

Random Vectors.

R.V.s X_1, \dots, X_n

Useful to view

$$X = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

as a (random) vector in \mathbb{R}^n .

• Notion of mean: $E[X] = (E[X_1], \dots, E[X_n])$.

• Notion of variance? Replaced with: ~~the~~

Def Covariance matrix of a r.v. $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is the $n \times n$ matrix

$$\Sigma = \Sigma(X) = [\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)]_{i,j=1}^n$$

~~Example~~ Example

e.g. for $n=2$: $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}(X_1) & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) \\ \text{Cov}(X_2, X_1) & \text{Var}(X_2) \end{bmatrix}$

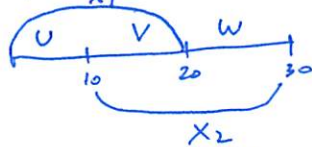
• Symmetric, PSD. Diagonal iff X_i 's are uncorrelated.

Ex: Flip a coin 30 times. $X_1 = \#$ heads in first 20 flips
 $X_2 = \#$ heads in last 20 flips.

$$X = (X_1, X_2)$$

~~$X_1, X_2 \sim \text{Binom}(20, \frac{1}{2})$~~ $\Rightarrow \text{Var}(X_1) = \text{Var}(X_2) = 20 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 5$.

~~X_1, X_2~~



$$X_1 = U + V$$

$$X_2 = V + W$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) &= \text{Cov}(U+V, V+W) = \underbrace{\text{Cov}(U, V)}_0 + \underbrace{\text{Cov}(V, V)}_{\text{Var}(V)} + \underbrace{\text{Cov}(U, W)}_0 + \underbrace{\text{Cov}(V, W)}_0 \\ &= \text{Var}(V), \quad V \sim \text{Binom}(10, \frac{1}{2}) \\ &= 10 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 2.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2.5 \\ 2.5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Prop $\Sigma(X) = E[(X-\mu)(X-\mu)^T]$ where $\mu = E[X]$

Recall: outer product of $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is
 the $n \times n$ matrix $xy^T = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \vdots \\ x \end{bmatrix} \overbrace{y^T} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 y_1 & \dots & x_1 y_n \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_n y_1 & \dots & x_n y_n \end{bmatrix} = [x_i y_j]_{i,j=1}^n$

The (i,j) entry of ~~matrix~~ $(X-\mu)(X-\mu)^T$ is

~~$(X-\mu)(X-\mu)^T$~~ $(X_i - \mu_i)(X_j - \mu_j)$

Take expectation: $E[(X_i - \mu_i)(X_j - \mu_j)] = \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$
 = (i,j) entry of LHS

• Compare to univariate: $\text{Var}(X) = E[(X-\mu)^2]$

• MGF in vector notation:

~~MGF~~ If $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$, $t = (t_1, \dots, t_n)$
 then $t_1 X_1 + \dots + t_n X_n = t \cdot X = t^T X = \langle t, X \rangle$

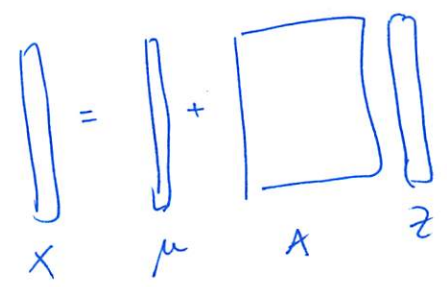
$$M(t) = E[e^{t \cdot X}], \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Compare with $M(t) = E[e^{tx}]$ for r. variables.

• Multivariate normal (in vector notation):

$$Z = (Z_1, \dots, Z_n) \sim N(0, I_n)$$

$$X = \mu + AZ \quad \text{where } \mu \in \mathbb{R}^n, A: n \times n$$



\Rightarrow Rewrite formula for MGF p.3:

$$M(t) = \exp\left(t \cdot \mu + \frac{1}{2} t^T \Sigma t\right)$$

where $\Sigma = \Sigma(X)$ is the covariance matrix of X .

• Compare with MGF of $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$: $M(t) = \exp(t\mu + \frac{1}{2} t^2 \sigma^2)$

Rewrite Thm.:

Thm The multivariate distribution is completely determined by its mean μ and covariance matrix Σ .

Thus, denoted

$$X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$$

• Standard normal:

~~$Z \sim N(\mu, I)$~~ $Z \sim N(0, I_n)$ identity.