

# Multivariate Statistical Analysis

## Lecture 05

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# Singular Normal Distributions

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



$5.3 \times 10^5$

$$c \neq 0$$

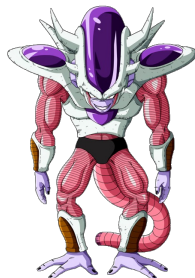
$$\sigma^2 > 0$$



$> 1.0 \times 10^6$

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

$$\Sigma \succ 0$$



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

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

$$\Sigma \succ 0$$



$> 3.0 \times 10^7$

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

$$\Sigma \preceq 0$$

# General Linear Transformation

## Theorem

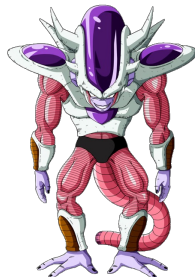
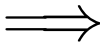
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non-singular



full-rank

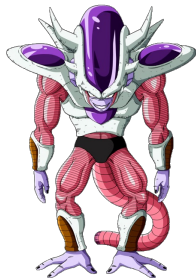
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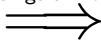
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full-rank

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.

# Singular Normal Distributions

Suppose that  $\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}_q(\boldsymbol{\nu}, \mathbf{T})$ ,  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$  with  $p > q$  and  $\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ; then we say that

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}$$

has a singular (degenerate) normal distribution in  $p$ -space.

We have  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}] = \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\nu} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}$  and

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}] = \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\nu} + \boldsymbol{\lambda} \quad \text{and} \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{A}^\top.$$

The matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  is singular and we cannot write density for  $\mathbf{x}$ .

# Singular Normal Distributions

Now we give a formal definition of a normal distribution that includes the singular distribution.

## Definition

A  $p$ -dimensional random vector  $\mathbf{x}$  with  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $\text{Cov}[\mathbf{x}] = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  is said to be normally distributed if there is a transformation

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\lambda},$$

where  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times r}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $r$  is the rank of  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  has  $r$ -dimensional non-singular normal distribution, e.g.,  $\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}_r(\boldsymbol{\nu}, \mathbf{T})$  with  $\mathbf{T} \succ \mathbf{0}$ .

We also use the notation  $\mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  even if  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  is singular.

If  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  has rank  $p$ , we can take  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = \mathbf{0}$ .

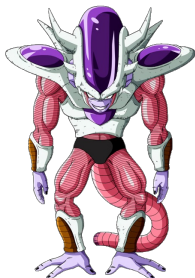
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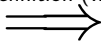
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full-rank

only use the definition (without density)



no limitation

## Theorem

Let  $\mathbf{U}$  be a  $d \times k$  random matrix ( $k \leq d$ ) and each of its entry is independent distributed according to  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ , then it holds that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{U})^{-1} \mathbf{U}^\top \right] = \frac{k}{d} \mathbf{I}_d.$$

## Lemma

Assume  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}$  is column orthonormal ( $k \leq d$ ) and  $\mathbf{v} \sim \mathcal{N}_d(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{P}\mathbf{P}^\top)$  is a  $d$ -dimensional multivariate normal distributed vector. Then we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^\top}{\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{v}} \right] = \frac{1}{k} \mathbf{P}\mathbf{P}^\top.$$

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# Conditional Distribution

Let  $\mathbf{x}$  be distributed according to  $\mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  with  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \succ \mathbf{0}$ .

We partition

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^{(1)} \\ \mathbf{x}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with } \mathbf{x}^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^q \text{ and } \mathbf{x}^{(2)} \in \mathbb{R}^{p-q},$$
$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with } \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^q \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)} \in \mathbb{R}^{p-q},$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times q}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times (p-q)}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} \in \mathbb{R}^{(p-q) \times q}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \in \mathbb{R}^{(p-q) \times (p-q)}$ .

# Conditional Distribution

The conditional density of  $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$  given that  $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}^{(1)} | \mathbf{x}^{(2)}) &= \frac{f(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)})}{f(\mathbf{x}^{(2)})} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^q \det(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11.2})}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}_{11.2} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{11.2})^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11.2}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_{11.2} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{11.2}) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{11.2} &= \mathbf{x}^{(1)} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{x}^{(2)}, \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{11.2} &= \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11.2} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}.$$



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# Characteristic Function

The characteristic function of a  $p$ -dimensional random vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is

$$\phi(\mathbf{t}) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp(\mathbf{i} \mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{x}) \right]$$

defined for every real vector  $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ .

For the complex-valued function  $g(z)$  be written as

$$g(z) = g_1(z) + \mathbf{i} g_2(z),$$

where  $g_1(z)$  and  $g_2(z)$  are real-valued, the expected value of  $g(z)$  is

$$\mathbb{E}[g(z)] = \mathbb{E}[g_1(z)] + \mathbf{i} \mathbb{E}[g_2(z)].$$

## Theorem

*If the  $p$ -dimensional random vector  $\mathbf{x}$  has the density  $f(\mathbf{x})$  and the characteristic function  $\phi(\mathbf{t})$ , then*

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^p} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-i \mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{x}) \phi(\mathbf{t}) dt_1 \dots dt_p.$$

- If the random variable have a density, the characteristic function determines the density function uniquely.
- If the random variable does not have a density, the characteristic function uniquely defines the probability of any continuity interval.

# Characteristic Function

## Theorem

The characteristic function of  $\mathbf{x}$  distributed according to  $\mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  is

$$\phi(\mathbf{t}) = \exp \left( i \mathbf{t}^\top \boldsymbol{\mu} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{t}^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{t} \right).$$

for every  $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ .

## Sketch of the proof

- 1 The characteristic function of  $\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$  is  $\phi_0(\mathbf{t}) = \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{t} \right)$ .
- 2 For  $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , we have  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\mu}$  such that  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top$ .
- 3 Using  $\phi_0(\mathbf{t})$  to present the characteristic function of  $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ .

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for every  $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ .

This theorem directly implies  $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  leads to  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{C}^\top)$ .



characteristic function



trick of matrix

## Theorem

*If every linear combination of the components of a random vector  $\mathbf{y}$  is normally distributed, then  $\mathbf{y}$  is normally distributed.*

In other words, if the  $p$ -dimensional random vector  $\mathbf{y}$  leads to the univariate random variable

$$\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{y}$$

is normally distributed for any fixed  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ , then  $\mathbf{y}$  is normally distributed.

This is another definition of multivariate normal distribution.

# Example

## Theorem

We let

$$\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1), \quad \mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}.$$

Suppose that  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are independent, then we have

$$\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2).$$



characteristic function



this result