## 20. Gaussian Measures

 $\mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  is the set of all  $n \times n$ -matrices with real entries,  $n \geq 1$ .

**Definition 141** A matrix  $M \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  is said to be symmetric, if and only if  $M = M^t$ . M is orthogonal, if and only if M is non-singular and  $M^{-1} = M^t$ . If M is symmetric, we say that M is non-negative, if and only if:

$$\forall u \in \mathbf{R}^n \ , \ \langle u, Mu \rangle \ge 0$$

**Theorem 131** Let  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , be a symmetric and non-negative real matrix. There exist  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n \in \mathbf{R}^+$  and  $P \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  orthogonal matrix, such that:

$$\Sigma = P. \left( \begin{array}{ccc} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{array} \right) . P^t$$

In particular, there exists  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  such that  $\Sigma = A.A^t$ .

As a rare exception, theorem (131) is given without proof.

EXERCISE 1. Given n > 1 and  $M \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$ , show that we have:

$$\forall u, v \in \mathbf{R}^n$$
,  $\langle u, Mv \rangle = \langle M^t u, v \rangle$ 

EXERCISE 2. Let  $n \geq 1$  and  $m \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Let  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  be a symmetric and non-negative matrix. Let  $\mu_1$  be the probability measure on  $\mathbf{R}$ :

$$\forall B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}) , \ \mu_1(B) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_B e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

Let  $\mu = \mu_1 \otimes ... \otimes \mu_1$  be the product measure on  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  be such that  $\Sigma = A.A^t$ . We define the map  $\phi : \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{R}^n$  by:

$$\forall x \in \mathbf{R}^n , \ \phi(x) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} Ax + m$$

- 1. Show that  $\mu$  is a probability measure on  $(\mathbf{R}^n, \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^n))$ .
- 2. Explain why the image measure  $P = \phi(\mu)$  is well-defined.
- 3. Show that P is a probability measure on  $(\mathbf{R}^n, \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^n))$ .
- 4. Show that for all  $u \in \mathbf{R}^n$ :

$$\mathcal{F}P(u) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} e^{i\langle u, \phi(x) \rangle} d\mu(x)$$

5. Let  $v = A^t u$ . Show that for all  $u \in \mathbf{R}^n$ :

$$\mathcal{F}P(u) = e^{i\langle u, m \rangle - ||v||^2/2}$$

6. Show the following:

**Theorem 132** Let  $n \geq 1$  and  $m \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Let  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  be a symmetric and non-negative real matrix. There exists a unique complex measure on  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , denoted  $N_n(m, \Sigma)$ , with fourier transform:

$$\mathcal{F}N_n(m,\Sigma)(u) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} e^{i\langle u,x\rangle} dN_n(m,\Sigma)(x) = e^{i\langle u,m\rangle - \frac{1}{2}\langle u,\Sigma u\rangle}$$

for all  $u \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Furthermore,  $N_n(m, \Sigma)$  is a probability measure.

**Definition 142** Let  $n \geq 1$  and  $m \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$  be a symmetric and non-negative real matrix. The probability measure  $N_n(m,\Sigma)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  defined in theorem (132) is called the n-dimensional gaussian measure or normal distribution, with mean  $m \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ .

EXERCISE 3. Let  $n \ge 1$  and  $m \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Show that  $N_n(m,0) = \delta_m$ .

EXERCISE 4. Let  $m \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Let  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  be a symmetric and non-negative real matrix. Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  be such that  $\Sigma = A.A^t$ . A map  $p : \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{C}$  is said to be a *polynomial*, if and only if, it is a finite linear complex combination of maps  $x \to x^{\alpha}$ , for  $\alpha \in \mathbf{N}^n$ .

1. Show that for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$ , we have:

$$N_1(0,1)(B) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_B e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

2. Show that:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |x| dN_1(0,1)(x) < +\infty$$

3. Show that for all integer  $k \geq 1$ :

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{0}^{+\infty} x^{k+1} e^{-x^{2}/2} dx = \frac{k}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{0}^{+\infty} x^{k-1} e^{-x^{2}/2} dx$$

4. Show that for all integer  $k \geq 0$ :

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |x|^k dN_1(0,1)(x) < +\infty$$

5. Show that for all  $\alpha \in \mathbf{N}^n$ :

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |x^{\alpha}| dN_1(0,1) \otimes \ldots \otimes N_1(0,1)(x) < +\infty$$

6. Let  $p: \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{C}$  be a polynomial. Show that:

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |p(x)| dN_1(0,1) \otimes \ldots \otimes N_1(0,1)(x) < +\infty$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See definition (140).

- 7. Let  $\phi: \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{R}^n$  be defined by  $\phi(x) = Ax + m$ . Explain why the image measure  $\phi(N_1(0,1) \otimes \ldots \otimes N_1(0,1))$  is well-defined.
- 8. Show that  $\phi(N_1(0,1) \otimes ... \otimes N_1(0,1)) = N_n(m,\Sigma)$ .
- 9. Show if  $\beta \in \mathbf{N}^n$  and  $|\beta| = 1$ , then  $x \to \phi(x)^{\beta}$  is a polynomial.
- 10. Show that if  $\alpha' \in \mathbf{N}^n$  and  $|\alpha'| = k+1$ , then  $\phi(x)^{\alpha'} = \phi(x)^{\alpha} \phi(x)^{\beta}$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{N}^n$  such that  $|\alpha| = k$  and  $|\beta| = 1$ .
- 11. Show that the product of two polynomials is a polynomial.
- 12. Show that for all  $\alpha \in \mathbf{N}^n$ ,  $x \to \phi(x)^{\alpha}$  is a polynomial.
- 13. Show that for all  $\alpha \in \mathbf{N}^n$ :

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |\phi(x)^{\alpha}| dN_1(0,1) \otimes \ldots \otimes N_1(0,1)(x) < +\infty$$

14. Show the following:

**Theorem 133** Let  $n \geq 1$  and  $m \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Let  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  be a symmetric and non-negative real matrix. Then, for all  $\alpha \in \mathbf{N}^n$ , the map  $x \to x^{\alpha}$  is integrable with respect to the gaussian measure  $N_n(m, \Sigma)$ :

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |x^{\alpha}| dN_n(m, \Sigma)(x) < +\infty$$

EXERCISE 5. Let  $m \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Let  $\Sigma = (\sigma_{ij}) \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  be a symmetric and non-negative real matrix. Let  $j, k \in \mathbf{N}_n$ . Let  $\phi$  be the fourier transform of the gaussian measure  $N_n(m, \Sigma)$ , i.e.:

$$\forall u \in \mathbf{R}^n , \ \phi(u) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} e^{i\langle u, m \rangle - \frac{1}{2}\langle u, \Sigma u \rangle}$$

1. Show that:

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} x_j dN_n(m, \Sigma)(x) = i^{-1} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u_i}(0)$$

2. Show that:

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} x_j dN_n(m, \Sigma)(x) = m_j$$

3. Show that:

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} x_j x_k dN_n(m, \Sigma)(x) = i^{-2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial u_j \partial u_k}(0)$$

4. Show that:

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} x_j x_k dN_n(m, \Sigma)(x) = \sigma_{jk} + m_j m_k$$

5. Show that:

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (x_j - m_j)(x_k - m_k) dN_n(m, \Sigma)(x) = \sigma_{jk}$$

**Theorem 134** Let  $n \geq 1$  and  $m \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Let  $\Sigma = (\sigma_{ij}) \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  be a symmetric and non-negative real matrix. Let  $N_n(m, \Sigma)$  be the gaussian measure with mean m and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ . Then, for all  $j, k \in \mathbf{N}_n$ , we have:

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} x_j dN_n(m, \Sigma)(x) = m_j$$

and:

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (x_j - m_j)(x_k - m_k) dN_n(m, \Sigma)(x) = \sigma_{jk}$$

**Definition 143** Let  $n \geq 1$ . Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space. Let  $X : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}) \to (\mathbf{R}^n, \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^n))$  be a measurable map. We say that X is an n-dimensional gaussian or normal vector, if and only if its distribution is a gaussian measure, i.e.  $X(P) = N_n(m, \Sigma)$  for some  $m \in \mathbf{R}^n$  and  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  symmetric and non-negative real matrix.

EXERCISE 6. Show the following:

**Theorem 135** Let  $n \geq 1$ . Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space. Let  $X : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}) \to \mathbf{R}^n$  be a measurable map. Then X is a gaussian vector, if and only if there exist  $m \in \mathbf{R}^n$  and  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  symmetric and non-negative real matrix, such that:

$$\forall u \in \mathbf{R}^n , E[e^{i\langle u, X \rangle}] = e^{i\langle u, m \rangle - \frac{1}{2}\langle u, \Sigma u \rangle}$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the usual inner-product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Definition 144** Let  $X:(\Omega,\mathcal{F})\to \overline{\mathbf{R}}$  (or  $\mathbf{C}$ ) be a random variable on a probability space  $(\Omega,\mathcal{F},P)$ . We say that X is **integrable**, if and only if we have  $E[|X|]<+\infty$ . We say that X is **square-integrable**, if and only if we have  $E[|X|^2]<+\infty$ .

EXERCISE 7. Further to definition (144), suppose X is C-valued.

- 1. Show X is integrable if and only if  $X \in L^1_{\mathbf{C}}(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ .
- 2. Show X is square-integrable, if and only if  $X \in L^2_{\mathbf{C}}(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ .

EXERCISE 8. Further to definition (144), suppose X is  $\bar{\mathbf{R}}$ -valued.

1. Show that X is integrable, if and only if X is P-almost surely equal to an element of  $L^1_{\mathbf{R}}(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ .

2. Show that X is square-integrable, if and only if X is P-almost surely equal to an element of  $L^2_{\mathbf{R}}(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ .

EXERCISE 9. Let  $X, Y : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}) \to (\mathbf{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}))$  be two square-integrable random variables on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ .

- 1. Show that both X and Y are integrable.
- 2. Show that XY is integrable
- 3. Show that (X E[X])(Y E[Y]) is a well-defined and integrable.

**Definition 145** Let  $X, Y : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}) \to (\mathbf{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}))$  be two square-integrable random variables on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ . We define the **covariance** between X and Y, denoted cov(X, Y), as:

$$cov(X,Y) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]$$

We say that X and Y are uncorrelated if and only if cov(X,Y) = 0. If X = Y, cov(X,Y) is called the variance of X, denoted var(X).

EXERCISE 10. Let X, Y be two square integrable, real random variable on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ .

- 1. Show that cov(X, Y) = E[XY] E[X]E[Y].
- 2. Show that  $var(X) = E[X^2] E[X]^2$ .
- 3. Show that var(X + Y) = var(X) + 2cov(X, Y) + var(Y)
- 4. Show that X and Y are uncorrelated, if and only if:

$$var(X + Y) = var(X) + var(Y)$$

EXERCISE 11. Let X be an n-dimensional normal vector on some probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , with law  $N_n(m, \Sigma)$ , where  $m \in \mathbf{R}^n$  and  $\Sigma = (\sigma_{ij}) \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  is a symmetric and non-negative real matrix.

- 1. Show that each coordinate  $X_j:(\Omega,\mathcal{F})\to\mathbf{R}$  is measurable.
- 2. Show that  $E[|X^{\alpha}|] < +\infty$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$ .
- 3. Show that for all j = 1, ..., n, we have  $E[X_i] = m_i$ .
- 4. Show that for all j, k = 1, ..., n, we have  $cov(X_j, X_k) = \sigma_{jk}$ .

**Theorem 136** Let X be an n-dimensional normal vector on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , with law  $N_n(m, \Sigma)$ . Then, for all  $\alpha \in \mathbf{N}^n$ ,  $X^{\alpha}$  is integrable. Moreover, for all  $j, k \in \mathbf{N}_n$ , we have:

$$E[X_j] = m_j$$

and:

$$cov(X_i, X_k) = \sigma_{ik}$$

where  $(\sigma_{ij}) = \Sigma$ .

EXERCISE 12. Show the following:

**Theorem 137** Let  $X: (\Omega, \mathcal{F}) \to (\mathbf{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}))$  be a real random variable on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ . Then, X is a normal random variable, if and only if it is square integrable, and:

$$\forall u \in \mathbf{R} , E[e^{iuX}] = e^{iuE[X] - \frac{1}{2}u^2 var(X)}$$

EXERCISE 13. Let X be an n-dimensional normal vector on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , with law  $N_n(m, \Sigma)$ . Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{d,n}(\mathbf{R})$  be an  $d \times n$  real matrix,  $(n, d \ge 1)$ . Let  $b \in \mathbf{R}^d$  and Y = AX + b.

- 1. Show that  $Y:(\Omega,\mathcal{F})\to (\mathbf{R}^d,\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^d))$  is measurable.
- 2. Show that the law of Y is  $N_d(Am + b, A.\Sigma.A^t)$
- 3. Conclude that Y is an  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -valued normal random vector.

**Theorem 138** Let X be an n-dimensional normal vector with law  $N_n(m, \Sigma)$  on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ ,  $(n \ge 1)$ . Let  $d \ge 1$  and  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{d,n}(\mathbf{R})$  be an  $d \times n$  real matrix. Let  $b \in \mathbf{R}^d$ . Then, Y = AX + b is an d-dimensional normal vector, with law:

$$Y(P) = N_d(Am + b, A.\Sigma.A^t)$$

EXERCISE 14. Let  $X:(\Omega,\mathcal{F})\to (\mathbf{R}^n,\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^n))$  be a measurable map, where  $(\Omega,\mathcal{F},P)$  is a probability space. Show that if X is a gaussian vector, then for all  $u\in \mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $\langle u,X\rangle$  is a normal random variable.

EXERCISE 15. Let  $X:(\Omega,\mathcal{F})\to (\mathbf{R}^n,\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^n))$  be a measurable map, where  $(\Omega,\mathcal{F},P)$  is a probability space. We assume that for all  $u\in\mathbf{R}^n,\ \langle u,X\rangle$  is a normal random variable.

- 1. Show that for all  $j = 1, ..., n, X_j$  is integrable.
- 2. Show that for all  $j = 1, ..., n, X_j$  is square integrable.
- 3. Explain why given  $j, k = 1, ..., n, cov(X_j, X_k)$  is well-defined.

4. Let  $m \in \mathbf{R}^n$  be defined by  $m_i = E[X_i]$ , and  $u \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Show:

$$E[\langle u, X \rangle] = \langle u, m \rangle$$

5. Let  $\Sigma = (cov(X_i, X_i))$ . Show that for all  $u \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , we have:

$$var(\langle u, X \rangle) = \langle u, \Sigma u \rangle$$

- 6. Show that  $\Sigma$  is a symmetric and non-negative  $n \times n$  real matrix.
- 7. Show that for all  $u \in \mathbf{R}^n$ :

$$E[e^{i\langle u,X\rangle}] = e^{iE[\langle u,X\rangle] - \frac{1}{2}var(\langle u,X\rangle)}$$

8. Show that for all  $u \in \mathbf{R}^n$ :

$$E[e^{i\langle u, X\rangle}] = e^{i\langle u, m\rangle - \frac{1}{2}\langle u, \Sigma u\rangle}$$

- 9. Show that X is a normal vector.
- 10. Show the following:

**Theorem 139** Let  $X : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}) \to (\mathbf{R}^n, \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^n))$  be a measurable map on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ . Then, X is an n-dimensional normal vector, if and only if, any linear combination of its coordinates is itself normal, or in other words  $\langle u, X \rangle$  is normal for all  $u \in \mathbf{R}^n$ .

EXERCISE 16. Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}) = (\mathbf{R}^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^2))$  and  $\mu$  be the probability on  $(\mathbf{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}))$  defined by  $\mu = \frac{1}{2}(\delta_0 + \delta_1)$ . Let  $P = N_1(0, 1) \otimes \mu$ , and  $X, Y : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}) \to (\mathbf{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}))$  be the canonical projections defined by X(x, y) = x and Y(x, y) = y.

- 1. Show that P is a probability measure on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ .
- 2. Explain why X and Y are measurable.
- 3. Show that X has the distribution  $N_1(0,1)$ .
- 4. Show that  $P({Y = 0}) = P({Y = 1}) = \frac{1}{2}$ .
- 5. Show that  $P^{(X,Y)} = P$ .
- 6. Show for all  $\phi: (\mathbf{R}^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^2)) \to \mathbf{C}$  measurable and bounded:

$$E[\phi(X,Y)] = \frac{1}{2}(E[\phi(X,0)] + E[\phi(X,1)])$$

7. Let  $X_1 = X$  and  $X_2$  be defined as:

$$X_2 \stackrel{\triangle}{=} X1_{\{Y=0\}} - X1_{\{Y=1\}}$$

Show that  $E[e^{iuX_2}] = e^{-u^2/2}$  for all  $u \in \mathbf{R}$ .

8. Show that  $X_1(P) = X_2(P) = N_1(0,1)$ .

- 9. Explain why  $cov(X_1, X_2)$  is well-defined.
- 10. Show that  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are uncorrelated.
- 11. Let  $Z = \frac{1}{2}(X_1 + X_2)$ . Show that:

$$\forall u \in \mathbf{R} , E[e^{iuZ}] = \frac{1}{2}(1 + e^{-u^2/2})$$

- 12. Show that Z cannot be gaussian.
- 13. Conclude that although  $X_1, X_2$  are normally distributed, (and even uncorrelated),  $(X_1, X_2)$  is not a gaussian vector.

EXERCISE 17. Let  $n \geq 1$  and  $m \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Let  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  be a symmetric and non-negative real matrix. Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  be such that  $\Sigma = A.A^t$ . We assume that  $\Sigma$  is non-singular. We define  $p_{m,\Sigma} : \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{R}^+$  by:

$$\forall x \in \mathbf{R}^n , \ p_{m,\Sigma}(x) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} \sqrt{\det(\Sigma)}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x - m, \Sigma^{-1}(x - m) \rangle}$$

- 1. Explain why  $det(\Sigma) > 0$ .
- 2. Explain why  $\sqrt{\det(\Sigma)} = |\det(A)|$ .
- 3. Explain why A is non-singular.
- 4. Let  $\phi: \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{R}^n$  be defined by:

$$\forall x \in \mathbf{R}^n , \ \phi(x) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} A^{-1}(x-m)$$

Show that for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $\langle x - m, \Sigma^{-1}(x - m) \rangle = ||\phi(x)||^2$ .

- 5. Show that  $\phi$  is a  $C^1$ -diffeomorphism.
- 6. Show that  $\phi(dx) = |\det(A)| dx$ .
- 7. Show that:

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} p_{m,\Sigma}(x) dx = 1$$

8. Let  $\mu = \int p_{m,\Sigma} dx$ . Show that:

$$\forall u \in \mathbf{R}^n , \ \mathcal{F}\mu(u) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} e^{i\langle u, Ax + m \rangle - \|x\|^2/2} dx$$

9. Show that the fourier transform of  $\mu$  is therefore given by:

$$\forall u \in \mathbf{R}^n , \ \mathcal{F}\mu(u) = e^{i\langle u, m \rangle - \frac{1}{2}\langle u, \Sigma u \rangle}$$

- 10. Show that  $\mu = N_n(m, \Sigma)$ .
- 11. Show that  $N_n(m, \Sigma) \ll dx$ , i.e. that  $N_n(m, \Sigma)$  is absolutely continuous w.r. to the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

EXERCISE 18. Let  $n \geq 1$  and  $m \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Let  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  be a symmetric and non-negative real matrix. We assume that  $\Sigma$  is singular. Let  $u \in \mathbf{R}^n$  be such that  $\Sigma u = 0$  and  $u \neq 0$ . We define:

$$B \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \{ x \in \mathbf{R}^n , \langle u, x \rangle = \langle u, m \rangle \}$$

Given  $a \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , let  $\tau_a : \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{R}^n$  be the translation of vector a.

- 1. Show  $B = \tau_{-m}^{-1}(u^{\perp})$ , where  $u^{\perp}$  is the orthogonal of u in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .
- 2. Show that  $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ .
- 3. Explain why  $dx(u^{\perp}) = 0$ . Is it important to have  $u \neq 0$ ?
- 4. Show that dx(B) = 0.
- 5. Show that  $\phi: \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $\phi(x) = \langle u, x \rangle$ , is measurable.
- 6. Explain why  $\phi(N_n(m,\Sigma))$  is a well-defined probability on **R**.
- 7. Show that for all  $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$ , we have:

$$\mathcal{F}\phi(N_n(m,\Sigma))(\alpha) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} e^{i\alpha\langle u,x\rangle} dN_n(m,\Sigma)(x)$$

- 8. Show that  $\phi(N_n(m,\Sigma))$  is the dirac distribution on  $(\mathbf{R},\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}))$  centered on  $\langle u,m\rangle$ , i.e.  $\phi(N_n(m,\Sigma))=\delta_{\langle u,m\rangle}$ .
- 9. Show that  $N_n(m, \Sigma)(B) = 1$ .
- 10. Conclude that  $N_n(m, \Sigma)$  cannot be absolutely continuous with respect to the Lebesgue measure on  $(\mathbf{R}^n, \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^n))$ .
- 11. Show the following:

**Theorem 140** Let  $n \geq 1$  and  $m \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Let  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbf{R})$  be a symmetric and non-negative real matrix. Then, the gaussian measure  $N_n(m,\Sigma)$  is absolutely continuous with respect to the Lebesgue measure on  $(\mathbf{R}^n, \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^n))$ , if and only if  $\Sigma$  is non-singular, in which case for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ , we have:

$$N_n(m,\Sigma)(B) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}\sqrt{\det(\Sigma)}} \int_B e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x - m, \Sigma^{-1}(x - m) \rangle} dx$$