

AI1110 Assignment 9

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Abstract

- This document contains the solution to Question of Chapter 6 of Papoulis book.

Question

Exercise 6.58

The random variables x and y are jointly distributed over the region $0 < x < y < 1$ as

$$f_{xy}(x, y) = \begin{cases} kx, & 0 < x < y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

for some k . Determine k . Find the variances of x and y . What is the covariance between x and y ?

Theory

Expression	Formula
Joint P.d.f	$\iint f_{XY}(x, y) \, dx \, dy$
$E[X]$	$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x f_X(x) \, dx$
$E[X^2]$	$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2 f_X(x) \, dx$
$E[XY]$	$\iint xy f_{XY}(xy) \, dy \, dx$
$Var(X)$	$E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$
$Cov(X, Y)$	$E[XY] - E[X].E[Y]$

Table 1: Two random variables

Value of k

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) \, dx \, dy = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 \int_x^1 kx \, dy \, dx = k \int_0^1 x(1-x) \, dx = 1 \quad (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k}{6} = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{k = 1} \quad (4)$$

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$$f_X(x) = \int_x^1 6x \, dy = 6x(1-x) \quad , 0 < x < 1 \quad (5)$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_0^1 6x \, dx = 3y^2 \quad , 0 < y < 1 \quad (6)$$

Expectation

$$E[X] = \int_0^1 x f_X(x) dx = 6 \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} \quad (7)$$

$$E[X^2] = \int_0^1 y^2 f_Y(y) dy = 6 \left(\frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{3}{10} \quad (8)$$

$$E[Y] = \int_0^1 y f_Y(y) dy = 3 \frac{y^4}{4} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{3}{4} \quad (9)$$

$$E[Y^2] = \int_0^1 y^2 f_Y(y) dy = 3 \frac{y^5}{5} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{3}{5} \quad (10)$$



Expectation

$$E[XY] = \int_0^1 \int_0^x xy f_{XY}(xy) dy dx \quad (11)$$

$$= \int_0^1 3x (1 - x^2) dx \quad (12)$$

$$= 3 \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right) \Big|_0^1 \quad (13)$$

$$= 3 \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \right) = \frac{2}{5} \quad (14)$$

Variance

1

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{3}{10} - \frac{1}{4} = \boxed{\frac{1}{20}} \quad (15)$$

2

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \frac{3}{5} - \frac{9}{16} = \boxed{\frac{3}{80}} \quad (16)$$

Covariance

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \frac{2}{5} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{4} = \boxed{\frac{1}{40}} \quad (17)$$