

Exercise: Linear combinations of random variables

Let \mathbf{x} be a random vector with mean \mathbf{m} and covariance matrix Σ . Let \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} be matrices.

1. Derive the covariance matrix of \mathbf{Ax} .
2. Show that $\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{BA})$.
3. Derive an expression for $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Ax}]$? (Hint: use the previous question and the trace trick.)