

1. Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  be i.i.d. standard Gaussian random variables. Find the mean and variance of  $Y = 3X_1 - X_2 + 2X_3$ . Find its density.
2. Show that a Gaussian random vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has independent components if and only if they are uncorrelated.
3. Let  $(X, Y)$  be a standard Gaussian random vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $\rho \in (-1, 1)$  and define

$$(U, V) = \left( \frac{\sqrt{1+\rho} + \sqrt{1-\rho}}{2} X + \frac{\sqrt{1+\rho} - \sqrt{1-\rho}}{2} Y, \frac{\sqrt{1+\rho} + \sqrt{1-\rho}}{2} Y + \frac{\sqrt{1+\rho} - \sqrt{1-\rho}}{2} X \right).$$

Find the density of  $(U, V)$ . Is this a Gaussian random vector? What is its covariance matrix? What is the distribution of  $U$  and  $V$ ? Determine the values of  $\rho$  for which  $U$  and  $V$  are independent.

4. Let  $\rho \in (-1, 1)$  and let  $(U, V)$  be a random vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with density

$$f(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} (u^2 - 2\rho uv + v^2) \right\}, \quad (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Is it a Gaussian random vector? Find the covariance matrix of  $(U, V)$ . Find the distributions of the marginals  $U$  and  $V$ . Find the conditional density of  $V$  given  $U = u$  and the conditional expectation  $\mathbb{E}(V|U = u)$ . Determine the values of  $\rho$  for which  $U$  and  $V$  are independent.

5. Suppose  $(X, Y)$  is a centred (i.e.,  $\mathbb{E}X = \mathbb{E}Y = 0$ ) Gaussian random vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with  $\text{Cov}\left(\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find, a) the density of  $(X, Y)$ , b) the density of  $X + 3Y$ , c) all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  for which  $X + Y$  and  $X + \alpha Y$  are independent.
6. Let  $G$  be a standard Gaussian vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $U$  be an  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix. Find the density of  $UG$ . Are the components of this vector independent?
7. Let  $g$  be a standard Gaussian random variable. Show that  $\mathbb{E}g^{2m} = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2m - 1)$ ,  $m = 1, 2, \dots$
8. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be independent random variables, each with mean zero and finite fourth moment. Show that

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right)^4 = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}X_i^4 + 6 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \mathbb{E}X_i^2 \mathbb{E}X_j^2.$$

**9\*** Let  $0 < p < q < 1$ . Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d.  $\text{Ber}(p)$  random variables and let  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  be i.i.d.  $\text{Ber}(q)$  random variables. Show that for any  $t \leq n$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 + \dots + X_n \geq t) \leq \mathbb{P}(Y_1 + \dots + Y_n \geq t)$$

(intuitively, probability of getting at least  $t$  heads when tossing a biased coin showing heads with probability  $p$  does not decrease as we increase  $p$ ).