T\right\}$$

$$= E \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} [x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n] \right\}$$

$$= E \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 & x_1 x_2 & & \\ x_2 x_1 & x_2^2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & \dots & \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ & & & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$$

$$R = \sigma^2 I$$

Covariance  
matrix

$$|R| = (\sigma^2)^n = \sigma^{2n}$$

$$f_{\bar{X}}(\bar{x})$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n \sigma^{2n}}} \cdot e$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)} \right)^{n/2} e$$

$$e^{-\frac{1}{2} \bar{x}^T \frac{I}{\sigma^2} \bar{x}}$$

$$e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \bar{x}^T \bar{x}}$$

$$\bar{x}^T \bar{x} = \|\bar{x}\|^2$$

$$= x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2$$



$$= \left( \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\bar{x}\|^2}$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{x_i^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Product  
i=1 to n

individual  
Gaussian PDFs  
of  $X_i$  mean=0  
var= $\sigma^2$

$\Rightarrow$  Gaussian RVs  
are INDEPENDENT

For Gaussian RV

Uncorrelated  $\Rightarrow$  Independent

NOT true for  
any general RV.