

# Probability Notes

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## Abstract

Probability.

## 1 Suggested Resource Materials

Useful source texts:

- Probability/Statistics, intermediate (probability sections are better than statistics):  
*Statistical Inference*, Casella & Berger
- Probability, advanced:  
*Probability and Measure*, Billingsley

Throughout the text the acronym, *LAN*, refers to the companion writeup, *Linear Algebra Notes*, in which information is referenced by chapter and/or numbered equation.

## 2 Probability Preliminaries

### 2.1 Standard Nomenclature

$$\left. \begin{array}{ll} E : & \text{Event} \\ X, Y : & \text{Random Variables} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{ll} \text{Probability: } & \mathbb{P}E \\ \text{Mean:} & \mathbb{E}X \\ \text{Variance:} & \mathbb{V}X \\ \text{Covariance:} & \mathbb{C}(X, Y) \\ \text{Information:} & \mathbb{I}X \\ \text{Entropy:} & \mathbb{H}X \end{array} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{E}X_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbb{E}X_n \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbb{V}\mathbf{X} = \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X} - \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X})(\mathbf{X} - \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X})^\top = \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^\top - \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}\mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}^\top \\ = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{V}X_1 & \cdots & \mathbb{C}(X_1, X_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbb{C}(X_n, X_1) & \cdots & \mathbb{V}X_n \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right. \quad (2)$$

## 2.2 Moments

## 2.3 Discrete

# 3 Norms and Inequalities

## 3.1 Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality

$$|\langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \rangle|^2 \leq \langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_1 \rangle \cdot \langle \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_2 \rangle \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbb{C}(X_1, X_2) \leq \mathbb{V}X_1 \cdot \mathbb{V}X_2 \quad (4)$$

## 3.2 Chebyshev's Inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\{g(X) \geq r\} &\leq \frac{\mathbb{E}g(X)}{r} = \int_D g(x)f(x) dx \geq \int_{\{g(x) \geq r\}} g(x)f(x) dx \\ &\geq r \int_{\{g(x) \geq r\}} f(x) dx = r\mathbb{P}\{g(X) \geq r\}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

## 3.3 Jensen's Inequality

$$\phi(\mathbb{E}X) \leq \mathbb{E}\phi(X) \quad (6)$$

convex function

$$\phi(tx_1 + (1-t)x_2) \leq t\phi(x_1) + (1-t)\phi(x_2) \quad (7)$$

$$ax + b \leq \phi(x) \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\phi(X) &= \int_I \phi(x)p(x) dx \geq \int_I (ax + b)p(x) dx = \\ &= a \int_I xp(x) dx + b \int_I p(x) dx = ax_0 + b = \phi(x_0) = \phi(\mathbb{E}X). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

# 4 Operators

## 4.1 Exponentiated Operators

### 4.1.1 Moment-Generating Functions

$$M_X(t) \equiv \mathbb{E}e^{tX} \quad (10)$$

$$M_X(t) \equiv \sum_n 1^\infty \frac{\mathbb{E}X^n}{n!} t^n \quad (11)$$

$$\mathbb{E}X^n = \frac{d^n}{dt^n} M_X(t)|_{t=0} = M_X^{(n)}(0) \quad (12)$$

$X$  and  $Y$  independent

$$M_{X+Y}(t) = \mathbb{E}e^{t(X+Y)} = \mathbb{E}e^{tX}e^{tY} = \mathbb{E}e^{tX}\mathbb{E}e^{tY} = M_X(t)M_Y(t) \quad (13)$$

$$M_{cX}(t) = \mathbb{E}e^{ctX} = M_X(ct) \quad (14)$$

#### 4.1.2 Cumulants

$$K_X(t) = \ln M_X(t) \quad (15)$$

Since  $\ln(1+x) = t - \frac{t^2}{2} + \dots$

$$K_X(t) = \left( t\mathbb{E}X + \frac{t^2}{2}\mathbb{E}X^2 + \dots \right) + \frac{1}{2}(t\mathbb{E}X + \dots)^2 + \dots \quad (16)$$

$$= t\mathbb{E}X + \frac{t^2}{2} \left( (\mathbb{E}X)^2 - \mathbb{E}X^2 \right) + \dots \quad (17)$$

For  $X$  and  $Y$  independent

$$K_{X+Y}(t) = K_X(t) + K_Y(t) \quad (18)$$

$$K_{cX}(t) = K_X(ct) \quad (19)$$

#### 4.1.3 Characteristic Functions

Fourier transform of probability density function

$$\phi_X(t) \equiv \mathbb{E}e^{itX} \quad (20)$$

for  $X$  and  $Y$  independent

$$\phi_{X+Y}(t) = \mathbb{E}e^{it(X+Y)} = \mathbb{E}e^{itX}e^{itY} = \mathbb{E}e^{itX}\mathbb{E}e^{itY} = \phi_X(t)\phi_Y(t) \quad (21)$$

$$\phi_{cX}(t) = \mathbb{E}e^{ictX} = \phi_X(ct) \quad (22)$$

let  $Z = X + Y$  be the sum of two independent random variables

$$\phi_{X+Y}(t) = \phi_X(t)\phi_Y(t) \Rightarrow p_{X+Y}(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_X(x)p_Y(z-x) dx \quad (23)$$

#### 4.1.4 Extensions to Random Vectors

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X \rightarrow \mathbf{X} \\ t \rightarrow \mathbf{t} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{t}) \equiv \mathbb{E} e^{i\mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{X}} \\ K_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{t}) \equiv \ln M_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{t}) \\ \phi_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{t}) \equiv \mathbb{E} e^{i\mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{X}} \end{array} \right. \quad (24)$$

## 4.2 Transformations

### 4.2.1 General Transformation

$$Y = g(X) \quad (25)$$

$$\text{increasing function, } g : F_Y(y) = \mathbb{P}(Y \leq y) = \mathbb{P}(g(X) \leq Y) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq g^{-1}(y)) = F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \quad (26)$$

$$\text{decreasing function, } g : F_Y(y) = \mathbb{P}(Y \leq y) = \mathbb{P}(g(X) \leq Y) = \mathbb{P}(X \geq g^{-1}(y)) = 1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \quad (27)$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y) \right| \quad (28)$$

### 4.2.2 Scale-location Adjustment

$$X \sim f(x) \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta X \sim \frac{1}{\beta} f(\alpha + \beta x) \quad (29)$$

## 5 Joint Distributions and Independence

bivariate distribution is **independent** if

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y) \quad (30)$$

a multivariate distribution is **independent** if

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{X_i}(x_i) \quad (31)$$

a multivariate distribution can be factored into **marginal** and **conditional** distributions

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_{X|Y}(x|y) f_Y(y) \Rightarrow f_{X|Y} = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} \quad (32)$$

if the multivariate distribution is **independent identically distributed (IID)**

$$X_1, \dots, X_n \sim X \Rightarrow f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_X(x_i) \quad (33)$$

## 6 Common Functions

- Error function and complementary error function

$$\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt \quad (34)$$

$$\operatorname{erfc}(x) = 1 - \operatorname{erf}(x) \quad (35)$$

- Gamma function

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt \quad (36)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(x) &= \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt \\ &= -t^{x-1} e^{-t} \Big|_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty (x-1) t^{x-2} (-e^{-t}) dt \\ &= (x-1) \int_0^\infty t^{x-2} e^{-t} dt \\ &= (x-1) \Gamma(x-1) \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

$$\Gamma(n) = (n-1)! \quad (38)$$

- Beta function

$$\operatorname{B}(x, y) = \int_0^1 t^{x-1} (1-t)^{y-1} dt \quad (39)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(x) \Gamma(y) &= \int_0^\infty s^{x-1} e^{-s} ds \int_0^\infty t^{y-1} e^{-t} dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty s^{x-1} t^{y-1} e^{-(s+t)} ds dt && \begin{cases} s = uv \\ t = u(1-v) \end{cases} \\ &= \int_{u=0}^\infty \int_{v=0}^1 (uv)^{x-1} (u(1-v))^{y-1} e^{-u} u du dv && |J| = u \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-u} u^{x+y-1} du \int_0^1 v^{x-1} (1-v)^{y-1} dv \\ &= \Gamma(x+y) \operatorname{B}(x, y) \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

$$\operatorname{B}(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma(x) \Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x+y)} \quad (41)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
B\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) &= \int_0^1 t^{-\frac{1}{2}}(1-t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dt \\
&= 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} d\theta \\
&= \pi
\end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

$$B\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(1)} \Rightarrow \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{B\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)} = \sqrt{\pi} \tag{43}$$

- Multivariate Beta Function

$$B(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma(\alpha_i)}{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i)} \tag{44}$$

$$B(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_j) \prod_{i \neq j} \Gamma(\alpha_i)}{\Gamma(\alpha_j + \sum_{i \neq j} \alpha_i)} = \frac{\prod_{i \neq j} \Gamma(\alpha_i)}{\Gamma(\sum_{i \neq j} \alpha_i)} B\left(\alpha_j, \sum_{i \neq j} \alpha_i\right) \tag{45}$$

## 7 Common Distributions

### 7.1 Discrete Distributions

#### 7.1.1 Sampling With Replacement

##### 7.1.1.1 Bernoulli

$$\text{Ber}(p) \equiv f(k|p) = p^k(1-p)^{1-k}, k \in \{0, 1\} \tag{46}$$

##### 7.1.1.2 Binomial

$$X_i \sim \text{Ber}(p) \Rightarrow Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \text{Bin}(n, p) \tag{47}$$

$$\text{Bin}(n, p) \equiv f(k|n, p) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}, k \in \{0, \dots, n\} \tag{48}$$

##### 7.1.1.3 Negative Binomial

$$\text{NB}(k|r, p) = \text{Bin}(k|k+r-1, p) \text{Ber}(0|p) \tag{49}$$

$$\text{NB}(k|r, p) \equiv f(k|r, p) = \binom{k+r-1}{k} p^k (1-p)^{r-k}, k \in \mathbb{N} \tag{50}$$

##### 7.1.1.4 Geometric

$$\text{Geo}(k|p) = \text{NB}(k|1, 1-p) = p(1-p)^{k-1}, k \in \mathbb{N} \tag{51}$$

### 7.1.1.5 Poisson

$$\text{Poi}(\lambda) = f(k|\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}, k \in \mathbb{N} \quad (52)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bin}\left(n, \frac{\lambda}{n}\right) &= f\left(k \middle| n, \frac{\lambda}{n}\right) = \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-k} \\ &= \frac{n \cdot n-1 \cdot \dots \cdot n-k+1}{k!} \frac{\lambda^k}{n^k} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-k} \\ &= \left[\binom{n}{k} \cdot \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right) \cdot \dots \cdot \left(\frac{n-k+1}{n}\right)\right] \cdot \left[\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-k}\right] \cdot \left[\frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n\right] \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Bin}\left(n, \frac{\lambda}{n}\right) = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} \equiv \text{Poi}(\lambda) \quad (54)$$

**7.1.1.6 Multinomial** The multinomial distribution is realized from the sum of  $n$  repeated *dependent* Bernoulli trials, each parametrized by potentially different probabilities of individual success,  $p_i$ , and linked by the requirement that one, and only one, may be successful on any given trial,  $\sum_{i=1}^k p_i = 1$ :

$$\text{Mul}(n, p_1, \dots, p_k) \equiv f(x_1, \dots, x_k | n, p_1, \dots, p_k) = \frac{n!}{\prod_{i=1}^k x_i!} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i} = \frac{\Gamma(n+1) \prod_{i=1}^k \Gamma(p_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^k \Gamma(x_i+1)} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i} \quad (55)$$

$$X_1, \dots, X_k \sim \text{Mul}(n, p_1, \dots, p_k) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \mathbb{E}X_i = np_i \\ \mathbb{V}X_i = np_i(1 - p_i) \\ \mathbb{C}(X_i, X_j) = -np_i p_j, i \neq j \end{cases} \quad (56)$$

## 7.1.2 Sampling Without Replacement

### 7.1.2.1 Hypergeometric

$$\text{Hyp}(n, N, K) \equiv f(k|n, N, K) = \frac{\binom{K}{k} \binom{N-K}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}} \quad (57)$$

### 7.1.2.2 Multivariate Hypergeometric

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{k} &= (k_1, \dots, k_n)^\top \\ \mathbf{K} &= (K_1, \dots, K_n)^\top \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{MHG}(\mathbf{k}|\mathbf{K}) = \frac{\binom{K_1}{k_1} \dots \binom{K_n}{k_n}}{\binom{\sum_{i=1}^n K_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n k_i}} \quad (58)$$

## 7.2 Continuous Distributions

$$f(x|\theta) = h(x)g(\theta)e^{\eta(\theta)T(x)} \quad (59)$$

## 7.2.1 Gaussian

### 7.2.1.1 Univariate Gaussian

$$N(\mu, \sigma^2) \equiv f_N(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (60)$$

$$\mathbb{P}_{N(\mu, \sigma^2)}[-\infty, x] = F_N(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_N(x|\mu, \sigma^2) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{2}} \right) \right) \quad (61)$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X - \mu)^{2n-1} = 0 \quad (62)$$

$$g(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \quad (63)$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X - \mu)^{2n} = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^{2n} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = (-2\sigma^2)^n \frac{d^n}{d\alpha^n} g(\alpha) \Big|_{\alpha=1} = (2n-1)!! \sigma^{2n} \quad (64)$$

$$M_{N(\mu, \sigma^2)}(t) \equiv \mathbb{E}e^{tX} = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2 - tx}{2\sigma^2}} dx \quad (65)$$

$$= e^{t\mu + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-(\mu+t\sigma^2))^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \quad (66)$$

$$= e^{t\mu + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2} \quad (67)$$

$$\phi_{N(\mu, \sigma^2)}(t) \equiv \mathbb{E}e^{itX} = e^{it\mu - \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2} \quad (68)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} X &\sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow M_X = e^{t\mu + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2} \\ Y &\sim N(\nu, \tau^2) \Rightarrow M_Y = e^{t\nu + \frac{1}{2}t^2\tau^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow M_{X+Y} = e^{t(\mu+\nu) + \frac{1}{2}t^2(\sigma^2+\tau^2)} \Rightarrow X+Y \sim N(\mu+\nu, \sigma^2+\tau^2) \quad (69)$$

### 7.2.1.2 Standard Normal

$$Z \sim N(0, 1) \quad (70)$$

### 7.2.1.3 Multivariate Gaussian

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{E}X_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbb{E}X_n \end{pmatrix} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{V}X_1 & \cdots & \mathbb{C}(X_1, X_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbb{C}(X_1, X_n) & \cdots & \mathbb{V}X_n \end{pmatrix} \end{cases} \quad (71)$$

$$\mathbf{X} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n \det \boldsymbol{\Sigma}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})} \quad (72)$$



$$\mathbf{Z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{z}^\top \mathbf{z}} \quad (73)$$

Transformation,  $\mathbf{X} = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\mathbf{Z}$ ,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X} &\equiv \mathbb{E}(\boldsymbol{\mu} + \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\mathbf{Z}) = \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ \mathbb{V}\mathbf{X} &\equiv \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X} - \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X})(\mathbf{X} - \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X})^\top = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\boldsymbol{\Gamma}^\top \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\boldsymbol{\Gamma}^\top) \quad (74)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}^\top = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\boldsymbol{\Gamma}^\top \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\Gamma} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \mathbf{D}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n) \quad (75)$$

Transformation,  $\mathbf{Z} = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{-1}(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\mathbf{Z} &\equiv \mathbb{E}\boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{-1}(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbb{V}\mathbf{Z} &\equiv \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Z} - \mathbb{E}\mathbf{Z})(\mathbf{Z} - \mathbb{E}\mathbf{Z})^\top = \mathbb{E}\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Z}^\top = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{-\top} = \mathbf{I} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}) \quad (76)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}^\top \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{Q}^\top \quad (77)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2) \Rightarrow \mathbf{D}^{-1} = \text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{\sigma_1^2}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sigma_n^2}\right) \quad (78)$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Q}^\top(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{y_i^2}{2\sigma_i^2} \quad (79)$$

$$\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n \det \boldsymbol{\Sigma}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y_i^2}{2\sigma_i^2}} = \prod_{i=1}^n f_N(y_i | 0, \sigma_i^2) \quad (80)$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \mathbf{X}_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \end{cases} \quad (81)$$

$$\mathbf{X}_1 | (\mathbf{X}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_1 + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}), \quad (82)$$

#### 7.2.1.4 Marginal and Conditional Gaussian Distributions $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \mathbf{X}_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \end{cases} \quad (83)$$

$$(\mathbf{x}^\top - \boldsymbol{\mu}^\top) \boldsymbol{\Sigma} (\mathbf{x}^\top - \boldsymbol{\mu}^\top) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{pmatrix}^\top \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (84)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} I_p & 0 \\ -\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & I_q \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21})^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_p & -\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \\ 0 & I_q \end{pmatrix} \quad (85)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ \mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu} \end{pmatrix}^\top \begin{pmatrix} I_p \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} \end{pmatrix} (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21})^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} I_p \\ -\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}^\top \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ \mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu} \end{pmatrix} + (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)
\end{aligned} \tag{86}$$

$$N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}) N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}) \tag{87}$$

$$\text{Marginal Distribution: } \mathbf{X}_2 \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}) \tag{88}$$

$$\text{Conditional Distribution: } \mathbf{X}_1 | (\mathbf{X}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2) \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}) \tag{89}$$

### 7.2.1.5 Mean and Variance of IID Normal Random Variables

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{X} &= (X_1, \dots, X_n)^\top, X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \\ \mathbf{1}_n &= (1, \dots, 1)^\top \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \mathbf{X} \sim N(\mu \mathbf{1}_n, \sigma^2 I_n) \tag{90}$$

let the random vector,  $\mathbf{Y}$ , be formed by the linear transformation of  $\mathbf{X}$  by the  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix,  $Q$

$$\mathbf{Y} = (\mathbf{Y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Y}_n)^\top = Q^\top \mathbf{X} \Rightarrow \mathbf{Y} \sim N(\mu \mathbf{1}_n, \sigma^2 Q^\top I_n Q) = N(\mu \mathbf{1}_n, \sigma^2 I_n) \tag{91}$$

**Fisher's Theorem:** sample mean and sample variance taken from IID normal distribution are independent:

$$\hat{\mu} \mathbf{1}_n = \mathbf{1}_n \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1}_n^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1}_n (\mathbf{1}_n^\top \mathbf{1}_n)^{-1} \mathbf{1}_n^\top \mathbf{x} = P_{\mathbf{1}_n} \mathbf{x} \tag{92}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} (\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mu} \mathbf{1}_n)^\top (\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mu} \mathbf{1}_n) = \frac{1}{n-1} (\mathbf{x} - P_{\mathbf{1}_n} \mathbf{x})^\top (\mathbf{x} - P_{\mathbf{1}_n} \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{n-1} \mathbf{x}^\top (I_n - P_{\mathbf{1}_n}) \mathbf{x} \tag{93}$$

These equations imply that, for arbitrary sample sets of data, information on the mean and variances of the distributed data are carried in mutually orthogonal 1- and  $(n-1)$ -dimensional subspaces, respectively. Knowledge of the mean carries no information about the variance, and *v.v.*

Sums of Gaussian are Gaussian

$$\sqrt{n} \hat{\mu} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \tag{94}$$

Furthermore, the distribution of the sample variance can be shown to be chi-square distributed:

$$(n-1) \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{x}^\top (I_n - P_{\mathbf{1}_n}) \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{y_i^2}{\sigma^2} = \sum_{i=2}^n z_i^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2 \tag{95}$$

## 7.2.2 Gamma-Derived Distributions

### 7.2.2.1 Gamma

$$\Gamma(\alpha, \beta) \equiv f_\Gamma(x|\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}, \quad x \geq 0 \tag{96}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma(\alpha) &= \int_0^\infty t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t} dt \\
&= \int_0^\infty (\beta x)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} \beta dx \quad t = \beta x \\
&= \int_0^\infty \beta^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} dx
\end{aligned} \tag{97}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}X^n &= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty x^k x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} dx \\
&= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\beta^{\alpha+k}} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+k)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\beta^{\alpha+k}}{\Gamma(\alpha+k)} x^{\alpha+k-1} e^{-\beta x} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\beta^k} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+k)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty f_\Gamma(x|\alpha+k, \beta) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\beta^k} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+k)}{\Gamma(\alpha)}
\end{aligned} \tag{98}$$

$$\mathbb{E}X = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \tag{99}$$

$$\mathbb{V}X = \mathbb{E}X^2 - (\mathbb{E}X)^2 = \frac{(\alpha+1)\alpha}{\beta^2} - \frac{\alpha^2}{\beta^2} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2} \tag{100}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M_{\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)} &\equiv \mathbb{E}e^{tX} = \int_0^\infty e^{tx} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-(\beta-t)x} dx \\
&= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{(\beta-t)^\alpha} \int_0^\infty \frac{(\beta-t)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-(\beta-t)x} dx \\
&= \left( \frac{\beta}{\beta-t} \right)^\alpha \int_0^\infty f_\Gamma(x|\alpha, \beta-t) dx \\
&= \left( \frac{\beta}{\beta-t} \right)^\alpha
\end{aligned} \tag{101}$$

$$X_i \sim \Gamma(\alpha_i, \beta) \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \Gamma\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i, \beta\right) \tag{102}$$

### 7.2.2.2 Chi-square

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \Rightarrow X^2 \sim \chi^2 = \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \tag{103}$$

$$\mathbb{P}\{X^2 \leq x\} = \mathbb{P}\{-\sqrt{x} \leq X \leq \sqrt{x}\} = \int_{-\sqrt{x}}^{\sqrt{x}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt \tag{104}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi^2 \equiv f_{\chi^2}(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \int_{-\sqrt{x}}^{\sqrt{x}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt \\
&= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \right) \left( -\frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} x^{\frac{1}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \\
&= \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)
\end{aligned} \tag{105}$$

$$X_i \sim N(0, 1) \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \sim \chi_n^2 = \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \tag{106}$$

$$X \sim \chi_n^2 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \mathbb{E}X = n \\ \mathbb{V}X = \frac{n}{2} \end{cases} \tag{107}$$

$$\mathbf{\Sigma} = \mathbf{QDQ}^\top = \mathbf{\Gamma\Gamma}^\top \Rightarrow \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1}(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \tag{108}$$

$$\mathbf{X} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{\Sigma}) \Rightarrow (\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \mathbf{Z}^\top \mathbf{Z} \sim \chi_n^2 \tag{109}$$

### 7.2.2.3 Inverse Gamma

## 7.2.3 Beta-Derived Distributions

### 7.2.3.1 Beta

$$B(\alpha, \beta) \equiv f_B(x|\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \tag{110}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}X^k &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^1 x^k x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + k)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + k)} \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + k)}{\Gamma(\alpha + k)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha+k-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + k)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + k)} \int_0^1 f_B(x|\alpha + k, \beta) dx \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + k)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + k)}
\end{aligned} \tag{111}$$

$$\mathbb{E}X = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \tag{112}$$

$$\mathbb{V}X = \mathbb{E}X^2 - (\mathbb{E}X)^2 = \frac{(\alpha + 1)\alpha}{(\alpha + \beta + 1)(\alpha + \beta)} - \frac{\alpha^2}{(\alpha + \beta)^2} = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2} \tag{113}$$

### 7.2.3.2 Dirichlet

$$\text{Dir}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \equiv f_D(x_1, \dots, x_n | \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{\alpha_i-1}}{B(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)}, \begin{cases} 0 \leq x_i \leq 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 1 \end{cases} \quad (114)$$

marginal distributions

$$f_D(x_i | \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = f_B \left( x_i \middle| \alpha_i, \sum_{j \neq i} \alpha_j \right) = \frac{x_i^{\alpha_i-1} (1-x_i)^{\sum_{j \neq i} \alpha_j - 1}}{B(\alpha_i, \sum_{j \neq i} \alpha_j)} \quad (115)$$

$$\mathbb{E}X_i = \frac{\alpha_i}{\sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j} \quad (116)$$

$$\mathbb{V}X_i = \frac{\alpha_i \sum_{j \neq i} \alpha_j}{\left( \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j \right)^2} \quad (117)$$

## 7.2.4 Distributions of Ratios of Standard Normal Random Variables

### 7.2.4.1 F-Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \begin{aligned} U_1, \dots, U_k \\ V_1, \dots, V_m \end{aligned} \right\} \sim Z = N(0, 1) &\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k U_i^2}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m V_j^2} \sim F(k, m), \\ F(k, m) \equiv f_F(x | k, m) &= \frac{\Gamma(\frac{k+m}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{k}{2})\Gamma(\frac{m}{2})} \left( \frac{k}{m} \right)^{\frac{k}{2}} x^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \left( 1 + \frac{k}{m} x \right)^{-\frac{k+m}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad (118)$$

Define the numerator and denominator in terms of chi-square distributed variables

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \begin{aligned} U = \sum_{i=1}^k U_i^2 \sim \chi_k^2 \\ V = \sum_{j=1}^m V_j^2 \sim \chi_m^2 \end{aligned} \right\} &\Rightarrow \mathbb{P} \left\{ \frac{\frac{U}{k}}{\frac{V}{m}} \leq x \right\} = \mathbb{P} \{ U \leq \frac{k}{m} x V \} \\ &= \iint_{\{U \leq \frac{k}{m} x V\}} f_{\chi_k^2}(u) f_{\chi_m^2}(v) du dv = \int_0^\infty \int_0^{\frac{k}{m} x v} f_{\chi_k^2}(u) f_{\chi_m^2}(v) du dv \end{aligned} \quad (119)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F(k, m) \equiv f_F(x|k, m) &= \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{\frac{k}{m}xv} f_{\chi_k^2}(u) f_{\chi_m^2}(v) du dv = \int_0^\infty \frac{d}{dx} \left( \int_0^{\frac{k}{m}xv} f_{\chi_k^2}(u) du \right) f_{\chi_m^2}(v) dv \\
&= \frac{k}{m} \int_0^\infty f_{\chi_k^2} \left( \frac{k}{m}xv \right) f_{\chi_m^2}(v) v dv \\
&= \frac{k}{m} \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{k}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{k}{2})} \left( \frac{k}{m}xv \right)^{\frac{k}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{k}{m}xv} \right) \left( \frac{\frac{1}{2}^{\frac{m}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{m}{2})} v^{\frac{m}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{v}{2}} \right) v dv \\
&= \frac{k^{\frac{k}{2}}}{m} \int_0^\infty \frac{\left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{k+m}{2}} x^{\frac{k}{2}-1}}{\Gamma(\frac{k}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{m}{2})} v^{\frac{k+m}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{1}{2}v \left( \frac{k}{m}t+1 \right)} dv \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\frac{k+m}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{k}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{m}{2})} \left( \frac{k}{m} \right)^{\frac{k}{2}} x^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \left( \frac{1}{\frac{k}{m}x+1} \right)^{\frac{k+m}{2}} \int_0^\infty \frac{\left( \frac{t+1}{2} \right)^{\frac{k+m}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{k+m}{2})} v^{\frac{k+m}{2}-1} e^{-v \frac{t+1}{2}} dv \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\frac{k+m}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{k}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{m}{2})} \left( \frac{k}{m} \right)^{\frac{k}{2}} x^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \left( 1 + \frac{k}{m}x \right)^{-\frac{k+m}{2}} \int_0^\infty f_\Gamma \left( v \left| \frac{k+m}{2}, \frac{t+1}{2} \right. \right) dv \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\frac{k+m}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{k}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{m}{2})} \left( \frac{k}{m} \right)^{\frac{k}{2}} x^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \left( 1 + \frac{k}{m}x \right)^{-\frac{k+m}{2}} \quad (120)
\end{aligned}$$

#### 7.2.4.2 T-Distribution

$$\begin{aligned}
\left. \begin{matrix} U_1 \\ V_1, \dots, V_m \end{matrix} \right\} \sim Z = N(0, 1) &\Rightarrow \frac{U_1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m V_j^2}} \sim T(m), \\
T(m) \equiv f_T(x|m) &= \frac{\Gamma(\frac{m+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{m}{2})} \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \left( 1 + \frac{x^2}{m} \right)^{-\frac{m+1}{2}} \quad (121)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{matrix} U = U_i^2 \sim \chi^2 \\ V = \sum_{j=1}^m V_j^2 \sim \chi_m^2 \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \mathbb{P} \left\{ -x \leq \frac{\sqrt{U}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{m}V}} \leq x \right\} = \mathbb{P} \left\{ \frac{U}{\frac{1}{m}V} \leq x^2 \right\} = \int_0^{x^2} f_F(v|1, m) dv \quad (122)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
T(m) \equiv f_T(x|m) &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^{x^2} f_F(v|1, m) dv = x f_F(x^2|1, m) \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\frac{m+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{m}{2})} \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \left( 1 + \frac{x^2}{m} \right)^{-\frac{m+1}{2}} \quad (123)
\end{aligned}$$

#### 7.2.4.3 Cauchy

$$\left. \begin{matrix} U \\ V \end{matrix} \right\} \sim Z = N(0, 1) \Rightarrow \frac{U}{V} \sim \text{Cau}(0, 1) \equiv f_C(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} \quad (124)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P} \left\{ \frac{U}{V} \leq x \right\} &= \mathbb{P} \{ U \leq xV \} = \iint_{\{u \leq xv\}} f_N(u|0, 1) f_N(v|0, 1) du dv \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^\infty \int_{-\infty}^{xv} f_N(u|0, 1) f_N(v|0, 1) du dv \quad (125)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cau}(0,1) \equiv f_C(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \mathbb{P} \left\{ \frac{U}{V} \leq x \right\} = \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{xv} f_N(u|0,1) f_N(v|0,1) du dv \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^\infty \left( \frac{d}{dx} \int_{-\infty}^{xv} f_N(u|0,1) du \right) f_N(v|0,1) dv = \int_{-\infty}^\infty f_N(xv|0,1) f_N(v|0,1) dv \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2 v^2}{2}} \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{v^2}{2}} v dv = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-\frac{v^2(x^2+1)}{2}} v dv \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{x^2+1} \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-t} dt = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{x^2+1} \int_0^\infty e^{-t} dt \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{x^2+1}
\end{aligned} \tag{126}$$

$$\text{Cau}(0,1) \equiv T(1) \tag{127}$$

## 7.2.5 Other Common Distributions

### 7.2.5.1 Exponential

$$\text{Exp}(\lambda) \equiv f_E(x|\lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, \quad x \geq 0 \tag{128}$$

memoryless:

$$\mathbb{P}\{x > s+t | x > s\} = \mathbb{P}\{x > t\} \tag{129}$$

$$h(t) = \frac{f(t)}{1 - \int_0^t f(x) dx} = \lambda \tag{130}$$

### 7.2.5.2 Pareto

$$\text{Par}(\alpha, x_m) \equiv f_P(x|\alpha, x_m) = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha x_m^\alpha}{x^{\alpha+1}}, & x \geq x_m \\ 0, & x < x_m \end{cases} \tag{131}$$

hazard rate (burn-in period)

$$h(t) = \frac{\alpha}{t} \tag{132}$$

### 7.2.5.3 Weibull

### 7.2.5.4 Uniform

$$\text{Uni}(0,1) \equiv f_U(x) = 1, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \tag{133}$$

## 8 Order Statistics

Order statistics are the probability distributions of **cumulative probability rank**, or ‘percentile’, of finite samples taken with replacement from arbitrary distributions.

Let a set of  $n$  IID random variables, designated as  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , be sampled from a uniform distribution,  $X_i \sim \text{Uni}(0,1)$ . The random variables sorted in increasing order, designated as  $X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$ ,

- $k - 1$  events fall within  $[0, u)$
- 1 event falls within  $[u + du)$
- $n - k$  events fall within  $[u + du, 1]$

finite-sized intervals given by multinomial probabilities,

$$\frac{n!}{(k-1)!1!(n-k)!} u^{k-1} \cdot du \cdot (1-u-du)^{n-k} \quad (134)$$

$$X_{(k)} \sim B(k, n+1-k) \quad (135)$$

## 9 Asymptotic Limits

### 9.1 Convergence of Random Variables

$$\mathbb{P}\{X < x\} \equiv \mathbb{P}_X(x) \quad (136)$$

#### 9.1.1 Convergence in Distribution

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}_{X_n}(x) = \mathbb{P}_X(x) \Leftrightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \quad (137)$$

#### 9.1.2 Convergence in Probability (Weak Convergence)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}\{|X_n - X| \geq \epsilon\} = 0 \Leftrightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{p} X \quad (138)$$

#### 9.1.3 Convergence Almost Surely (Strong Convergence)

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |X_n - X| \leq \epsilon\right\} = 0 \Leftrightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} X \quad (139)$$

#### 9.1.4 Product of Convergent Random Variables

Slutsky's Theorem

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \\ Y_n \xrightarrow{p} c \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow X_n Y_n \xrightarrow{d} cX \quad (140)$$

### 9.2 Asymptotic Limits of IID Samples

#### 9.2.1 Law of Large Numbers

$$\mathbb{E}X = \mu \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}X_i = \mu \quad (141)$$



## Weak Law of Large Numbers

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}\{|\bar{X}_n - \mu| \geq \epsilon\} = 0 \quad (142)$$

## Strong Law of Large Numbers

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\bar{X}_n - \mu| \geq \epsilon\right\} = 0 \quad (143)$$

## 9.2.2 Central Limit Theorem

### 9.2.2.1 Univariate Theorem

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1) \quad (144)$$

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \quad (145)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right) &= 0 \\ \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right)^2 &= \frac{1}{n} \\ \phi_X(t) &= 1 + it\mathbb{E}X - \frac{t^2}{2}\mathbb{E}X^2 + \dots \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \phi_{\frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}}(t) = 1 - \frac{t^2}{2n} + \mathcal{O}\left(n^{-\frac{3}{2}}\right) \quad (146)$$

$$\phi_{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}}(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n \phi_{\frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}}(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{t^2}{2n} + \mathcal{O}\left(n^{-\frac{3}{2}}\right)\right) \quad (147)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{t^2}{n} + \mathcal{O}\left(n^{-\frac{3}{2}}\right)\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{t^2}{n} + \mathcal{O}\left(n^{-\frac{3}{2}}\right)\right)^n = e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} = \phi_{N(0,1)}(t) \quad (148)$$

### 9.2.2.2 Multivariate Theorem

$$\mathbb{E}\mathbf{X} = \boldsymbol{\mu} \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}\bar{\mathbf{X}}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}_i = \boldsymbol{\mu} \quad (149)$$

$$\mathbb{V}\mathbf{X} = \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^\top - \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}\mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}^\top = \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \quad (150)$$

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{\mathbf{X}}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \xrightarrow{d} N(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \quad (151)$$

## Delta Method

Transformation  $g(\mathbf{X})$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}g(\mathbf{X}) &= g(\boldsymbol{\mu}) \\ \mathbb{V}g(\mathbf{X}) &= \nabla g(\boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \nabla g(\boldsymbol{\mu}) \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \sqrt{n}(g(\mathbf{X}_n) - g(\boldsymbol{\mu})) \xrightarrow{d} N(\mathbf{0}, \nabla g(\boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \nabla g(\boldsymbol{\mu})) \quad (152)$$

$g(\mathbf{X}) = \Gamma\mathbf{X}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}g(\mathbf{X}) &= \Gamma\boldsymbol{\mu} \\ \mathbb{V}g(\mathbf{X}) &= \Gamma^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \Gamma \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \sqrt{n}(\Gamma\mathbf{X}_n - \Gamma\boldsymbol{\mu}) \xrightarrow{d} N(\mathbf{0}, \Gamma^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \Gamma) \quad (153)$$

## 10 Likelihood Function and Information Measures

$$\mathbb{I}_S X = -\ln \mathbb{P}X \quad (154)$$

### 10.1 Shannon Information and Entropy

$$\mathbb{H}X = \mathbb{E}\mathbb{I}_S X \quad (155)$$

**Relative Entropy** or the **Kullback-Leibler Divergence**

$$D_{KL}(P||Q) = -\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) \ln \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx = \mathbb{H}X - \mathbb{E}_X \mathbb{I}_S Y \quad (156)$$

by Jensen's Inequality the relative entropy is always positive:

$$D_{KL}(P||Q) = -\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) \ln \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx \geq -\ln \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx \right) = -\ln \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} q(x) dx = 0 \quad (157)$$

**Conditional Entropy**

$$\mathbb{H}(X|Y) = \mathbb{H}(X, Y) - \mathbb{H}Y \quad (158)$$

**Mutual Information**

$$\mathbb{I}_M(X, Y) = \mathbb{H}X + \mathbb{H}Y - \mathbb{H}(X, Y) = D_{KL}(p(x, y)||p(x)p(y)) = \mathbb{E}_Y D_{KL}(p(x|y)||p(x)) \quad (159)$$

### 10.2 Likelihood Function and Fisher Information

Let  $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$  be the joint distribution of the sample,  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ , taken from a distribution parametrized by  $\theta$ . The **likelihood function**,  $L(\theta|\mathbf{x})$ , given that  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}$  is observed, is defined as

$$L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) \equiv f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \quad (160)$$

The **log-likelihood function** is identical to the Shannon information for parametrized distributions

$$\ln L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \ln f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \ln \mathbb{P}\mathbf{X}_\theta = -\mathbb{I}_S \mathbf{X}_\theta \quad (161)$$

$$L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) \equiv f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\theta) \Rightarrow \ln L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln f(x_i|\theta) \quad (162)$$

#### 10.2.1 Fisher Information

The **score function**,  $S(\theta|\mathbf{x})$ , measures the sensitivity of the likelihood function to changes in the parameter value,

$$S(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \frac{1}{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \quad (163)$$

Two identities

$$\int_D f \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln f d\mathbf{x} = \int_D \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f d\mathbf{x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_D f d\mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (164)$$

$$\int_D f \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln f \right)^2 d\mathbf{x} = \int_D \frac{1}{f} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 d\mathbf{x} = \int_D \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \theta^2} - f \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \ln f \right) d\mathbf{x} = - \int_D f \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \ln f d\mathbf{x} \quad (165)$$

The expectation of the score function vanishes:

$$\mathbb{E}_\theta S(\theta|\mathbf{X}) = 0 \quad (166)$$

$$\mathbb{V}_\theta S(\theta|\mathbf{X}) = \mathbb{E}_\theta S(\theta|\mathbf{X})^2 - (\mathbb{E}_\theta S(\theta|\mathbf{X}))^2 = \mathbb{E}_\theta S(\theta|\mathbf{X})^2 = -\mathbb{E}_\theta \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} S(\theta|\mathbf{X}) \right) \quad (167)$$

The **Fisher information** is the variance of the score function,

$$\mathbb{I}_F \mathbf{X}_\theta = \mathbb{V} S(\theta|\mathbf{X}) = -\mathbb{E}_\theta \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} S(\theta|\mathbf{X}) \right) = -\mathbb{E}_\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \ln f(\mathbf{X}|\theta) \quad (168)$$

Relationship between Shannon entropy and Fisher information:

$$\ln L(\theta + \Delta\theta|\mathbf{x}) \approx \ln L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) \Delta\theta + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \ln L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) \Delta\theta^2 \quad (169)$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathbb{E}_\theta \ln L(\theta + \Delta\theta|\mathbf{X}) &\approx -\mathbb{E}_\theta \left( \ln L(\theta|\mathbf{X}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln L(\theta|\mathbf{X}) \Delta\theta + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \ln L(\theta|\mathbf{X}) \Delta\theta^2 \right) \\ &= \mathbb{E}_\theta \mathbb{I}_S \mathbf{X}_\theta - \mathbb{E}_\theta S(\theta|\mathbf{X}) \Delta\theta + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_\theta \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} S(\theta|\mathbf{X}) \right) \Delta\theta^2 \\ \mathbb{H} \mathbf{X}_{\theta+\Delta\theta} &\approx \mathbb{H} \mathbf{X}_\theta + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{I}_F \mathbf{X}_\theta \Delta\theta^2 \end{aligned} \quad (170)$$

Kullback-Leibler divergence

$$\begin{aligned} D_{KL}(L(\theta|\mathbf{x})||L(\theta + \Delta\theta|\mathbf{x})) &= \int_{\Theta} L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) \ln \frac{L(\theta|\mathbf{x})}{L(\theta + \Delta\theta|\mathbf{x})} d\theta \\ &= \int_{\Theta} L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) (\ln L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) - \ln L(\theta + \Delta\theta|\mathbf{x})) d\theta \\ &\approx \int_{\Theta} L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) \Delta\theta - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \ln L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) \Delta\theta^2 \right) d\theta \\ &= -\mathbb{E}_\theta S(\theta|\mathbf{X}) \Delta\theta - \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} S(\theta|\mathbf{X}) \Delta\theta^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{I}_F \mathbf{X}_\theta \Delta\theta^2 \end{aligned} \quad (171)$$

Given a vector of parameters,  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m)^\top$ , the **Fisher information matrix** is given by

$$\mathbb{I}_F \mathbf{X}_\theta \equiv -\mathbb{E}_\theta \nabla^2 \ln f(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\mathbb{E}_\theta \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1^2} \ln f(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1 \partial \theta_m} \ln f(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_m \partial \theta_1} \ln f(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_m^2} \ln f(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \end{pmatrix} \quad (172)$$

Multidimensional Taylor expansion of the log-likelihood function:

$$\ln L(\boldsymbol{\theta} + \Delta\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{x}) \approx \ln L(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{x}) + \Delta\boldsymbol{\theta}^\top \ln L(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{x}) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta\boldsymbol{\theta}^\top H \ln L(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{x}) \Delta\boldsymbol{\theta} \quad (173)$$

$$D_{KL}(L(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{x})||L(\boldsymbol{\theta} + \Delta\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{x})) = \Delta\boldsymbol{\theta}^\top \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{I}_F \mathbf{X}_\boldsymbol{\theta} \Delta\boldsymbol{\theta} \quad (174)$$

## 11 Bayesian Perspectives

### 11.1 Bayes' Theorem

Given events,  $A$  and  $B$ , and a probability measure,  $\mathbb{P}$ , **Bayes' Theorem** is

$$\mathbb{P}\{A|B\} = \frac{\mathbb{P}\{B|A\}\mathbb{P}\{A\}}{\mathbb{P}\{B\}} \quad (175)$$

### 11.2 Parameter Refinement and Estimation

the object is to estimate the unknown value of a parameter,  $\theta^*$ , that governs a parametrized distribution,  $f(x|\theta^*)$ . The estimate for the parameter is made through a sequence of IID measurements,  $x_1, \dots, x_i$ , sampled from the distribution, and each of which adds to the refinement of a distribution for the parameter,  $f(\theta)$ .

### 11.3 Conjugate Families

Beta prior, binomial likelihood ( $n$  draws):

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{beta prior: } B(\alpha, \beta) \propto \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1} \\ \text{binomial likelihood: } \text{Bin}(n, k) \propto \theta^k (1-\theta)^{n-k} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{beta posterior: } B(\alpha + k, \beta + n - k) \quad (176)$$

Gamma prior, Poisson likelihood ( $n$  draws):

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{gamma prior: } \Gamma(\alpha, \beta) \propto x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} \\ \text{Poisson likelihood: } \text{Poi}(x) \propto x^k e^{-nx} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{gamma posterior: } \Gamma(\alpha + k, \beta + n) \quad (177)$$

Gaussian prior, Gaussian likelihood ( $n$  draws): This is a model for an iterative determination of the unknown mean of a Gaussian distribution with known variance:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Gaussian prior: } \mu \sim N(\mu_0, \sigma_0) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\mu - \mu_0)^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right) \\ \text{Gaussian likelihood: } \mu|\mathbf{x} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \propto \prod_{i=1}^n \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{Gaussian posterior: } \mu \sim N\left(\frac{\kappa_0 \mu_0 + n \bar{\mathbf{x}}}{\kappa_0 + n}, \frac{\sigma^2}{\kappa_0 + n}\right) \quad (178)$$

$$\kappa_0 = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_0} \quad (179)$$

Inverted gamma prior, Gaussian likelihood This is a model for an iterative determination of the unknown variance of a Gaussian distribution with known mean

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{inverted gamma prior: } \sigma^2 \sim \text{IG}(\alpha, \beta) \propto \sigma^{-2(\alpha+1)} \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{\sigma^2}\right) \\ \text{Gaussian likelihood: } \sigma^2 | \mathbf{x} \sim \text{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) \propto \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \end{array} \right\} \\ \Rightarrow \text{inverted gamma posterior: } \sigma^2 \sim \text{IG}\left(\alpha + \frac{n}{2}, \beta + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2\right) \quad (180)$$

## 11.4 Monte Carlo Methods