

Multivariate Statistics: Exercise 1

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Introduction:

1) When \mathbf{A}^{-1} and \mathbf{B}^{-1} exist, prove each of the following:

a) $(\mathbf{A}^\top)^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^\top$

b) $(\mathbf{AB})^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$

2) Prove that

$$\mathbf{\Gamma A \Gamma}^\top = \sum_{i=1}^p a_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i^\top \quad ,$$

where $\mathbf{\Gamma} = (\boldsymbol{\gamma}_1, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_p)$, $\mathbf{\Gamma}^\top = \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1}$ and $\mathbf{A} = \text{Diag}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p)$ (cf. lecture notes, Theorem 1.4.3).

3) Show that the matrix

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2} = \mathbf{\Gamma A}^{1/2} \mathbf{\Gamma}^\top = \sum_{i=1}^p \sqrt{a_i} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i^\top$$

has the following properties:

a) $(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2})^\top = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2}$.

b) $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$.

c) $(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2})^{-1} = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{1}{\sqrt{a_i}} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i^\top = \mathbf{\Gamma A}^{-1/2} \mathbf{\Gamma}^\top$ where $\mathbf{A}^{-1/2}$ is a diagonal matrix with $1/\sqrt{a_i}$ as the i th diagonal element.

d) $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1/2} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1/2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2} = \mathbf{I}$, and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1/2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1/2} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}$, where $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1/2} = (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2})^{-1}$.

4) Show that $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Ax}, \mathbf{By}) = \mathbf{A Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mathbf{B}^\top$

(cf. lecture notes, Equation (1.22)).

5) Prove: For independent random variables $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^\top$ with $E(x_i) = \mu_i$ and $\text{Var}(x_i) = \sigma^2$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, and a symmetric matrix \mathbf{A} we have:

$$E(\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{Ax}) = \boldsymbol{\mu}^\top \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\mu} + \sigma^2 \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) \quad ,$$

where $\boldsymbol{\mu}^\top = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n)$, and tr denotes the trace of a matrix.