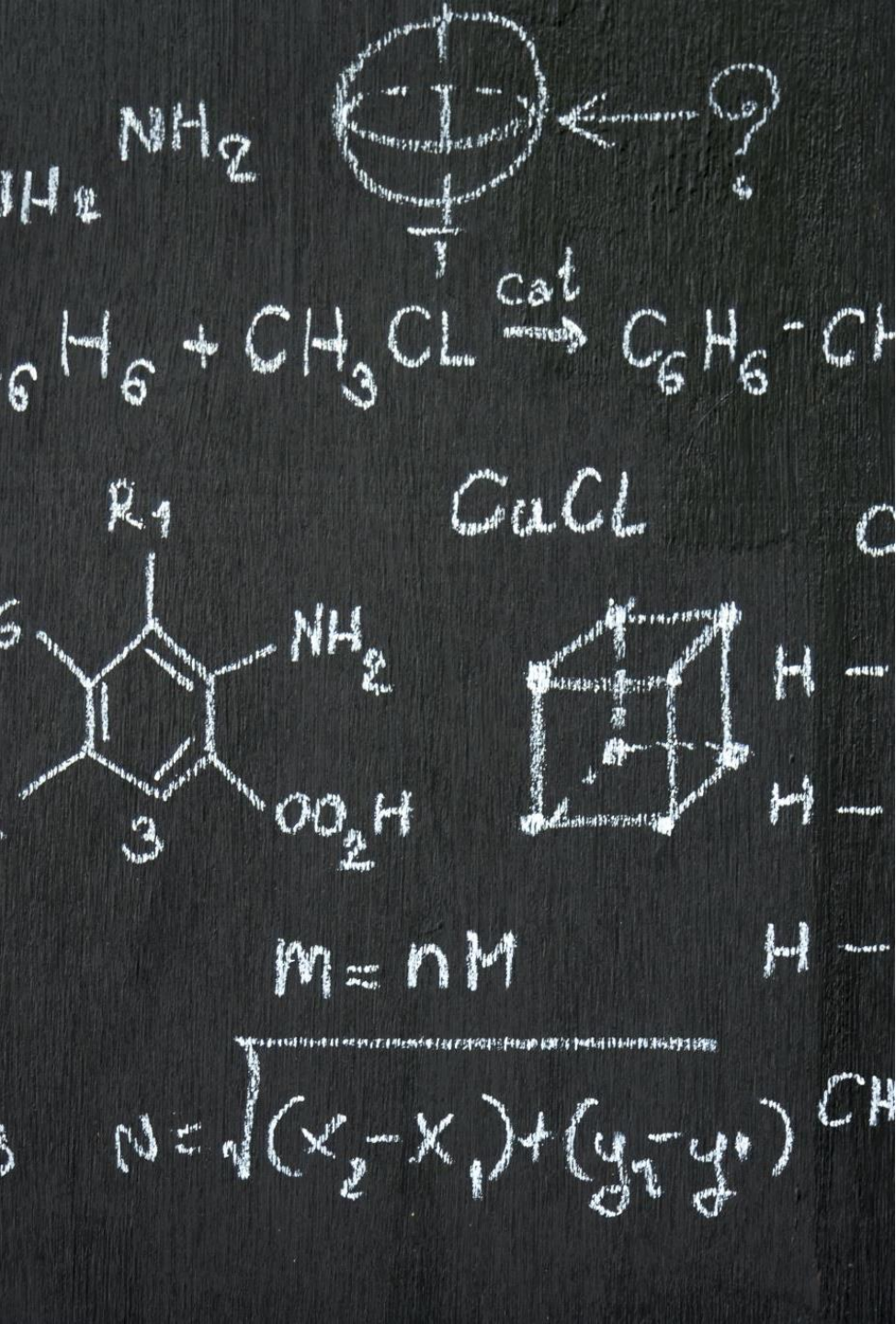# Correlation

Like covariance, but removes scale.

The *correlation coefficient* between X and Y is defined by

$$\text{Cor}(X, Y) = \rho = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}.$$

Properties:

1. ρ is the covariance of the standardized versions of X and Y.

2. ρ is dimensionless (it's a ratio).

3. $-1 \leq \rho \leq 1$. $\rho = 1$ if and only if $Y = aX + b$ with $a > 0$ and $\rho = -1$ if and only if $Y = aX + b$ with $a < 0$.

Covariance

- **Covariance formula** is a statistical formula which is used to assess the relationship between two variables.

- In simple words, **covariance** is one of the statistical measurement to know the relationship of the variance between the two variables.

- The covariance indicates how two variables are related and also helps to know whether the two variables vary together or change together.

- The covariance is denoted as Cov(X,Y)

Covariance

$$Cov(x,y) = \frac{\Sigma(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{N}$$

formula

$$Cov(x,y) = \frac{\Sigma(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{N-1}$$

formula

Example-1

Eg:-

→(year)   (Kg)

Age	Weight
20	75
18	63
15	45
14	40
25	78

Example-1

Eg:

→(year)   (kg)

(x) Age   Weight (Y)   X↑   y↑

20   75

18   63   X↓   y↓

15   45

14   40   { X↑   y↓ }
25   78   { X↓   y↑ }

X	Y
Economic Growth (%)	NIFTY 50 Index (%)
2.1	8
2.5	12
4.0	14
3.6	10

Example-2

X	y	$x-\bar{x}$	$y-\bar{y}$
2.1	8	−0.9	−3
2.6	12	−0.4	+1
4.0	14	1	+3
3.6	10	0.5	−1

$\bar{x} = 3.0$

$\bar{y} = 11$

$$r = \frac{1.6}{0.74(x) \cdot y} = \boxed{0.83}$$

$$Cov(x,y) = \frac{2.7 - .4 + 3 - .5}{3}$$

$$= 1.6$$

$$\sigma_x = \Sigma\sqrt{\frac{(x-\bar{x})^2}{3}} = 0.74$$

$$\sigma_y = \Sigma\sqrt{\frac{(y-\bar{y})^2}{3}} = 2.5$$

Covariance

$$Cov(x,y) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x - \bar{x})(y - \bar{y}) \over N$$

X	y	$\bar{x}$	$\bar{y}$	$X - \bar{x}$	$y - \bar{y}$
2.1	8	3.1	11	−1	−3
2.5	12	3.1	11	−0.6	1
4.0	14	3.1	11	0.9	3
3.6	10	3.1	11	0.5	−1

Solution

Solution

$$= \frac{3 - 0.6 + 2.7 + 0.5}{3}$$

$$Cov(x,y) = \frac{4.6}{3} = 1.533 \rightarrow \text{+ve value}$$

$$Cov(x,y) = \frac{(-1)(-3) + (-0.6) \times (1) + (0.9) \times (3) + (0.5)(-1)}{4 - 1}$$

Solution

$$\rho_{(x,y)} = \frac{Cov(x,y)}{\sigma_x \cdot \sigma_y} = \frac{1.533}{(0.8981)(2.58)}$$

Example-1

Day	ABC Returns	XYZ Returns
1	1.1%	3.0%
2	1.7%	4.2%
3	2.1%	4.9%
4	1.4%	4.1%
5	0.2%	2.5%

- **Daily Return for Two Stocks are given below**

Find the covariance between the two stocks (the data is the sample data)

Solution-1

Sample Covariance formula

$$Cov(x,y) = \frac{\Sigma(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{N-1}$$

- For ABC, the mean would be (1.1 + 1.7 + 2.1 + 1.4 + 0.2) / 5 = 1.30.
- For XYZ, the mean would be (3 + 4.2 + 4.9 + 4.1 + 2.5) / 5 = 3.74.

Covariance = [(1.1 - 1.30) x (3 - 3.74)] + [(1.7 - 1.30) x (4.2 - 3.74)] + [(2.1 - 1.30) x (4.9 - 3.74)] + …/(5-1)

- = ([0.148] + [0.184] + [0.928] + [0.036] + [1.364]) / (5-1)
- = 2.66 / (5 - 1)
- = 0.665

Correlation

- Definition The correlation coefficient of X and Y, denoted by Corr(X, Y), $\rho X,Y$, or just ρ, is defined by

$$r = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

r = correlation coefficient

x_i = values of the x-variable in a sample

$\bar{x}$ = mean of the values of the x-variable

y_i = values of the y-variable in a sample

$\bar{y}$ = mean of the values of the y-variable

- It represents a "scaled" covariance – correlation ranges between -1 and 1.

Covariance

When two random variables X and Y are not independent, it is frequently of interest to assess how strongly they are related to one another. The covariance between two rv' s X and Y is

$$Cov(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu(X))(Y - \mu(Y))]$$

$$= \begin{cases} \sum_x \sum_y (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y)p(x, y) & X, Y \text{ discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y)f(x, y) \, dx \, dy & X, Y \text{ continuous} \end{cases}$$

Covariance

- If both variables tend to deviate in the same direction (both go above their means or below their means at the same time), then the covariance will be positive.

- If the opposite is true, the covariance will be negative.

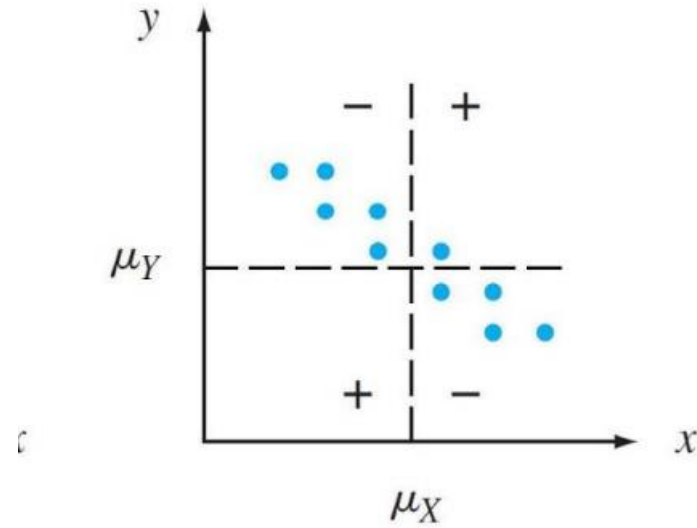- X and Y are not strongly related, the covariance will be near 0
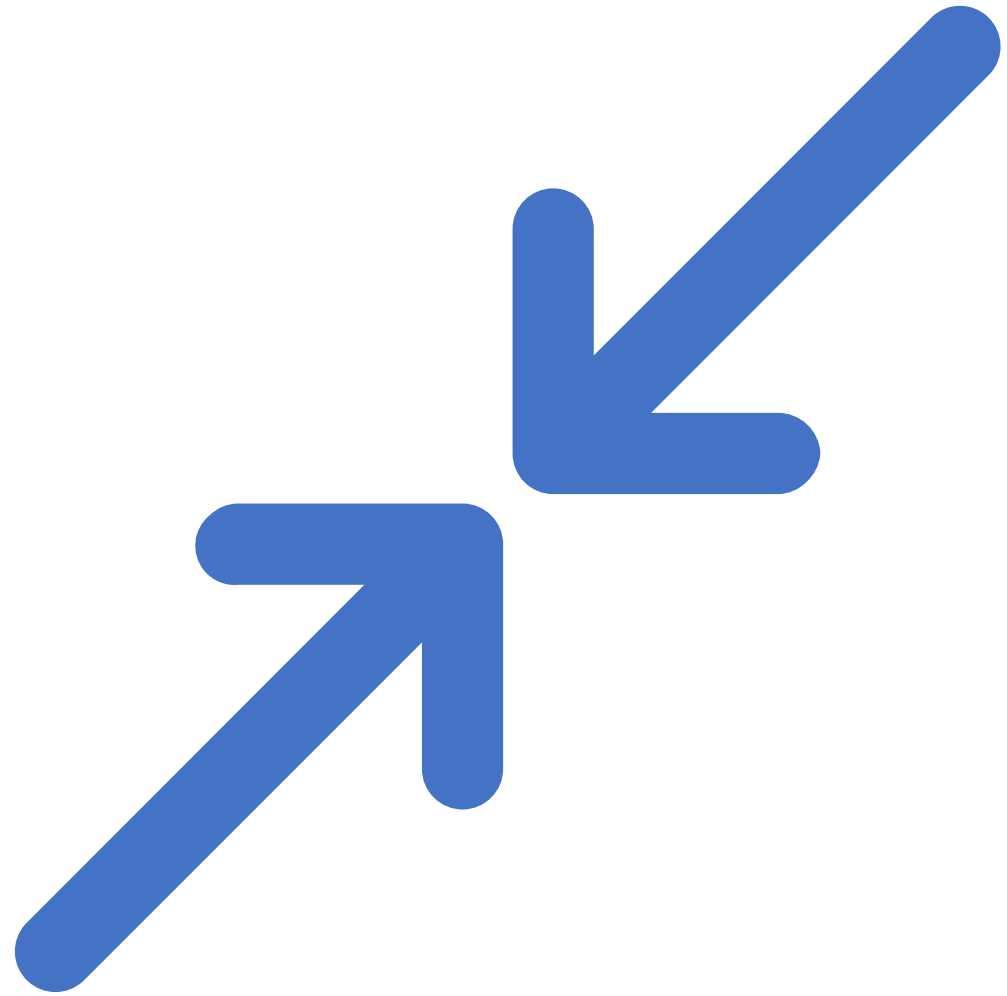
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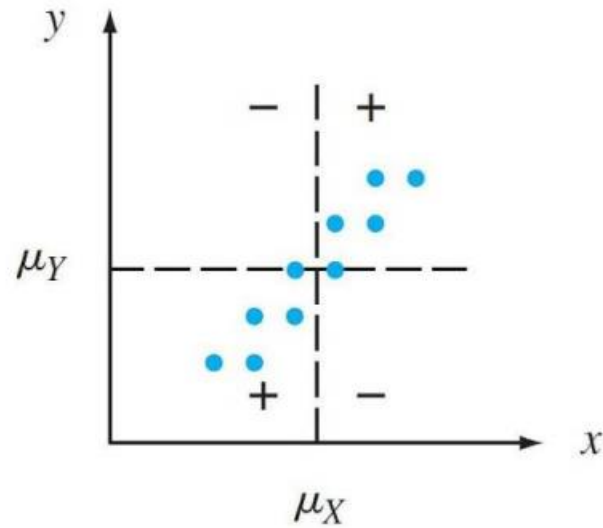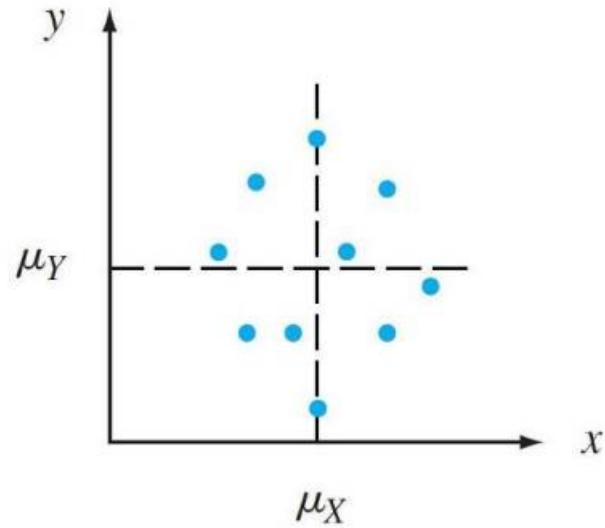

(a) positive covariance;

3 types of " co-varying" :

(b) negative covariance;

3 types of " co-varying" :

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(c) covariance near zero

Example-1

- An insurance agency services customers who have both a homeowner's policy and an automobile policy. For each type of policy, a deductible amount must be specified.

- For an automobile policy, the choices are $100 and $250, whereas for a homeowner's policy, the choices are $0, $100, and $200. Suppose an individual "Rohit" is selected at random from the agency's files.

- Let X = his deductible amount on the auto policy and Y = his deductible amount on the homeowner's policy.

- Suppose the joint pmf is given by the insurance company the accompanying joint probability table:

$p(x, y)$		0	100	200
x	100	.20	.10	.20
	250	.05	.15	.30

y (column header spanning 0, 100, 200)

- What is the covariance between X and Y?

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