Assignment 8

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Suppose (X_1, X_2) follows a bivariate normal distribution with

$$E(X_1) = E(X_2) = 0 \tag{0.0.1}$$
$$V(X_1) = V(X_2) = 2 \tag{0.0.2}$$
$$Cov(X_1, X_2) = -1 \tag{0.0.3}$$

If $\Phi(x)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\int_{-\infty}^{x} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}}\,dy$, then $\Pr(X_1 - X_2 > 6) = ?$

1) $\Phi(-1)$
2) $\Phi(-3)$
3) $\Phi(\sqrt{6})$
4) $\Phi(-\sqrt{6})$

Solution

Let $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{\mathbf{x}}, \Sigma_{\mathbf{x}})$ be a bivariate random vector.

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.0.4}$$

$$\mu_{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.0.5}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.0.6}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{x}}$ is covariance matrix of $\mathbf{x}$ and ρ is correlation of X_1 and X_2 which is given by

$$\rho = \frac{Cov(X_1, X_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} \tag{0.0.7}$$

Theorem 0.1. *If (X_1, X_2) follow bivariate distribution then $\Pr(X_1 - X_2 > \alpha)$ is given by $\Phi\left(\frac{(\mu_1-\mu_2)-\alpha}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2+\sigma_2^2-2\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2}}\right)$.*

Proof. Let $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$X_2 - X_1 = \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{x} \tag{0.0.8}$$

Now consider a random variable Y defined as follows

$$Y = X_2 - X_1 \tag{0.0.9}$$
$$\implies \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{x} \tag{0.0.10}$$

then $\mathbf{y}$ has normal distribution with mean

$$\mu_{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{u}^\top \mu_{\mathbf{x}} \tag{0.0.11}$$
$$\implies \mu_{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.0.12}$$
$$\implies \mu_{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_2 - \mu_1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.0.13}$$

and covariance matrix is given by

$$\Sigma_{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{u}^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{x}} \left(\mathbf{u}^\top\right)^\top \tag{0.0.14}$$
$$\implies \Sigma_{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.0.15}$$
$$\implies \Sigma_{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - 2\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.0.16}$$

$\therefore\ Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu = \mu_2 - \mu_1, \sigma^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - 2\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2)$

The Standard Normal, often written Z, is a Normal with $\mu = 0$ and $\sigma^2 = 1$. Thus, $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 1)$

Now $\Pr(X_1 - X_2 > \alpha)$ can be written as $\Pr(Y < -\alpha)$

$$\Pr(Y < -\alpha) = \Pr\left(\frac{Y - \mu_y}{\sigma_y} < \frac{-\alpha - \mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right) \tag{0.0.17}$$

$$\implies \Pr(Y < -\alpha) = \Pr\left(Z < \frac{-\alpha - (\mu_2 - \mu_1)}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - 2\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2}}\right) \tag{0.0.18}$$

$$\therefore \Pr(X_1 - X_2 > \alpha) = \Phi\left(\frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2) - \alpha}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - 2\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2}}\right) \tag{0.0.19}$$

$\square$

Given (X_1, X_2) follow a bivariate normal distribution with

$$\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0 \tag{0.0.20}$$
$$\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = 2 \tag{0.0.21}$$
$$Cov(X_1, X_2) = -1 \tag{0.0.22}$$
$$\rho = \frac{Cov(X_1, X_2)}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} = \frac{-1}{2} \tag{0.0.23}$$

for $\Pr(X_1 - X_2 > 6)$ we can use the above theorem as follows

$$\Pr(X_1 - X_2 > \alpha) = \Phi\left(\frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2) - \alpha}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - 2\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2}}\right) \tag{0.0.24}$$
$$\implies \Pr(X_1 - X_2 > 6) = \Phi\left(\frac{(0 - 0) - 6}{\sqrt{2 + 2 - 2\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)2}}\right) \tag{0.0.25}$$
$$\implies \Pr(X_1 - X_2 > 6) = \Phi\left(\frac{-6}{\sqrt{6}}\right) \tag{0.0.26}$$
$$\therefore \Pr(X_1 - X_2 > 6) = \Phi(-\sqrt{6}) \tag{0.0.27}$$