

**Theorem 2.5.1.** *Let the components of  $X$  be divided into two groups composing the subvectors  $X^{(1)}$  and  $X^{(2)}$ . Suppose the mean  $\mu$  is similarly divided into  $\mu^{(1)}$  and  $\mu^{(2)}$ , and suppose the covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  of  $X$  is divided into  $\Sigma_{11}$ ,  $\Sigma_{12}$ ,  $\Sigma_{22}$ , the covariance matrices of  $X^{(1)}$ , of  $X^{(1)}$  and  $X^{(2)}$ , and of  $X^{(2)}$ , respectively. Then if the distribution of  $X$  is normal, the conditional distribution of  $X^{(1)}$  given  $X^{(2)} = x^{(2)}$  is normal with mean  $\mu^{(1)} + \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (x^{(2)} - \mu^{(2)})$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21}$ .*