

## 5 Multivariate Normal Distribution

$$\mathbf{y} \sim \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_p \end{pmatrix}$$

- Density (Let  $\mathbf{Y}_{p \times 1} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ )

$$f_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}) = |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} (2\pi)^{-\frac{p}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \{(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\}}$$

- MGF:  $M_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{t}'\boldsymbol{\mu} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{t}'\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{t}}$

Remark 5.1

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

$$\underline{Y_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_{11})}$$

$$\sigma_{11} = \sigma_1^2$$

$$\text{cov}(Y_1, Y_2) = \sigma_{12}$$

$$\text{corr}(Y_1, Y_2) = \frac{\sigma_{12}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{11} \sigma_{22}}}$$

$$Y_2 | Y_1 \sim N(\quad, \quad)$$

- Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be a constant matrix and  $\mathbf{C}$  be a constant vector

$$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{C} \sim N(\mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{B}')$$

Remark 5.2

- Marginal Distribution, Condition Distribution and independence

Let

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Y}_1 \\ \mathbf{Y}_2 \end{bmatrix} \sim N \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

then

(i)  $\mathbf{Y}_1 \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11})$

(ii)  $\mathbf{Y}_1 | \mathbf{Y}_2 = \mathbf{y}_2 \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1}(\mathbf{y}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21})$

(iii)  $\mathbf{Y}_1$  and  $\mathbf{Y}_2$  are independent iff  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} = \mathbf{0}$

Remark 5.3

- Partial Correlation

Let  $\mathbf{v} \sim N_q(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  and

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix}; \quad \boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_y \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_x \end{pmatrix}; \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yy} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yx} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xy} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xx} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{r-1})'$  and  $\mathbf{x} = (x_r, \dots, x_q)'$ . Let  $\rho_{ij.r\dots q}$  be the partial correlation between  $y_i$  and  $y_j$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq r-1$ , in the conditional distribution of  $\mathbf{y}$  given  $\mathbf{x}$ . By the definition of correlation, we have

$$\rho_{ij.r\dots q} = \frac{\sigma_{ij.r\dots q}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{ii.r\dots q}\sigma_{jj.r\dots q}}}.$$

*Remark 5.4*

Matrix of partial correlations

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{y.x} = \mathbf{D}_{y.x}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y.x} \mathbf{D}_{y.x}^{-1}$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y.x} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yy} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{yx} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xx}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xy}$  and  $\mathbf{D}_{y.x} = [\text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y.x})]^{1/2}$ .

**Example** 5.1

**Example** 5.2