



## Why

We have precepts in  $\mathbf{R}^d$  and want to predict postcepts in  $\mathbf{R}$ . We put a probability measure on a set of linear statistical models.<sup>1</sup>

## Setup

We work over a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbf{P})$ . We have  $n$  precepts in  $\mathbf{R}^d$ . So let  $a^1, \dots, a^n \in \mathbf{R}^d$  with data matrix  $A \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times d}$ .

Let  $x : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^d$  and  $e : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$  be random vectors with normal density (mean zero and covariances  $\Sigma_x$  and  $\Sigma_e$  respectively). For each  $\omega \in \Omega$ , define the map  $f : \Omega \rightarrow (\mathbf{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbf{R})$  by  $f(\omega)(a) = \sum_j a_j^i x_j(\omega) + e_i(\omega)$ .

Define  $y : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$  by  $y(\omega) = Ax(\omega) + e(\omega)$ . In other notation,

$$y = Ax + e.$$

Let  $g : \mathbf{R}^d \times \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the density of  $(\theta, y)$ . Let  $g_{\theta|y} : \mathbf{R}^d \times \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the conditional density of  $\theta$  given  $y$ .

**Proposition 1.**  $(\theta, y)$  has covariance  $\begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_\theta & \Sigma_\theta X^\top \\ X \Sigma_\theta & X \Sigma_\theta X^\top + \Sigma_e \end{pmatrix}$

**Proposition 2.** *There exists  $c \in \mathbf{R}$ , so that for all  $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}^d$  and  $\gamma \in \mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $\log g(\alpha, \gamma)$  is*

$$-\frac{1}{2}(\alpha^\top \Sigma \alpha + \alpha^\top \Sigma X^\top \gamma + \gamma^\top X \Sigma \alpha + \gamma^\top X \Sigma X^\top \gamma) + c.$$

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<sup>1</sup>The name of this sheet will change in future editions. And future editions will include accounts.

**Proposition 3.** *A solution to maximize  $g(\alpha, \gamma)$  with respect to  $\alpha$  is  $\alpha = -\Sigma^{-1}\Sigma X^\top \gamma$ .*

**Proposition 4.**  *$g_{\theta|y}(\alpha, \gamma)$  is normal with mean*

$$\tilde{\mu}(\gamma) = \Sigma X^\top (X \Sigma X^\top)^{-1} \gamma$$

*and covariance*

$$\tilde{\Sigma} = \Sigma - \Sigma X^\top (X \Sigma X^\top)^{-1} X \Sigma.$$

**Proposition 5.** *A solution to maximize  $g_{\theta|y}(\alpha, \gamma)$  w.r.t.  $\alpha$  is*

$$\tilde{\Sigma} \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1} \tilde{\mu}(\gamma).$$

But, of course,  $y$  also has a density. Denote the density of  $y$  by  $g : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ . In other words,  $g \geq 0$  and  $\int g = 1$ .

**Proposition 6.**

$$\log g(\gamma) = -1/2(\gamma^\top (X \Sigma X^\top)^{-1} \gamma) - \frac{d}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \log \mathbf{det} (X \Sigma X^\top)$$

**Test**

This expression makes clear that  $y$  has a normal density with mean  $X \mathbf{E}(x)$  and covariance  $X \mathbf{E}(x) X^\top$ .

Let  $w : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^d$  be a random vector with mean 0 and covariance  $\eta I$ . Let  $x^1, \dots, x^n \in \mathbf{R}^d$ . Define  $y^i : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  by  $y_i(\omega) = w(\omega)^\top x^i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, d$ .

## Noise setup

Let  $e : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$  be a normal random vector with mean 0 and covariance  $\sigma I$ . Define  $\tilde{y} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$  by  $\tilde{y} = y(\omega) + e(\omega)$ .

**Proposition 7.**  *$\tilde{y}$  is a normal random vector with mean zero and covariance  $X\Sigma X^\top + \sigma I$ .*



