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# Statistical Learning and Data Science

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## **A Brief Review of Multivariate Normal**

- Review of matrix algebra
- Multivariate normal density
- Conditional distribution
- Some inferences and applications

# Review of Matrix Algebra

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- Matrix trace, determinant, inverse, etc
- Matrix partition
- Kronecker product
- Vector operation
- Matrix derivative
- Spectral Decomposition

# Matrix Trace, Inverse...

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- Properties of Trace
  - $\text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_i^n a_{ii}$
  - $\text{Tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{BA})$ ,  $\text{Tr}(\mathbf{A+B}) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{Tr}(\mathbf{B})$

- Properties of Inverse

If  $|\mathcal{A}| \neq 0$  and  $\mathcal{A}(p \times p)$ , then the inverse  $\mathcal{A}^{-1}$  exists:

$$\mathcal{A} \mathcal{A}^{-1} = \mathcal{A}^{-1} \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{I}_p.$$

For small matrices, the inverse of  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{ij})$  can be calculated as

$$\mathcal{A}^{-1} = \frac{\mathcal{C}}{|\mathcal{A}|},$$

where  $\mathcal{C} = (c_{ij})$  is the adjoint matrix of  $\mathcal{A}$ . The elements  $c_{ji}$  of  $\mathcal{C}^\top$  are the co-factors of  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$c_{ji} = (-1)^{i+j} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1(j-1)} & a_{1(j+1)} & \dots & a_{1p} \\ \vdots & & & & & \\ a_{(i-1)1} & \dots & a_{(i-1)(j-1)} & a_{(i-1)(j+1)} & \dots & a_{(i-1)p} \\ a_{(i+1)1} & \dots & a_{(i+1)(j-1)} & a_{(i+1)(j+1)} & \dots & a_{(i+1)p} \\ \vdots & & & & & \\ a_{p1} & \dots & a_{p(j-1)} & a_{p(j+1)} & \dots & a_{pp} \end{vmatrix}.$$

## Matrix Trace, Inverse... (Cont.)

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- Properties of Inverse

- A useful equation  $(\mathcal{A} - ab^\top)^{-1} = \mathcal{A}^{-1} + \frac{\mathcal{A}^{-1}ab^\top\mathcal{A}^{-1}}{1 - b^\top\mathcal{A}^{-1}a}$ .
- A more general form

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{BCD})^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{C}^{-1} - \mathbf{DA}^{-1}\mathbf{B})^{-1}\mathbf{DA}^{-1}.$$

- From above, one easily get

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C})^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} - \mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{A}^{-1} + \mathbf{C}^{-1})\mathbf{A}^{-1},$$

$$(\mathbf{A}^{-1} + \mathbf{C}^{-1})^{-1} = (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{CA}^{-1})^{-1}\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C})^{-1}\mathbf{A}.$$

- One Useful Identity from Ridge Regression

$$(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} + h_n\mathbf{I}_p)^{-1}\mathbf{X}' = \mathbf{X}'(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}' + h_n\mathbf{I}_n)^{-1}$$

## Matrix Partition

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- Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, we write

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\mathbf{A}_{11}$  is  $n_1 \times n_1$  matrix and  $\mathbf{A}_{22}$  is  $n_2 \times n_2$

- Then we can have

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} (A_{11} - A_{12}A_{22}^{-1}A_{21})^{-1} & -A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}(A_{22} - A_{21}A_{11}^{-1}A_{12})^{-1} \\ -A_{22}^{-1}A_{21}(A_{11} - A_{12}A_{22}^{-1}A_{21})^{-1} & (A_{22} - A_{21}A_{11}^{-1}A_{12})^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Moreover,

$$|\mathcal{A}| = |\mathcal{A}_{11}| |\mathcal{A}_{22} - \mathcal{A}_{21}\mathcal{A}_{11}^{-1}\mathcal{A}_{12}|$$

$$|\mathcal{A}| = |\mathcal{A}_{22}| |\mathcal{A}_{11} - \mathcal{A}_{12}\mathcal{A}_{22}^{-1}\mathcal{A}_{21}|$$

## Matrix Determinant

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- Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be a  $p \times n$  matrix,  $\mathbf{C}$  is an  $n \times p$  matrix and  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $p \times p$  matrix, then we have

$$|\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{BC}| = |\mathbf{A}| \times |\mathbf{I}_p + \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{BC}| = |\mathbf{A}| \times |\mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{CA}^{-1}\mathbf{B}|.$$

- Some special cases

$$|\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{xx}^T| = |\mathbf{A}| \times (1 + \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{x}),$$

$$|\mathbf{I}_p + \mathbf{BC}| = |\mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{CB}|.$$

- From the matrix partition, if

$$\mathcal{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b^T \\ a & \mathcal{A} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then we have,

$$|\mathcal{B}| = |\mathcal{A} - ab^T| = |\mathcal{A}| |1 - b^T \mathcal{A}^{-1} a|$$

# Spectral Decomposition

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**Theorem 2.1 (Eigen Decomposition)** *Each symmetric matrix  $\mathcal{A}(p \times p)$  can be written as*

$$\mathcal{A} = \Gamma \Lambda \Gamma^\top = \sum_{j=1}^p \lambda_j \gamma_j \gamma_j^\top \quad (2.18)$$

*where*

$$\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p)$$

*and where*

$$\Gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_p)$$

*is an orthogonal matrix consisting of the eigenvectors  $\gamma_j$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ .*

Remark: it gives a framework to define the matrix square root  $\mathcal{A}^{1/2}$ , matrix power  $\mathcal{A}^k$ , matrix exponential  $\exp(\mathcal{A})$  and logarithm  $\log(\mathcal{A})$ .

- Example:  $\Sigma = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{A}^k / k! \equiv \exp(\mathcal{A})$  where  $\exp(\mathcal{A})$  is called the matrix exponential of  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- The negative log-likelihood  $L_n(\Sigma) = -\log |\Sigma^{-1}| + \text{tr}[\Sigma^{-1} \mathcal{S}]$ , becomes

$$L_n(\mathcal{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathcal{A}) + \text{tr}[\exp(-\mathcal{A}) \mathcal{S}].$$



# Matrix Rank

- **Column-rank of a matrix:** is the dimension of the vector space generated by its columns (i.e., the max. number of linearly independent columns).
  - rank of a matrix = the number of non-zero singular values of the matrix.

- Example:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Column-Rank} = 2$   
 List all combinations of columns (linear indept or not: Y/N)

Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

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# Spectral Decomposition (Con't)

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**THEOREM 2.2 (Singular Value Decomposition)** *Each matrix  $\mathcal{A}(n \times p)$  with rank  $r$  can be decomposed as*

$$\mathcal{A} = \Gamma \Lambda \Delta^\top,$$

*where  $\Gamma(n \times r)$  and  $\Delta(p \times r)$ . Both  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  are column orthonormal, i.e.,  $\Gamma^\top \Gamma = \Delta^\top \Delta = \mathcal{I}_r$  and  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1^{1/2}, \dots, \lambda_r^{1/2})$ ,  $\lambda_j > 0$ . The values  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r$  are the non-zero eigenvalues of the matrices  $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}^\top$  and  $\mathcal{A}^\top \mathcal{A}$ .  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  consist of the corresponding  $r$  eigenvectors of these matrices.*

- Extension to sparse SVD with applications in clustering, PCA, CCA.
- Example: consider data matrix  $\mathbf{X} = (x_{ij})_{n \times p}$ . Then SVD of data can be written as

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^T, \quad \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}_n, \quad \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_p, \quad d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \dots \geq d_K > 0.$$

- It is well-known (e.g. Eckart and Young, 1936) that for any  $r \leq K$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^r d_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{v}_k^T = \arg \min_{\hat{\mathbf{X}} \in M(r)} \|\mathbf{X} - \hat{\mathbf{X}}\|_F^2,$$

- The first  $r$  components give a best rank- $r$  approximation to the matrix.

## Kronecker Product

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- **Defintion:** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $n \times p$  matrix and  $\mathbf{B}$  an  $m \times q$  matrix. The  $mn \times pq$  matrix

$$\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1}\mathbf{B} & a_{1,2}\mathbf{B} & \cdots & a_{1,p}\mathbf{B} \\ a_{2,1}\mathbf{B} & a_{2,2}\mathbf{B} & \cdots & a_{2,p}\mathbf{B} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n,1}\mathbf{B} & a_{n,2}\mathbf{B} & \cdots & a_{n,p}\mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix}$$

is called the Kronecker product of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ , also call as tensor product or direct product.

- **Properties:**
  - 1.  $(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B})^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{B}^{-1}$
  - 2.  $(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{C} \otimes \mathbf{D}) = \mathbf{AC} \otimes \mathbf{BD}$
  - 3.  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})$

## Vec Operator

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- **Definition:** The *vec* operator creates a column vector from a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  by stacking its column vectors of  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_p]$ . i.e.,

$$\text{vec}(\mathbf{A}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 \\ \mathbf{a}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

- **Properties:**
  - 1.  $\text{vec}(\mathbf{AXB}) = (\mathbf{B}^T \otimes \mathbf{A}) \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})$ .
  - 2.  $\text{vec}(\mathbf{AB}) = (\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{A}) \text{vec}(\mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{B}^T \otimes \mathbf{I}) \text{vec}(\mathbf{A})$
  - 3.  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC}) = \text{vec}(\mathbf{A}^T)^T (\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{B}) \text{vec}(\mathbf{C})$
  - 4.  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{vec}(\mathbf{A}^T)^T \text{vec}(\mathbf{B})$

## Frobenius Matrix Norm

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- For a matrix A, its Frobenius norm is defined as

$$\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2} = \sqrt{\text{tr}(A^H A)}$$

- Such a norm is in a similar spirit to the Euclidean norm in vector.
- Thus the trace operator play a role of **inner product** in matrix.
- Example

$$\begin{aligned}\|A-B\|_F^2 &= \text{tr}[(A-B)^T(A-B)] \\ &= \|A\|_F^2 + \|B\|_F^2 - 2\text{tr}[A^T B].\end{aligned}$$

## Matrix Derivation

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- Derivative from the intuition

$$f(x + dx) = f(x) + f'(x)dx + (\text{higher order terms}).$$

- Definition from the following example

$$\frac{\text{tr}(AdX)}{dX} = \frac{\text{tr} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{a}_1^T dx_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \tilde{a}_n^T dx_n \end{bmatrix}}{dX} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{a}_i^T dx_i}{dX}.$$

Thus, we have

$$\left[ \frac{\text{tr}(AdX)}{dX} \right]_{ij} = \left[ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{a}_i^T dx_i}{\partial x_{ji}} \right] = a_{ij}$$

so that

$$\frac{\text{tr}(AdX)}{dX} = A^T$$

## Based on Definition

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{tr}AB &= \text{tr} \begin{bmatrix} \overleftarrow{\quad} \vec{a}_1 \overrightarrow{\quad} \\ \overleftarrow{\quad} \vec{a}_2 \overrightarrow{\quad} \\ \vdots \\ \overleftarrow{\quad} \vec{a}_n \overrightarrow{\quad} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow \\ \vec{b}_1 \downarrow \\ \uparrow \\ \vec{b}_2 \downarrow \\ \cdots \\ \uparrow \\ \vec{b}_n \downarrow \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \text{tr} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1^T \vec{b}_1 & \vec{a}_1^T \vec{b}_2 & \cdots & \vec{a}_1^T \vec{b}_n \\ \vec{a}_2^T \vec{b}_1 & \vec{a}_2^T \vec{b}_2 & \cdots & \vec{a}_2^T \vec{b}_n \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vec{a}_n^T \vec{b}_1 & \vec{a}_n^T \vec{b}_2 & \cdots & \vec{a}_n^T \vec{b}_n \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^m a_{1i} b_{i1} + \sum_{i=1}^m a_{2i} b_{i2} + \cdots + \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ni} b_{in} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \text{tr}AB}{\partial a_{ij}} &= b_{ji} \\
 \Rightarrow \nabla_A \text{tr}AB &= B^T
 \end{aligned}$$

## Matrix Derivative: Chain Rule

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- Suppose  $\mathbf{U} = f(\mathbf{X})$

$$\frac{\partial g(\mathbf{U})}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = \frac{\partial g(f(\mathbf{X}))}{\partial \mathbf{X}}$$

- The chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial g(\mathbf{U})}{\partial x_{ij}} = \sum_{k=1}^M \sum_{l=1}^N \frac{\partial g(\mathbf{U})}{\partial u_{kl}} \frac{\partial u_{kl}}{\partial x_{ij}}$$

$$\frac{\partial g(\mathbf{U})}{\partial X_{ij}} = \text{Tr} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial g(\mathbf{U})}{\partial \mathbf{U}} \right)^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial X_{ij}} \right]$$



## Matrix Derivative of Traces

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- Assume  $F(\mathbf{X})$  is an element-wise differentiable function
  - $f()$  is the scalar derivative of  $F()$ .

$$\frac{\partial \text{Tr}(F(\mathbf{X}))}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = f(\mathbf{X})^T$$

- **Properties:**
  - $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{A}^T$
  - $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B}^T$
  - $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{A}$
  - $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{A}$
  - $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{X}^2) = 2\mathbf{X}^T$

## Matrix Derivation: More Properties

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- Suppose  $\mathbf{X}$  is a square and invertible matrix, then

$$\frac{\partial \det(\mathbf{X})}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = \det(\mathbf{X})(\mathbf{X}^{-1})^T$$

$$\frac{\partial \det(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X})}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = 2 \det(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}) \mathbf{X}^{-T}$$

- Nonlinear forms

$$\frac{\partial \ln |\det(\mathbf{X})|}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = (\mathbf{X}^{-1})^T = (\mathbf{X}^T)^{-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial \det(\mathbf{X}^k)}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = k \det(\mathbf{X}^k) \mathbf{X}^{-T}$$

- Others

$$\frac{\partial \det(\mathbf{X})}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = \det(\mathbf{X})(\mathbf{X}^{-1})^T$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{Tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{B})}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = -(\mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}^{-1})^T$$

# Multivariate Normal Distribution: Random Vector

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- For a random vector  $Y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ , the mean vector is

$$\mu = E(\mathbf{Y}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_p \end{bmatrix}$$

and the covariance matrix is  $\text{cov}(\mathbf{Y}) = E \{ [\mathbf{Y} - E(\mathbf{Y})][\mathbf{Y} - E(\mathbf{Y})]'\}$   
 $= E \{ [\mathbf{Y} - \mu][\mathbf{Y} - \mu]'\}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \cdots & \sigma_{1p} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \cdots & \sigma_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \sigma_{p1} & \sigma_{p2} & \cdots & \sigma_{pp} \end{bmatrix} = \Sigma$$

where  $\sigma_{ij} = \text{cov}(Y_i, Y_j) = E \{ [Y_i - \mu_i][Y_j - \mu_j] \}$  .

# Multivariate Random Vector

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- **Proposition 1:** For two random vector  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$ ,

$$1. \text{cov}(\mathbf{a}'\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{b}'\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{a}'\Sigma_{XY}\mathbf{b}$$

$$2. \text{cov}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \text{cov}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$$

$$3. \text{cov}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{A} \text{cov}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})\mathbf{B}'$$

- **Proposition 2:** A  $p \times p$  matrix is a covariance matrix *if and only* if it is positive semi-definite.
- The Mahalanobis distance between  $\mathbf{Y}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  is defined as

$$D_{\Sigma}(\mathbf{Y}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) = [(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})]^{1/2}$$

- The multivariate skewness and kurtosis measures for are

$$\beta_{1,p} = E\{(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\}^3$$

$$\beta_{2,p} = E\{(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\}^2$$

where  $\mathbf{Y}$  and  $\mathbf{X}$  are independent, identically distributed (iid).

## Multivariate Random Vector (CDF and PDF)

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- The joint CDF (=cumulative distribution function) of a multivariate random vector  $\mathbf{X}$  in  $R^n$  is

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) &= F_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P(\mathbf{X} \leq \mathbf{x}) = \\ &= P(X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_n \leq x_n) \end{aligned}$$

- The joint probability density function (PDF) is

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_n} F_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

# Moment Generating and Characteristic Functions

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## Definition

*Moment generating function of  $\mathbf{X}$  is defined as*

$$\psi_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{t}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Ee^{\mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{X}} = Ee^{t_1 X_1 + t_2 X_2 + \dots + t_n X_n}$$

## Definition

*Characteristic function of  $\mathbf{X}$  is defined as*

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{t}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Ee^{i\mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{X}} = Ee^{i(t_1 X_1 + t_2 X_2 + \dots + t_n X_n)}$$

Special cases: take  $t_1 = 1, t_2 = t_3 = \dots = t_n = 0$ , then  $\varphi_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{t}) = \varphi_{X_1}(t_1)$ .

## One-dimensional Normal RV

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- Suppose  $x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then the moment generating function is

$$\psi_X(t) = E \left[ e^{tX} \right] = e^{t\mu + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2}$$

- The characteristic function is

$$\varphi_X(t) = E \left[ e^{itX} \right] = e^{it\mu - \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2}$$

# Multivariate Normal Distribution

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- In the univariate case,

$$f_{Y_i}(y_i) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(y_i - \mu_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\} \quad -\infty < y_i < \infty$$

- Let  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_p)$ . If each  $y_i$  is independent normal with mean  $\mu_i$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}) &= \prod_{i=1}^p f_{Y_i}(y_i) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^p \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(y_i - \mu_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\} \\ &= (2\pi)^{-p/2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^p}\right) \exp\left\{-\sum_{i=1}^p \frac{(y_i - \mu_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\} \\ &= (2\pi)^{-p/2} \left|(\sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p)\right|^{-1/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' (\sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})}{2}\right\} \end{aligned}$$



## Multivariate Normal Distribution (Con't)

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**Proposition (transformation):** suppose  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$ , the inverse transformation is  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b})$ , then the *p.d.f.* of  $\mathbf{y}$  is

$$f_Y(\mathbf{y}) = \text{abs}(|\mathcal{A}|^{-1}) f_X\{\mathcal{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b})\}.$$

- Let  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_p)$ , where  $\mathbf{y} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , then its probability density function is

$$f(\mathbf{y}) = |2\pi\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}.$$

**Theorem 2.3** *Let  $X \sim N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  and  $\mathcal{A}(p \times p)$ ,  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ , where  $\mathcal{A}$  is nonsingular. Then  $Y = \mathcal{A}X + \mathbf{c}$  is again a  $p$ -variate Normal, i.e.,*

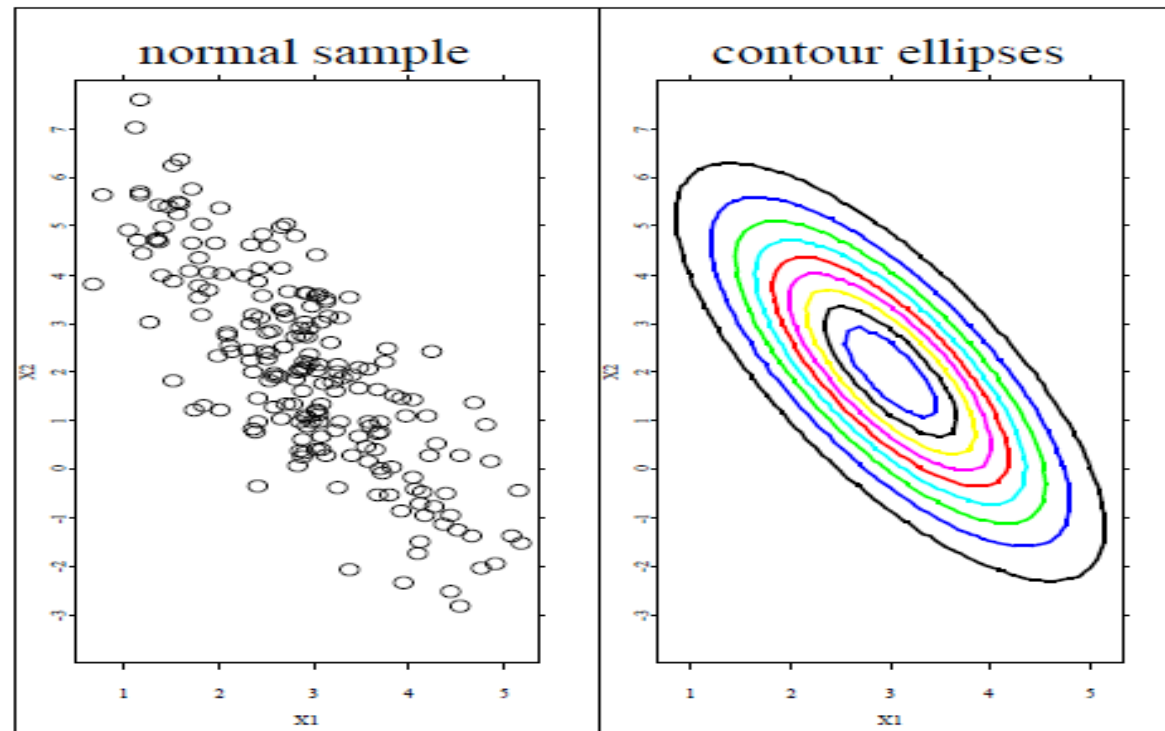
$$Y \sim N_p(\mathcal{A}\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{c}, \mathcal{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathcal{A}^\top).$$

# Interpretation of Multivariate Normal

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- **Geometrical interpretation:** the density of  $\mathbf{y} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  distribution is constant on ellipsoids of the form

$$(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = d^2$$



## Interpretation of Multivariate Normal (Con't)

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**Theorem 2.4**  *$X \sim N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$ , then the variable  $U = (X - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1}(X - \mu)$  has a  $\chi_p^2$  distribution.*

**Theorem 2.5** *The characteristic function (cf) of a multinormal  $N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$  is given by*

$$\varphi_X(t) = \exp(i t^\top \mu - \frac{1}{2} t^\top \Sigma t).$$

- Proof: start from simple, suppose  $y \sim N(0, I)$ , what is the characteristic function.
- **Proposition:** What is the moment generating function for  $y \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$ .

## Example: Verifying Inversion Formula

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- **Theorem** (Inversion Formula) If characteristic function  $\varphi_X$  is integrable, then CDF is absolutely continuous, then the PDF is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^p} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-it^\top x} \varphi_X(t) dt.$$

- Under the multivariate normal, we can verify this theorem.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^p} \int \exp \left( -it^\top x + it^\top \mu - \frac{1}{2} t^\top \Sigma t \right) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{|2\pi \Sigma^{-1}|^{1/2} |2\pi \Sigma|^{1/2}} \int \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \{ t^\top \Sigma t + 2it^\top (x - \mu) - (x - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \} \right] \\ &\quad \cdot \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \{ (x - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \} \right] dt \\ &= \frac{1}{|2\pi \Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \{ (x - \mu)^\top \Sigma (x - \mu) \} \right] \end{aligned}$$

## Example: Using MGF

- If  $\mathbf{X} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Lambda})$ , then the moment generating function is

$$\psi_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{t}) = Ee^{\mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{X}} = e^{\mathbf{t}^T \boldsymbol{\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{t}^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{t}}.$$

### Property 1

An  $n \times 1$  random vector  $\mathbf{X}$  has a normal distribution iff for every  $n \times 1$ -vector  $\mathbf{a}$  the one-dimensional random vector  $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{X}$  has a normal distribution.

- Recall Theorem 2.3:

$\mathbf{X} \in N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Lambda})$  and  $\mathbf{Y} = B\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b}$ . Then

$$\mathbf{Y} \in N\left(B\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{b}, B\boldsymbol{\Lambda}B^T\right).$$

## Using MGF for Proof of Theorem 2.3

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- Proof of Theorem 2.3  $\psi_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{s}) = E \left[ e^{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{Y}} \right] = E \left[ e^{\mathbf{s}^T (\mathbf{b} + B\mathbf{X})} \right] =$   
 $= e^{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{b}} E \left[ e^{\mathbf{s}^T B\mathbf{X}} \right] = e^{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{b}} E \left[ e^{(B^T \mathbf{s})^T \mathbf{X}} \right]$   
 $E \left[ e^{(B^T \mathbf{s})^T \mathbf{X}} \right] = \psi_{\mathbf{X}}(B^T \mathbf{s}).$

- Since, we know  $\mathbf{X} \sim N(\mu, \Lambda)$

$$\psi_{\mathbf{X}}(B^T \mathbf{s}) = e^{(B^T \mathbf{s})^T \mu + \frac{1}{2} (B^T \mathbf{s})^T \Lambda (B^T \mathbf{s})}.$$

$$(B^T \mathbf{s})^T \mu = \mathbf{s}^T B \mu,$$

$$(B^T \mathbf{s})^T \Lambda (B^T \mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{s}^T B \Lambda B^T \mathbf{s},$$

$$e^{(B^T \mathbf{s})^T \mu + \frac{1}{2} (B^T \mathbf{s})^T \Lambda (B^T \mathbf{s})} = e^{\mathbf{s}^T B \mu + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{s}^T B \Lambda B^T \mathbf{s}}$$

## Using MGF for Proof of Theorem 2.3 (Con't)

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$$\psi_{\mathbf{X}}(B^T \mathbf{s}) = e^{s^T B \mu + \frac{1}{2} s^T B \Lambda B^T s}.$$

$$\psi_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{s}) = e^{s^T \mathbf{b}} \psi_{\mathbf{X}}(B^T \mathbf{s}) = e^{s^T \mathbf{b}} e^{s^T B \mu + \frac{1}{2} s^T B \Lambda B^T s}$$

$$\psi_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{s}) = e^{s^T (\mathbf{b} + B \mu) + \frac{1}{2} s^T B \Lambda B^T s},$$

which proves the claim as asserted.



## Conditional Distribution

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- **Theorem:** suppose  $\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2)$  follows multivariate normal  $\sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ . Then the conditional distribution

$$\mathbf{Y}_1 | \mathbf{Y}_2 \sim N_{p_1} \left[ \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} \right]$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

- Proof: using the property of matrix decomposition, we can verify the density

$$f(\mathbf{y}_1 | \mathbf{y}_2) f(\mathbf{y}_2) = f(\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2)$$

- *Remark:* using  $(A - BCD)^{-1} = A^{-1} + A^{-1}B(C^{-1} - DA^{-1}B)^{-1}DA^{-1}$



## Conditional Distribution (Con't)

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- Another angle of proof
  - Define  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{y}_1 - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{y}_2$ .
  - $\text{Var}(\mathbf{y}') = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21}$
  - $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{y}', \mathbf{y}_2) = 0$
- Then  $\mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{y}' + \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{y}_2$ . We have,
$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{y}_1 | \mathbf{y}_2) = (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) + \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{y}_2$$
$$\text{Var}(\mathbf{y}_1 | \mathbf{y}_2) = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21}$$
- Therefore,

$$\mathbf{y}_1 | \mathbf{y}_2 \sim N_{p_1} \left[ \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2), \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21} \right]$$

## A Few Properties

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**Corollary 1** *Let  $X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$ ,  $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ .  $\Sigma_{12} = 0$  if and only if  $X_1$  is independent of  $X_2$ .*

**Corollary 2** *If  $X \sim N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$  and given some matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , then  $AX$  and  $BX$  are independent if and only if  $A\Sigma B^\top = 0$ .*

**Corollary 3** *If  $X_1 \sim N_r(\mu_1, \Sigma_{11})$  and  $(X_2|X_1 = x_1) \sim N_{p-r}(Ax_1 + b, \Omega)$  where  $\Omega$  does not depend on  $x_1$ , then  $X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$ , where*

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ A\mu_1 + b \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{11}A^\top \\ A\Sigma_{11} & \Omega + A\Sigma_{11}A^\top \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Inference: Conditional Independency

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- Let  $\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{y}^+, \mathbf{y}^*)$ , where  $\mathbf{y}^+ = (y_1, y_2)$ , then

$$\mathbf{Var}(\mathbf{y}^+ | \mathbf{y}^*) = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21}$$

- Note that  $\mathbf{y}^+$  follows the normal distribution.
- If  $\text{cov}(y_1, y_2 | \mathbf{y}^*) = 0$ , it is called conditional independence.
- Proposition:** Let  $\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{y}^+, \mathbf{y}^*)$  follows  $N(\mu, \Sigma)$ . Define  $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\Omega = (c_{ij}) = \Sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} \\ K_{21} & K_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $\text{cov}([y_1, y_2] | \mathbf{y}^*) = (K_{11})^{-1}$ .

Therefore,  $\text{cov}(y_1, y_2 | \mathbf{y}^*) = 0 \iff c_{12} = 0$ .

## Inference: Regression

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- Recall the linear regression  $y = \beta_0 + \mathbf{x}'\boldsymbol{\beta} + \varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon$  is iid normal.
- The MLE estimator of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{y}$ .
- Define  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = (y, \mathbf{x})'$ . Assume  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}$  is the multivariate normal  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , with

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_y, \boldsymbol{\mu}_x)', \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{yy} & \Sigma_{yx} \\ \Sigma_{xy} & \Sigma_{xx} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Applying conditional distribution theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(y|\mathbf{x}) &= u_y + \Sigma_{yx}\Sigma_{xx}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x) \\ &= u_y - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x'\Sigma_{xx}^{-1}\Sigma_{xy} + \mathbf{x}'\Sigma_{xx}^{-1}\Sigma_{xy}. \end{aligned}$$

## Inference: Regression (Con't)

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- If data are centered, i.e.,  $\mu_y = 0$ ,  $\mu_x = 0$ , the conditional mean is  $E(y|\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}' \Sigma_{xx}^{-1} \Sigma_{xy}$ .
  - It can be linked to MLE  $\mathbf{x}' \hat{\beta} = \mathbf{x}' (X'X)^{-1} X'y$
- Let  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = (y, \mathbf{x})' \sim N(0, \Sigma)$ , where  $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{yy} & \Sigma_{yx} \\ \Sigma_{xy} & \Sigma_{xx} \end{pmatrix}$ , and denote  $\Omega = \Sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} K_{yy} & K_{yx} \\ K_{xy} & K_{xx} \end{pmatrix}$ , then

$$E(y|\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}' \Sigma_{xx}^{-1} \Sigma_{yx} = -\mathbf{x}' \frac{K_{xy}}{K_{yy}}$$

- Estimating  $\beta$  in linear model can be formulated by

$$\max_{\Omega} \log |\Sigma^{-1}| - \text{tr}(\Sigma^{-1} S) \quad \text{where } S = \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i' \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i.$$

## Inference: Gaussian Process

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- A **Gaussian distribution** is a distribution over vectors.
- Notation:  $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , specified by a mean vector and a covariance matrix.
- The **position** of random variable  $x_i$  in vector  $\mathbf{x}$  plays the role of indexing.
- A **Gaussian process** is a distribution over functions.
- Notation:  $f(x) \sim \text{GP}(m(x), k(x))$ , specified by a mean function and a covariance function.
- The **argument** of  $x$  plays the role of indexing.

## Gaussian Process: Definition

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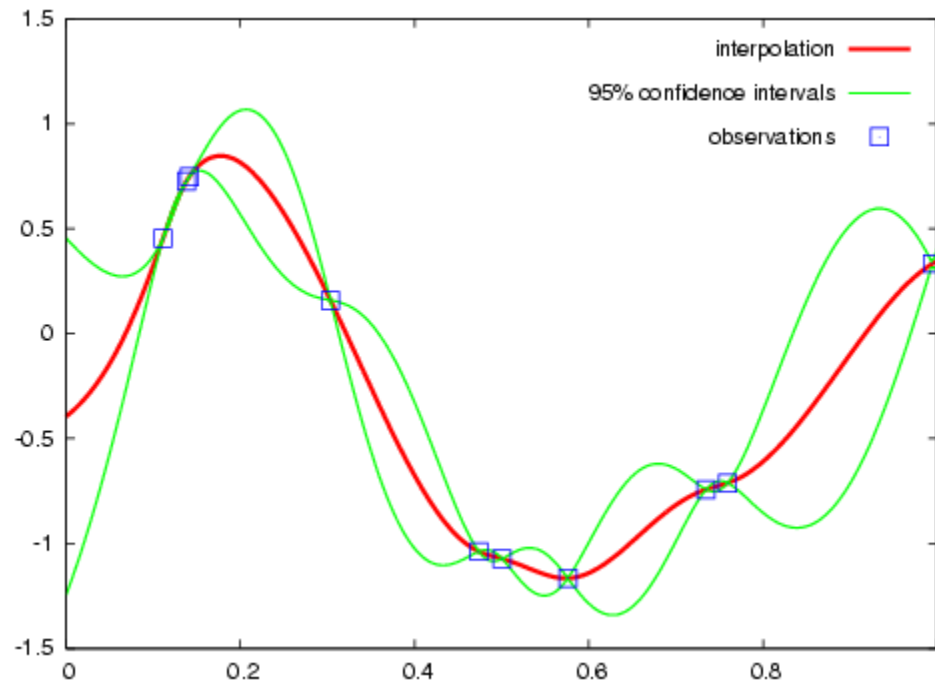
- A Gaussian Process (GP) is an infinite dimensional object.
- **Definition:** *GP is a collection of random variables, any **finite number** of which have joint Gaussian distributions.*
- Suppose  $y = f(\mathbf{x})$  is a GP. Let  $\mathbf{f} = (f(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, f(\mathbf{x}_n))$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector of values evaluated at  $\mathbf{x}_i \in X$ . Then,
- Each  $f(\mathbf{x}_1)$  is a random variable with normal distribution

**Proposition:**  *$y = f(\mathbf{x})$  is a Gaussian process if for any finite subset  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\} \subset X$ ,  $f(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, f(\mathbf{x}_n)$  has a multivariate Gaussian distribution.*

# Gaussian Process: for Regression (Kriging)

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- *Goal*: predict the output value  $y_*$  for a new input value  $\mathbf{x}_*$ .
- Given the training data  $\mathbf{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i), i = 1, \dots, n\}$ .





# Gaussian Process: for Kriging (Prediction)

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- A GP is fully specified by mean function and covariance function:  $f \sim GP(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{K})$ .
  - Parametric model for  $\mathbf{m}$  and  $\mathbf{K}$ . For example,  $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{x}'\boldsymbol{\beta}$ , and  $\mathbf{K}$  is specified by

$$K_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j) = v_0 \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^d \ell_m (x_i^m - x_j^m)^2 \right\}$$

- Prediction essentially is to apply conditional distribution, from

$$\begin{bmatrix} f \\ f_* \end{bmatrix} \sim N \left( \begin{bmatrix} m \\ m_* \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K} & \mathbf{K}_* \\ \mathbf{K}_*^T & \mathbf{K}_{**} \end{bmatrix} \right),$$

- Then we have

$$f_* | f \sim \mathcal{G} \left( m_* + \mathbf{K}_*^T \mathbf{K}^{-1} (f - m), \mathbf{K}_{**} - \mathbf{K}_*^T \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{K}_* \right)$$

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**Thank you!**

- **Questions and Comments?**