



Session-15

Variance of sum of random variables,  
Expected value of product of independent  
random variable  
And  
Covariance & correlation



# Outline

- Variance
- Variance of sum of random variables
- Expected value of product of independent random variable
- Covariance
- Corelation



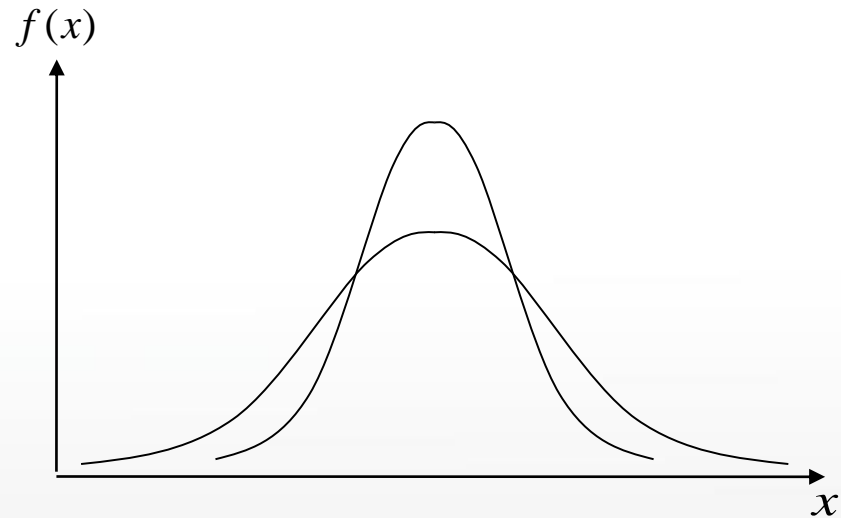
# Variance

- The variance of a random variable  $X$  is a measure of how ***spread out*** it is. Are the values of  $X$  clustered tightly around their mean, or can we commonly observe values of  $X$  a long way from the mean value?
- The ***variance*** measures how far the values of  $X$  are from their mean, on average.
- If  $X$  has ***high variance***, we can observe values of  $X$  a long way from the mean.
- If  $X$  has ***low variance***, the values of  $X$  tend to be clustered tightly around the mean value.

# Definition and Interpretation of Variance

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X) &= E((X - E(X))^2) \\ &= E(X^2 - 2XE(X) + (E(X))^2) \\ &= E(X^2) - 2E(X)E(X) + (E(X))^2 \\ &= E(X^2) - (E(X))^2\end{aligned}$$

Two distribution with identical mean values but different variances





# Expectation of random variable

- **Discrete case:**

$$E(X) = \sum_{\text{all } x} x_i p(x_i)$$

- **Continuous case:**

$$E(X) = \int_{\text{all } x} x_i p(x_i) dx$$

# Example - 1

- Let  $X$  takes the values 2, 3, and 4 with probabilities 0.1, 0.7, and 0.2. We can compute that  $E[X]=3.1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X) &= E[(X - 3.1)^2] = 0.1 \cdot (2 - 3.1)^2 + 0.7 \cdot (3 - 3.1)^2 + 0.2 \cdot (4 - 3.1)^2 \\ &= 0.1 \cdot (-1.1)^2 + 0.7 \cdot (-0.1)^2 + 0.2 \cdot (0.9)^2 \\ &= 0.1 \cdot 1.21 + 0.7 \cdot 0.01 + 0.2 \cdot 0.81 \\ &= 0.121 + 0.007 + 0.162 \\ &= 0.29.\end{aligned}$$

Using the rule is neater and somewhat faster:  $\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - E$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X) &= E[X^2] - (3.1)^2 = 0.1 \cdot 2^2 + 0.7 \cdot 3^2 + 0.2 \cdot 4^2 - 9.61 \\ &= 0.1 \cdot 4 + 0.7 \cdot 9 + 0.2 \cdot 16 - 9.61 \\ &= 0.4 + 6.3 + 3.2 - 9.61 \\ &= 0.29.\end{aligned}$$



## Example - 2

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X) &= E((X - E(X))^2) = \sum_i p_i (x_i - E(X))^2 \\ &= 0.3(50 - 230)^2 + 0.2(200 - 230)^2 + 0.5(350 - 230)^2 \\ &= 17,100 = \sigma^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Standard deviation} = \sigma = \sqrt{17,100} = 130.77$$



# Sum of random variables

- Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two independent integer-valued random variables, with distribution functions  $m_1(x)$  and  $m_2(x)$  respectively. Then the convolution of  $m_1(x)$  and  $m_2(x)$  is the distribution function  $m_3 = m_1 * m_2$  given by

$$m_3(j) = \sum_k m_1(k) \cdot m_2(j - k) ,$$

for  $j = \dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . The function  $m_3(x)$  is the distribution function of the random variable  $Z = X + Y$ .  $\square$

Now let  $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$  be the sum of  $n$  independent random variables of an independent trials process with common distribution function  $m$  defined on the integers. Then the distribution function of  $S_1$  is  $m$ . We can write  $S_n = S_{n-1} + X_n$ .

since we know the distribution function of  $X_n$  is  $m$ , we can find the distribution function of  $S_n$  by induction.



# Example

- A die is rolled twice. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be the outcomes, and let  $S_2 = X_1 + X_2$  be the sum of these outcomes. Then  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  have the common distribution function:

$$m = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1/6 & 1/6 & 1/6 & 1/6 & 1/6 & 1/6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The distribution function of  $S_2$  is then the convolution of this distribution with itself. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} P(S_2 = 2) &= m(1)m(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{36}, \\ P(S_2 = 3) &= m(1)m(2) + m(2)m(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{36}, \\ P(S_2 = 4) &= m(1)m(3) + m(2)m(2) + m(3)m(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{3}{36}. \end{aligned}$$



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Continuing in this way we would find  $P(S_2 = 5) = 4/36$ ,  $P(S_2 = 6) = 5/36$ ,  $P(S_2 = 7) = 6/36$ ,  $P(S_2 = 8) = 5/36$ ,  $P(S_2 = 9) = 4/36$ ,  $P(S_2 = 10) = 3/36$ ,  $P(S_2 = 11) = 2/36$ , and  $P(S_2 = 12) = 1/36$ .

The distribution for  $S_3$  would then be the convolution of the distribution for  $S_2$  with the distribution for  $X_3$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned}P(S_3 = 3) &= P(S_2 = 2)P(X_3 = 1) \\&= \frac{1}{36} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{216}, \\P(S_3 = 4) &= P(S_2 = 3)P(X_3 = 1) + P(S_2 = 2)P(X_3 = 2) \\&= \frac{2}{36} \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{36} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{3}{216},\end{aligned}$$

# Variance of sum of random variables

If 'X' and 'Y' are two random variables

Then, variance of  $X + Y$  is

$$\text{Var}(X + Y) = E \left( (X + Y) - E(X + Y) \right)^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{We know that } E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

So, we can rewrite (1) as below using (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X + Y) &= E \left( (X - E(X)) + (Y - E(Y)) \right)^2 \\ &= E \left( (X - EX) + (Y - EY) \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Just written } E(X) &= EX \\ E(Y) &= EY \end{aligned}$$

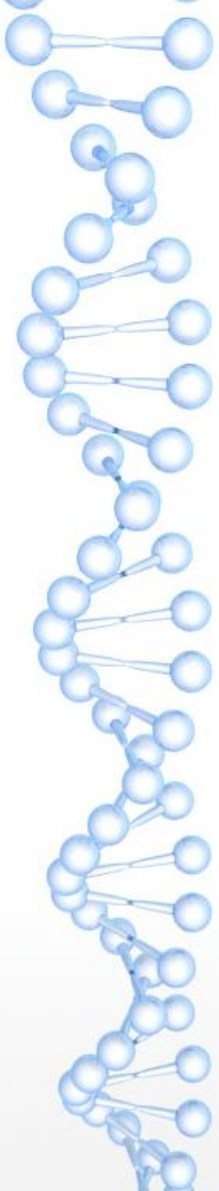
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$$= E \underbrace{\left( (X - EX)^2 \right)}_{\substack{\text{variance} \\ \text{of} \\ X}} + 2 E \underbrace{(X - EX)(Y - EY)}_{\substack{\text{Covariance} \\ X \text{ and } Y}} + E \underbrace{\left( (Y - EY)^2 \right)}_{\substack{\text{variance} \\ \text{of} \\ Y}}$$

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent then  
 $\text{Covariance}(X, Y) = 0$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X+Y) &= E \left( (X - EX)^2 \right) + E \left( (Y - EY)^2 \right) \\ &= \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) \end{aligned}$$



Expected value of product of independent  
random variable



## The Expectation/expected value of a Random Variable

- Mathematical expectation is a point around which all random variables are concentrated.
- Example: When you measure the temperature of let it be 100 people then their temperature is different but they are close to normal temp which is mathematical expectation. Expectation can be
  - Expectations of Discrete Random Variables
  - Expectations of Continuous Random Variables



## Expectations of Discrete Random Variable

- The mean, expected value, or expectation of a random variable  $X$  is written as  $E(X)$  or  $\mu_X$ .
- Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable with probability function  $P(x_i)$  then expectation is

$$E(X) = \sum_{\text{all } x} x_i p(x_i)$$

# Independence of random variables

Random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are **independent** if

$$P_{(X,Y)}(x,y) = P_X(x)P_Y(y)$$

for *all* values of  $x$  and  $y$ . This means, events  $\{X = x\}$  and  $\{Y = y\}$  are independent for all  $x$  and  $y$ ; in other words, variables  $X$  and  $Y$  take their values independently of each other.

To show independence of  $X$  and  $Y$ , we have to check whether the joint pmf factors into the product of marginal pmfs for all pairs  $x$  and  $y$ .

To prove dependence, we only need to present one counterexample, a pair  $(x, y)$  with  $P(x, y) \neq P_X(x) P_Y(y)$



# Expectation of product of two random variables

∴ If  $X$  and  $Y$  are two random variables then

$$E(X+Y) = E(X) + E(Y) \text{ is True}$$

But

$E(XY) = E(X) \cdot E(Y)$  is true only when  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.

Proof.

Let

$$X = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} x_1, x_2 \dots x_M \\ \downarrow \\ p_1 \quad p_2 \dots p_M \end{array} \right\} \quad Y = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} y_1, y_2 \dots y_N \\ \downarrow \\ q_1, q_2 \dots q_N \end{array} \right\}$$

$E(XY) = E(X) \cdot E(Y)$  (is true only when  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent)

Two random variables are independent if

$$\boxed{P\{X = x_i \text{ AND } Y = y_j\} = p_{ij} = P(X = x_i) \cdot P(Y = y_j) = p_i q_j}$$

## Cont...

L.H.S

$$\begin{aligned} E(XY) &= (\kappa_1 y_1) r_{11} + (\kappa_1 y_2) r_{12} + \dots + (\kappa_1 y_N) r_{1N} \\ &\quad + (\kappa_2 y_1) r_{21} + (\kappa_2 y_2) r_{22} + \dots + (\kappa_2 y_N) r_{2N} \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad + (\kappa_M y_1) r_{M1} + (\kappa_M y_2) r_{M2} + \dots + (\kappa_M y_N) r_{MN} \end{aligned}$$

R.H.S

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) \cdot E(Y) &= (\kappa_1 p_1 + \kappa_2 p_2 + \dots + \kappa_M p_M) (y_1 q_1 + y_2 q_2 + \dots + y_N q_N) \\ &= \cancel{\kappa_1 p_1} (\kappa_1 y_1) p_1 q_1 + (\kappa_1 y_2) p_1 q_2 + \dots + (\kappa_1 y_N) p_1 q_N \\ &\quad + \dots \\ &\quad + (\kappa_M y_1) p_M q_1 + (\kappa_M y_2) p_M q_2 + \dots + (\kappa_M y_N) p_M q_N \end{aligned}$$

L.H.S is equal to R.H.S only when  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.  
because  $r_{ij}$  is equal to  $p_i q_j$  only when  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.

## Expected value of product of independent random variable (Proof other way)

Consider two independent random variables

$X, Y$ .

Let's assume  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent

Then,  $E(XY) = E(X) \cdot E(Y)$

Proof.

Suppose  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$

$Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$

Distribution of  $X$  and  $Y$

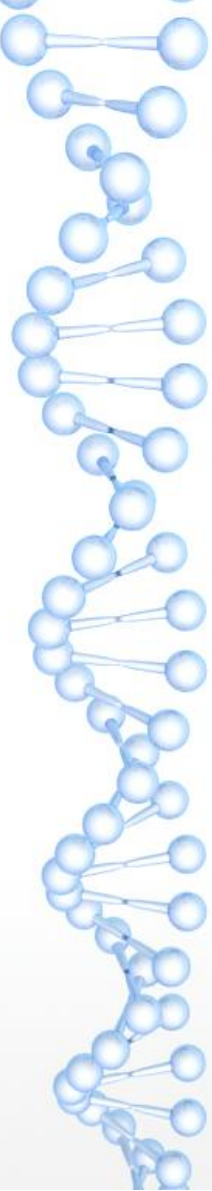
$$P(X = x_i) = p_i$$

$$P(Y = y_j) = q_j$$

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent then

$$(P(X = x_i) \text{ and } P(Y = y_j)) = P(X = x_i) \cdot P(Y = y_j)$$

$$= p_i \cdot q_j \quad (\text{Joint Probability})$$



Expected value of product of independent random variable

$$\begin{aligned} E(X \cdot Y) &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n P(X = x_i \cap Y = y_j) \cdot x_i y_j \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n p_i p_j x_i y_j \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \left( p_i x_i \sum_{j=1}^n p_j y_j \right) \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^m p_i x_i \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n p_j y_j \right) \\ &= E(X) \cdot E(Y) \end{aligned}$$