

• Density (PDF) of multivariate normal distr:

• Standard normal ~~$X \sim N(0, I_n)$~~ :

$$Z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \sim N(0, I_n) :$$

$$f_Z(z) = f_Z(z_1, \dots, z_n) = f_{z_1}(z_1) \dots f_{z_n}(z_n) \quad (\text{indep.})$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z_1^2/2} \dots \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z_n^2/2}$$

$$f_Z(z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} e^{-|z|^2/2}$$

where $|z|$ is the ~~norm~~ length of z .



Rotation invariance.

• General normal: ~~$X = \mu + AZ$~~ , $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$

$$X = \mu + AZ.$$

$$E[X] = \mu;$$

$$\Sigma = \text{Cov}(X) = E[(X - \mu)(X - \mu)^T] = E[(AZ)(AZ)^T]$$

$$= E[AZZ^T A^T] = A \underbrace{E[ZZ^T]}_{\text{Cov}(Z) = I} A^T = AA^T.$$

~~X~~ • Transformation: if $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$, $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$, then

$$f_X(x) = f_Z(z) \cdot |J|^{-1} \quad \text{where } J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial z_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial z_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } x = \mu + Az.$$

$$\text{Here: } f_Z(z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} e^{-|z|^2/2},$$

$$J = \det(A) = \sqrt{\det(AA^T)} = \sqrt{\det \Sigma},$$

$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{A} \Rightarrow |z|^2 = z^T z = (A^{-1}(x - \mu))^T A^{-1}(x - \mu)$$

$$z = A^{-1}(x - \mu), \text{ so}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |z|^2 &= z^T z = (A^{-1}(x - \mu))^T A^{-1}(x - \mu) \\ &= (x - \mu)^T (A^{-1})^T A^{-1} (x - \mu) \\ &= (x - \mu)^T (AA^T)^{-1} (x - \mu) \end{aligned}$$

$(AA^T)^{-1} = \Sigma^{-1}$

Hence:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\right] \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(\Sigma)}}$$

→ we proved:

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THE (Density of multivariate normal distr.)

The PDF of $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$ is

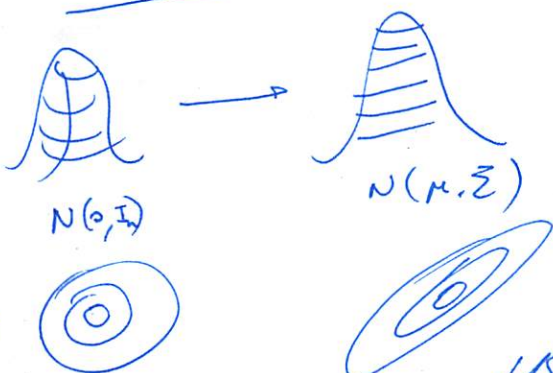
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n \det(\Sigma)}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\right],$$

$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

• Compare to univariate $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{x - \mu}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

• Linear transformation of a standard normal PDF



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Ex.

$E(X_1) = E(X_2) = 0,$
 $\text{var}(X_1) = 1, \quad \text{var}(X_2) = 4,$
 $\rho_{X_1, X_2} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)}{\sqrt{\text{var}X_1} \sqrt{\text{var}X_2}} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)}{1 \cdot 2}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Compute PDF. $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = 1.$

$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 4/3 & -1/3 \\ -1/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$

$\det(\Sigma) = 3.$

$n=2$

$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{3}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} x^T \Sigma^{-1} x\right)$

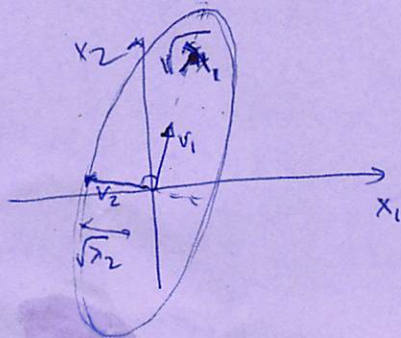
$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{3}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4}{3}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{3}x_2^2 - \frac{2}{3}x_1x_2\right)\right)$

$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{3}} \exp\left(-\frac{4x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2}{6}\right)$

Eigenvalues/eigenvectors: $\lambda_1 = 4.3, \quad v_1 \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\lambda_2 = 0.7, \quad v_2 \approx \begin{pmatrix} -3.3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

level sets of PDF:



If $p=0$ then

