

# MATH50010: Probability for Statistics

## Problem Sheet 4

1. The joint pdf of the random variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  is

$$f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = k \exp \left\{ - \left( \frac{x_1^2}{6} - \frac{x_1 x_2}{3} + \frac{2x_2^2}{3} \right) \right\}, \text{ for } -\infty < x_1, x_2 < \infty.$$

Find  $E(X_1)$ ,  $E(X_2)$ ,  $\text{Var}(X_1)$ ,  $\text{Var}(X_2)$ ,  $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)$  and  $k$ .

**Objective: Deepen understanding of the bivariate normal distribution, and become comfortable with the form of its joint density**

*Because the log pdf is quadratic in  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ ,  $(X_1, X_2)$  must follow a bivariate normal distribution. Further since the exponent lacks a constant term,  $\mu_1 = E(X_1)$  and  $\mu_2 = E(X_2)$  are both zero. Thus the joint pdf of  $(X_1, X_2)$  is*

$$\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left( \frac{y_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{y_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} - \frac{2\rho y_1 y_2}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \right) \right\},$$

where

$$2(1-\rho^2)\sigma_1^2 = 6, \quad 2(1-\rho^2)\sigma_2^2 = \frac{3}{2}, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\sigma_1\sigma_2(1-\rho^2)}{\rho} = 3.$$

*Solving for  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $\sigma_2^2$  in first two equations and substituting into the square of the third equation gives  $\frac{9}{4\rho^2} = 9$ , and thus  $\rho = 1/2$ ,  $\sigma_1^2 = 4$ , and  $\sigma_2^2 = 1$ . Finally, by the properties of the bivariate normal distribution,  $\text{Var}(X_1) = 4$ ,  $\text{Var}(X_2) = 1$ ,  $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 = 1$ , and  $k = (2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2})^{-1} = 1/(2\sqrt{3}\pi)$ .*

2. Suppose

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim N_2 \left[ \mu = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -0.5 \\ -0.5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \right].$$

Compute  $\Pr(X_1 > 0)$  and  $\Pr(X_2 < -6)$ .

**Objective: Recognise the marginal distributions of a multivariate normal vector, and become comfortable computing normal probabilities.**

*Using the result shown in the notes,  $X_1 \sim N(2, 1)$  and  $X_2 \sim N(-5, 4)$ . Thus*

$$\Pr(X_1 > 0) = \Pr(Z > -2) = 1 - \Phi(-2) = \Phi(2) = 97.73\%,$$

where  $Z$  is a standard normal random variable. Likewise,

$$\Pr(X_2 > -6) = \Pr\left(Z < \frac{-6+5}{2}\right) = \Phi(-1/2) = 1 - \Phi(1/2) = 30.85\%.$$

3. Suppose  $X_1, X_2$ , and  $X_3$  are iid  $N(1, 1)$  random variables. Let  $X_4 = 2X_2 + 2X_3$  and  $X_5 = X_2 - 2X_3$ .

- (a) Find the joint pdf of  $(X_1, X_4, X_5)$ .
- (b) Find the marginal pdf of  $X_5$ .

**Objective: Get comfortable with linear transformations of multivariate normal vectors.**

- (a) Let  $\mathbf{U} = (X_2, X_3)^\top$ ,  $\mathbf{V} = (X_4, X_5)^\top$ , and  $\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ , so that  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{U}$ . Because  $X_2$  and  $X_3$  are independent normal random variables, they are jointly bivariate normal. (This can be verified by comparing their joint pdf with that of a bivariate normal random variable.) Thus

$$\mathbf{U} \sim N_2 \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

and

$$\mathbf{V} \sim N_2 \left( \mathbf{M} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{M} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{M}^\top \right),$$

i.e.,

$$\mathbf{V} \sim N_2 \left( \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \right). \quad (1)$$

Finally, because  $X_1$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  are independent normal random vectors, they are jointly multivariate normal, so

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_4 \\ X_5 \end{pmatrix} \sim N_3 \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

- (b) By (1)  $X_4$  and  $X_5$  are bivariate normal, so using results from the notes,  $X_5 \sim N(-1, 5)$ .

**Reflect: what (if anything) would change if  $X_4$  and  $X_5$  had been linearly dependent combinations of  $X_2$  and  $X_3$ ?**

4. Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are two random variables each with finite mean and variance. Prove  $-1 \leq \rho_{XY} \leq 1$  by using the fact that

$$\text{Var} \left( \frac{X}{\sigma_X} + \frac{Y}{\sigma_Y} \right) \text{ and } \text{Var} \left( \frac{X}{\sigma_X} - \frac{Y}{\sigma_Y} \right)$$

are both positive quantities.

**Objective: Derive the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality for the covariance inner product.**

$$\text{Var} \left( \frac{X}{\sigma_X} + \frac{Y}{\sigma_Y} \right) = \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{\sigma_X^2} + \frac{\text{Var}(Y)}{\sigma_Y^2} + \frac{2\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = 2(1 + \rho_{XY}) \geq 0.$$

Thus  $\rho_{XY} \geq -1$ . Likewise,

$$\text{Var} \left( \frac{X}{\sigma_X} - \frac{Y}{\sigma_Y} \right) = \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{\sigma_X^2} + \frac{\text{Var}(Y)}{\sigma_Y^2} - \frac{2\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = 2(1 - \rho_{XY}) \geq 0.$$

Thus  $\rho_{XY} \leq 1$ .

**Reflect: as this is essentially the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality for the inner product  $\text{Cov}(\cdot, \cdot)$ , you can perhaps think of other ways of showing this.**

5. Suppose that  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are independent and identically distributed  $\text{Unif}(0, 1)$  random variables. Let random variables  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  be defined by

$$Z_1 = \sqrt{-2 \log(U_1)} \cos(2\pi U_2),$$

$$Z_2 = \sqrt{-2 \log(U_1)} \sin(2\pi U_2).$$

Find the joint pdf of  $(Z_1, Z_2)$ .

**Objective: Practise working with multivariate transformations, by considering a famous (and practically useful!) example**

*The inverse of the transformation*

$$\begin{cases} Z_1 = \sqrt{-2 \log(U_1)} \cos(2\pi U_2) \\ Z_2 = \sqrt{-2 \log(U_1)} \sin(2\pi U_2) \end{cases}$$

is

$$\begin{cases} U_1 = \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(Z_1^2 + Z_2^2)\right\} \\ U_2 = I\{Z_2 > 0\} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \arccos \frac{Z_1}{\sqrt{Z_1^2 + Z_2^2}}\right) + I\{Z_2 < 0\} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2\pi} \arccos \frac{Z_1}{\sqrt{Z_1^2 + Z_2^2}}\right), \end{cases}$$

where  $I\{\cdot\}$  is an indicator function and the arccos function has a range of  $(0, \pi)$ . Notice, from the definition of  $Z_2$ , that  $Z_2 < 0$  if and only if  $U_2 > \frac{1}{2}$ . The range of the new variables is  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ . When  $Z_2 > 0$ , the Jacobian of the transformation is

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \begin{array}{cc} \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial z_1} & \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial z_2} \\ \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial z_1} & \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial z_2} \end{array} \right| &= \left| \begin{array}{cc} -z_1 \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(z_1^2 + z_2^2)\right\} & -z_2 \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(z_1^2 + z_2^2)\right\} \\ -\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{z_2}{z_1^2 + z_2^2} & \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{z_1}{z_1^2 + z_2^2} \end{array} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{z_1^2}{z_1^2 + z_2^2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(z_1^2 + z_2^2)\right\} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{z_2^2}{z_1^2 + z_2^2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(z_1^2 + z_2^2)\right\} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(z_1^2 + z_2^2)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

When  $Z_2 < 0$ , the signs on  $\partial u_2 / \partial z_1$  and  $\partial u_2 / \partial z_2$  change, but this does not affect the absolute value of the Jacobian. Hence the joint pdf is

$$\begin{aligned} f_{Z_1, Z_2}(z_1, z_2) &= f_{U_1, U_2}\left(\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(z_1^2 + z_2^2)\right\}, \frac{1}{2\pi} \arctan \frac{z_2}{z_1}\right) J(z_1, z_2) \\ &= 1 \times \frac{1}{2\pi} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(z_1^2 + z_2^2)\right\} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(z_1^2 + z_2^2)\right\}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Note that

$$f_{Z_1, Z_2}(z_1, z_2) = f_{Z_1}(z_1) f_{Z_2}(z_2),$$

where

$$f_{Z_1}(z_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}z_1^2\right\}, \quad f_{Z_2}(z_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}z_2^2\right\},$$

so in fact  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are independent standard Normal random variables.

**Reflect: This result tells us that if we can easily simulate (pairs of independent) uniform random variables, then we can easily simulate (pairs of independent) standard normal variables. This is extremely useful in practice! The result here is called the Box-Muller transform, and it is reviewed in an R tutorial on Blackboard. It is intimately connected to the polar coordinates trick for evaluating the Gaussian integral.**

6. Suppose  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is a collection of independent and identically distributed random variables taking values on  $\mathbb{X}$  with pmf/pdf  $f_X$  and cdf  $F_X$ . Let  $Y_n$  and  $Z_n$  correspond to the *maximum* and *minimum* order statistics derived from  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ , that is

$$Y_n = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}, \quad Z_n = \min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}.$$

- (a) Show that the cdfs of  $Y_n$  and  $Z_n$  are given by

$$F_{Y_n}(y) = \{F_X(y)\}^n, \quad F_{Z_n}(z) = 1 - \{1 - F_X(z)\}^n.$$

- (b) Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ , that is

$$F_X(x) = x, \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

Find the cdfs of  $Y_n$  and  $Z_n$ .

- (c) Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  have cdf

$$F_X(x) = 1 - x^{-1}, \quad \text{for } x \geq 1.$$

Find the cdfs of  $Z_n$  and  $U_n = Z_n^n$ .

- (d) Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  have cdf

$$F_X(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}, \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Find the cdfs of  $Y_n$  and  $U_n = Y_n - \log n$ .

- (e) Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  have cdf

$$F_X(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \lambda x}, \quad \text{for } x > 0.$$

Find the cdfs of  $Y_n, Z_n, U_n = Y_n/n$ , and  $V_n = nZ_n$ .

**Objective: Get used to working with order statistics, and in particular with minima and maxima). Set the scene for some nice convergence questions on the next problem sheet!**

- (a) *From first principles,*

$$\begin{aligned} F_{Y_n}(y) &= \Pr(Y_n \leq y) = \Pr(\max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \leq y) = \Pr(X_1 \leq y, \dots, X_n \leq y) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(X_i \leq y) = \prod_{i=1}^n F_X(y) = \{F_X(y)\}^n. \end{aligned}$$

*Likewise,*

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(Z_n > z) &= \Pr(\min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} > z) = \Pr(X_1 > z, \dots, X_n > z) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(X_i > z) = \prod_{i=1}^n \{1 - F_X(z)\} = \{1 - F_X(z)\}^n. \end{aligned}$$

So that  $F_{Z_n}(z) = 1 - \Pr(Z_n > z) = 1 - \{1 - F_X(z)\}^n$ .

- (b) *Directly applying the formulae derived in part (a),*

$$F_{Y_n}(y) = \{F_X(y)\}^n = y^n$$

and

$$F_{Z_n}(z) = 1 - \{1 - F_X(z)\}^n = 1 - (1 - z)^n.$$

(c) Again,

$$F_{Z_n}(z) = 1 - \{1 - F_X(z)\}^n = 1 - \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{z}\right)\right)^n = 1 - \frac{1}{z^n}, \quad z \geq 1.$$

Setting  $U_n = Z_n^n$ , we have from first principles that, for  $u > 1$ ,

$$F_{U_n}(u) = \Pr(U_n \leq u) = \Pr(Z_n^n \leq u) = \Pr\left(Z_n \leq u^{1/n}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{(u^{1/n})^n} = 1 - \frac{1}{u},$$

which is a valid cdf, but which does not depend on  $n$ . Hence the limiting distribution of  $U_n$  is precisely

$$F_U(u) = 1 - \frac{1}{u}, \quad u > 1.$$

(d) And again,

$$F_{Y_n}(y) = \{F_X(y)\}^n = \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-y}}\right)^n, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Setting  $U_n = Y_n - \log n$ , we have from first principles that,

$$\begin{aligned} F_{U_n}(u) &= \Pr(U_n \leq u) = \Pr(Y_n - \log n \leq u) \\ &= \Pr(Y_n \leq u + \log n) = F_{Y_n}(u + \log n) = \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-u - \log n}}\right)^n. \end{aligned}$$

(e) And once again applying the formula from (a),

$$F_{Y_n}(y) = \{F_X(y)\}^n = \left(\frac{\lambda y}{1 + \lambda y}\right)^n, \quad \text{for } y > 0,$$

and

$$F_{Z_n}(z) = 1 - \{1 - F_X(z)\}^n = 1 - \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + \lambda z}\right)\right)^n = 1 - \frac{1}{(1 + \lambda z)^n}.$$

Now, setting  $U_n = Y_n/n$ , we have from first principles that, for  $u > 0$ ,

$$F_{U_n}(u) = \Pr(U_n \leq u) = \Pr(Y_n/n \leq u) = \Pr(Y_n \leq nu) = F_{Y_n}(nu) = \left(\frac{\lambda nu}{1 + \lambda nu}\right)^n.$$

And setting  $V_n = nZ_n$ , we have from first principles that, for  $v > 0$ ,

$$F_{V_n}(v) = \Pr(V_n \leq v) = \Pr(nZ_n \leq v) = \Pr(Z_n \leq v/n) = F_{Z_n}(v/n) = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{\lambda v}{n}}\right)^n.$$

**Reflect: What happens in the  $n \rightarrow \infty$  limit in each case? See the discussion question immediately below for one example.**

**For discussion**

7. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{UNIFORM}(0, 1)$  and let  $M_n = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ .

(a) Show that for sufficiently small  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\Pr(M_n < 1 - \epsilon) = (1 - \epsilon)^n.$$

- (b) Use the result above to show that for all  $\epsilon > 0$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(|M_n - 1| \geq \epsilon) = 0.$$

Later we will say that this shows that the random variable  $M_n$  converges in probability to the constant value 1.

- (c) Now (by taking  $\epsilon = \frac{t}{n}$ ), show that the distribution function of the rescaled variable  $n(1 - M_n)$  converges to the CDF of a known distribution.
- (a)  $M_n < x$  iff  $X_i < x$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$  so by independence:

$$\Pr(M_n < 1 - \epsilon) = \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(X_i < 1 - \epsilon) = (1 - \epsilon)^n.$$

- (b)  $\Pr(|M_n - 1| \geq \epsilon) = \Pr(M_n > 1 + \epsilon) + \Pr(M_n \leq 1 - \epsilon) = 0 + (1 - \epsilon)^n \rightarrow 0$

- (c)  $\Pr(n(1 - M_n) \leq t) = \Pr\left(M_n \geq 1 - \frac{t}{n}\right) = 1 - \Pr\left(M_n < 1 - \frac{t}{n}\right) = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n \rightarrow 1 - \exp(-t).$

This is the CDF of a rate 1 exponential variable.

8. Suppose  $Y$  and  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2)^\top$  jointly follow a trivariate normal distribution. Here  $Y$  is a univariate random variable and  $\mathbf{Z} = (Y, X_1, X_2)^\top$  is a  $(3 \times 1)$  trivariate normal random vector with mean

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_Y \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_X \end{pmatrix} \text{ and variance-covariance matrix } \mathbf{M}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{YY} & \mathbf{M}_{YX} \\ \mathbf{M}_{YX}^\top & \mathbf{M}_{XX} \end{pmatrix}^{-1},$$

where  $\mu_Y$  is the univariate mean of  $Y$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_X$  is the  $(2 \times 1)$  mean vector of  $\mathbf{X}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  is the  $(3 \times 1)$  mean vector of both  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $Y$ ,  $m_{YY}$  is the first diagonal element of  $\mathbf{M}$ ,  $\mathbf{M}_{XX}$  is the lower-right  $(2 \times 2)$  submatrix of  $\mathbf{M}$ , and  $\mathbf{M}_{YX}$  is the remaining off-diagonal  $(1 \times 2)$  submatrix of  $\mathbf{M}$ . (Note that we parameterize the multivariate normal in terms of the *inverse* of its variance-covariance matrix. This will significantly simplify calculations!)

- (a) Derive the conditional distribution of  $Y$  given both  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . [Hint: Use vector/matrix notation.]
- (b) Now suppose  $Y$  and  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)^\top$  jointly follow a multivariate normal distribution. Here  $Y$  remains a univariate random variable and  $\mathbf{Z} = (Y, X_1, \dots, X_n)^\top$  is an  $[(n+1) \times 1]$  multivariate normal random vector. Use the same notation for the mean and the inverse of the variance-covariance matrix, but with appropriately adjusted dimensions. Derive the conditional distribution of  $Y$  given  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ . [Hint: If you used vector/matrix notation in part (a), this problem will be very easy. If you did not, it will be very hard!]
- (c) Set  $n = 1$  and check that your answer is the same as the conditional distribution for the bivariate normal derived in lecture.
- (a) The conditional distribution of  $Y$  given  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2)$  is proportional to the joint distribution of  $(Y, X_1, X_2)$ , using  $\mathbf{z}$  as short hand for  $(y, x_1, x_2)^\top$ ,

$$f_{Y|X_1, X_2}(y|x_1, x_2) \propto f_{Y, X_1, X_2}(y, x_1, x_2) = |\mathbf{M}|^{1/2} (2\pi)^{-3/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{z} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{z} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{z} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{z} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right\} \\
&\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\begin{pmatrix} y - \mu_Y \\ \mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_X \end{pmatrix}^\top \begin{pmatrix} m_{YY} & \mathbf{M}_{YX} \\ \mathbf{M}_{YX}^\top & \mathbf{M}_{XX} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y - \mu_Y \\ \mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_X \end{pmatrix}\right\} \\
&\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left[(y - \mu_Y)^2 m_{YY} + 2(y - \mu_Y)\mathbf{M}_{YX}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_X)\right]\right\} \\
&\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left[y^2 m_{YY} - 2y m_{YY}\left(\mu_Y - \frac{\mathbf{M}_{YX}}{m_{YY}}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_X)\right)\right]\right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

In the first three lines we simply omit the normalizing constant for the trivariate normal and rewrite the pdf in our specialized notation. In the fourth line we expand the matrix product, dropping the  $\mathbf{M}_{XX}$  term because it does not involve  $y$ . In the last line we expand  $(y - \mu_Y)^2$ , collect terms that are quadratic and linear in  $y$ , and drop remaining terms that do not involve  $y$ . Next, we pull out  $m_{YY}$  and complete the square (in  $y$ ) by adding a constant term,  $f_{Y|X_1, X_2}(y|x_1, x_1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{m_{YY}}{2}\left[y^2 - 2y\left(\mu_Y - \frac{\mathbf{M}_{YX}}{m_{YY}}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_X)\right) + \left(\mu_Y - \frac{\mathbf{M}_{YX}}{m_{YY}}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_X)\right)^2\right]\right\} \\
&\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{m_{YY}}{2}\left[y - \left(\mu_Y - \frac{\mathbf{M}_{YX}}{m_{YY}}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_X)\right)\right]^2\right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since the log of the pdf is quadratic in  $y$ , we find

$$Y|\mathbf{X} \sim N\left(\mu_Y - \frac{\mathbf{M}_{YX}}{m_{YY}}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_X), \frac{1}{m_{YY}}\right). \quad (2)$$

Notice that we employ our general strategy for computing conditional distributions. Start with the joint distribution, remove all the constant factors, and identify the remaining distribution and its normalizing constant.

(b) We use the same notation as in part (a), noting that  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_X$  is now  $(n \times 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{M}_{YX}$  is now  $(1 \times n)$ , and  $\mathbf{M}_{XX}$  is  $(n \times n)$ . With these changes the calculations are exactly the same as in part (a). (Well almost exactly the same, the power on  $2\pi$  should be  $-(n+1)/2$  instead of  $-3/2$  but that does not change anything.) The conditional distribution of  $Y$  given  $\mathbf{X}$  is exactly the same as that given in (2).

(c) We can derive  $\mathbf{M}$  in the bivariate case by inverting the variance-covariance matrix,

$$\Sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_Y^2 & \sigma_Y \sigma_X \rho \\ \sigma_Y \sigma_X \rho & \sigma_X^2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sigma_Y^2 \sigma_X^2 (1 - \rho^2)} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_X^2 & -\sigma_Y \sigma_X \rho \\ -\sigma_Y \sigma_X \rho & \sigma_Y^2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{M}.$$

Substituting  $M_{YX} = -\frac{\rho}{\sigma_Y \sigma_X (1 - \rho^2)}$  and  $m_{YY} = \frac{1}{\sigma_Y^2 (1 - \rho^2)}$  into (2), gives

$$Y|X \sim N\left(\mu_Y + \frac{\rho \sigma_Y}{\sigma_X}(x - \mu_X), \frac{1}{\sigma_Y^2 (1 - \rho^2)}\right).$$