

6.7 Prove the relationship in (6.45), which relates the pairwise difference between examples in a dataset with the raw-score expression for the variance.

Solution. To prove:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^N (x_i - x_j)^2 &= 2 \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 - \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \right)^2 \right] \\
L.H.S &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^N (x_i - x_j)^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^N x_i^2 + x_j^2 - 2x_i x_j \\
&= \frac{1}{N^2} \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^N x_i^2 \right) + \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^N x_j^2 \right) - \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^N 2x_i x_j \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{N^2} \left(N \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \right) + \frac{1}{N^2} \left(N \sum_{j=1}^N x_j^2 \right) - \frac{2}{N^2} \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^N x_i x_j \right) \\
&= \frac{2}{N} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \right) - \frac{2}{N^2} \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^N x_i x_j \right) \\
&= \frac{2}{N} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \right) - \frac{2}{N^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i \sum_{j=1}^N x_j \right) \\
&= \frac{2}{N} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \right) - \frac{2}{N^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i N \mu \right) \\
&= \frac{2}{N} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \right) - \frac{2\mu}{N} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i \right)
\end{aligned}$$

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&= \frac{2}{N} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \right) - 2\mu \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \right) \\
&= \frac{2}{N} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \right) - 2 \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \right) \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \right) \\
&= \frac{2}{N} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \right) - 2 \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \right)^2 \\
&= 2 \left[\frac{1}{N} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \right) - \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \right)^2 \right] \\
&= R.H.S
\end{aligned}$$

Thus proved.