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# Probability Review 5 - Multivariate Probability Distributions

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- $\text{Var}(\mathbf{X}) = E[(\mathbf{X} - E[\mathbf{X}])(\mathbf{X} - E[\mathbf{X}])^T]$  is the variance-covariance matrix



# Multinomial and Dirichlet Distributions

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- **Dirichlet:** The random vector  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_k)$ ,  $p_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^k p_i = 1$ , with parametric vector  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$  with  $\alpha_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$  has density function

$$f(\mathbf{p}|\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_k)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \cdots \Gamma(\alpha_k)} p_1^{\alpha_1-1} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k-1}$$





# Dirichlet $\alpha_i = 1, \forall i$

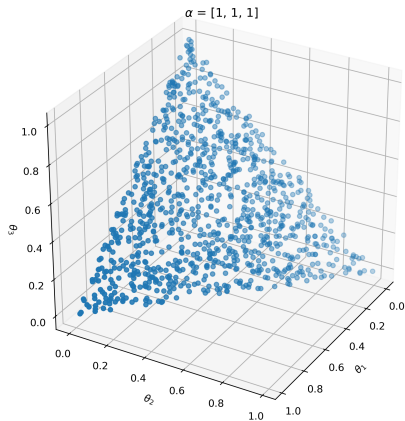
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# Dirichlet $\alpha_i = 10, \forall i$

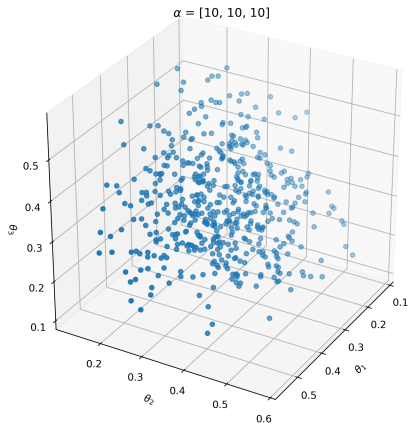
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# Dirichlet $\alpha_i = 0.1, \forall i$

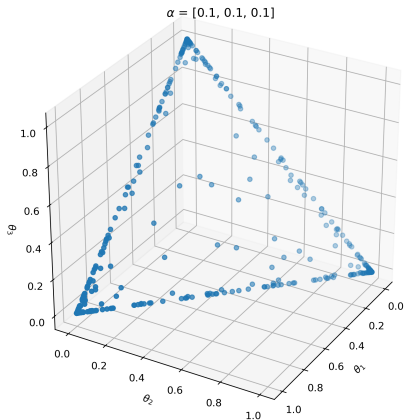
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# Dirichlet $\alpha = [10, 0.2, 0.2]$

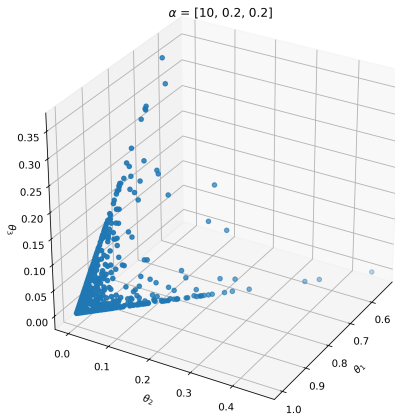
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- **Multivariate Gaussian:** The random vector  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_k)$ ,  $X_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , with parameters  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k)$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  has the density

$$f(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \Sigma) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{k}{2}} |\Sigma|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right]$$



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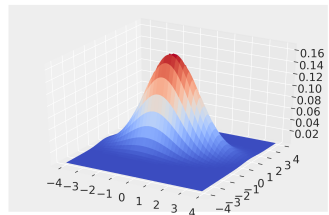
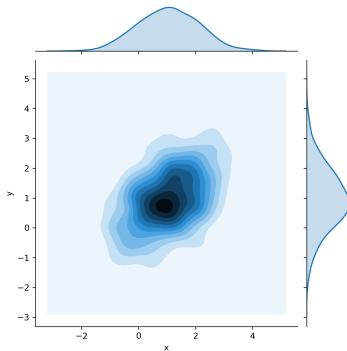
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- **Multivariate t Distribution:** The random vector  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_k)$ ,  $X_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , with parameters: Location,  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k)$ ; Shape or scale matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ ; and Degrees of Freedom,  $\nu$ , has the density

$$\frac{\Gamma(\nu + k)}{\Gamma(\nu/2)(\nu\pi)^{k/2}|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right]^{-(\nu+k)/2}$$



# Multivariate t Distribution $DF=2$

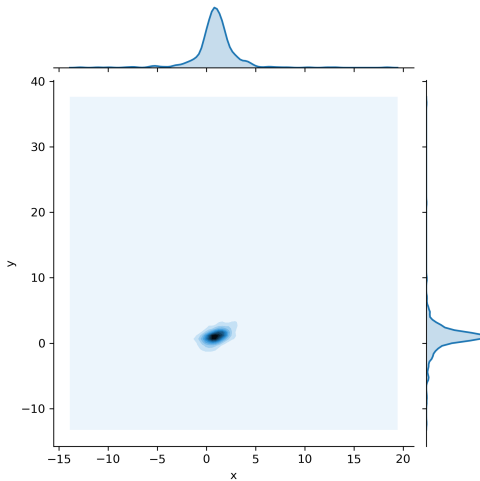
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# Multivariate t Distribution DF=10

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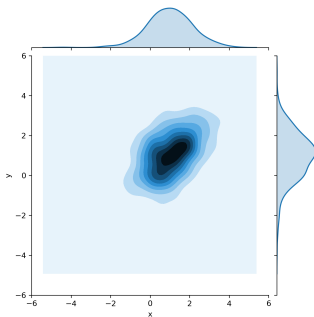
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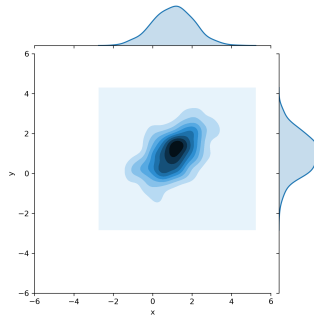
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# Common Multivariate Distributions

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- **Wishart:** Let  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be a random sample of  $k$  dimensional random vectors with  $X_i \sim N_k(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$ . Then  $V = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i X_i^T$  is a random  $k \times k$  matrix and  $V$  has the density

$$f(\mathbf{V}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \Sigma) = c |\Sigma|^{n/2} |\mathbf{V}|^{(n-k-1)/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{V})\right]$$

$$c = \left[ 2^{nk/2} \pi^{k(k-1)/4} \prod_{j=1}^k \left( \frac{n+1-j}{2} \right) \right]^{-1}$$