STAT 665 - HW 1

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Problem 5.1

Let $x = (X_1, ..., X_k) \sim N_k(\mu, \Sigma)$, with $r(\Sigma) = k$.

(a) Show that

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)' \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right\} dx_1 \dots dx_k$$

= $(2\pi)^{k/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}$.

What we have is part of a multivariate normal distribution integrated over all possible values of \mathbf{x} . Let's first note that by definition of positive-definite, Σ^{-1} must be a positive definite matrix, otherwise its inverse would not exist. Now, we know that

$$f(\mathbf{x}; \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \mu)' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mu) \right\} \text{ for all } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^k$$

and the integration of $f(\mathbf{x}; \mu, \Sigma)$ over all possible values of \mathbf{x} is 1. Therefore, we have that

$$1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (x-\mu)' \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu) \right\} dx_1 \dots dx_k$$

$$\implies (2\pi)^{k/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (x-\mu)' \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu) \right\} dx_1 \dots dx_k$$

(b) Evaluate $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} exp\{-(x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 4x_2^2)\}dx_1dx_2$.

Let's rewrite the expression in the following way:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} exp\{-(x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 4x_2^2)\} dx_1 dx_2$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} exp\{-\frac{1}{2}(2x_1^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 8x_2^2)\} dx_1 dx_2$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} exp\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})\} dx_1 dx_2$$

where $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$, a 2 × 2 positive-definite matrix. Applying Aitken's integral, we have the solution

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} exp\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})\} dx_1 dx_2$$

$$= (2\pi)^{2/2} |\mathbf{A}|^{-1/2}$$

$$= (2\pi) \left| \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \right|^{-1/2}$$

$$= (2\pi)((2)(8) - (2)(2))^{-1/2}$$

$$= (2\pi)(12)^{-1/2}$$

$$= (2\pi)\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Problem 5.2

[Graybill, 1961]. Let $x = (X_1, X_2)$ have a bivariate normal distribution with pdf

$$f(x; \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{k} exp[-Q/2]$$

where $Q = 2x_1^2 - x_1x_2 + 4x_2^2 - 11x_1 - 5x_2 + 19$, and k is a constant. Find a constant a such that $P(3X_1 - X_2 < a) = 0.01$.

Since we know the distribution of the vector \mathbf{x} is normal, $Q = (\mathbf{x} - \mu)' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mu)$. We can solve for Σ as

$$\begin{split} Q &= \left[x_1 - \mu_1 \quad x_2 - \mu_2\right] \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{12} & \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \left[x_1 - \mu_1 \quad x_2 - \mu_2\right] \\ &= \left[x_1 - \mu_1 \quad x_2 - \mu_2\right] \frac{1}{|\Sigma|} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_2 & -\sigma_{12} \\ -\sigma_{12} & \sigma_1 \end{bmatrix} \left[x_1 - \mu_1 \quad x_2 - \mu_2\right] \\ &= \left[x_1 - \mu_1 \quad x_2 - \mu_2\right] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sigma_2}{|\Sigma|} & -\frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} \\ -\frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} & \frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} \end{bmatrix} \left[x_1 - \mu_1 \quad x_2 - \mu_2\right] \\ &= \left[(x_1 - \mu_1) \frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} - (x_2 - \mu_2) \frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} & -(x_1 - \mu_1) \frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} + (x_2 - \mu_2) \frac{\sigma_1}{|\Sigma|}\right] \left[x_1 - \mu_1 \quad x_2 - \mu_2\right] \\ &= (x_1 - \mu_1)^2 \frac{\sigma_2}{|\Sigma|} - (x_2 - \mu_2) \frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} (x_1 - \mu_1) - (x_1 - \mu_1) \frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} (x_2 - \mu_2) + (x_2 - \mu_2)^2 \frac{\sigma_1}{|\Sigma|} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_2}{|\Sigma|} (x_1 - \mu_2)^2 + \frac{\sigma_1}{|\Sigma|} (x_2 - \mu_2)^2 - 2 \frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} (x_1 - \mu_1) (x_2 - \mu_2) \\ &= \frac{\sigma_2}{|\Sigma|} (x_1^2 + \mu_1^2 - 2x_1\mu_1) + \frac{\sigma_1}{|\Sigma|} (x_2^2 + \mu_2^2 - 2x_2\mu_2) - 2 \frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} (x_1x_2 - x_1\mu_2 - x_2\mu_1 + \mu_1\mu_2) \\ &= \frac{\sigma_2}{|\Sigma|} x_1^2 + \frac{\sigma_1}{|\Sigma|} x_2^2 - 2 \frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} x_1 x_2 + \frac{\sigma_2}{|\Sigma|} \mu_1^2 - 2 \frac{\sigma_2}{|\Sigma|} x_1 \mu_1 + \frac{\sigma_1}{|\Sigma|} \mu_2^2 - 2 \frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} x_2 \mu_2 + 2 \frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} x_1 \mu_2 + 2 \frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} x_2 \mu_1 - 2 \frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} \mu_1 \mu_2 \\ &= \frac{\sigma_2}{|\Sigma|} x_1^2 + \frac{\sigma_1}{|\Sigma|} x_2^2 - 2 \frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} x_1 x_2 + x_1 \left(-2 \frac{\sigma_2}{|\Sigma|} \mu_1 + 2 \frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} \mu_2 \right) + x_2 \left(-2 \frac{\sigma_1}{|\Sigma|} \mu_1 \right) + \frac{\sigma_2}{|\Sigma|} \mu_1^2 + \frac{\sigma_1}{|\Sigma|} \mu_2^2 - 2 \frac{\sigma_{12}}{|\Sigma|} \mu_1 \mu_2 \\ &= (2)x_1^2 + (4)x_2^2 - 2(1/2)x_1x_2 + x_1 \left(-2(2)\mu_1 + 2(1/2)\mu_2 \right) + x_2 \left(-2(4)\mu_2 + 2(1/2)\mu_1 \right) + (2)\mu_1^2 + (4)\mu_2^2 - 2(1/2)\mu_1 \mu_2 \end{split}$$

Now we know that

$$-11 = -2(2)\mu_1 + 2(1/2)\mu_2$$
 and $-5 = -2(4)\mu_2 + 2(1/2)\mu_1$

giving us that $\mu_1 = 3$ and $\mu_2 = 1$. Note that

$$(2)\mu_1^2 + (4)\mu_2^2 - 2(1/2)\mu_1\mu_2$$

= $(2)(3)^2 + (4)(1)^2 - (3)(1)$
= $18 + 4 - 3$
= 19

We now know what Σ is too:

$$\Sigma = \frac{4}{31} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1/2 \\ -1/2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we can look at the random variable $Y = 3X_1 - X_2$, which has expected value $EY = 3EX_1 - EX_2 =$

3(3) - 1 = 8. Its variance is

$$Var(Y) = Var(3X_1 - X_2)$$

$$= 9Var(X_1) + Var(X_2) - 2(3)Cov(X_1, X_2)$$

$$= 9\frac{16^2}{31^2} + \frac{8^2}{31^2} - 6\frac{2^2}{31^2}$$

$$= 2.439126$$

Problem 5.5

(a) Show that (X_1, X_2) has a bivariate normal distribution with means μ_1, μ_2 , variances σ_1^2, σ_2^2 , and a correlation coefficient ρ if and only if every linear combination $c_1X_1 + c_2X_2$ has a univariate normal distribution with mean $c_1\mu_1 + c_2\mu_2$, and variance $c_1^2\sigma_1^2 + c_2^2\sigma_2^2 + 2c_1c_2\rho\sigma_{1,2}$, where c_1 and c_2 are real constants, not both equal to zero.

Let's first show that if (X_1, X_2) has a bivariate normal distribution with means μ_1, μ_2 , variances σ_1^2, σ_2^2 , and a correlation coefficient ρ then every linear combination $c_1X_1 + c_2X_2$ has a univariate normal distribution with mean $c_1\mu_1 + c_2\mu_2$ and variance $c_1^2\sigma_1^2 + c_2\sigma_2^2 + 2c_1c_2\rho\sigma_{1,2}$.

Let $(X_1, X_2) \sim N(\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \rho)$. Consider the transformation $Y_1 = c_1 X_1 + c_2 X_2$. Let $Y_2 = X_2$. We can solve for X_1 and X_2 :

$$X_2 = Y_2$$

$$X_1 = \frac{1}{c_1}(Y_1 - c_2 Y_2)$$

The Jacobian is

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{c_1} & -\frac{1}{c_2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{c_1}$$

(b) Let $Y_i = X_i/\sigma_i$, i = 1, 2. Show that $Var(Y_1 - Y_2) = 2(1 - \rho)$.

Problem 5.6

(a) Let $(X_1, X_2) \sim N_2(\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \rho)$ where $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$ and $\rho \neq 1$. The polar coordinate transformation is defined by $X_1 = R\cos\Theta$, $X_2 = R\sin\Theta$. Show that the joint pdf of R and Θ is given by

$$r(2\pi)^{-1}(1-\rho^2)^{-1/2}exp\left[-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}r^2(1-\rho\sin 2\theta)\right],$$

 $0 \le r < \infty$, and $0 \le \theta \le 2\pi$, and that the marginal pdf of Θ is

$$(2\pi)^{-1}(1-\rho^2)^{1/2}(1-\rho sin 2\theta)^{-1}, \ 0 \le \theta \le 2\pi.$$

To complete the transformation, we need to find the Jacobian:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \cos \theta r \cos \theta - (-r \sin \theta \sin \theta)$$
$$= r \cos^2 \theta + r \sin^2 \theta$$
$$= r(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)$$
$$= r$$

The bivariate normal distribution is

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1 - \rho^2} \left(\frac{x_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} - 2\rho \frac{x_1 x_2}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}\right)\right\}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2\pi \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 (1 - \rho^2)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1 - \rho^2} \left(\frac{x_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} - 2\rho \frac{x_1 x_2}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}\right)\right\}$$

Now we can find the distribution of the transformed variables:

$$f(r,\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2(1-\rho^2)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \left(\frac{x_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} - 2\rho\frac{x_1x_2}{\sigma_1\sigma_2}\right)\right\} |r|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2(1-\rho^2)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \left(\frac{r^2\cos^2\theta}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{r^2\sin^2\theta}{\sigma_2^2} - 2\rho\frac{r\cos\theta r\sin\theta}{\sigma_1\sigma_2}\right)\right\} |r|$$

$$= \frac{|r|}{2\pi\sqrt{\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2(1-\rho^2)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{r^2}{1-\rho^2} \left(\frac{\cos^2\theta\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2} + \frac{\sin^2\theta\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2} - 2\rho\frac{\cos\theta\sin\theta}{\sigma_1\sigma_2}\right)\right\}$$

$$= \frac{|r|}{2\pi\sqrt{\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2(1-\rho^2)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{r^2}{1-\rho^2} \left(\frac{\cos^2\theta\sigma_2^2 + \sin^2\theta\sigma_1^2 - \rho\sin2\theta}{\sigma_1\sigma_2}\right)\right\}$$

The only way for this to work is if we assume $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 1$. Then we have shown equality:

$$= \frac{|r|}{2\pi\sqrt{(1-\rho^2)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{r^2}{1-\rho^2} \left(\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta - \rho\sin 2\theta\right)\right\}$$
$$= \frac{|r|}{2\pi\sqrt{(1-\rho^2)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{r^2}{1-\rho^2} \left(1-\rho\sin 2\theta\right)\right\}, \text{ for } r \ge 0, 0 \le \theta \le 2\pi$$

(b) Suppose (X_1, X_2) has a bivariate normal distribution $N_2(0, 0, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \rho, |\rho| \neq 1$. Show that

$$P(X_1 > 0, X_2 > 0) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2\pi} sin^{-1}(\rho).$$

Problem 5.7

The random vector $x = (X_1, X_2, ..., X_k)'$ is said to have a symmetric multivariate normal distribution if $x \sim N_k(\mu, \Sigma)$ where $\mu = \mu 1_k$, i.e., the mean of each X_j is equal to the same constant μ , and Σ is the equicorrelation dispersion matrix, i.e.,

$$\Sigma = \sigma^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho & \dots & \rho \\ \rho & 1 & \dots & \rho \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \rho & \rho & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

When k = 3, $\mu = 0$, $\sigma^2 = 2$, and $\rho = 1/2$, find the probability that $X_3 = min(X_1, X_2, X_3)$.

(*Hint*: Recall that if $x = (X_1, \ldots, X_k)'$ has a continuous symmetric distribution, then all possible permutations of X_1, \ldots, X_k are equally likely, each having probability $P(X_{i1} < \cdots < X_{ik}) = 1/k!$ for any permutation $(i1, \ldots, i_k)$ for the first k positive integers.

Problem 5.8

Let $\mathbf{x} \sim N_k(0, \Sigma)$ with pdf f(x) where $\Sigma = \{\Sigma_{ij}\}$. The entropy h(x) is defined as

$$h(x) = -\int f(x)lnf(x)$$

(a) Show that $h(x) = \frac{1}{2} ln [(2\pi e)^k |\Sigma|].$

We need to show that

$$\frac{1}{2}\ln(2\pi)^k|\Sigma| = -\int f(x)\ln(f(x))$$

But we know **x** has a multivariate normal distribution $N_k(0, \Sigma)$:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \mu)' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mu)\right\}, \ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

Inserting into the definition of entropy, we have

$$-\int \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\mu)'\Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\mu)\right\} \ln\left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\mu)'\Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\mu)\right\}\right)$$

$$= -\int \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}'\Sigma^{-1}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{x}'\mu)\right\} \ln\left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}'\Sigma^{-1}\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{x}'\mu)\right\}\right)$$

$$= -\int \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}'\Sigma^{-1}\mathbf{x})\right\} \ln\left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}'\Sigma^{-1}\mathbf{x})\right\}\right)$$

since we were given that $\mu = 0$. Applying log rules, we can expand the last term and continue:

$$\begin{split} &= -\int \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\bigg\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}' \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \bigg\} \bigg(-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}' \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}) - \frac{k}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(|\Sigma|) \bigg) \bigg) \\ &= \int \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\bigg\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}' \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \bigg\} \bigg(\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}' \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}) + \frac{k}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \ln(|\Sigma|) \bigg) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\bigg\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}' \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \bigg\} \bigg((\mathbf{x}' \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}) + k \ln(2\pi) + \ln(|\Sigma|) \bigg) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \bigg[\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \int (\mathbf{x}' \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \exp\bigg\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}' \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \bigg\} \\ &+ k \ln(2\pi) \int \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\bigg\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}' \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \bigg\} \\ &+ \ln(|\Sigma|) \int \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\bigg\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}' \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \bigg\} \bigg) \bigg] \end{split}$$

The integrals in the last two terms simply equal the constants pulled out front as we are integrating the multinomial normal distribution across all values of \mathbf{x} . The first term can be evaluated per Result 5.1.3:

$$\begin{split} &\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} (2\pi)^{k/2} |\Sigma^{-1}|^{-1/2} tr(\Sigma^{-1}\Sigma) + k \ln(2\pi) + \ln(|\Sigma|) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{|\Sigma|^{1/2}} |\Sigma|^{1/2} tr(I_k) + k \ln(2\pi) + \ln(|\Sigma|) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[k + k \ln(2\pi) + \ln(|\Sigma|) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[k + \ln \left[(2\pi)^k |\Sigma| \right] \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\ln(e^k) + \ln \left[(2\pi)^k |\Sigma| \right] \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[(2\pi e)^k |\Sigma| \right] \end{split}$$

(b) Hence, or otherwise, show that $|\Sigma| \leq \prod_{i=1}^k \Sigma_{ii}$, with equality holding if and only if $\Sigma_{ij} = 0$, for $i \neq j$ [Hadamard's inequality].

From part (a) we know that $-\int f(x) \ln(f(x)) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[(2\pi e)^k |\Sigma| \right]$.

Let's look at the determinant of Σ . Consider that we hold i fixed at one; then

$$-\int f(x)\ln(f(x)) = \frac{1}{2}\ln((2\pi e)^k|\Sigma|)$$

$$\implies -2\int f(x)\ln(f(x)) = \ln((2\pi e)^k|\Sigma|)$$

$$\implies -2\int f(x)\ln(f(x)) = \ln((2\pi e)^k) + \ln(|\Sigma|)$$

$$\implies -2\int f(x)\ln(f(x)) - \ln((2\pi e)^k) = \ln(|\Sigma|)$$

$$\implies \exp\left\{-2\int f(x)\ln(f(x)) - \ln((2\pi e)^k)\right\} = |\Sigma|$$