



# Probability and Random Process

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# Joint Moments

Let  $Q(X, Y)$  be any function of RV's  $X$  and  $Y$  with joint PDF  $f_{XY}(x, y)$ .

$$E(Q(X, Y)) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Q(x, y) f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy$$

Consider:

$$Q(X, Y) = X^j Y^k$$

$$E[X^j Y^k] = \text{jk}^{\text{th}} \text{ moment of } (X, Y)$$

$$E[(X - \mu_X)^j (Y - \mu_Y)^k] = \text{jk}^{\text{th}} \text{ central moment}$$

$$\underline{j = k = 1:}$$

$$E[XY] = \text{Correlation of } X \text{ and } Y$$

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = \text{Covariance of } X \text{ and } Y$$

*= E[XY] - \mu\_X \mu\_Y*

Alternative formula:

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y$$

A normalized version:

$$\rho_{XY} = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{V(X)V(Y)}} = \frac{E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

## Correlation Coefficient

$$\rho_{XY} = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

Measures affine dependence between  $X$  and  $Y$ , that is, how well  $Y$  is predicted by  $aX+b$ , given an observation of  $X$ .

$$|\rho| = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad Y = aX + b \quad \text{totally linear}$$

$$\rho = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad a > 0 \quad \text{positively}$$

$$\rho = -1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad a < 0 \quad \text{negatively}$$

$$\rho = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad X \text{ and } Y \text{ are uncorrelated}$$

$$|\rho_{XY}| \leq 1$$

Can you prove  $|\rho_{XY}| \leq 1$ ?

- **Cauchy-Schwarz inequality** says that

$$|E[XY]| \leq \sqrt{E[X^2]E[Y^2]}$$

where equality holds iff  $Y = aX$  for some constant  $a$ ,  
i.e.,  $X$  and  $Y$  are linearly related.

This result provides an important **bound** on the correlation  
between two random variables.

*Let  $Z = X - \lambda Y$  where  $\lambda$  is a constant. Then*

$$0 \leq E[Z^2] = E[(X - \lambda Y)^2]$$

$$= E[X^2 + \lambda^2 Y^2 - 2\lambda XY] \quad (\text{equalivancy of expectation})$$

$$= E[X^2] + \lambda^2 E[Y^2] - 2\lambda E[XY], \quad (\text{linearity})$$



Consider the RHS as a *polynomial in  $\lambda$* , since

$$\lambda^2 E[Y^2] - 2\lambda E[XY] + E[X^2] \geq 0$$

always, the *discriminant*  $b^2 - 4ac$

$$(-2E[XY])^2 - 4E[X^2]E[Y^2] \leq 0$$

$(b^2 - 4ac \leq 0)$ , there are no  $x$ -intercepts)

$$\implies [E[XY]]^2 \leq E[X^2]E[Y^2]$$

Apply now the *Cauchy-Schwarz inequality* to the r.v.'s in the definition of *correlation coefficient*.

$$Z_1 = \frac{X - E[X]}{\sigma_X}, \quad Z_2 = \frac{Y - E[Y]}{\sigma_Y}$$

*Note that*

$$E[Z_1] = 0, \quad \text{Var}\{Z_1\} = 1 = E[Z_1^2]$$

$$E[Z_2] = 0, \quad \text{Var}\{Z_2\} = 1 = E[Z_2^2]$$

By the *Cauchy-Schwarz inequality*

$$[E[Z_1 Z_2]]^2 \leq E[Z_1^2] E[Z_2^2] = 1$$

$$\implies |E[Z_1 Z_2]| \leq 1$$

$$|\rho_{XY}| = \left| E \left[ \left( \frac{X - m_X}{\sigma_X} \right) \left( \frac{Y - m_Y}{\sigma_Y} \right) \right] \right| \leq 1$$

# Uncorrelated RV's

X and Y are uncorrelated when

*correlation:*  $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$

Recalling,  $\text{cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$ ,

we see there are two more ways to indicate **uncorrelatedness**:

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = 0 \quad \rho_{XY} = 0$$

Independence --> Uncorrelation

Proof:

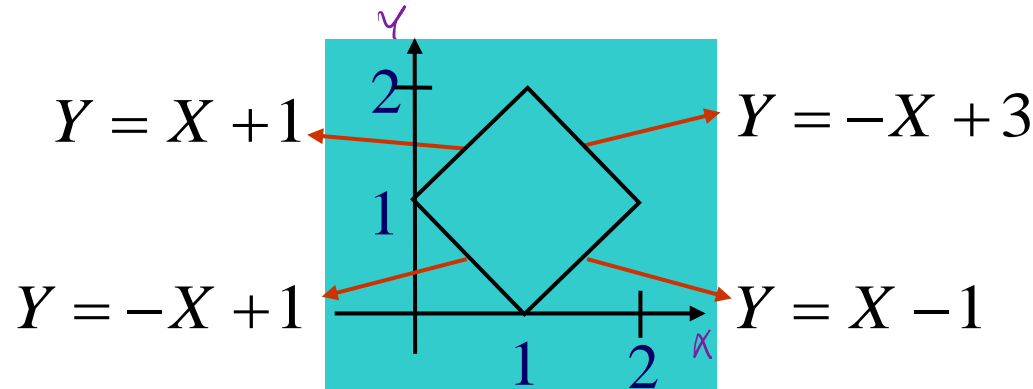
$$\begin{aligned}
 E[XY] &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xy f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xy f_X(x) f_Y(y) dx dy \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x f_X(x) dx \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} y f_Y(y) dy = E(X)E(Y)
 \end{aligned}$$

Uncorrelation ~~-->~~ Independence

$E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$  ~~\*~~ in general  
 $E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$   
 + Gaussian  $\Rightarrow$  Independence

# Example

Let  $f_{XY}(x,y)$  be constant (uniform) over the diamond:



By observation,  $f_X(x)$  and  $f_Y(y)$ , are the same, and symmetrical about 1, thus  $E(X)=E(Y)=1$ .

The height of  $f_{XY}(x,y)$  is  $1/2$ .

# Example, Continued

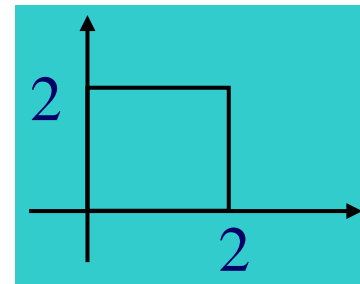
$$E(XY) = \iint_{\text{over diamond}} \frac{1}{2} xy dx dy = 1$$

(Verified numerically)

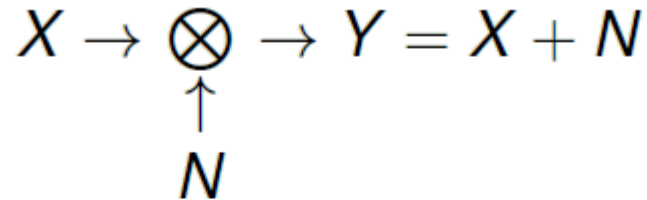
$\therefore$  X and Y are uncorrelated since

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

However, X and Y are not independent because the ROS of  $f_X(x)$ ,  $f_Y(y)$ , covers the square:



# Example



Suppose  $X$  and  $N$  are uncorrelated and  $N$  has zero mean.  
Show that

$$E[Y^2] = E[X^2] + E[N^2].$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[Y^2] &= E[(X+N)^2] \quad \text{expand} \\
 &= E[X^2] + 2E[XN] + E[N^2] \\
 &= E[X^2] + E[N^2]
 \end{aligned}$$



- $E(XY)$  qualifies as an inner product or

$$E(XY) = \langle X, Y \rangle$$

$$E(XY) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} XY f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy$$

- $X$  and  $Y$  are orthogonal when  $E(XY)=0$
- Will be useful in linear mean square estimation

# Jointly Normal RVs

Let the covariance matrix  $C$  be defined:

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} E[(X - \eta_X)(X - \eta_X)] & E[(X - \eta_X)(Y - \eta_Y)] \\ E[(Y - \eta_Y)(X - \eta_X)] & E[(Y - \eta_Y)(Y - \eta_Y)] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_X^2 & \text{cov}(X, Y) \\ \text{cov}(X, Y) & \sigma_Y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

*in general*

$$C = E[(Z - \eta_Z) \cdot (Z - \eta_Z)^T]$$

*对随机变量的期望*

Let  $Z = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}$   $\eta_Z = \begin{bmatrix} \eta_X \\ \eta_Y \end{bmatrix}$

Then  $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly Gaussian iff

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\det C}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{[Z - \eta_Z]^T C^{-1} [Z - \eta_Z]}{2} \right\}$$

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \frac{\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho_{XY}^2)}\left[\left(\frac{X-\eta_X}{\sigma_X}\right)^2 - 2\rho_{XY}\left(\frac{X-\eta_X}{\sigma_X}\right)\left(\frac{Y-\eta_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right) + \left(\frac{Y-\eta_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right)^2\right]\right\}}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\rho_{XY}^2}}$$

*if uncorrelated  $X, Y \Rightarrow \rho_{XY}=0$ .  
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This expression has the interesting property that  $X$  and  $Y$  always appear in centered, normalized forms

*any matrix*

$$Z = A \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}$$

*if  $\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}$  is joint Gaussian.*

*$Z$  is also joint Gaussian.*

# Uncorrelated Gaussians

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are uncorrelated, then  $\rho_{XY} = 0$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_X^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_Y^2 \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x - \eta_X)^2}{2\sigma_X^2} - \frac{(y - \eta_Y)^2}{2\sigma_Y^2} \right\}$$

$$= f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$

where  $X \sim N(\eta_X, \sigma_X^2)$ ,  $Y \sim N(\eta_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$

★ REMEMBER

Gaussian & Uncorrelated --> Independent

Several joint moments discussed:

- Correlation

- Covariance

- Correlation Coefficient

- Covariance Matrix

Independence implies uncorrelatedness

But not vice versa

Correlation is a type of inner product

Jointly Gaussian RVs

Gaussian & Uncorrelated --> Independent



# Mean Square Error Estimation



# Linear Mean Square Error (MSE) Estimation

Given:  $\mu_X$   $\mu_Y$ ,  $\sigma_X$   $\sigma_Y$   $\rho_{XY}$  and an observation of  $X$ .

Goal: Get an estimate of  $Y$  in the form:

$$\hat{Y}_{LNH} = aX + b \quad \text{Linear non-homogenous (LNH)}$$

$$\hat{Y}_{LH} = aX \quad \text{Linear homogenous (LH)}$$

Intuition: If  $X$  and  $Y$  are well correlated,  $\hat{Y}_{LNH}$  should be a “good” estimator.

One step predictor:  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$  is a sequence of correlated random variables (NASDAQ Composite?)

$$\hat{X}_{n+1} = aX_n + b$$

Weight,  $W$ , and cholesterol level,  $C$

$$\hat{C} = aW + b$$



# Mean Squared Error

*MMSE: minimized MSE*

Goodness is measured in mean squared error (MSE). Let  $e$  be the estimation error. Then,

$$MSE = E[\varepsilon^2] = E[(Y - \hat{Y})^2]$$

= "average error power"

Pick coefficients  $a$  and  $b$  (or just  $a$  for homogenous case) to minimize MSE.

# Linear Non-Homogenous Estimation

$$MSE = E \left\{ \left[ Y - (aX + b) \right]^2 \right\}$$

$$= E \left[ Y^2 \right] - 2aE \left[ XY \right] - 2bE \left[ Y \right] + a^2 E \left[ X^2 \right] + 2abE \left[ X \right] + b^2$$

$$\frac{\partial MSE}{\partial a} = -2E \left[ XY \right] + 2aE \left[ X^2 \right] + 2bE \left[ X \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial MSE}{\partial b} = -2E \left[ Y \right] + 2aE \left[ X \right] + 2b = 0$$

Using  $E[XY] = \rho_{XY} \sigma_X \sigma_Y + \mu_X \mu_Y$

$\rho_{XY} = \frac{E[XY] - \mu_X \mu_Y}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$

$$a = \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} \rho_{XY} \quad b = E[Y] - aE[X]$$

使 MSE minimized

# Linear Non-Homogenous Estimation

Key result:  $\hat{Y}_{LNH} = \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} \rho_{XY} X + \mu_Y - a \mu_X$

$= a(X - \mu_X) + \mu_Y$

Rearrangement and interpretations:

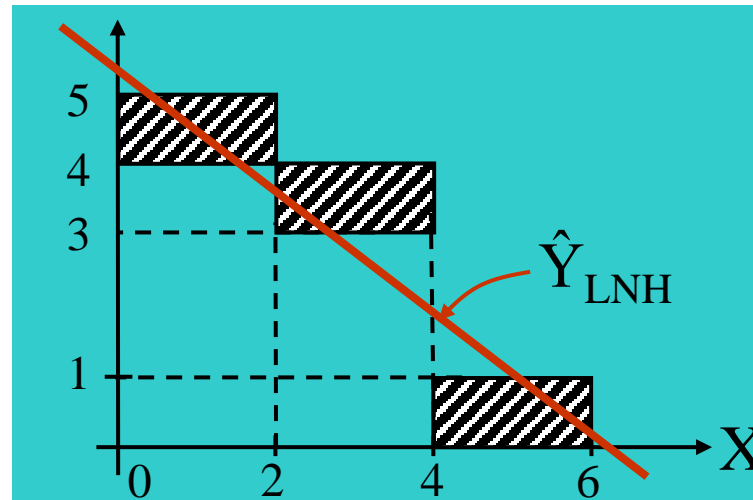
Zero-mean, unscaled  
version of  $\hat{Y}$

$$\hat{Y}_{LNH} = \underbrace{\sigma_Y \rho_{XY}}_{\text{scaling}} \underbrace{\left( \frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X} \right)}_{\text{slope}} + \underbrace{\mu_Y}_{\text{offset}}$$

Zero-mean, unit  
variance version of X

# Example of LNH Estimator

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be uniformly distributed over the shaded region:



Needed moments:  $\mu_X = 3, \sigma_X = \sqrt{3},$

$$\mu_Y = \frac{17}{6}, \sigma_Y = 1.724, \rho_{XY} = -0.893$$

$$\hat{Y}_{LNH} = \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} \rho_{XY} X + \mu_Y - a \mu_X$$

where  $a = \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} \rho_{XY}$

$$\Rightarrow a = -0.889$$

$$\hat{Y}_{LNH} = -0.889X + 5.5$$

$$MSE = E[\epsilon^2]$$

= ... 回归线 a, b 估计

# Orthogonality Condition

Recall the optimal “a” for  $\hat{Y}_{LNH}$  solves:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial a} E[\varepsilon^2] = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{da} E[\varepsilon^2] &= E\left[2\varepsilon\left(\frac{d}{da}\varepsilon\right)\right] \\ &= 2E\left\{\varepsilon\left(\frac{d}{da}[Y - a(X - \overset{\mu_X}{m_X}) - m_Y]\right)\right\} \\ &= 2E\{\varepsilon(X - m_X)\} \end{aligned}$$

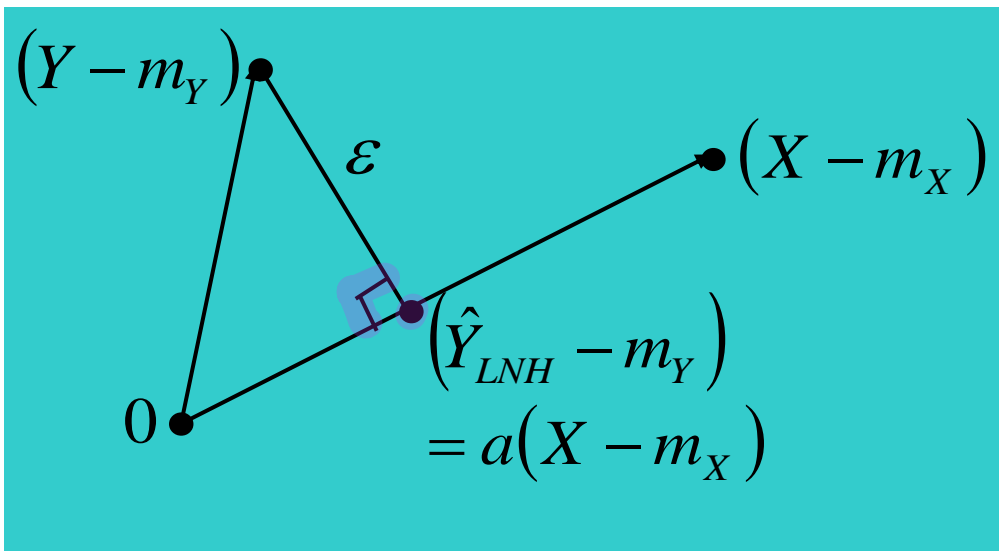
$$\Rightarrow E[\varepsilon(X - m_X)] = 0$$

Also, because  $\overset{\text{Orthogonal}}{E[\varepsilon]} = 0$  then we have

$$E[\varepsilon X] = 0 \quad \text{Orthogonality between error and “data”}$$

# Geometrical View – Non-homogeneous Case

$$\begin{aligned}(\hat{Y}_{LNH} - m_Y) &= a(X - m_X) \\ \varepsilon &= (Y - m_Y) - a(X - m_X)\end{aligned}$$



The estimator is the point in the space spanned by  $(X - m_X)$  that is **nearest** to  $(Y - m_Y)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 MSE_{opt} &= E\{\varepsilon[(Y - m_Y) - a(X - m_X)]\} \\
 &\quad \text{orthogonal} \\
 &= E\{\varepsilon(Y - m_Y)\} \\
 &= E\{[(Y - m_Y) - a(X - m_X)](Y - m_Y)\} \\
 &= \sigma_Y^2 - a \operatorname{cov}(X, Y) \\
 &= \sigma_Y^2 - \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} \rho_{XY} \operatorname{cov}(X, Y) \\
 &= \sigma_Y^2 (1 - \rho_{XY}^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Observations About Optimal MSE

$$MSE_{opt} = \sigma_Y^2 (1 - \rho_{XY}^2)$$

Lowest when  $|\rho_{XY}| = 1$  (Perfect correlation with  $Y=aX+b$ )

Highest when  $\rho_{XY} = 0$  (Uncorrelated)

“When  $X$  and  $Y$  are uncorrelated, linear estimation is worthless.”

Worst case:

$$\rho_{XY} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{Y}_{LNH} = m_Y, \quad MSE = \sigma_Y^2$$



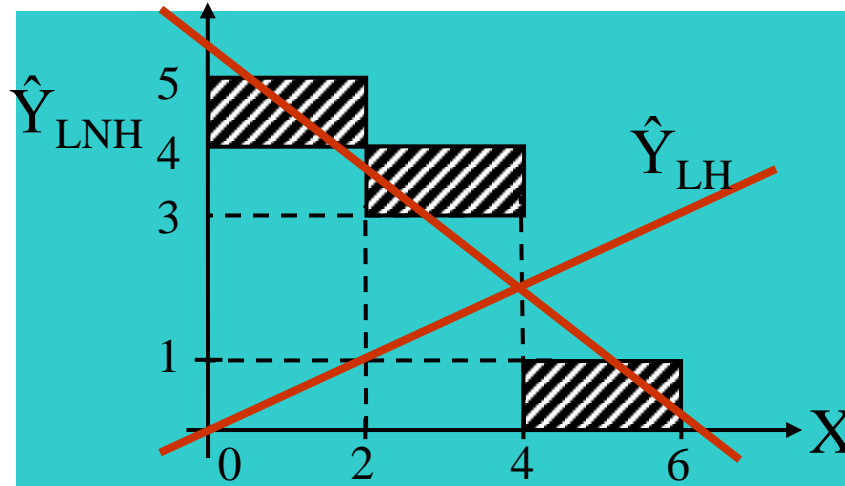
This has the form:  $\hat{Y}_{LH} = aX$

“a” minimizes the MSE:  $\frac{d}{da} E[\varepsilon^2] = 0 \Rightarrow a = \frac{E(XY)}{E(X^2)}$

$$MSE_{opt} = E[Y^2] \left[ 1 - \frac{E^2(XY)}{E(X^2)E(Y^2)} \right]$$

Observe that all of this is a special case of  $\hat{Y}_{LNH}$  when  $m_X = m_Y = 0$

# Earlier Example Cont'd



$$MSE_{opt, LNH} = 0.602$$

$$MSE_{opt, LH} = 10.97$$

→ 这个不行，显然

$$\hat{Y}_{LH} = 0.486X$$

## ★ REMEMBER

Linear homogenous estimators are best for zero-mean joint distributions.

# Orthogonality Condition for the Homogeneous Case

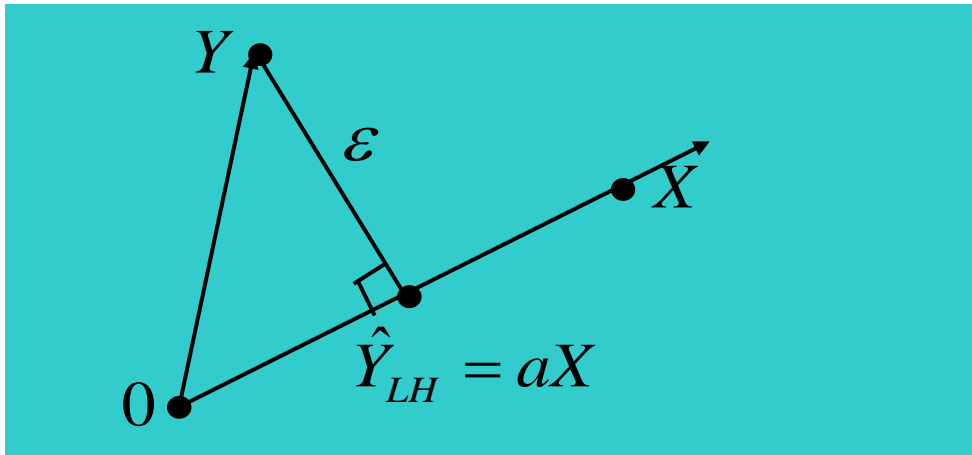
Recall the optimal “a” for  $\hat{Y}_{LH}$  solves:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial a} E[\varepsilon^2] = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{da} E[e^2] &= E\left[2e\left(\frac{d}{da} e\right)\right] \\ &= 2E\left\{e\left(\frac{d}{da} [Y - aX]\right)\right\} \\ &= 2E\{eX\} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

# Geometrical View – Homogeneous Case

$$\hat{Y}_{LH} = aX$$

$$\varepsilon = Y - aX$$

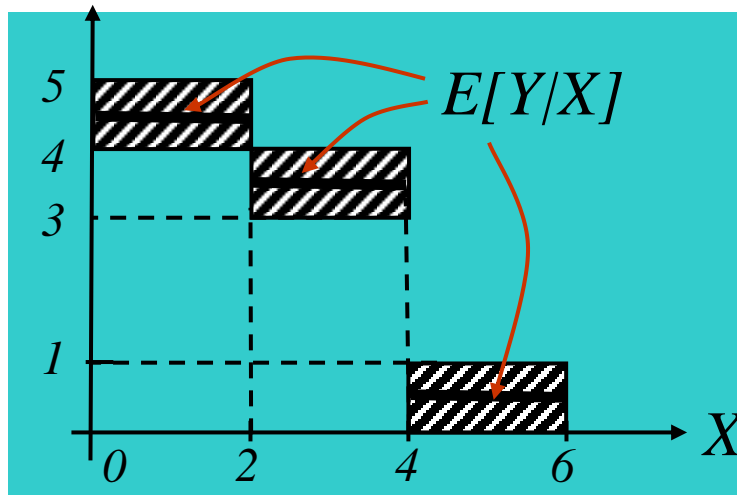


The estimator is the point in the space spanned by  $X$  that is **nearest** to  $Y$ .

Now we remove the constraint that  $\hat{Y}$  must be a linear function of  $X$ . We will show that the optimal estimator is

$$\hat{Y}_{NL} = E(Y | X)$$

$E(Y | X)$  for the previous example is indicated in bold:



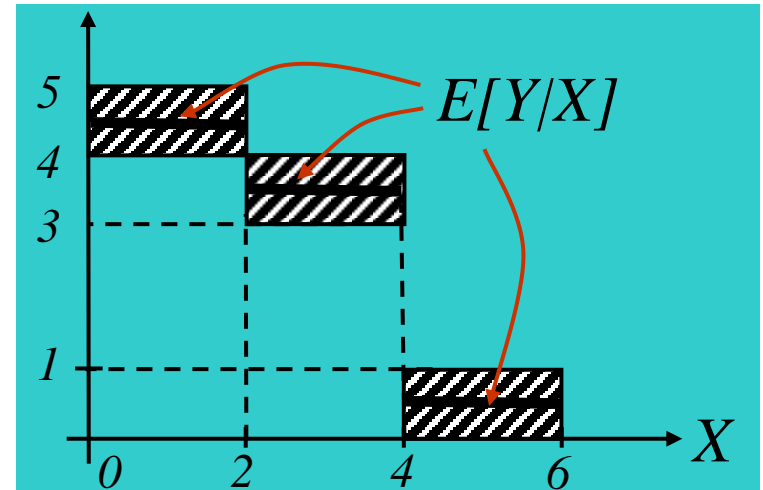
$X$  and  $Y$  are uniformly distributed over the shaded region.

Typically, a double integral is required to calculate the optimal  $MSE_{NL}$ .

For this example,

$$\begin{aligned}
 MSE_{NL} &= \int_0^2 \int_4^5 (y - 4.5)^2 \frac{1}{6} dy dx \\
 &\quad + \int_2^4 \int_3^4 (y - 3.5)^2 \frac{1}{6} dy dx + \int_4^6 \int_0^1 (y - 0.5)^2 \frac{1}{6} dy dx \\
 &= 0.08\bar{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

~uniform.  
↑



Recall  $MSE_{LH}=10.97$  and  $MSE_{LNH}=0.602$ .

# Proof That $\hat{Y}_{NL} = E[Y|X]$

The proof includes an interesting use of **iterated expectation**.

Begin with  $\hat{Y}_{NL} = H(X)$ , some arbitrary function of  $X$ .

We want  $H(X)$  to minimize

$$\begin{aligned}
 MSE_{NL} &= E\{(Y - H(X))^2\} && \text{just subtract and add it} \\
 &= E\{[Y - E(Y|X) + E(Y|X) - H(X)]^2\} \\
 &= E\{[Y - E(Y|X)]^2\} + 2E\{[Y - E(Y|X)][E(Y|X) - H(X)]\} \\
 &\quad + E\{[E(Y|X) - H(X)]^2\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow 0$        $\Rightarrow 0$

Will address the second term=0 next

证明这个。  
 $H(X) = E(Y|X)$   
 自然是 MSE ↓ 的时候

Use iterated expectation on the second term:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & E\{[Y - E(Y | X)][E(Y | X) - H(X)]\} \\
 &= E\{E(\underbrace{[Y - E(Y | X)][E(Y | X) - H(X)]}_{\text{just a function of } X}) | X\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$E[Y] = E[E[Y|X]]$

just a function of  $X$ , so it comes out of the conditional expectation.

$$= E\{E[\underbrace{(Y - E[Y | X])}_{0} | X][E(Y | X) - H(X)]\}$$

This equals:  $E[Y | X] - E[Y | X] = 0$   
 so the second term is zero



# Proof, Concluded

The first and third terms remain:

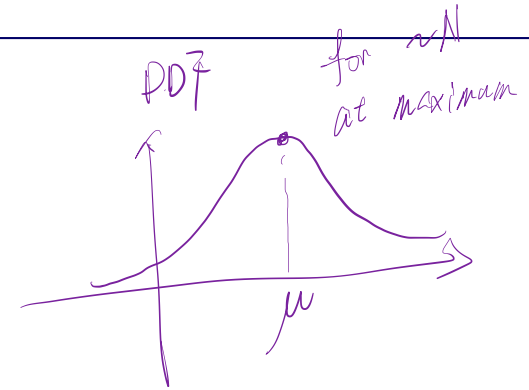
$$MSE_{NL} = \underbrace{E\{[Y - E(Y | X)]^2\}}_{\text{Ignore this term; it is not affected by } H(X)} + \underbrace{E\{[E(Y | X) - H(X)]^2\}}_{\text{This is minimized by setting } H(X) = E[Y | X]}$$

Ignore this term; it is not affected by  $H(X)$ .

This is minimized by setting  $H(X) = E[Y | X]$

$$\therefore \hat{Y}_{NL} = E(Y | X)$$

$E(Y|X)$  is the mean of  $f_{Y|X}(y|x)$



$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_X(x)}$$

$$= A(x) \exp \left\{ - \frac{1}{2(1 - \rho_{XY}^2)} \left[ B(x) - 2\rho_{XY} \left( \frac{X - \eta_X}{\sigma_X} \right) \left( \frac{Y - \eta_Y}{\sigma_Y} \right) + \left( \frac{Y - \eta_Y}{\sigma_Y} \right)^2 \right] \right\}$$

Exponent is quadratic in  $y$ ; leading term is negative  $\rightarrow f_{Y|X}(y|x)$  is a Gaussian PDF for  $y$ .

# Because it is Gaussian

We can find the mean by maximizing  $f_{Y/X}(y/x)$ , which is equivalent to **minimizing** the y-dependent portion of the exponent:

$$\left[ \underbrace{-2\rho_{XY}}_{\text{for Joint Gaussian}} \left( \frac{X - \eta_X}{\sigma_X} \right) \left( \frac{Y - \eta_Y}{\sigma_Y} \right) + \left( \frac{Y - \eta_Y}{\sigma_Y} \right)^2 \right]$$

*minimize*  
 $e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma_Y^2} \dots}$

The minimization yields

$$\hat{Y}_{NL} = \frac{\sigma_Y \rho_{XY}}{\sigma_X} (X - \eta_X) + \eta_Y$$

*best LNH*

**LINEAR NON-HOMOGENEOUS!**

The linear non-homogeneous estimator is the best estimator when  $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly Gaussian

Linear MSE estimator

Non-homogeneous  $\hat{Y}_{LNH} = \frac{S_Y}{S_X} r_{XY} X + m_Y - am_X$

Homogeneous  $\hat{Y}_{LH} = \frac{E(XY)}{E(X^2)} X$

Orthogonality condition

Non-linear MSE estimator  $\hat{Y}_{NL} = E(Y | X)$

The linear non-homogeneous estimator is the best estimator when  $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly Gaussian



# Thank You!