

# Assignment I

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## 1 Question 1

$\mathbf{x}$  is a random variable of length  $K$ :

$$\mathbf{x} = N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}).$$

a) What type of random variable is the following random variable?

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}.$$

This is chi-squared (of order  $K$ ) random variable because this is sum of independent standard normal random variables.

b) Calculate the mean and variance of  $\mathbf{y}$ . Mean :  $K$ , Variance :  $2K$

$$E[X] = \int_0^\infty x f_X(x) dx = \int_0^\infty c x^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) dx = c \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) dx = c \left[ -x^{\frac{n}{2}+1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) \right]_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty \frac{n}{2} x^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) dx = c \left\{ (0 - 0) + n \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) dx \right\} = n \int_0^\infty c x^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) dx = n \int_0^\infty f_X(x) dx = n$$

$$E[X^2] = \int_0^\infty x^2 f_X(x) dx = \int_0^\infty x^2 c x^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) dx = c \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{n}{2}+1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) dx = c \left[ -x^{\frac{n}{2}+2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) \right]_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right) x^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) dx = c \left\{ (0 - 0) + (n + 2) \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) dx \right\}$$

$$c(n + 2) \left[ -x^{\frac{n}{2}+1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) \right]_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty \frac{n}{2} x^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) dx = c(n + 2) \left\{ (0 - 0) + n \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) dx \right\}$$

$$(n + 2)n \int_0^\infty c x^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) dx = (n + 2)n \int_0^\infty f_X(x) dx = (n + 2)n$$

$$Var[X] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = (n + 2)n - n^2 = n(n + 2 - 2) = 2n$$

c) Using Python, plot the PDF of  $\mathbf{y}$  for  $K=1, 2, 3, 10, 100$ .

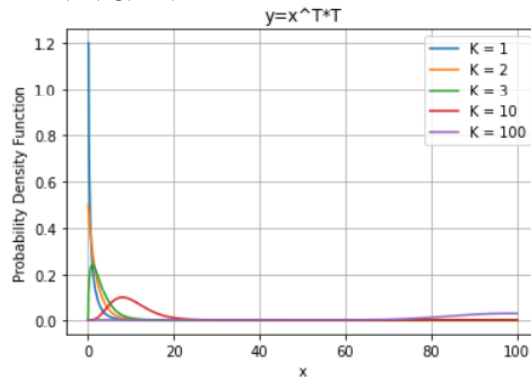


Figure 1: PDF of chi-squared distribution

Detailed Code source can be obtained from

[https://github.com/JunseoKim19/State\\_estimation/blob/main/Probability\\_Density\\_Function\\_chi-square.py](https://github.com/JunseoKim19/State_estimation/blob/main/Probability_Density_Function_chi-square.py)

## 2 Question 2

$\mathbf{x}$  is a random variable of length  $N$ :

$$\mathbf{x} = N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

a) Assume  $\mathbf{x}$  is transformed linearly, i.e.  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ , where  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $N \times N$  matrix. Calculate the mean and covariance of  $\mathbf{y}$ . Show the derivations. Mean:  $\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}$ , Covariance:  $\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{A}^T$

$$E[\mathbf{y}] = E[\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}] = \mathbf{A}E[\mathbf{x}], E[\mathbf{x}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}, E[\mathbf{y}] = \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}$$

$$\text{cov}[\mathbf{y}] = E[(\mathbf{y} - E[\mathbf{y}])(\mathbf{y} - E[\mathbf{y}])^T] = E[(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu})^T] = \mathbf{A}E[(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T]\mathbf{A}^T$$

$$\text{cov}[\mathbf{y}] = \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{A}^T$$

b) Repeat a), when  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}_1\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{A}_2\mathbf{x}$ . Mean:  $\mathbf{A}_1\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{A}_2\boldsymbol{\mu}$ , Covariance:  $\mathbf{A}_1\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{A}_1^T + \mathbf{A}_2\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{A}_2^T$

$$E[\mathbf{y}] = E[\mathbf{A}_1\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{A}_2\mathbf{x}] = \mathbf{A}_1E[\mathbf{x}] + \mathbf{A}_2E[\mathbf{x}] = \mathbf{A}_1\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{A}_2\boldsymbol{\mu}$$

$$\text{cov}[\mathbf{y}] = \mathbf{A}_1E[(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T]\mathbf{A}_1^T + \mathbf{A}_2E[(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T]\mathbf{A}_2^T = \mathbf{A}_1\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{A}_1^T + \mathbf{A}_2\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{A}_2^T$$

c) If  $\mathbf{x}$  is transformed by a nonlinear differentiable function, i.e.  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$ , compute the covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{y}$ . Show the derivation

Using Taylor expansion of the function  $f(x)$ , and Jacobian matrix of  $f$  evaluated at  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\boldsymbol{\mu}) + J_f(\boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

$$E[\mathbf{y}] = E[f(\mathbf{x})] = f(\boldsymbol{\mu})$$

$$\text{cov}[\mathbf{y}] = E[(f(\boldsymbol{\mu}) + J_f(\boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) - f(\boldsymbol{\mu})) (f(\boldsymbol{\mu}) + J_f(\boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) - f(\boldsymbol{\mu}))^T] = J_f(\boldsymbol{\mu})\boldsymbol{\Sigma}J_f(\boldsymbol{\mu})^T$$

d) Apply c) when

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2_{\rho\rho} & \sigma^2_{\rho\theta} \\ \sigma^2_{\rho\theta} & \sigma^2_{\theta\theta} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho\cos\theta \\ \rho\sin\theta \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \rho\cos\theta \\ \rho\sin\theta \end{bmatrix}, J_f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial(\rho\cos\theta)}{\partial\rho} & \frac{\partial(\rho\cos\theta)}{\partial\theta} \\ \frac{\partial(\rho\sin\theta)}{\partial\rho} & \frac{\partial(\rho\sin\theta)}{\partial\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\rho\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \rho\cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{cov}[\mathbf{y}] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\rho\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \rho\cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2_{\rho\rho} & \sigma^2_{\rho\theta} \\ \sigma^2_{\rho\theta} & \sigma^2_{\theta\theta} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\rho\sin\theta & \rho\cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute the covariance of  $\mathbf{y}$  analytically. This models how range-bearing measurements in the polar coordinate frame are converted to a Cartesian coordinate frame.

e) Simulate **d)** using the Monte Carlo simulation, i.e. assume

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1m \\ 0.5^\circ \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.005 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sample 1000 points from this distribution and plot the transformed results on x-y coordinates. Plot the uncertainty ellipse, calculated from part **d)**. Overlay the ellipse on the point samples.

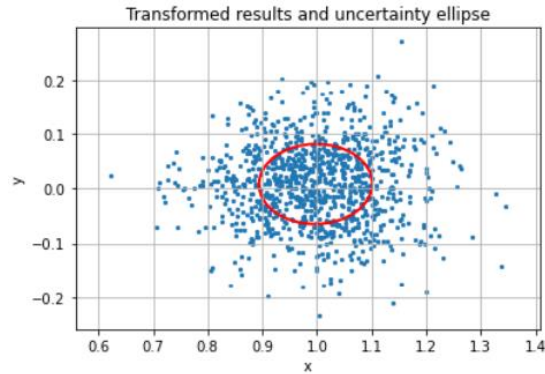


Figure 2: Monte Carlo simulation Case 1

f) Repeat part e), for the following values:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1m \\ 0.5^\circ \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.005 \end{bmatrix} - \text{Refer to Figure 2}$$

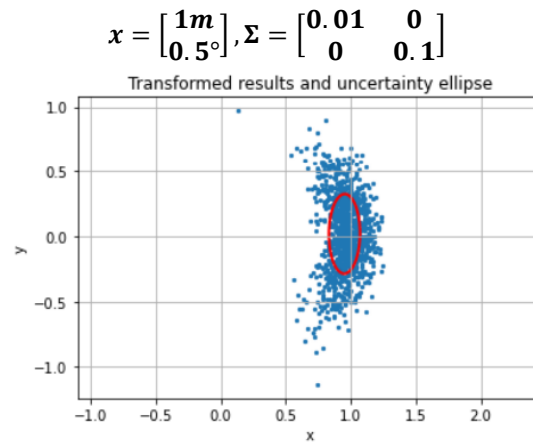


Figure 3: Monte Carlo simulation Case 2

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1m \\ 0.5^\circ \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

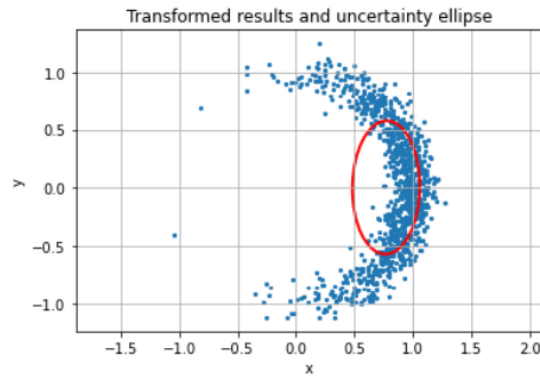


Figure 4: Monte Carlo simulation Case3

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1m \\ 0, 5^\circ \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Figure 5: Monte Carlo simulation Case4

Interpretation:

Each figure is scatter plot of points in the x-y plane which are transformed from the polar coordinates to Cartesian coordinates. Looking from figures 2 to 5, the variance of the angle variable increases. As the angle variable increases, the points will spread out in the y-direction because y-coordinate in cartesian coordinates is represented as  $\rho \sin\theta$ .

As shown in the figures, the points in the plot is spreading more in the y-direction

There is another major difference in the uncertainty ellipses. As the covariance matrix changes and the variance of the angle variable increases from figure 2 to figure 5, the uncertainty in the y-direction will increase. This will lead to bigger and taller uncertainty ellipses as the angle variable increases

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