

HW1

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1.

By Law of Total Probability,

$$P(7 \text{ out of 10 heads}) = P(7 \text{ out of 10 heads} | \text{forged})P(\text{forged}) + P(7 \text{ out of 10 heads} | \text{fair})P(\text{fair})$$

By Baye's Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{forged} | 7 \text{ out of 10 heads}) &= \frac{P(\text{forged} \cap 7 \text{ out of 10 heads})}{P(7 \text{ out of 10 heads})} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{1000} \binom{10}{7} (0.8)^7 (0.2)^3}{\frac{1}{1000} \binom{10}{7} (0.8)^7 (0.2)^3 + \frac{999}{1000} \binom{10}{7} (0.5)^7 (0.5)^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0.00171675$$

2. Denote X-number of boys, Y-number of girls

$P(X = 1) = P(\text{boy is born}) = 1$ because families keep giving birth until boy is born

Then $EX = 1P(X = 1) = 1$

$P(Y = 0) = P(\text{boy}) = P(\text{boy}) = 0.5$ because if boy is born then stop giving birth

$P(Y = n) = P(n \text{ girls then boy}) = P(\text{girl})^n P(\text{boy}) = 0.5^{n+1}$

Then by the Complete Probability Formula:

$$EY = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(Y = n) n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n (0.5)^{n+1} = 1$$

In conclusion there are the same number of boys and girls in the country.

3.a. $X_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$ iff probability density function of X_i is $f_{X_i}(x_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \mu_i)^2}{2\sigma_i^2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X_1}(x_1) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) dx_2 = \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[\left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right) \left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right) + \left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 \right] \right\} dx_2 \end{aligned}$$

Let $y_2 = \frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}$. $dy_2 = dx_2 \frac{1}{\sigma_2}$

$$\dots = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[\left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right) y_2 + y_2^2 + \rho^2 \left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 - \rho^2 \left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \sigma_2 dy_2 = \dots$$

$$\dots = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2} \right\} \right) \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(y_2 + \rho \left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right))^2}{2(1-\rho^2)} \right\} dy_2 \right) \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sqrt{1-\rho^2} \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2} \right\} = \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma_1\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x_1 - \mu_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2} \right\}$$

$$(1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left\{ -\alpha(x+u)^2 \right\} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}$$

Analogously for $f_{X_2}(x_2)$.

3.b. By Baye's Law, (variation of Baye's Law applied to density functions)

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{X_1|X_2=x_2}(x_1) &= \frac{f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2)}{f_{X_2}(x_2)} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right) \left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right) + \left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \dots \\
 \dots / \frac{1}{\sigma_2\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x_2-\mu_2)^2}{2\sigma_2^2} \right\} &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_2}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right) \left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right) + \left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 - (1-\rho^2) \left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 \right] \right\} = \dots \\
 \dots &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right) \left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right) + \left(p \left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 \right) \right] \right\} = \dots \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right) - p \left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right) \right]^2 \right\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\left(x_1 - \left(\mu_1 + \frac{\rho\sigma_1(x_2-\mu_2)}{\sigma_2} \right) \right)^2}{2\sigma_1^2(1-\rho^2)} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $X_1|X_2 = x_2 \sim N \left(\mu_1 + \rho \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} (x_2 - \mu_2), \sigma_1^2 (1 - \rho^2) \right)$

This shows that if X_1, X_2 are Gaussian and $Cov(X_1, X_2) = 0$ then X_1, X_2 are independent.

4. If $Y=0$ then $0 = Cov(X, 0) \leq 0\sigma_X^2 = 0$ and $\rho = 0$

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Otherwise,

Let $Z = X - \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_Y^2} Y$

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 \leq (1)\sigma_Z^2 &\leq Cov \left(X - \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_Y^2} Y, X - \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_Y^2} Y \right) = (2) \sigma_X^2 - 2Cov \left(\frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_Y^2} Y, X \right) + \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_Y^2} \sigma_Y^2 \\
 &= \sigma_X^2 - 2 \frac{Cov(X, Y)^2}{\sigma_Y^2} + \frac{Cov(X, Y)^2}{\sigma_Y^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

(1) variance is non-negative

(2) linearity and homogeneity of covariance

$$Then \text{Cov}(X, Y)^2 \leq \sigma_X^2 \sigma_Y^2 \implies |\text{Cov}(X, Y)| \leq \sigma_X \sigma_Y \implies -1 \leq \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} \leq 1$$

By definition, $-1 \leq \rho \leq 1$

5. a. $\sigma_i \sim Bin(p, 10)$

5.b. $E\sigma_i = np = 10p$.

Let $\{X_j\}_{j=1}^{10}$ be independent bernoulli experiments (independent coin flips are bernoulli experiments).

Then by definition $\sigma_i = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{10}$.

Then $E\sigma_i = EX_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{10} = EX_1 + \dots + EX_n = p + \dots + p = 10p$. (because $\{X_j\}$ i.i.d.)

5.c.

$$2 \exp \left\{ -\frac{2(1000)\epsilon^2}{(10-0)^2} \right\} = 2 \exp \{-20\epsilon^2\} \leq 0.05$$

$$\implies 20\epsilon^2 \geq -\ln(0.025) \implies \epsilon \geq \sqrt{\frac{-\ln(0.025)}{20}}$$

$$Then \epsilon_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{-\ln(0.025)}{20}} \approx 0.4295$$

6. Let $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^n$ be events in a probability space and P a probability function.

Notice that $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \left[A_i \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{i-1} A_j \right]$ from basic set theory and $\left\{ A_i \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{i-1} A_j \right\}_{i=1}^n$ are disjoint events.

Claim If $\{B_i\}_{i=1}^n$ pairwise-disjoint events then $P \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(B_i)$

Proof Base case: $n=1$ trivial

$n=2$:

By Inclusion-Exclusion Formula $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$ for events A, B .

Then if A, B are disjoint $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$.

Assume induction hypothesis for n and induce for $n+1$.

$$P \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} B_i \cup B_n \right) = P \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} B_i \right) + P(B_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} P(B_i) + P(B_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(B_i)$$

QED

By claim, $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n \left[A_i \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{i-1} A_j\right]\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P\left(\left[A_i \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{i-1} A_j\right]\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$
because if $A \subset B \implies P(A) \leq P(B)$.