(Hoff p. 152ff.)

Let **y** be the *n*-dimensional column vector $(y_1, ..., y_n)^T$ and let **X** be the $n \times p$ matrix whose *i*th row is \mathbf{x}_i . Then the normal regression model is that

$$\{\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}, \beta, \sigma^2\} \sim \text{multivariate normal}(\mathbf{X}\beta, \sigma^2\mathbf{I})$$