

Multivariate Normal Theory

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Outline

- ▶ Multivariate Normal Distribution Singular Case
- ▶ Equal in Distribution
- ▶ Conditional Normal Distributions

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Proof: need moment generating or characteristic functions which uniquely characterize distribution.

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[e^{it\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{Y}}] &= \mathbb{E}[e^{it\mathbf{v}^T(\boldsymbol{\mu}+\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Z})}] \\ &= e^{it\mathbf{v}^T\boldsymbol{\mu}} \mathbb{E}[e^{it\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Z}}] \\ &= e^{it\mathbf{v}^T\boldsymbol{\mu}} \mathbb{E}[e^{it\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{Z}}] \text{ for } \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ &= e^{it\mathbf{v}^T\boldsymbol{\mu}} \prod_{j=1}^n \mathbb{E}[e^{itu_j Z_j}] \\ &= e^{it\mathbf{v}^T\boldsymbol{\mu}} \prod \varphi(tu_j) \\ &= e^{it\mathbf{v}^T\boldsymbol{\mu}} \prod e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2 u_j^2} \\ &= e^{it\mathbf{v}^T\boldsymbol{\mu} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_j t^2 u_j^2} \\ &= e^{it\mathbf{v}^T\boldsymbol{\mu} - \frac{1}{2} t^2 \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u}} \text{ note: } \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{v} \\ &= e^{it\mathbf{v}^T\boldsymbol{\mu} - \frac{1}{2} t^2 \mathbf{v}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{v}} \end{aligned}$$

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(Proof in book or linked video uses characteristic functions or MGFs)

Use to prove that all univariate and multivariate marginal distributions of normals are normal!

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see linked video

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Brute Force (full rank case) or Linear Transformations!

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Regression setting

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