

### Problem 1 Bivariate normal distribution

Assume that  $\mathbf{X}$  is a bivariate normal random variable with

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = E\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \Sigma = \text{Cov } \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}.$$

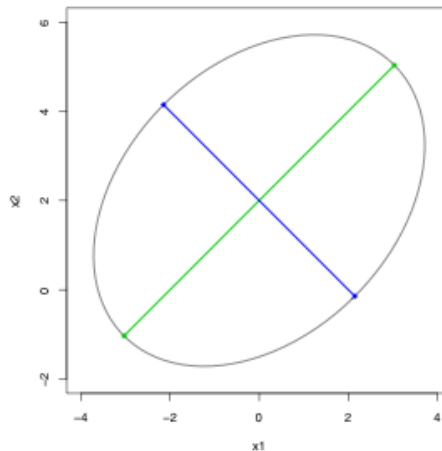
- a) Find the mean vector and covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{Y}$ . What is the distribution of  $\mathbf{Y}$ ? Are  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  independent random variables?

Let  $f$  be the pdf of  $\mathbf{X}$ . Contours of  $f$  are the  $\mathbf{x}$  satisfying  $f(\mathbf{x}) = a$  for some constant  $a > 0$ , or equivalently  $(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = b$  for a corresponding constant  $b > 0$ . In the figure below, the contour for  $b = 4.6$  is shown.

- b) Explain the connections between the covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ , the chosen value of  $b$  and features of the ellipse (e.g. principal axes and their half-lengths). Mark these features on the figure (make a drawing or use the printed figure). What is the probability that  $\mathbf{X}$  falls within the given ellipse?

The following information might be useful:

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> sigma=matrix(c(3,1,1,3),ncol=2)
> sigma
      [,1] [,2]
[1,]    3    1
[2,]    1    3
> eigen(sigma)
$values
[1] 4 2
$vectors
      [,1] [,2]
[1,] 0.7071068 -0.7071068
[2,] 0.7071068  0.7071068
> qchisq(0.9,2)
[1] 4.60517
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**Problem 2**    **Distributional results for  $\bar{X}$  and  $S^2$  for a univariate normal sample**

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a (univariate) random sample from some population. Define  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  and  $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$ .

Further, let  $\mathbf{1}$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector of 1s. Then  $\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix of 1s. Let  $I$  be an  $n \times n$  identity matrix. The matrix

$$C = I - \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 1/n & -1/n & \cdots & -1/n \\ -1/n & 1 - 1/n & \cdots & -1/n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -1/n & -1/n & \cdots & 1 - 1/n \end{pmatrix}$$

is called the *centring matrix*. Let  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1 \ X_2 \ \cdots \ X_n)^T$ .

- a) Show that  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{X}$  and that  $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \mathbf{X}^T C \mathbf{X}$ .

Hint: Start by considering the  $i$ th component of  $C\mathbf{X}$ , and observe that  $C$  is symmetric and idempotent.

Now, assume in addition that the random sample is taken from the univariate normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . In the notation of TMA4267,  $\mathbf{X} \sim N(\mu\mathbf{1}, \sigma^2 I)$ .

In your first statistics course, you were told that the  $T$ -statistic,

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}},$$

follows a  $t$ -distribution with  $n-1$  degrees of freedom. This result follows from  $(\bar{X} - \mu)/(\sigma/\sqrt{n}) \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $(n-1)S^2/\sigma^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$ , and independence of  $\bar{X}$  and  $S^2$ .

With your new skills on the multivariate normal distribution, you can prove independence of  $\bar{X}$  and  $S^2$ , and  $(n-1)S^2/\sigma^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$ .

- b) Show that  $\frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1}^T C = \mathbf{0}^T$ . What does this imply about  $\frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{X}$  and  $C\mathbf{X}$ ? How can you use this to conclude that  $\bar{X}$  and  $S^2$  are independent?

- c) Derive the distribution of  $(n-1)S^2/\sigma^2$ .

Hint:  $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \mathbf{X}^T C \mathbf{X}$ , where  $C$  is symmetric and idempotent. In general, if  $R$  is a symmetric and idempotent matrix with rank  $r$ , and  $\mathbf{Y} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, I)$ , then  $\mathbf{Y}^T R \mathbf{Y} \sim \chi_r^2$  (which we saw in a lecture and is stated by Fahrmeir, Kneib, Lang and Marx (2013) in Theorem B.8.2 on p. 651). Note, however, that  $\mathbf{X}$  is not assumed to be  $N(\mathbf{0}, I)$ .