

Matrix Expectations

In all the expressions below, \mathbf{x} is a vector of random variables with whose mean vector and covariance matrix are given by: $E(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{m}$ and $E((\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m})(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m})^T) = \mathbf{S}$.

The expressions for cubic and quartic expectations are restricted to two special cases:

- **[x:Independent]** means that the components of \mathbf{x} are independent. In particular, we require that $E(x(i)^p x(j)^q) = E(x(i)^p) E(x(j)^q)$. We define $\mathbf{m}_r = E((\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m})^r)$ where the r 'th power is elementwise. Note that $\mathbf{S} = \text{DIAG}(\mathbf{m}_2)$.
- **[x:Gaussian]** means that the components of \mathbf{x} are Real and have a multivariate Gaussian pdf: $(2\pi)^{-n/2} |\mathbf{S}|^{-1/2} \exp(-(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m})^T \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m}))$ where \mathbf{x} has dimension n . If \mathbf{x} is both Gaussian and Independent then $\mathbf{m}_k = \text{diag}((\mathbf{S}/2)^{(k/2)} * k! / (k/2)!)$

Vectors and matrices \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{b} , \mathbf{B} , \mathbf{c} , \mathbf{C} , \mathbf{d} and \mathbf{D} are constant (i.e. not dependent on \mathbf{x}).

General Properties

- The covariance matrix \mathbf{S} is Hermitian and [positive semi-definite](#).
- \mathbf{S} is strictly [positive definite](#) unless there is a deterministic relation between the elements of \mathbf{x} of the form $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} = 0$ for some non-zero \mathbf{a} .
- If the elements of \mathbf{x} are uniformly spaced samples from a continuous signal, then \mathbf{S} is [Toeplitz](#).
- $E(\text{tr}(\mathbf{Y})) = \text{tr}(E(\mathbf{Y}))$ where \mathbf{Y} depends on \mathbf{x} .

Linear Expectations

- $E(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{b}$
- - $E(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{m}$
 - $E(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{b}$

Quadratic Expectations

- $E((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})^T) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{B}^T + (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{b})^T$
- - $E(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T) = \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{m}\mathbf{m}^T$
 - $E(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{m}\mathbf{m}^T)\mathbf{a}$
 - $E(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{a}\mathbf{x}^T) = \mathbf{a}^T(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{m}\mathbf{m}^T)$
 - $E((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})^T) = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{m}\mathbf{m}^T)\mathbf{A}^T$
 - $E((\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a})^T) = \mathbf{S} + (\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a})^T$
- $E((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a})^T (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{B}^T) + (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a})^T (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{b})$
- - $E(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}) + \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{m}$
 - $E(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}) + \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{m}$
 - $E((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{A}^T) + (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m})^T (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m})$
 - $E((\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a})^T (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a})) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}) + (\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a})^T (\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a})$

Cubic Expectations

For **[x:Independent]** :

- $E((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})^T (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c})) = \mathbf{A} \text{DIAG}(\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{m}_3 + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{B}^T (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{c}) + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{C}^T (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{b}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{C}^T) * (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a}) + (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{b})^T (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{c})$
- - $E(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{m}_3 + 2\mathbf{S}\mathbf{m} + (\text{tr}(\mathbf{S}) + \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{m}) * \mathbf{m}$
 - $E((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a})^T (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a})) = \mathbf{A} \text{DIAG}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{m}_3 + (2\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{A}^T + (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a})^T)(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{A}^T) * (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a})$
- $E((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a})\mathbf{b}^T (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c})(\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{d})^T) = ?$
 - $E(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T) = ?$

For **[x:Gaussian]** :

- $E((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})^T (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c})) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{B}^T (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{c}) + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{C}^T (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{b}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{C}^T) * (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a}) + (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{b})^T (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{c})$
- - $E(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}) = 2\mathbf{S}\mathbf{m} + (\text{tr}(\mathbf{S}) + \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{m}) * \mathbf{m}$
 - $E((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a})^T (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a})) = (2\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{A}^T + (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a})^T)(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{A}^T) * (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a})$
- $E((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a})\mathbf{b}^T (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c})(\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{d})^T) = ?$
 - $E(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T) = ?$

Quartic Expectations

For **[x:Independent]** :

For **[x:Gaussian]** :

- $E((\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{Bx} + \mathbf{b})^T(\mathbf{Cx} + \mathbf{c})(\mathbf{Dx} + \mathbf{d})^T) = (\mathbf{ASB}^T + (\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{Bm} + \mathbf{b})^T)(\mathbf{CSD}^T + (\mathbf{Cm} + \mathbf{c})(\mathbf{Dm} + \mathbf{d})^T) + (\mathbf{ASC}^T + (\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{Cm} + \mathbf{c})^T)(\mathbf{BSD}^T + (\mathbf{Bm} + \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{Dm} + \mathbf{d})^T) + (\mathbf{Bm} + \mathbf{b})^T(\mathbf{Cm} + \mathbf{c})^T(\mathbf{ASD}^T - (\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{Dm} + \mathbf{d})^T) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{BSC}^T)(\mathbf{ASD}^T + (\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{Dm} + \mathbf{d})^T)$
- - $E(\mathbf{xx}^T\mathbf{xx}^T) = 2(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{mm}^T)^2 + \mathbf{m}^T\mathbf{m}^T(\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{mm}^T) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{S})(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{mm}^T)$
 - $E(\mathbf{xx}^T\mathbf{Axx}^T) = (\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{mm}^T)(\mathbf{AS} + \mathbf{Amm}^T) + (\mathbf{SA}^T + \mathbf{mAm}^T)(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{mm}^T) + \mathbf{m}^T\mathbf{Am}^T(\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{mm}^T) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{AS})(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{mm}^T)$
 - - **[m=0]**: $E(\mathbf{xx}^T\mathbf{Axx}^T) = \mathbf{SAS} + \mathbf{SA}^T\mathbf{S} + \text{tr}(\mathbf{AS})\mathbf{S}$
 - $E((\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{Ax}) * \mathbf{xx}^T) = (\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{mm}^T)(\mathbf{AS} + \mathbf{Amm}^T) + (\mathbf{SA}^T + \mathbf{mAm}^T)(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{mm}^T) + \mathbf{m}^T\mathbf{Am}^T(\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{mm}^T) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{AS})(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{mm}^T)$
 - - **[m=0]**: $E((\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{Ax}) * \mathbf{xx}^T) = \mathbf{SAS} + \mathbf{SA}^T\mathbf{S} + \text{tr}(\mathbf{AS})\mathbf{S}$
 - $E((\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{a})^T(\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{a})^T) = 2(\mathbf{ASA}^T + (\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a})^T)^2 + (\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a})^T(\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a})^T(\mathbf{ASA}^T - (\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a})^T) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{ASA}^T)(\mathbf{ASA}^T + (\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a})^T)$
- $E((\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{a})^T(\mathbf{Bx} + \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{Cx} + \mathbf{c})^T(\mathbf{Dx} + \mathbf{d})) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{AS}(\mathbf{C}^T\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{D}^T\mathbf{C})\mathbf{SB}^T) + ((\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a})^T\mathbf{B} + (\mathbf{Bm} + \mathbf{b})^T\mathbf{A})\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{C}^T(\mathbf{Dm} + \mathbf{d}) + \mathbf{D}^T(\mathbf{Cm} + \mathbf{c})) + (\text{tr}(\mathbf{ASB}^T) + (\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a})^T(\mathbf{Bm} + \mathbf{b}))(\text{tr}(\mathbf{CSD}^T) + (\mathbf{Cm} + \mathbf{c})^T(\mathbf{Dm} + \mathbf{d}))$
- - $E(\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{xx}^T\mathbf{x}) = 2\text{tr}(\mathbf{S}^2) + 4\mathbf{m}^T\mathbf{Sm} + (\text{tr}(\mathbf{S}) + \mathbf{m}^T\mathbf{m})^2$
 - $E(\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{Axx}^T\mathbf{Bx}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{AS}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B}^T)\mathbf{S}) + \mathbf{m}^T(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T)\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B}^T)\mathbf{m} + (\text{tr}(\mathbf{AS}) + \mathbf{m}^T\mathbf{Am})(\text{tr}(\mathbf{BS}) + \mathbf{m}^T\mathbf{Bm})$
- - **[m=0]**: $E(\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{Axx}^T\mathbf{Bx}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{AS}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B}^T)\mathbf{S}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{AS})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BS})$
- $E(\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{x}\mathbf{b}^T\mathbf{x}\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{x}\mathbf{d}^T\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{a}^T(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{mm}^T)\mathbf{b})(\mathbf{c}^T(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{mm}^T)\mathbf{d}) + (\mathbf{a}^T(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{mm}^T)\mathbf{c})(\mathbf{b}^T(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{mm}^T)\mathbf{d}) + (\mathbf{a}^T(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{mm}^T)\mathbf{d})(\mathbf{b}^T(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{mm}^T)\mathbf{c}) - 2\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{mb}^T\mathbf{mc}^T\mathbf{md}^T\mathbf{m}$
- $E((\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{a})^T(\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{a})^T(\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{a})) = 2\text{tr}(\mathbf{ASA}^T\mathbf{ASA}^T) + 4(\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a})^T\mathbf{ASA}^T(\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a}) + (\text{tr}(\mathbf{ASA}^T) + (\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a})^T(\mathbf{Am} + \mathbf{a}))^2$