

Lecture 3: Covariance and Correlation

Related Reading

Bertsekas and Tsitsiklis Sections 4.2 and 4.3

Covariance

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E((X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{(i,j)} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) + \sum_{\{(i,j)|i \neq j\}} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) \quad (3)$$

Correlation Coefficient

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}} \quad (4)$$

$$|\rho(X, Y)| \leq 1 \quad (5)$$

Law of Iterated Expectations:

$$E(E(X|Y)) = E(X) \quad (6)$$

Conditional Expectation

$$E((E(X|Y) - X)|Y) = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$E((E(X|Y) - X)E(X|Y)) = 0 \quad (8)$$

Law of Total Variance:

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(\text{Var}(X|Y)) + \text{Var}(E(X|Y)) \quad (9)$$

Multivariate Normal Distribution

$$M_{Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n}(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) = \exp\left[\sum_{i=1}^n s_i \mu_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n s_i s_j \text{Cov}(Y_i, Y_j)\right] \quad (10)$$

$$f_{Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} \sqrt{\det B}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{y} - \vec{\mu})^T B^{-1}(\vec{y} - \vec{\mu})\right) \quad (11)$$