

- contour for the case  $\sigma_{11} = \sigma_{22}, \sigma_{12} \neq 0$

$$\diamond 0 = |\Sigma - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_{11} - \lambda & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{11} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (\sigma_{11} - \lambda)^2 - \sigma_{12}^2$$

$$= (\lambda - \sigma_{11} - \sigma_{12})(\lambda - \sigma_{11} + \sigma_{12})$$

- ◆ the eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = \sigma_{11} + \sigma_{12}$  and  $\lambda_2 = \sigma_{11} - \sigma_{12}$

$$\diamond \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{11} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \end{bmatrix} = (\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{12}) \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \sigma_{11}e_1 + \sigma_{12}e_2 = (\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{12})e_1 \\ \sigma_{12}e_1 + \sigma_{11}e_2 = (\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{12})e_2 \end{cases}$$

$\Sigma^{-1}$ :

eigenvectors: same  
as the eigenvector  
of  $\Sigma$

eigenvalue:  $\frac{1}{\lambda_1}, \frac{1}{\lambda_2}$

$$\lambda_1 = \sigma_{11} + \sigma_{12}, \quad \mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$e_1 = e_2 \leftarrow$

- ◆  $\lambda_2 = \sigma_{11} - \sigma_{12}$  yields the eigenvector  $\mathbf{e}_2' = [1/\sqrt{2}, -1/\sqrt{2}]$ .  $e_1 = -e_2$

- ◆ When the covariance  $\sigma_{12}$  (or correlation  $\rho_{12}$ ) is positive,

$\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{12} > \sigma_{11} - \sigma_{12} \Rightarrow$  major axis:  $e_1$  } length ratio:  
minor axis:  $e_2$  } major: minor =  $\sqrt{\lambda_1} : \sqrt{\lambda_2}$

When the covariance (correlation) is negative,

$\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{12} > \sigma_{11} + \sigma_{12} \Rightarrow$  major axis:  $e_2$  } length ratio  
minor axis:  $e_1$  } major: minor =  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}})^2 : (\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_2}})^2$

- ◆ when  $\rho_{12} = 0$ ,

$$0 = |\Sigma - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = (\lambda - \sigma_{11})^2, \text{ eigenvalue: } \sigma_{11}, \sigma_{11}$$

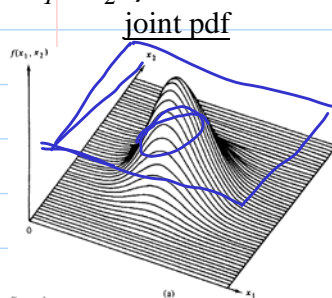
any vector is eigenvector  $\Rightarrow$  ellipse becomes circle

What if  $|\rho_{12}|$  increase?

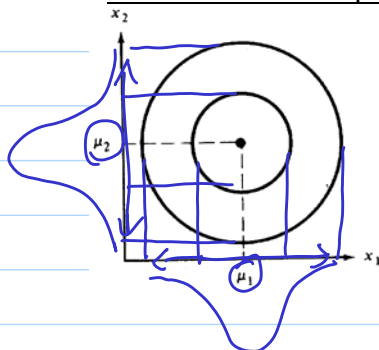
small  $\rho_{12}$  large  $\rho_{12}$



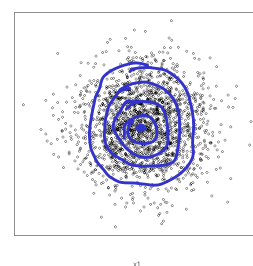
- (a)  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2, \rho = 0 \Rightarrow$  independent and equal variance



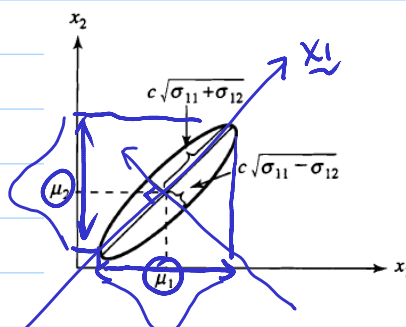
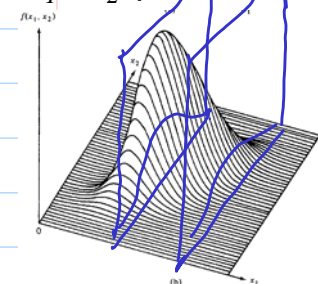
contour lines of the pdf



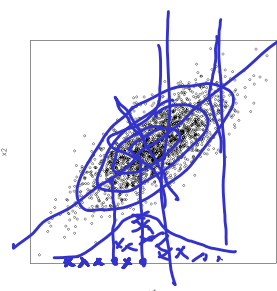
data generated from the pdf



- (b)  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2, \rho = 0.75 \Rightarrow$  correlated and equal variance



Q: what should the contour lines look like if  $\sigma_1 \neq \sigma_2$ ?



when  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2, \rho \neq 0$ , the major/minor axis of the ellipse is parallel to  $x_1 = x_2$  or  $x_1 = -x_2$

contour of Normal pdf is an ellipse because it can be expressed as  $(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = c$

- random sample from a multivariate normal distribution

Let us assume that the  $p \times 1$  vectors  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$  represent a random sample from a multivariate normal population with mean vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ . Since  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$  are mutually independent and each has distribution  $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , the joint density function of all the observations is the product of the marginal normal densities:

$$f(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Joint density} \\ \text{of } \mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n \end{array} \right\} = \prod_{j=1}^n \left\{ \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} e^{-(\mathbf{x}_j - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_j - \boldsymbol{\mu}) / 2} \right\}$$

↑  
joint pdf.

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{np/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{n/2}} e^{-\frac{n}{2} (\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu})}$$

- **Q:** why normal?

$$= \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} | \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) \Leftarrow \text{likelihood.}$$

- While real data are never exactly multivariate normal, the normal density is often a useful approximation to the “true” population distribution
- The multivariate normal density is mathematically tractable and “nice” results can be obtained
- The distribution of many multivariate statistics are approximately normal, regardless of the form of the parent population because of a central limit effect  
*although the dist. of  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  might not be multivariate normal, the stat. based on  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  could approximate the dist. based on multivariate normal.*
- Some properties of multivariate normal distribution

- **Result 4.3.** If  $\mathbf{X}$  is distributed as  $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , the  $q$  linear combinations

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}X_1 + \dots + a_{1p}X_p \\ a_{21}X_1 + \dots + a_{2p}X_p \\ \vdots \\ a_{q1}X_1 + \dots + a_{qp}X_p \end{bmatrix}$$

$(q \times p)(p \times 1)$

are distributed as  $N_q(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{A}')$ . Also,  $\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{d}$ , where  $\mathbf{d}$  is a vector of constants, is distributed as  $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{d}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ .

*irrelevant to d.*

Alternative definition of multivariate normal distribution: Let  $z_1, \dots, z_p$  be i.i.d. from  $N(0, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{Z} = [z_1, \dots, z_p]^T$ . For a  $p$ -dim vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and a  $p \times p$  symmetric, positive definite matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ ,  $\mathbf{X}$  is said to have a multivariate normal distribution  $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  if it has the same distribution as

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2} \mathbf{Z} + \boldsymbol{\mu}$$

*any multivariate normal distribution can be generated from i.i.d.  $N(0, 1)$ .*

\* sketch of proof:

$$\text{of } \mathbf{X} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2} \mathbf{Z} + \boldsymbol{\mu},$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2} \mathbf{Z} + \boldsymbol{\mu}) + \mathbf{d}$$

$$+ \mathbf{d} = (\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2}) \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{d}$$

*mean of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{d}$*

•  $\mathbf{Z} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1/2}(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$  has a  $N_p(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_p)$  distribution

*normalization*  
 $\mathbf{X} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$

$$\frac{\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}}{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

$$(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = [(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1/2}] [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1/2} (\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})] = \mathbf{Z}' \mathbf{Z} = Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 + \dots + Z_p^2$$

*quadratic form*

$$= \mathbf{Z}' \mathbf{Z} = Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 + \dots + Z_p^2 \leftarrow \mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_p \text{ i.i.d. } N(0, 1)$$

- **Result 4.4.** All subsets of  $\mathbf{X}$  are normally distributed. If we respectively partition  $\mathbf{X}$ , its mean vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ , and its covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  as

$$\mathbf{X}_{(p \times 1)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \hline \mathbf{X}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} (q \times 1) \\ ((p-q) \times 1) \end{matrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\mu}_{(p \times 1)} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \hline \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} (q \times 1) \\ ((p-q) \times 1) \end{matrix}$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{(p \times p)} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \hline \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} (q \times q) & (q \times (p-q)) \\ ((p-q) \times q) & ((p-q) \times (p-q)) \end{matrix}$$

*Annotations:*  
 -  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}$  is symmetric.  
 -  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}$  is not symmetric in general.  
 -  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}$  is symmetric.

then  $\mathbf{X}_1$  is distributed as  $N_q(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11})$ .

\* sketch of proof:

$$\mathbf{X}_1 = [\mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{0}] \mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{0}] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \mathbf{X}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2} \mathbf{Z} + \boldsymbol{\mu}) = (\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2})\mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2} \mathbf{Z} + \boldsymbol{\mu} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu} = [\mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{0}] \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_1$$

$$\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{A}' = [\mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{0}] \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}$$

- **Result 4.5.**

(a) If  $\mathbf{X}_1$  and  $\mathbf{X}_2$  are independent, then  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2) = \mathbf{0}$ , a  $q_1 \times q_2$  matrix of zeros.

(b) If  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \mathbf{X}_2 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $N_{q_1+q_2}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{bmatrix}\right)$ , then  $\mathbf{X}_1$  and  $\mathbf{X}_2$  are independent if and only if  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} = \mathbf{0}$ .

*uncorrelated is equivalent to indep. for multivariate normal.*

(c) If  $\mathbf{X}_1$  and  $\mathbf{X}_2$  are independent and are distributed as  $N_{q_1}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11})$  and  $N_{q_2}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22})$ , respectively, then  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \mathbf{X}_2 \end{bmatrix}$  has the multivariate normal distribution

$$N_{q_1+q_2}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0}' & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

*Textbook, p.202, problem 4.8*

**Note.** Suppose that  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are multivariate normal.  $\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \mathbf{X}_2 \end{bmatrix}$  may not be a multivariate normal.

\* sketch of proof for (b).

$$M_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{t}) = E e^{t_1' \mathbf{X}_1 + \dots + t_2' \mathbf{X}_2} \stackrel{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} = \mathbf{0}}{=} M_{\mathbf{X}_1}(\mathbf{t}_1) \cdot M_{\mathbf{X}_2}(\mathbf{t}_2)$$

$\leftarrow (\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2)$

- **Result 4.6.** Let  $\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \mathbf{X}_2 \end{bmatrix}$  be distributed as  $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  with  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}| > 0$ . Then the conditional distribution of  $\mathbf{X}_1$ , given that  $\mathbf{X}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2$ , is normal and has

and Mean =  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)$

Covariance =  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}$

Note that the covariance does not depend on the value  $\mathbf{x}_2$  of the conditioning variable.

\* sketch of proof:

Let  $W = X_1 - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} X_2$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \mu_2 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} W \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I & -\Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}}_{A^{-1}} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} \sim N\left(\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \mu_2 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mu}, \underbrace{\Sigma^*}_{\Sigma^*}\right)$$

$$\Sigma^* = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21} & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore W$  &  $X_2$  are independent

$$\Rightarrow f_{W, X_2}(w, x_2) = f_W(w) \cdot f_{X_2}(x_2)$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} I & \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} = A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} W \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = f_W(x_1 - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} x_2) \cdot f_{X_2}(x_2) \cdot |J|^{-1}$$

$$f_{X_1|X_2}(x_1|x_2) = \frac{f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2)}{f_{X_2}(x_2)} = \frac{f_W(x_1 - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} x_2) f_{X_2}(x_2)}{f_{X_2}(x_2)}$$

in pdf of  $f_W$ :  $(w - [\mu_1 - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \mu_2])$

$$= x_1 - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} x_2 - \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \mu_2$$

mean of  $x_1|x_2$   $= x_1 - [\mu_1 + \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (x_2 - \mu_2)]$

cov of  $x_1|x_2$

### Example: conditional density of a bivariate normal distribution

◆ The conditional density of  $X_1$ , given that  $X_2 = x_2$ , is

$$\frac{f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2)}{f_{X_2}(x_2)} = N\left(\mu_1 + \frac{\sigma_{12}}{\sigma_{22}}(x_2 - \mu_2), \sigma_{11} - \frac{\sigma_{12}^2}{\sigma_{22}}\right)$$

Here  $\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{12}^2/\sigma_{22} = \sigma_{11}(1 - \rho_{12}^2)$ .

mean of  $x_1|x_2$

$$\mu_1 + \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (x_2 - \mu_2) = \mu_1 + (\sigma_{12}/\sigma_{22})(x_2 - \mu_2)$$

variance of  $x_1|x_2$

$$\Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21} = \sigma_{11} - \frac{\sigma_{12}^2}{\sigma_{22}} = \sigma_{11} - \frac{(\rho_{12} \sigma_{11} \sigma_{22})^2}{\sigma_{22}}$$

◆ conditional density and regression model

$$\mu_1 + \frac{\sigma_{12}}{\sigma_{22}}(x_2 - \mu_2)$$

$$\beta_2 = \left( \mu_1 - \frac{\sigma_{12}}{\sigma_{22}} \mu_2 \right) + \frac{\sigma_{12}}{\sigma_{22}} x_2 \quad \left| \quad \mu_1 + \frac{\rho_{12} \sigma_{11} \sigma_{22}}{\sigma_{22}} (x_2 - \mu_2) \right| = \mu_1 + \left[ \rho_{12} \left( \frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_{22}} \right) \right] \cdot \sigma_{11}$$

➤ **Result 4.7.** Let  $\mathbf{X}$  be distributed as  $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  with  $|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}| > 0$ . Then

(a)  $(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$  is distributed as  $\chi_p^2$ , where  $\chi_p^2$  denotes the chi-square distribution with  $p$  degrees of freedom.

(b) The  $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  distribution assigns probability  $1 - \alpha$  to the solid ellipsoid  $\{\mathbf{x} : (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \leq \chi_p^2(\alpha)\}$ , where  $\chi_p^2(\alpha)$  denotes the upper  $(100\alpha)$ th percentile of the  $\chi_p^2$  distribution.

\* sketch of proof:  $(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = [(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1/2}] [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1/2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})]$   
 $\hookrightarrow N(0, I)$

