

P1:

Let $(X, Y) \sim BN(\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \rho)$. If $\rho = 0$, then X and Y are independent.

Solution:

Since $(X, Y) \sim BN(\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \rho)$, the j.p.d.f. of (X, Y) is given by

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left\{ \left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 - \rho \left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right) \left(\frac{y-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right) + \left(\frac{y-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 \right\} \right]$$

If $\rho = 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{y-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 \right\} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 \right] \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_2} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow f(x, y) = f_1(x)f_2(y)$, where $f_1(x)$ and $f_2(y)$ are m.p.d.fs of X and Y respectively. Thus, X and Y are independent.

Hence, if $\rho = 0$, then X and Y are independent.