

Covariance & Correlation

1. Covariance: $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = E[XY] - \mu_X \cdot \mu_Y$.

$\text{Var}(X+Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$.

1). $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Cov}(Y, X)$.

2). When $\text{Cov}(X, Y) > 0$, then X, Y tend to increase together.

When $\text{Cov}(X, Y) < 0$, then X, Y tend to increase oppositely.

3). If $Y = X$, $\text{Cov}(X, X) = E[(X - \mu_X)^2] = \text{Var}(X) \geq 0$.

If $Y = -X$, $\text{Cov}(X, -X) = E[-(X - \mu_X)^2] = -\text{Var}(X) \leq 0$.

4). If $Y = cX$, $\text{Var}(Y) = c^2 \text{Var}(X)$, which $\text{Std}(X)\text{Std}(Y) = |c| \cdot \text{Var}(X)$.

$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Cov}(X, cX) = c \text{Cov}(X, X) = c \text{Var}(X)$.

If $c \geq 0$, $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Std}(X) \text{Std}(Y)$.

If $c < 0$, $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = -\text{Std}(X) \text{Std}(Y)$.

5). $-\text{Std}(X) \text{Std}(Y) \leq \text{Cov}(X, Y) \leq \text{Std}(X) \text{Std}(Y)$.

$\Leftrightarrow -\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)} \leq \text{Cov}(X, Y) \leq \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}$.

6). $\text{Cov}(aX + bY, Z) = a \text{Cov}(X, Z) + b \text{Cov}(Y, Z)$. (bilinear).

7). If X, Y are independent, $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$

converse is false.

$= E(X - \mu_X) \cdot E(Y - \mu_Y)$.

$= (E[X] - \mu_X)(E[Y] - \mu_Y)$.

$= (\mu_X - \mu_X)(\mu_Y - \mu_Y) = 0$.

$-||u|| \cdot ||v|| \leq u \cdot v \leq ||u|| \cdot ||v||$.

$E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$

when $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = 0$, it's unrelated

2. Correlation. $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}}$, $-1 \leq \text{Corr}(X, Y) \leq 1$.

$= \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\text{Std}(X) \cdot \text{Std}(Y)}$, only defined when

1). If $Z = cY, c > 0$, $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \text{Corr}(X, Z)$. $\text{Var}(X), \text{Var}(Y) > 0$.

$c < 0$, $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = -\text{Corr}(X, Z)$.

↙ non-constant

2). $\text{Corr}(X, X) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, X)}{\text{Std}(X) \cdot \text{Std}(X)} = \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{\text{Var}(X)} = 1$.

3. Example: $p_{X,Y}(5,1) = p_{X,Y}(5,9) = p_{X,Y}(7,3) = p_{X,Y}(7,7) = \frac{1}{4}$, otherwise

0. Solve $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$.

$$\mu_X = E[X] = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}} x \cdot p_X(x) = \sum_{x,y \in \mathbb{R}} x \cdot p_{X,Y}(x,y) = 5 \times \frac{1}{4} + 5 \times \frac{1}{4} + 7 \times \frac{1}{4} + 7 \times \frac{1}{4} = 6.$$

$$\mu_Y = E[Y] = \sum_{y \in \mathbb{R}} y \cdot p_Y(y) = \sum_{x,y \in \mathbb{R}} y \cdot p_{X,Y}(x,y) = 1 \times \frac{1}{4} + 9 \times \frac{1}{4} + 3 \times \frac{1}{4} + 7 \times \frac{1}{4} = 5.$$

$$E[XY] = \sum_{x,y \in \mathbb{R}} x \cdot y \cdot p_{X,Y}(x,y) = 5 \times 1 \times \frac{1}{4} + 5 \times 9 \times \frac{1}{4} + 7 \times 3 \times \frac{1}{4} + 7 \times 7 \times \frac{1}{4} = 30.$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[XY] - \mu_X \mu_Y = 30 - 30 = 0.$$

Also, since $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$, gives, $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = 0$ and.

However, $p_X(5) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} > 0$, $p_Y(3) = \frac{1}{4} > 0$ but $p_{X,Y}(5,3) = 0$
 $\neq p_X(5) \cdot p_Y(3)$.

$\therefore X, Y$ are not independent.