

Question 1.

Consider two independent Gaussian random variables with expected values of 0 and variances

1. Let random variable $U = 2X + 3Y$ and random variable $V = X + 2Y$. Find the bivariate distribution of U, V .

Solution 1.

We can begin by calculating the related expected value and variance of our given distributions, U and V ...

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{u}) = 2\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) + 3\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{y}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{Var}(\mathbf{u}) = 2^2\mathbf{Var}(\mathbf{x}) + 3^2\mathbf{Var}(\mathbf{y}) = 13$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) + 2\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{y}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{Var}(\mathbf{v}) = 1^2\mathbf{Var}(\mathbf{x}) + 2^2\mathbf{Var}(\mathbf{y}) = 5$$

We can then compute the Covariance of U and V as follows...

$$\mathbf{Cov}(u, v) = \mathbf{Cov}(2x + 3y, x + 2y)$$

$$\mathbf{Cov}(u, v) = \mathbf{Cov}(2x, x) + \mathbf{Cov}(2x, 2y) + \mathbf{Cov}(3y, x) + \mathbf{Cov}(3y, 2y)$$

$$\mathbf{Cov}(u, v) = 2\mathbf{Var}(x) + 0 + 0 + 6\mathbf{Var}(y)$$

$$\mathbf{Cov}(u, v) = 8$$

Knowing the above, we can compute the correlation coefficient of U and V as follows...

$$\rho_{u,v} = \frac{\mathbf{Cov}(u, v)}{\sqrt{\mathbf{E}(x)\mathbf{E}(y)}} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{65}}$$

Recall the general form Bivariate Gaussian Equation...

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{\left(\frac{-(x-\mu_X)}{\sigma_X}\right)^2 - \frac{2\rho_{X,Y}(x-\mu_X)(y-\mu_Y)}{\sigma_X\sigma_Y} + \left(\frac{(y-\mu_Y)}{\sigma_Y}\right)^2}{2(1-\rho_{X,Y}^2)}\right)}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\rho_{X,Y}^2}}$$

Taking the relevant variables and plugging them into the Bivariate Gaussian Equation above yields...

$$f_{U,V}(u, v) = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{-\frac{u^2}{13} - \frac{16uv}{65} + \frac{v^2}{5}}{2/65}\right)}{2\pi}$$

Question 2.

Consider two Gaussian random variables U and V such that:

- a) the expected value of U is 2 and variance of U is 9 and
- b) the expected value of V is 1 and variance is 16.

In addition the covariance $\text{Cov}(U, V)$ is 3. Find coefficients a, b, c and d so that $X = aU + bV$

and $Y = cU + dV$ are jointly Gaussian and independent. What are the corresponding distributions of X and Y .

Solution 2.

We can begin by determining an algebraic expression for the covariance of X and Y . To ensure independence, we can set the covariance to 0...

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Cov}(aU + bV, cU + dV) = 0$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = ac\text{Var}(U) + ad\text{Cov}(U, V) + bc\text{Cov}(U, V) + bd\text{Var}(V) = 0$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = ac\text{Var}(U) + 3ad + 3bc + bd\text{Var}(V) = 0$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 9ac + 3ad + 3bc + 16bd = 0$$

We can choose coefficients for a , b , and c ...

$$a = 1$$

$$b = -1$$

$$c = 13$$

Plugging the above into our simplified Covariance equation, we can solve for d ...

$$(9)(1)(13) + (3)(1)(d) + (3)(1)(13) + (16)(-1)(d) = 0$$

$$\implies d = 6$$

We can use the above coefficients to form the completed equations for X and Y ...

$$X = U - V$$

$$Y = 13U + 6V$$

We can determine the Expected Value and Variance of X and Y as follows...

$$\mathbf{E}(X) = \mathbf{E}(U) - \mathbf{E}(V) = 1$$

$$\mathbf{E}(Y) = 13\mathbf{E}(U) + 6\mathbf{E}(V) = 32$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = 1^2\text{Var}(U) + (-1)^2\text{Var}(V) + (2)(1)(-1)\text{Cov}(U, V) = 19$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = 13^2\text{Var}(U) + 6^2\text{Var}(V) + (2)(13)(6)\text{Cov}(U, V) = 2565$$

We can further conclude that X and Y are jointly Gaussian because they are made up of a linear combination of Gaussian Random Variables.

Finally, we can form the distributions of X and Y as follows...

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(1, 19) \implies f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \cdot 19}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-1}{\sqrt{19}}\right)^2\right)$$

$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}(32, 2565) \implies f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \cdot 2565}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y-32}{\sqrt{2565}}\right)^2\right)$$