

Biometry 726  
Fall 2010  
Homework 2  
Due Tuesday 5th October 2010

1. 3.11
2. 4.3
3. 4.4
4. We showed in class that for  $\mathbf{X}_p \sim N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$  a  $q \times p$  matrix of constants, and  $\mathbf{b}$  a  $q \times 1$  vector of constants,

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b} \sim N_q(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{A}').$$

Use this result directly to show that if  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1 \ X_2 \ X_3)'$  has density  $N_3(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  where  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1 \ \mu_2 \ \mu_3)'$  and

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} & \sigma_{32} & \sigma_{33} \end{pmatrix},$$

then  $\mathbf{X}_1 = (X_1 \ X_2)'$   $\sim N_2(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1)$  where  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 = (\mu_1 \ \mu_2)'$  and

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Hint: Consider the general proof provided on Page 158, and choose an appropriate matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and vector  $\mathbf{b}$  to apply the above theorem.*

5. Let  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1 \ X_2 \ X_3)'$   $\sim N_3(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  where  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{0}$  and

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find the covariance of  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  where

$$\begin{aligned} Z_1 &= X_1 - X_2 + 2X_3 - 6 \quad \text{and} \\ Z_2 &= 2X_2 + 4. \end{aligned}$$

6. The moment generating function,  $m_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{t})$ , of a  $3 \times 1$  random vector  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1 \ X_2 \ X_3)'$  is given by

$$m_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{t}) = \exp \left\{ t_1 - t_2 + 2t_3 + t_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}t_2^2 + 2t_3^2 - \frac{1}{2}t_1t_2 - t_1t_3 \right\}.$$

Find a constant  $k$  such that  $\text{Prob}[2X_1 - 3X_2 + X_3 > k] = 0.95$ .

7. Let  $\mathbf{Y}_p \sim N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ .

(a) Use the theorem shown in Question 4 (above) to show that

$$\mathbf{Z} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1/2}(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \sim N_p(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1/2}$  is obtained using the spectral decomposition, and  $\mathbf{I}$  is the  $p$ -dimensional identity matrix.

- (b) What is the marginal distribution of  $Z_i$ , the  $i$ th component of  $\mathbf{Z}$ ? Justify your answer.
- (c) Write a function in R called `my.rmvnorm` that returns  $n$  random draws from a multivariate normal distribution using a spectral decomposition approach, and based on the relationship between the components of  $\mathbf{Z}$  and the distribution of  $\mathbf{Y}$ . Specifically, a call to your function should look like

`my.rmvnorm(n,mu,sigma).`

You may not use the existing R function, `rmvnorm`, to draw your sample.

- (d) Demonstrate your sampler works by drawing a sample of 10,000 observations from a 3-dimensional multivariate normal distribution with mean and variance-covariance as described in 5, and calculating the proportion of observations for which

$$(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

is less than or equal to  $\chi_3^2(0.1)$  and  $\chi_3^2(0.05)$ .