

1. Show that if $\Lambda \sim \Lambda(d, f_1, f_2)$ then

$$\Lambda \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} \prod_{i=1}^d B_i$$

where B_i are independent and follow Beta distributions with

$$B_i \sim \mathcal{B}\{(f_1 + 1 - i)/2, f_2/2\}.$$

You may without proof use the fact that if $W \sim \mathcal{W}_d(f, \Sigma)$ and if $\Sigma_{12} = 0$, then $W_{1|2}$, $W_{12}W_{22}^{-1}W_{21}$, and W_{22} are independent and Wishart distributed as

$$W_{1|2} \sim \mathcal{W}_r(f - s, \Sigma_{11}), \quad W_{12}W_{22}^{-1}W_{21} \sim \mathcal{W}_r(s, \Sigma_{11}), \quad W_{22} \sim \mathcal{W}_s(f, \Sigma_{22}).$$

Hint: Use induction after d and exploit the identity

$$\det A = \det(A_{11} - A_{12}A_{22}^{-1}A_{21}) \det(A_{22}).$$

For an arbitrary (invertible) square $d \times d$ matrix M write

$$\det M = \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{\det M_{[i]}}{\det M_{[i-1]}}$$

where $M_{[i]}$ contains the first i rows and columns of M so $M = M_{[d]}$ and $\det M_{[0]} = 1$.

Represent Λ as

$$\Lambda = \frac{\det(W_1)}{\det(W_1 + W_2)}$$

with $W_j \sim \mathcal{W}_d(f_j, I_d)$, $j = 1, 2$ and independent. We now get

$$\frac{\det W_{1[i]}}{\det W_{1[i-1]}} = \det(W_{1i|1, \dots, i-1}) = W_{1i|1, \dots, i-1},$$

which is distributed as $\chi^2(f_1 - i + 1)$ and independent of $W_{1[i-1]}$ using the partitioning result for the Wishart distribution. It can also be seen by realizing that $W_{1i|1, \dots, i-1}$ is the residual sum of squares from regressing X_i on X_1, \dots, X_{i-1} . Similarly for $W_1 + W_2$. Thus

$$\Lambda = \frac{\det(W_1)}{\det(W_1 + W_2)} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^d W_{1i|1, \dots, i-1}}{\prod_{i=1}^d W_{(1+2)i|1, \dots, i-1}} = \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{W_{1i|1, \dots, i-1}}{W_{(1+2)i|1, \dots, i-1}} = \prod_i B_i.$$

2. Show that if $W \sim \mathcal{W}_d(f, \Sigma)$, and if $\Sigma_{12} = 0$, then

$$U = W_{12}W_{22}^{-1}W_{21} \sim \mathcal{W}_r(s, \Sigma_{11}).$$

Further, U and W_{22} are independent.

Hint: Find first the conditional distribution of U given W_{22} , and use that for any positive (semi)definite matrix B there is a unique positive (semi)definite matrix A so $B = A^2$. The matrix $A = B^{-1/2}$ is the *square root* of B . Identify the (conditional) distribution of rows in $W_{22}^{-1/2}W_{21}$.

The conditional distribution of W_{12} given $W_{22} = w_{22}$ is

$$W_{12} | W_{22} = w_{22} \sim \mathcal{N}_{s \times r}(0, \Lambda)$$

with $\Lambda_{ij,kl} = \sigma_{ik}w_{jl}$.

Note that w gives the covariance between columns, whereas Σ yields that between rows. After post-multiplying with $W_{22}^{-1/2}$ we have

$$W_{12}W_{22}^{-1/2} | W_{22} = w_{22} \sim \mathcal{N}_{r \times s}(0, \Lambda)$$

with $\Lambda_{ij,kl} = \sigma_{ik}\delta_{jl}$, with $\delta_{jl} = 1$ if $j = l$ and 0 otherwise. Thus rows in $W_{12}W_{22}^{-1/2}$ (or columns in $W_{22}^{-1/2}W_{21}$) are independent and identically distributed as $\mathcal{N}_s(0, \Sigma_{11})$. Hence

$$U = W_{12}W_{22}^{-1/2}W_{22}^{-1/2}W_{21} = W_{12}W_{22}^{-1}W_{21} \sim \mathcal{W}_r(s, \Sigma_{11}).$$

3. Consider U and V independent and Beta distributed with

$$U \sim \mathcal{B}(\gamma, \delta), \quad V \sim \mathcal{B}(\gamma + 1/2, \delta),$$

where the Beta distribution has density

$$f(x; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1}(1-x)^{\beta-1}, \quad 0 < x < 1.$$

Show that

$$Z = \sqrt{UV} \sim \mathcal{B}(2\gamma, 2\delta).$$

This may be more tricky than it seems. It should be possible to derive this by simple integration, but it appears to be easier using moments: The (fractional) moments of $\mathcal{B}(\alpha, \beta)$ are

$$\mathbf{E}X^\lambda = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \lambda)\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \lambda)},$$

which is obtained as the ratio of normalizing constants for $\mathcal{B}(\alpha + \lambda, \beta)$ and $\mathcal{B}(\alpha, \beta)$. We thus have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}(\sqrt{UV}^n) &= \mathbf{E}(U^{n/2})\mathbf{E}(V^{n/2}) \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\gamma + n/2)\Gamma(\gamma + \delta)\Gamma\{\gamma + (n + 1)/2\}\Gamma(\gamma + \delta + 1/2)}{\Gamma(\gamma)\Gamma(\gamma + \delta + n/2)\Gamma(\gamma + 1/2)\Gamma\{\gamma + \delta + (n + 1)/2\}}.\end{aligned}$$

Use now *Legendre's formula*

$$\Gamma(x)\Gamma(x + 1/2) = \Gamma(2x)\sqrt{\pi}2^{2x-1}$$

to obtain

$$\mathbf{E}(\sqrt{UV}^n) = \frac{\Gamma(2\gamma + n)\Gamma(2\gamma + 2\delta)}{\Gamma(2\gamma)\Gamma(2\gamma + 2\delta + n)}.$$

These are now recognized as the moments of $\mathcal{B}(2\gamma, 2\delta)$. As a distribution on $(0, 1)$ is determined by its moments, the result follows.

4. Let $\Lambda \sim \Lambda(d, f_1, f_2)$. Show that

(a) If $d = 1$:

$$\frac{1 - \Lambda}{\Lambda} \frac{f_1}{f_2} \sim F(f_2, f_1);$$

$\Lambda(1, f_1, f_2) = \mathcal{B}(f_1/2, f_2/2)$. Hence this is the definition of F .

(b) If $d = 2$:

$$\frac{1 - \sqrt{\Lambda}}{\sqrt{\Lambda}} \frac{f_1 - 1}{f_2} \sim F\{2f_2, 2(f_1 - 1)\};$$

Use the first question to deduce that

$$\Lambda \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} UV$$

where $V \sim \mathcal{B}\{f_1/2, f_2/2\}$ and $U \sim \mathcal{B}\{(f_1 - 1)/2, f_2/2\}$ are independent. Use the third question to deduce that then

$$\sqrt{\Lambda} \sim \mathcal{B}(f_1 - 1, f_2).$$

The result now follows as above.

(c) If $f_2 = 1$:

$$\frac{1 - \Lambda}{\Lambda} \frac{f_1 + 1 - d}{d} \sim F(d, f_1 + 1 - d),$$

Just use that $\Lambda(d, f_1, f_2) = \Lambda(f_2, f_1 + f_2 - d, d)$. The result now follows from (a).

(d) If $f_2 = 2$:

$$\frac{1 - \sqrt{\Lambda}}{\sqrt{\Lambda}} \frac{f_1 + 1 - d}{d} \sim F\{2d, 2(f_1 + 1 - d)\}.$$

Just use that $\Lambda(d, f_1, f_2) = \Lambda(f_2, f_1 + f_2 - d, d)$. The result now follows from (b).