

Lecture 10 / Week 6

Properties of Multivariate Normal Distribution

Example Assume we have the random vector $X \sim N_n(\mu, \Sigma)$ and $Y_{(n \times 1)} = AX + b$, where A is a $(n \times n)$ nonsingular matrix and b is a $(n \times 1)$ vector. Find the probability distribution of Y .

We know that X has multivariate normal distribution, hence its density function is the following

$$f_X(\mathbf{x}) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \det \Sigma^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\{(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^T \cdot \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})\}}$$

To find the density function of Y , we have to do the following transformation

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= g(X) \Leftrightarrow X = g^{-1}(Y) \\ X_{(n \times 1)} &= A_{(n \times n)}^{-1} \cdot (Y - b)_{(n \times 1)} = g^{-1}(Y) \end{aligned}$$

Then we can apply the transformation formula

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot |\det J(y)|$$

First of all, notice that $J(y) = A^{-1}$. We plug it into the formula

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(\mathbf{y}) &= (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \det \Sigma^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\{(A^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{b})-\boldsymbol{\mu})^T \cdot \Sigma^{-1}(A^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{b})-\boldsymbol{\mu})\}} \cdot |\det A^{-1}| = \\ &= (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \cdot |A|^{-1} \cdot |\Sigma|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}\{(\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^T \cdot \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}-\boldsymbol{\mu})\}} \end{aligned}$$

notice that $|\det A^{-1}| = |A|^{-1}$, $\det \Sigma^{-\frac{1}{2}} = |\Sigma|^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

$$|A|^{-1} = |A^2|^{-\frac{1}{2}} = |A \cdot A^T|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow |A \cdot A^T|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot |\Sigma|^{-\frac{1}{2}} = |A \cdot \Sigma \cdot A^T|^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \cdot |A \cdot \Sigma \cdot A^T|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}\{(\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \cdot \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu})\}}$$

notice that we multiplied $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ with $A^{-1} \cdot A = \mathbf{I}_{(n \times n)}$

$$= (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \cdot |A \cdot \Sigma \cdot A^T|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}\{(\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu})^T (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T \cdot \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu})\}}$$

we take out \mathbf{A}^{-1} . (Note transpose gets out as transpose)

$$= (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \cdot |A \cdot \Sigma \cdot A^T|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}\{(\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu})^T (A \cdot \Sigma \cdot A^T)^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu})\}}$$

$$= (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \cdot |A \cdot \Sigma \cdot A^T|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}\{(\mathbf{y}-(\mathbf{b}+\mathbf{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu}))^T (A \cdot \Sigma \cdot A^T)^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{y}-(\mathbf{b}+\mathbf{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu}))\}}$$

Thus we have shown that $Y \sim N_n(\mathbf{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{b}, A \cdot \Sigma \cdot A^T)$.

Exercise Show that given $g^{-1}(Y) = X = A^{-1} \cdot (Y - b)$, then $J(y) = A^{-1}$.

Proof Recall that $J_{ij}(y) = \frac{\partial g_i^{-1}}{\partial y_j}$. Since $X_{(n \times 1)}$ and $Y_{(n \times 1)}$, then $i=n$, $j=n$, so we will have an $n \times n$ matrix. (A^{-1} being a $n \times n$ matrix satisfies this.) Let's see

with n=2 case. Then we will have $X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 - b_1 \\ Y_2 - b_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}(Y_1 - b_1) + a_{12}(Y_2 - b_2) \\ a_{21}(Y_1 - b_1) + a_{22}(Y_2 - b_2) \end{pmatrix}$. Then

$$\frac{\partial g_i^{-1}}{\partial y_j} = \frac{\partial X_i}{\partial Y_j} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial X_1}{\partial Y_1} & \frac{\partial X_2}{\partial Y_1} \\ \frac{\partial X_1}{\partial Y_2} & \frac{\partial X_2}{\partial Y_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} = A^{-1}.$$

Properties

Theorem Let $X \sim N_n(\mu, \Sigma)$ and $Y = AX + b$ with $A_{(n \times n)}$ non-singular matrix. Then $Y \sim N_n(A\mu + \mathbf{b}, A\Sigma A^T)$.

Proof We have just proved in the above example.

Assume we have $Y \sim N_n(\mu, \Sigma)$ and also $\text{rank}(\Sigma) = K$. We wonder if we can define a normal distribution once we have a singular $\Sigma (\equiv n > K)$. Recall that

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{21} \\ \Sigma_{12} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

We relax the assumption that the whole Σ is nonsingular, but we will only assume that Σ_{11} is a $(k \times k)$ nonsingular matrix, i.e. Σ itself can be singular or not. Then we claim that the vector $Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y_{1(n \times 1)} \\ Y_{2(n-k \times 1)} \end{pmatrix}_{(n \times 1)} \sim N_n \left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{21} \\ \Sigma_{12} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix} \right)$ if $Y_1 \sim N_k((\mu_1), (\Sigma_{11}))$ where Σ_{11} is nonsingular and $Y_2 = AY_1 + b$ for some A and b .

Example $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. We can see that Σ is singular, since the third row is a linear combination of the first two rows. ($\det \Sigma = 0$). In fact $\text{rank}(\Sigma) = 2$. Then we can split the Y vector into $Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y_{1(2 \times 1)} \\ Y_{2(1 \times 1)} \end{pmatrix}_{(3 \times 1)}$ and define $Y_1 \sim N \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$ and $Y_2 = A_{(1 \times 2)} \cdot Y_{1(2 \times 1)} + b$. Notice that $\Sigma_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is nonsingular. ($n=K=2$), where $E(Y_2) = 0$, $\text{var}(Y_2) = 2$.

Theorem Let $X \sim N_n(\mu, \Sigma)$ and $Y = AX + b$ and $A_{(m \times n)}$. (notice not a square matrix.) and b be vector of size m , s.t

$$Y_{(m \times 1)} = A_{(m \times n)} \cdot X_{(n \times 1)} + b_{(m \times 1)}$$

Then $Y \sim N_m(A\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{b}, A\Sigma A^T)$.

The above result holds whatever dimension and whatever rank of A .

Example $X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix}$, $Y_{(3 \times 1)} = A_{(3 \times 2)}X_{(2 \times 1)} + b_{(3 \times 1)}$. Then $Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ Y_3 \end{pmatrix}$

has a normal distribution. Note that variance covariance matrix of Y is singular. ($\text{rank}(A_{(3 \times 2)} \cdot \Sigma_{(2 \times 2)} \cdot A_{(2 \times 3)}^T)_{(3 \times 3)} = 2$, because $\text{rank}(\Sigma_{(2 \times 2)}) = 2$).

Or another example would be $X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{pmatrix}$, $Y = A_{(2 \times 3)}X_{(3 \times 1)} + b_{(2 \times 1)}$,

then $Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim N_2(A\boldsymbol{\mu} + b, (A\Sigma A^T)_{(2 \times 2)})$.

Another interesting case is when we have $\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ X_n \end{bmatrix}_{(n \times 1)}$ and

$$A = (I_k | 0) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}_{(k \times n)}.$$

$$\text{Then } Y = A \cdot X = (I_k | 0) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \mathbf{X}_2 \\ \cdot \\ \mathbf{X}_k \\ X_{k+1} \\ \cdot \\ X_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \cdot \\ X_k \end{bmatrix} \sim N_k \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \cdot \\ \mu_k \end{bmatrix}, \text{var} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \cdot \\ X_k \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

Theorem Let X_1 and X_2 be random vectors of dimensions k and $(n - k)$, respectively. If $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1_{(n \times 1)} \\ \mathbf{X}_2_{(n-k \times 1)} \end{pmatrix}_{(n \times 1)} \sim N_n \left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{11} & \sum_{21} \\ \sum_{12} & \sum_{22} \end{pmatrix} \right)$. Then $X_1 \sim N_k((\mu_1), (\sum_{11}))$ and $X_2 \sim N_{n-k}((\mu_2), (\sum_{22}))$.

Example $X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{pmatrix} \sim N_3$ and then $X_1 \sim N$, $X_2 \sim N$, $X_3 \sim N$. $\begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim N_2$, $\begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_3 \end{pmatrix} \sim N_2$, $\begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ X_3 \end{pmatrix} \sim N_2$.

This theorem asserts that every subvector of a random vector with a normal distribution has a normal distribution.

Now we will state two important properties of multivariate normal distribution:

1. As we have shown in the first example, normality is preserved by linear transformation: $Y = AX + b$.
2. Even though in general no covariance does not apply independence (recall yesterday's example), in normal distribution case $cov(X_1, X_2) = 0 \Rightarrow$ independence of X_1 and X_2 (i.e when $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \mathbf{X}_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim N_n$. This property will be formalized and proved in the following theorem.

Theorem Let X_1 and X_2 be random vectors such that $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \mathbf{X}_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim N_n$ (i.e it has multivariate normal distribution.). Then X_1 and X_2 are independent if and only if $cov(X_1, X_2) = 0$.

Proof The theorem says $cov(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ independence of X_1 and X_2 under normal distribution, so we have to prove both directions, but " \Leftarrow " is already shown yesterday and it holds in general regardless of the underlying distribution. So it left to prove that under multivariate normal distribution " \Rightarrow " holds.

" \Rightarrow " Suppose $cov(X_1, X_2) = 0$, under normality assumption we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix}_{(n \times 1)} \sim N_n \left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

Recall the properties of diagonal matrices:

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix} \right| = \left| \Sigma_{11} \right| \cdot \left| \Sigma_{22} \right|$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Be cautious because the above properties do not hold in general, only if we have diagonal matrix (i.e off-diagonal elements are 0's.)

Then we can write the joint density of X_1 and X_2 in the following way,

$$f_{X_1, X_2}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \cdot |\Sigma_{11}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot |\Sigma_{22}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} (\mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) \\ (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (\mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) \\ (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Note that we use the previous result that X_1 and X_2 are normally distributed. Then multiplying out the term in the power of the exponential we have

$$f_{X_1, X_2}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \cdot |\Sigma_{11}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot |\Sigma_{22}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp^{-\frac{1}{2} \{ (\mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)^T \cdot \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) + (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^T \cdot \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) \}}$$

Also notice that $((\mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1))^T \cdot \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)$ and $(\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^T \cdot \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)$ are scalars. ($A \cdot \Sigma \cdot A^T = \text{matrix}$, $A^T \cdot \Sigma \cdot A = \text{scalar}$.) Now we can split it into a product of two terms which will turn out to be the densities of both vectors X_1 and X_2 , which completes the proof, so it follows

$$= (2\pi)^{-\frac{k}{2}} \cdot |\Sigma_{11}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \exp^{-\frac{1}{2}} \{((\mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1))^T \cdot \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)\} \cdot (2\pi)^{-\frac{n-k}{2}} \cdot |\Sigma_{22}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\{(\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^T \cdot \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)\}$$

$$f_{X_1, X_2}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = f_{X_1}(\mathbf{x}_1) \cdot f_{X_2}(\mathbf{x}_2) \Rightarrow X_1 \text{ and } X_2 \text{ are independent. QED.}$$

Keep in mind this result because it has nice consequences that will be useful in most of the applications.

Exercise Show that $\begin{pmatrix} (\mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) \\ (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} (\mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) \\ (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) \end{pmatrix} = \left\{ ((\mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1))^T \cdot \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) + (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^T \cdot \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) \right\}$.

Theorem Let $\mathbf{X} \sim N_n(0, \mathbf{I}_n)$ and $\mathbf{Y} = B_{(k \times n)} X_{(n \times 1)}$, $\mathbf{Z} = C_{((l \times n)} X_{(n \times 1)}$. Then Y and Z are independent if and only if $BC^T = 0$.

Proof We know that $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Y} \\ \mathbf{Z} \end{pmatrix}_{((k+l) \times 1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix}_{((k+l) \times n)} \cdot \mathbf{X}$. Then $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Y} \\ \mathbf{Z} \end{pmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{\mu} \\ \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\mu} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{I}_n \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}^T & \mathbf{C}^T \end{pmatrix}\right)$.

By multiplying the variance term we find

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Y} \\ \mathbf{Z} \end{pmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{\mu} \\ \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\mu} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}^T & \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C}^T \\ \mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{B}^T & \mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{C}^T \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

Notice that this theorem uses both properties of the multivariate normal distribution. $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Y} \\ \mathbf{Z} \end{pmatrix}$ is normally distributed because of the first property and the second property tells us that Y and Z are independent if and only if $\text{cov}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C}^T = 0 = \mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{B}^T$.

We might also be interested if the above theorem holds in case of quadratic transformation.

Let $\mathbf{X} \sim N_n(0, \mathbf{I}_n)$ and let C be a nonsingular, symmetric matrix such that $\mathbf{Y} = B_{(k \times n)} X_{(n \times 1)}$ and $\mathbf{Z} = X_{(1 \times n)}^T \cdot C_{(n \times n)} X_{(n \times 1)}$. Note that the first one is a linear and the second one is a quadratic transformation. (Intuitively, we can think in terms of scalars $y=b \cdot x$ vs. $z=c \cdot x^2$). Then we have

$$\mathbf{Z} = X^T \cdot C \cdot X = X^T \cdot C \cdot C^{-1} \cdot C \cdot X = (C \cdot X)^T \cdot C^{-1} \cdot C \cdot X = g(C \cdot X)$$

the last equality tells us that the quadratic transformation is a linear function. Then if $B^T \cdot C = B \cdot C = 0 \Rightarrow Y$ and $C \cdot X$ are independent $\Rightarrow Y$ and

$g(C.X)$ are independent $\Rightarrow Y$ and Z are independent. The following theorem formalizes this:

Theorem Let $\mathbf{X} \sim N_n(0, \mathbf{I}_n)$ and let C be symmetric matrix such that $\mathbf{Y} = B_{(k \times n)} \mathbf{X}_{(n \times 1)}$ and $\mathbf{Z} = X_{(1 \times n)}^T \cdot C_{(n \times n)} \mathbf{X}_{(n \times 1)}$. Then if $B.C = 0$, then Y and Z are independent.

Corollary If (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) is a random sample from $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then the sample mean \bar{X} and sample variation S^2 are independent. Note that $\bar{X} = B.X$ and $S^2 = X^T.C.X$.

Theorem Let $\mathbf{X} \sim N_n(0, \mathbf{I}_n)$ and let B, C be symmetric matrices such that $Y = \mathbf{X}_{(1 \times n)}^T \cdot \mathbf{B}_{(n \times n)} \mathbf{X}_{(n \times 1)}$ and $Z = \mathbf{X}_{(1 \times n)}^T \cdot \mathbf{C}_{(n \times n)} \mathbf{X}_{(n \times 1)}$. If $B.C = 0$, then Y and Z are independent.

Example Let $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \sim^{i.i.d} N(0, 1)$, $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_k & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_{n-k} \end{pmatrix}$. Then $\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{0}_{(n \times n)}$.

$$Y = \mathbf{X}_{(1 \times n)}^T \cdot \mathbf{B}_{(n \times n)} \mathbf{X}_{(n \times 1)} = (X_1 \quad \dots \quad X_n) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_k & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i^2$$

$$Z = \mathbf{X}_{(1 \times n)}^T \cdot \mathbf{C}_{(n \times n)} \mathbf{X}_{(n \times 1)} = (X_1 \quad \dots \quad X_n) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_{n-k} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=k+1}^n X_i^2$$

Notice from the summation indices that Y and Z are independent. Furthermore, in this special case where we had $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \sim^{i.i.d} N(0, 1)$ assumption, we have that

$$Y = \mathbf{X}^T \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}^T \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_k & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{X}$$

$$Y = \mathbf{X}^T \cdot \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{X}_k^2$$

We also want to know under which conditions of \mathbf{M} , the random variable Y has a \mathcal{X}^2 -distribution. The following theorem answers this question.

Theorem Let $\mathbf{X} \sim N_n(0, \mathbf{I}_n)$ and let \mathbf{M} be a symmetric *idempotent* matrix. (i.e. $\mathbf{M}^2 = \mathbf{M}$, also called *projection*, e.g identity matrix: $\mathbf{I}_n \cdot \mathbf{I}_n = \mathbf{I}_n$). Let K be the rank of \mathbf{M} . Then $\mathbf{X}^T \cdot \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{X}_K^2$.

Proof Omitted.

Assume we have $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{Y} \end{pmatrix}_{(n \times 1)} \sim N_n \left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{XX} & \sum_{XY} \\ \sum_{YX} & \sum_{YY} \end{pmatrix} \right)$. What is the conditional distribution of Y given $X = x$?

The following theorem provides an answer to this question.

Theorem $Y | X = x \sim N\left(\mu_Y + \sum_{YX} \cdot \sum_{XX}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_X), \sum_{YY} - \sum_{YX} \sum_{XX}^{-1} \sum_{XY}\right)$

Proof Only an outline of the proof will be sketched. Let $U = Y - \mu_Y - \sum_{YX} \sum_{XX}^{-1}(X - \mu_X)$. Then we have the following observations

$$\begin{aligned} E(U) &= 0 \\ cov(U, X) &= 0 \Rightarrow U \text{ and } X \text{ are independent} \\ E(U | X) &= E(U) \\ var(U | X) &= var(U) \\ \begin{pmatrix} U \\ X \end{pmatrix} &\sim N \\ U | X &\sim N \rightarrow Y | X \sim N \end{aligned}$$