

## Statistics 840 Lecture 2

Some Notation:

$Y$  = name of a random variable

$y$  = value of the random variable after it has been observed

Sometimes notation is abused by writing  $y$  instead of  $Y$ .

$Y \sim F$  means “The random variable  $Y$  has the distribution  $F$ ”

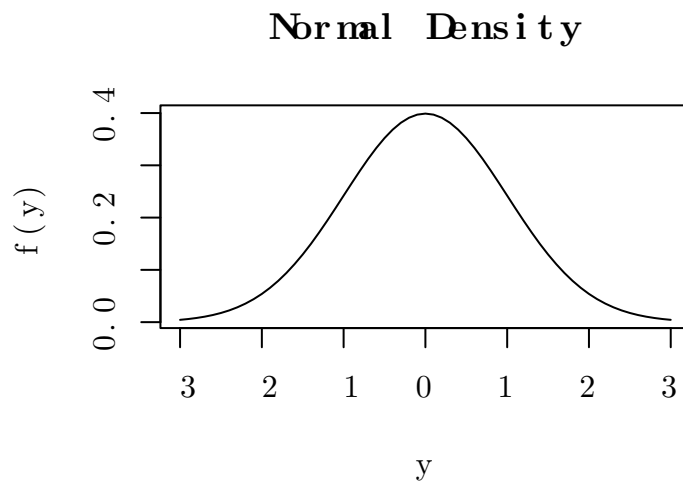
$Y \sim F_Y$  means “The random variable  $Y$  has the distribution  $F_Y$ ”

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**$F$  the normal distribution:  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .**

The density of the normal distribution, with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$  is

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y-\mu)^2}$$



$Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{pmatrix}$  A vector of two random variables, jointly Normally distributed.

$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma), \mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_{21} = \sigma_{12}, \quad \sigma_{11}\sigma_{22} - \sigma_{21}\sigma_{12} > 0$$

$\Sigma$  symmetric positive definite,  $\Sigma \succ 0$ .

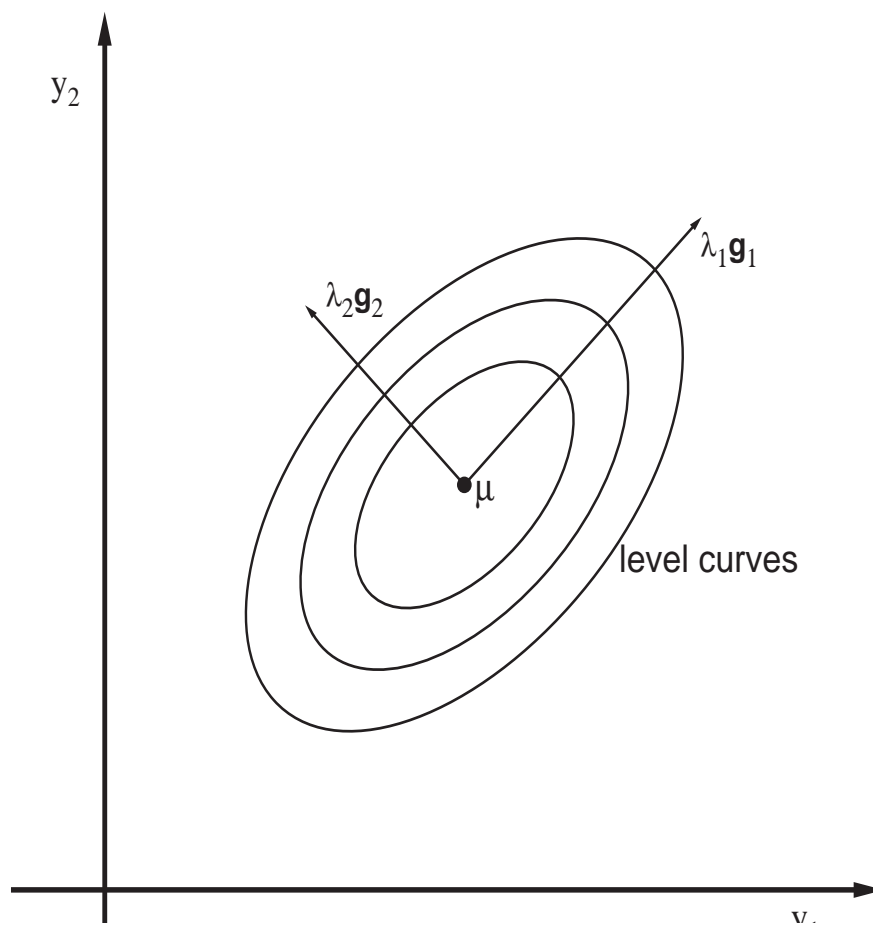
$$F_Y : y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi \det \Sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(y-\mu)' \Sigma^{-1} (y-\mu)}$$

The exponent is a quadratic form in  $y$

**Eigenvalue-eigenvector decomposition of  $\Sigma = \Gamma D \Gamma'$ ,**  
where  $\Gamma \Gamma' = I = \Gamma' \Gamma$  and

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Axes are along eigenvectors  $\mathbf{g}_1$  and  $\mathbf{g}_2$  stretched according to eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ .



## Multivariate Normal Distribution

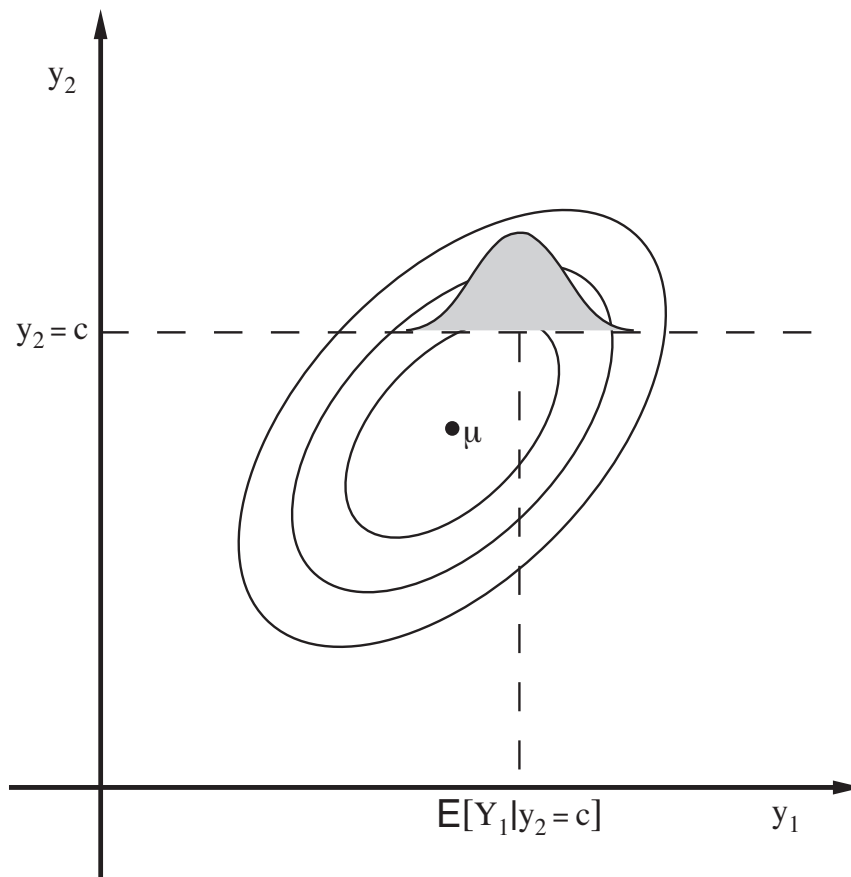
$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$$

$n$  jointly normal random variables.

**Conditional distribution** of  $Y_1|y_2$  is

$$\mathcal{N}\left(\mu_1 + \sigma_{12}\sigma_{22}^{-1}(y_2 - \mu_2), \sigma_{11} - \sigma_{12}\sigma_{22}^{-1}\sigma_{21}\right).$$

In particular, if  $\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $EY_1|y_2 = \sigma_{12}\sigma_{22}^{-1}y_2$ .



More generally, let

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$$

Let

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_1 \\ \vdots \\ U_{n_1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad V = \begin{pmatrix} V_1 \\ \vdots \\ V_{n_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Conditional expectation of  $U$  given  $V = v$  is

$$E(U | v) = \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} v$$

(Standard multivariate Gaussian result, Anderson (1958), Thm 2.5.1, see [anderson1958.pdf](#) or [mvnormaldist.pdf](#) in the pdf2 directory), Wilks, etc.)

Let  $U$  be 1-dimensional. Then  $\Sigma_{11}$  a number,  $\Sigma_{12}$  a row vector

$$E(U | v_1, \dots, v_n) = \sum a_\ell v_\ell$$

Find  $a = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$  to minimize

$$E \|U - \sum a_\ell v_\ell\|^2 = \Sigma_{11} - 2a' \Sigma'_{12} + a' \Sigma_{22} a$$

$$\frac{d}{da} : \quad -2\Sigma'_{12} + 2\Sigma_{22} a = 0$$

$$a = \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma'_{12}$$

$$E(U | v_1, \dots, v_n) = a' v = \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} v$$

(This least squares calculation is unique to multivariate normal distributions)



## Duality between Bayes estimates and optimization problems:

$$y_i = \int_0^1 K(t(i), s) f(s) ds + \epsilon_i \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

want to estimate  $f$

$$y_n = \underbrace{X_{n \times p}}_K \underbrace{\beta_p}_f + \epsilon \quad \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$$

$X$  has rank  $q \leq p$ ,  $\beta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, b\Sigma_{p \times p})$

To look at this as a Bayes estimate:

$$\begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$E(U|v) = \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} v$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ y \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} b\Sigma & b\Sigma X' \\ bX\Sigma & bX\Sigma X' + \sigma^2 I \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta} = E(\beta | y) &= b\Sigma X' (bX\Sigma X' + \sigma^2 I)^{-1} y \\ &= \Sigma X' (X\Sigma X' + \frac{\sigma^2}{b} I)^{-1} y \end{aligned}$$

**Optimization problem: Minimize**

$$\frac{1}{n} \underbrace{\|y - X\beta\|^2}_{\text{Euclidean norm}} + \lambda\beta'\Sigma^{-1}\beta \quad (*)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n}(y'y - 2y'X\beta + \beta'X'X\beta + n\lambda\beta'\Sigma^{-1}\beta)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta} : \quad -2X'y + 2X'X\beta + 2n\lambda\Sigma^{-1}\beta = 0$$

gives

$$\tilde{\beta} = (X'X + \lambda\Sigma^{-1})^{-1}X'y$$

*Lemma*

$$\underbrace{(X'X + n\lambda\Sigma^{-1})^{-1}}_{p \times p} \underbrace{X'}_{p \times n} = \underbrace{\Sigma}_{p \times p} \underbrace{X'}_{p \times n} \underbrace{(X\Sigma X' + n\lambda I)^{-1}}_{n \times n}$$

provided  $X'X + n\lambda\Sigma^{-1} > 0$

*Proof*

$$\begin{aligned} X' &\stackrel{?}{=} (X'X + n\lambda\Sigma^{-1})\Sigma X'(X\Sigma X' + n\lambda I)^{-1} \\ &= (X'X\Sigma + n\lambda I)X'(X\Sigma X' + n\lambda I)^{-1} \\ &= X'(X\Sigma X' + n\lambda I)(X\Sigma X' + n\lambda I)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

OK. So

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\beta} &= (X'X + n\lambda\Sigma^{-1})X'y = \Sigma X'(X\Sigma X' + n\lambda I)^{-1}y \\ &= \hat{\beta}\end{aligned}$$

THE BOTTOM LINE:

The minimizer of the optimization problem (\*) is a Bayes estimate if  $n\lambda = \sigma^2/b$ , the “noise to signal” ratio

Question for self, to be studied later—improper priors:

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \xi \Sigma_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_0^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\xi} \Sigma_1^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\xi \rightarrow \infty$  Improper prior  $\frac{1}{\xi} \rightarrow 0$

$$\lim_{\xi \rightarrow \infty} \beta' \Sigma^{-1} \beta = \beta_0' \Sigma_0^{-1} \beta_0 \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Optimization problem OK provided  $X'X + n\lambda\Sigma^{-1} \succ 0$ . Take limits, will be OK

To solve integral equations: (Tihonov) regularization:

$$\frac{1}{n} \|y - X\beta\|^2 + \beta' \Sigma^{-1} \beta$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \int K(t(i), s) f(s) ds \right)^2 + \underbrace{\lambda J(f)}_{\lambda \beta' \Sigma^{-1} \beta}$$

$J(f) = \int (f''(t))^2 dt$  a quadratic form in a function space—leads to a matrix not of full rank

## Geometry of Euclidean space $E_n$ , projections, duality

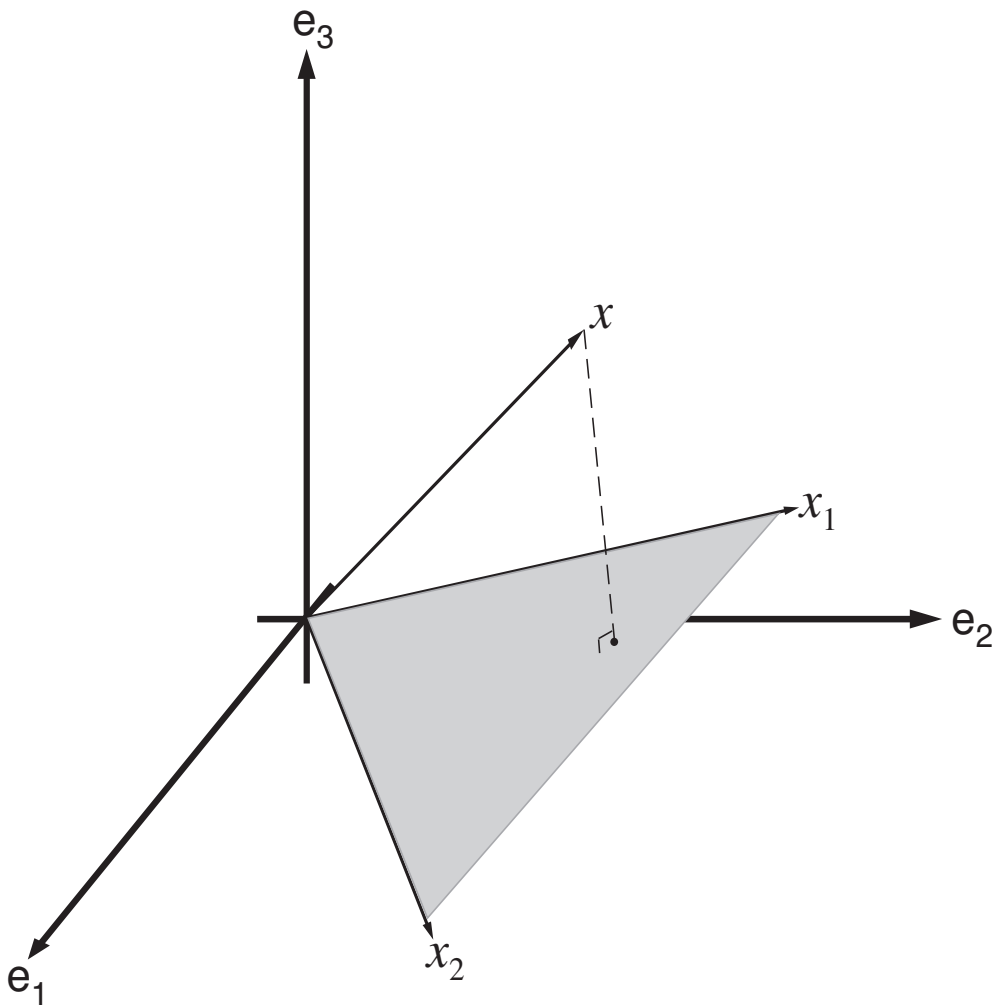
$$(x_1, x_2) = \sum_i x_1(i)x_2(i) \quad \text{Euclidean inner product}$$

$$x_k = (x_k(1), x_k(2), \dots, x_k(n))'$$

$$\frac{(u, v)}{\|u\| \|v\|} = \text{COS angle between } u, v$$

$$E_n(\Sigma) \quad \Sigma \succ 0 \quad \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle_\Sigma \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x_1' \Sigma^{-1} x_2$$

**What is the projection  
of  $x$  onto plane  
spanned by  $x_1, x_2$ ?**



$\hat{x}$  = orthogonal projection of  $x$  onto subspace spanned by  $x_1, x_2$ :  $\hat{x} = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2$

Find  $a = (a_1, a_2)'$  to minimize  $\|x - a_1x_1 - a_2x_2\|_{\Sigma}^2$

$$x'\Sigma^{-1}x - 2a_1x'\Sigma^{-1}x_1 - 2a_2x'\Sigma^{-1}x_2 + a_1^2x_1'\Sigma^{-1}x_1 + 2a_1a_2x_1'\Sigma^{-1}x_2 + a_2^2x_2'\Sigma^{-1}x_2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{da_1} : -x'\Sigma^{-1}x_1 + a_1x_1'\Sigma^{-1}x_1 + a_2x_1'\Sigma^{-1}x_2 = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{da_2} : -x'\Sigma^{-1}x_2 + a_1x_1'\Sigma^{-1}x_2 + a_2x_2'\Sigma^{-1}x_2 = 0$$

“normal equations” express perpendicularity:

$$\langle x, x_1 \rangle_{\Sigma} = \langle \hat{x}, x_1 \rangle_{\Sigma}$$

$$\langle x, x_2 \rangle_{\Sigma} = \langle \hat{x}, x_2 \rangle_{\Sigma}$$

$$\langle x - \hat{x}, x_1 \rangle_{\Sigma} = 0$$

$$\langle x - \hat{x}, x_2 \rangle_{\Sigma} = 0$$

$$x - \hat{x} \perp x_1$$

$$x - \hat{x} \perp x_2$$

Normal equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle x_1, x_1 \rangle_{\Sigma} & \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle_{\Sigma} \\ \langle x_2, x_1 \rangle_{\Sigma} & \langle x_2, x_2 \rangle_{\Sigma} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle x, x_1 \rangle_{\Sigma} \\ \langle x, x_2 \rangle_{\Sigma} \end{pmatrix}$$



There is an **isometric isomorphism** between  $E_n(\Sigma)$  and  $\mathcal{X}$ —the  $n$ -dimensional space spanned by the random variables

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$$

with the inner product  $\langle X_i, X_j \rangle = E(X_i X_j)$

**Isometric Isomorphism: 1 : 1 inner product preserving map.**

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 & E_n(\Sigma) & \mathcal{X} \\
 x_1 & = & (\sigma_{11}, \dots, \sigma_{1n}) & X_1 \\
 x_2 & = & (\sigma_{21}, \dots, \sigma_{2n}) & X_2 \\
 \vdots & & & \vdots \\
 x_n & = & \underbrace{(\sigma_{n1}, \dots, \sigma_{nn})}_{\text{rows of } \Sigma} & X_n
 \end{array}$$

$$\langle x_i, x_j \rangle_{\Sigma} = \sigma_{ij} = EX_i X_j$$

$$\underbrace{(\sigma_{i1}, \dots, \sigma_{in})}_{= \sigma_{ij}} \Sigma^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{j1} \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_{jn} \end{pmatrix} = \Sigma^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{j1} \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_{jn} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \cdot \\ 1 \\ \cdot \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let  $x \in E_n(\Sigma)$       Let  $X \in \mathcal{X}$   
 $\hat{x}$  = projection of  $x$        $\hat{X} = E(X \mid X_1, \dots, X_k)$   
 onto  $x_1, \dots, x_k$

$$\hat{x} = a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_k x_k \quad \hat{X} = a_1 X_1 + \dots + a_k X_k$$

The normal equations are:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle x_1, x_1 \rangle & \langle x_1, x_k \rangle \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \langle x_1, x_k \rangle & \langle x_k, x_1 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle x, x_1 \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle x, x_k \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} E X_1 X_2 & E X_1 X_k \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ E X_k X_1 & E X_k X_k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E X X_1 \\ \vdots \\ E X X_k \end{pmatrix}$$