

ALGEBRA OF EXPECTATIONS

$$\mathbf{E(X)} \equiv \text{Mean of } X = \sum_X \sum_Y x p(x, y) = \sum_X [x \sum_Y p(x, y)] = \sum_X x p_x(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E(aX+b)} &= \sum_X (ax + b) p_X(x) = \sum_X (ax p_X(x) + b p_X(x)) = \\ &\sum_X ax p_X(x) + \sum_X b p_X(x) = a \sum_X x p_X(x) + b \sum_X p_X(x) = \mathbf{aE(X) + b}\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{E(X+Y)} = \sum_X \sum_Y (x + y) p(x, y) = \sum_X \sum_Y x p(x, y) + \sum_X \sum_Y y p(x, y) = \mathbf{E(X)+E(Y)}$$

ALGEBRA OF VARIANCES

$$\mathbf{VAR(X)} = \mathbf{E([X - E(X)]^2)} = \sum_X \sum_Y [x - E(X)]^2 p(x, y) = \sum_X [x - E(X)]^2 p_x(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{VAR(aX+b)} &= \mathbf{E([aX+b - E(aX+b)]^2)} = \mathbf{E([aX+b - aE(X)-b]^2)} = \mathbf{E([aX-aE(X)]^2)} = \\ &\mathbf{E(a^2[X-E(X)]^2)} = \mathbf{a^2 E([X-E(X)]^2)} = \mathbf{a^2 Var(X)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{COV(aX,bY)} = \mathbf{E([aX-E(aX)][bY-E(bY)]} = \mathbf{E(ab[X-E(X)][Y-E(Y)])} = \mathbf{abCov(X,Y)}$$

$$\mathbf{VAR(X+Y)} = \mathbf{E([X+Y - E(X+Y)]^2)} = \mathbf{E([X+Y - E(X)-E(Y)]^2)} =$$

$$\mathbf{E([X - E(X)] + [Y - E(Y)]^2)} =$$

$$\mathbf{E([X-E(X)]^2 + [Y-E(Y)]^2 + 2[X-E(X)][Y-E(Y)])} =$$

$$\mathbf{E([X-E(X)]^2) + E([Y-E(Y)]^2) + 2E([X-E(X)][Y-E(Y)])} =$$

$$\mathbf{VAR(X) + VAR(Y) + 2COV(X,Y)}$$

And by similar steps,

$$\mathbf{VAR(X+Y+Z)} = \mathbf{VAR(X) + VAR(Y) + VAR(Z) + 2COV(X,Y) + 2COV(X,Z) + 2COV(Y,Z)}$$

$$\text{and: } \mathbf{VAR(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{VAR_i(X_i)} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \mathbf{COV(X_i, X_j)}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{VAR_i(X_i)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n \mathbf{COV(X_i, X_j)}$$

The Algebra of Expectations Mantras

The Expected Value of a constant times a random variable is the constant times the expected value of the random variable: $E(aX) = aE(X)$.

The Expected Value of a constant plus a random variable is the constant plus the expected value of the random variable: $E(b+X) = b + E(X)$.

The Expected Value of a sum is the sum of the expected values:

$$E(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i).$$

The Algebra of Variances Mantras

The Variance of a constant times a random variable is the constant squared times the variance of the random variable: $VAR(aX) = a^2VAR(X)$.

The Variance of a constant plus a random variable is the variance of the random variable: $VAR(b+X) = VAR(X)$.

The Variance of a sum is the sum of the variances plus two times all the covariance terms: $VAR(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n VAR(X_i) + 2*(\text{all the covariance terms})$.

The Covariance between a constant, a, times a random variable, X, and a constant, b, times another random variable is ab times the covariance of X and Y: $Cov(aX,bY) = abCov(X,Y)$.