

Multivariate Statistical Analysis

Lecture 05

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In previous section, we focus on non-singular normal normally distributed variate $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ with $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \succ \mathbf{0}$ whose density function is

$$n(\mathbf{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^p \det(\boldsymbol{\Sigma})}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right).$$

What about the case of singular $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$?

General Linear Transformation

- ① Let $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$, with $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \succ \mathbf{0}$. Then

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}$$

is distributed according to $\mathcal{N}_p(\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{C}^\top)$ for non-singular $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$.

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Transformation



5.3×10^5

$$c \neq 0$$

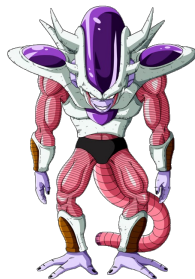
$$\sigma^2 > 0$$



$> 1.0 \times 10^6$

$$\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p} \text{ is non-singular}$$

$$\Sigma \succ 0$$



$2.0 \times 10^6 \sim 3.0 \times 10^6$

$$\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times p} \text{ of rank } q \leq p$$

$$\Sigma \succ 0$$



$> 3.0 \times 10^7$

$$\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times p}$$

$$\Sigma \succeq 0$$

General Linear Transformation

Theorem

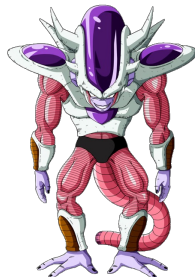
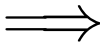
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non-singular



full-rank

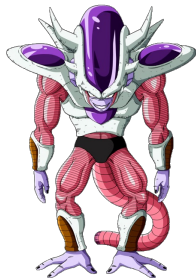
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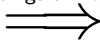
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full-rank

understand the singular normal distribution



no limitation

Singular Normal Distribution

Singular normal distribution:

- 1 The mass is concentrated on a given lower dimensional set.
- 2 The probability associated with any set that does not intersecting the given low-dimensional set is 0.

For example, consider that

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

- 1 Probability of any set that does not intersecting the x_2 -axis is 0.
- 2 The measure of x_2 -axis in the space of \mathbb{R}^2 is zero.
- 3 The random vector \mathbf{x} has no density, but its distribution exists.

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