

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ a) } K = \text{cov}(x) = \text{cov}(x, x) = E[xx^T] - E[x]E[x^T]$$

$$\therefore K^T = (E[xx^T] - E[x]E[x^T])^T = E[xx^T]^T - (E[x]E[x^T])^T$$

$$= E[(xx^T)^T] - E[x^T]^T E[x]^T = E[(x^T)^T x^T] - E[(x^T)^T] E[x]$$

$$= E[xx^T] - E[x]E[x^T] = \text{cov}(x, x) = \text{cov}(x) = K$$

$$\Rightarrow K = K^T \therefore K \text{ is symmetric.}$$

$$\text{b) } v^T K v = v^T (E[xx^T] - E[x]E[x^T])v$$

$$= v^T E[xx^T]v - v^T E[x]E[x^T]v = E[v^T x x^T v] - E[v^T x]E[x^T v]$$

$$= E[(v^T x)(v^T x)^T] - E[v^T x]E[(v^T x)^T] = E[(v^T x)^2] - E[v^T x]^2$$

$$= \text{Var}(v^T x) \geq 0$$

since variance is always nonnegative.

$\therefore K$ is positive semi-definite.

$$\text{c) i. } \hat{K}^T = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T \right)^T$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n ((x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T)^T = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n ((x_i - \mu)^T)^T (x_i - \mu)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T = \hat{K} \Rightarrow \hat{K}^T = \hat{K}$$

$\therefore \hat{K}$ is symmetric.

$$\text{ii. } v^T K v = v^T \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T \right) v$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n v^T (x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T v$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n v^T (x_i - \mu) (v^T (x_i - \mu))^T$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (v^T (x_i - \mu))^2 \geq 0 \text{ since}$$

$v^T (x_i - \mu)$ is a scalar.

$\therefore \hat{K}$ is positive semidefinite.

(2) Find \hat{K}_{MLE} : We know $l(\mu, K) = \ln(p(D; \mu, K)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(p(x_i; \mu, K))$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \ln |K^{-1}| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^T K^{-1} (x_i - \mu)$$

$$\frac{\partial l(\mu, K)}{\partial K} = \frac{n}{2} K^T - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu) (x_i - \mu)^T = \frac{n}{2} K^T - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) (x_i - \bar{x})$$

Given that $\frac{\partial}{\partial A} x^T A x = x x^T$, $\frac{\partial}{\partial A} \ln |A| = A^{-T}$, and $\mu_{MLE} = \bar{x}$,

$$0 = \frac{n}{2} K^T - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) (x_i - \bar{x})^T \Rightarrow K^T = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) (x_i - \bar{x})^T = K \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{since} \\ \text{we know} \\ K \text{ is symmetric.} \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \hat{K}_{MLE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) (x_i - \bar{x})^T$$

(3) Bias($\hat{\mu}$) = $E[(\hat{\mu} - \mu)] = E[(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i) - \mu] = E[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i] - \mu$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[x_i] - \mu = \frac{1}{n} (n\mu) - \mu = \mu - \mu = \underline{0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{\mu}) &= E[(\hat{\mu} - \mu)(\hat{\mu} - \mu)^T] = \frac{1}{n^2} E[n(\hat{\mu} - \mu)n(\hat{\mu} - \mu)^T] \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu) \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - \mu)^T\right] = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n E[(x_i - \mu)(x_j - \mu)^T] \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \left(\sum_{i,j=1, i \neq j}^n E[(x_i - \mu)(x_j - \mu)^T] + \sum_{i,j=1, i=j}^n E[(x_i - \mu)(x_j - \mu)^T] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \left(0 + \sum_{i=1}^n E[(x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} (nK) = \frac{K}{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Bias}(\hat{\mu}) = 0, \quad \text{Var}(\hat{\mu}) = \frac{K}{n}$$