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Rewriting the Mahanalobis distance for a conditional vector: This derivation uses a matrix inversion formula that uses the Schur complement $\Sigma_* \equiv \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}$. We first use the blockwise inversion formula to write the inverse-variance matrix as:

$$\Sigma^{-1} = \Sigma_{11}\Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{21}\Sigma_{22}^{-1} = \Sigma_{11}^* \Sigma_{12}^* \Sigma_{21}^* \Sigma_{22}^*, \quad (1)$$

where:

$$\Sigma_{11}^* = \Sigma_*^{-1} \quad \Sigma_{12}^* = -\Sigma_*^{-1}\Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}, \quad \Sigma_{21}^* = -\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{12}\Sigma_*^{-1}\Sigma_{22}^* = \Sigma_{22}^{-1} + \Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{12}\Sigma_*^{-1}\Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}. \quad (2)$$

Using this formula we can now write the Mahanalobis distance as:

$$\begin{aligned} & (y - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (y - \mu) \\ &= (y_1 - \mu_*)^T \Sigma_*^{-1} (y_1 - \mu_*) + (y_2 - \mu_2)^T \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (y_2 - \mu_2), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where $\mu_* \equiv \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(y_2 - \mu_2)$ is the conditional mean vector. Note that this result is a general result that does not assume normality of the random vectors involved in the decomposition. It gives a useful way of decomposing the Mahanalobis distance so that it consists of a sum of quadratic forms on the marginal and conditional parts. In the conditional part the conditioning vector y_2 is absorbed into the mean vector and variance matrix. To clarify the form, we repeat the equation with labelling of terms:

$$(y - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (y - \mu) = \underbrace{(y_1 - \mu_*)^T \Sigma_*^{-1} (y_1 - \mu_*)}_{\text{ConditionalPart}} + \underbrace{(y_2 - \mu_2)^T \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (y_2 - \mu_2)}_{\text{MarginalPart}}.$$

Now that we have the above form for the Mahanalobis distance, the rest is easy. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} & p(y_1|y_2, \mu, \Sigma) y_1 \propto p(y_1, y_2|\mu, \Sigma) \\ &= N(y|\mu, \Sigma) \\ & y_1 \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(y - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (y - \mu)\right) \\ & y_1 \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(y_1 - \mu_*)^T \Sigma_*^{-1} (y_1 - \mu_*)\right) \\ & y_1 \propto N(y_1|\mu_*, \Sigma_*). \end{aligned}$$