

Normal lemma

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Model

$$\begin{aligned}(y \mid \theta) &\sim \mathcal{N}(R\theta, \Omega) \\ \theta &\sim \mathcal{N}(m, \Sigma)\end{aligned}$$

Joint distribution Let \mathcal{I} be the identity matrix, and \mathcal{O} be a matrix of all zeros. Furthermore, define the random variable $x \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Omega)$. The joint distribution of (y, θ) can be decomposed as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R \\ \mathcal{I} \end{bmatrix} \theta + \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{I} \\ \mathcal{O} \end{bmatrix} x.$$

From this, the expectation is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} \left(\begin{bmatrix} y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} \right) &= \begin{bmatrix} R \\ \mathcal{I} \end{bmatrix} m + 0 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} Rm \\ m \end{bmatrix},\end{aligned}$$

and the covariance is

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov} \left(\begin{bmatrix} y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} \right) &= \begin{bmatrix} R \\ \mathcal{I} \end{bmatrix} \Sigma \begin{bmatrix} R \\ \mathcal{I} \end{bmatrix}^T + \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{I} \\ \mathcal{O} \end{bmatrix} \Omega \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{I} \\ \mathcal{O} \end{bmatrix}^T \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} R^T \Sigma R + \Omega & R \Sigma \\ \Sigma R^T & \Sigma \end{bmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the joint distribution of (y, θ) can be expressed as

$$\begin{bmatrix} y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{bmatrix} Rm \\ m \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} R^T \Sigma R + \Omega & R \Sigma \\ \Sigma R^T & \Sigma \end{bmatrix} \right).$$