

Homework 2

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1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X) &= 1P(X=1) + 0P(X=0) \\
 &= 1p \\
 &= p \\
 Var(X) &= E((X - E(X))^2) \\
 &= E(X^2 - 2XE(X) + E(X)^2) \\
 &= E(X^2) - 2E(X)^2 + E(X)^2 \\
 &= E(X^2) - E(X)^2 \\
 &= 1^2P(X=1) + 0^2P(X=0) - p^2 \\
 &= p - p^2
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2.

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X) &= \int_0^1 x dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}x^2 \Big|_0^1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Var(X) &= E(X^2) - E(X)^2 \\
 &= \int_0^1 x^2 dx - \frac{1}{4} \\
 &= \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_0^1 - \frac{1}{4} \\
 &= \frac{1}{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Std(X) &= \sqrt{Var(X)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}
 \end{aligned}$$

3.

When X and Y are discrete:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(aX + bY) &= \sum_x \left[aP(X=x)x + \sum_y bP(Y=y)y \right] \\
 &= \sum_x [aP(X=x)x + bE(Y)] \\
 &= aE(X) + bE(Y)
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When X and Y are continuous:

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 E(aX + bY) &= \int \left[aP(X=x)dx + \int bP(Y=y)dy \right] \\
 &= \int [aP(X=x)dx + bE(Y)] \\
 &= aE(X) + bE(Y)
 \end{aligned}$$

4.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &E[[X - E(X)][Y - E(Y)]] \\
 &= E[XY - XE(Y) - YE(X) + E(X)E(Y)] \\
 &= E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)
 \end{aligned}$$

Because X and Y are independent, so $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$, and thus

$$E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) = 0$$

When X and Y are bound to the same constant, though they are not independent, their covariance is 0.