

Introduction to Data Science CS61

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Lesson 4: Statistics

Lesson 4.1: Covariance & Correlation



Outline

- Covariance
- Properties of Covariance
- Correlation Coefficient
- Properties of Correlation



Univariate and Bivariate data

- We examined a single variable
 - Univariate data
 - Mean, Median, Mode, Standard Deviation, Variance
- Now we will examine 2 variables
 - Bivariate data
 - Covariance, Correlation
 - Regression



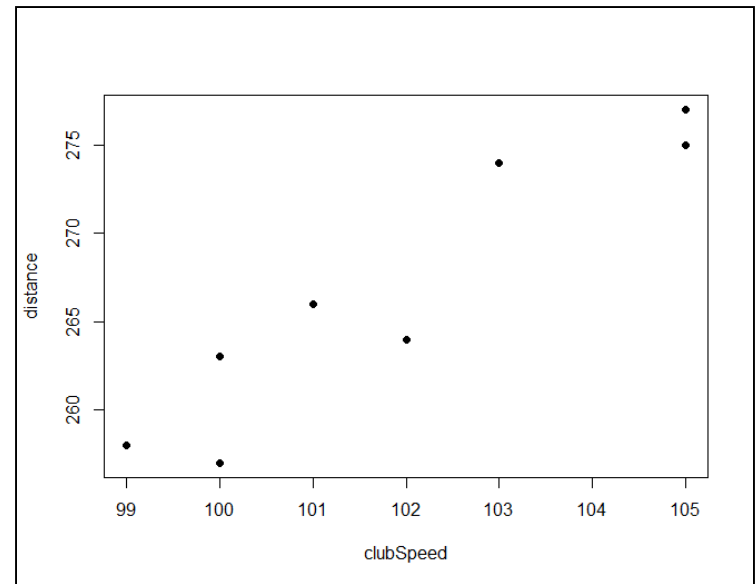
Bivariate Variables

- Variables
 - Response variables
 - Explanatory or predictor variable
- Response variable
 - Whose value can be explained by the explanatory variable or predictor variable

Scatter Plot

- How to graphically represent bivariate data
- A scatter diagram is a graph that shows the relationship between 2 quantitative variables on the same individual

Club-head speed (mph)	Distance (yards)
100	257
102	264
103	274
101	266
105	277
100	263
99	258
105	275





Covariance



Covariance - Definition

- Covariance
 - The covariance measures the direction of the linear relationship between two quantitative variables.
 - If the values of x and y become large or small, the covariance coefficient will also become large or small

Data : $\{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)\}$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = S_{xy} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{(n - 1)}$$

Covariance

Example 1

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = S_{xy} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{(n - 1)}$$

	X	Y		Deviation in X	Deviation in Y	Product	
1	6	5		6 - 14 = -8	5 - 7 = -2	-8 * -2 = 16	
2	10	3		10 - 14 = -4	3 - 7 = -4	-4 * -4 = 16	
3	14	7		14 - 14 = 0	7 - 7 = 0	0 * 0 = 0	
4	19	8		19 - 14 = 5	8 - 7 = 1	5 * 1 = 5	
5	21	12		21 - 14 = 7	12 - 7 = 5	7 * 5 = 35	
Mean	14	7		Add up the products = 16 + 16 + 0 + 5 + 35 = 72			
				Divide by (n-1) = (5 - 1) = 4			
	Covariance	18		Cov=72/4=18			

Property of Covariance

$$\text{Cov}(a + bX, c + dY) = bd\text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

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1		X	Y		X*5	Y		X*5	Y*10
2		6	5		30	5		30	50
3		10	3		50	3		50	30
4		14	7		70	7		70	70
5		19	8		95	8		95	80
6		21	12		105	12		105	120
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8		Covariance(X,Y)	18.000		Covariance(X*5,Y)	90.000		Covariance(X*5,Y*10)	900.000
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11									
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13									



Covariance

- Covariance, unlike correlation, doesn't have to be between -1 and 1.
- Covariance doesn't give us a real sense of how negatively they are
 - If X and Y have large values, the covariance will be large as well
 - If suppose covariance is -100, it doesn't give us a real sense of how negatively related they are



Correlation



Correlation - Definition

- The correlation measures the strength and direction of the linear relationship between two quantitative variables.
- Correlation is usually written as “r”
 - ‘r’ can vary between -1 and 1

Total data points = n

x values : \bar{x} is the mean, σ_x is the standard deviation

y values : \bar{y} is the mean, σ_y is the standard deviation

$$r = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})(y - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2 \sum (y - \bar{y})^2}} = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})(y - \bar{y})}{(n - 1)\sigma_x \sigma_y}$$



Covariance & Correlation

■ Covariance

Data : $\{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)\}$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = S_{xy} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{(n - 1)}$$

■ Correlation

$$r = \frac{S_{xy}}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$$

σ_x = Standard Deviation for x

σ_y = Standard Deviation for y

$\rho(\text{rho})$ = population correlation

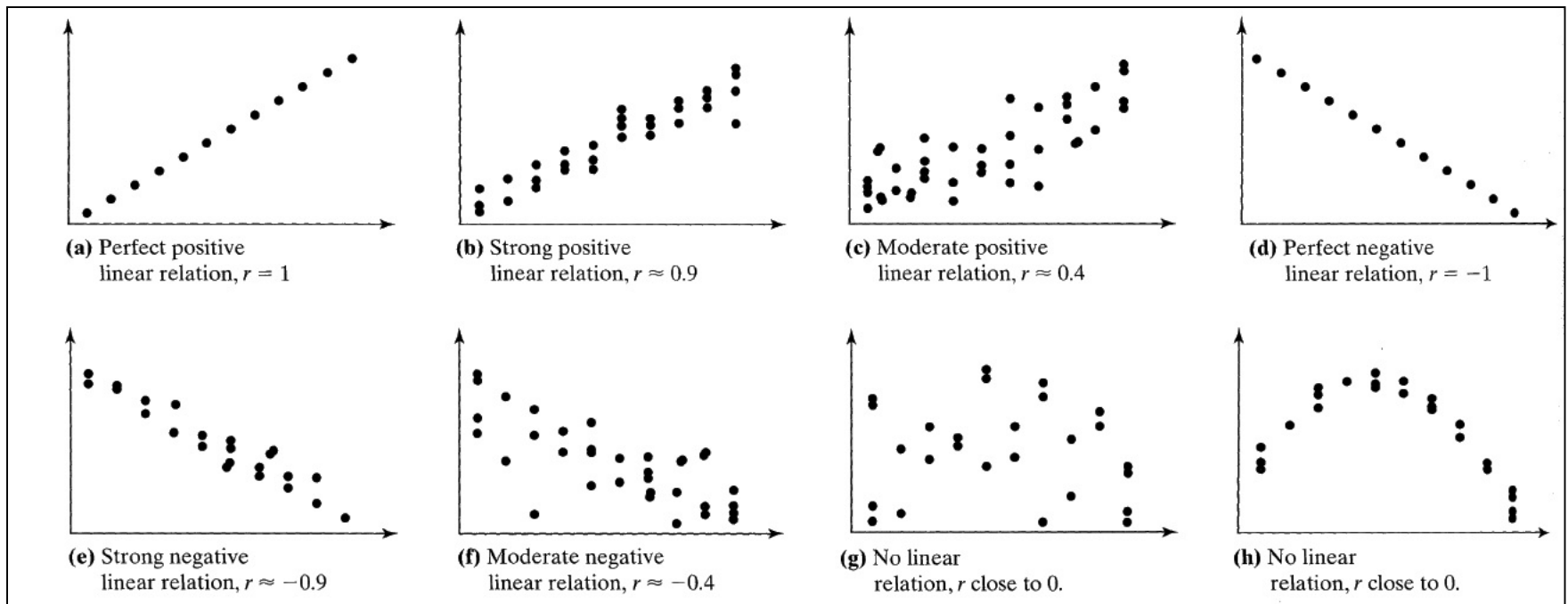
r = sample correlation

Correlation Example 1

$$r = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})(y - \bar{y})}{(n - 1)\sigma_x \sigma_y}$$

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4	19	8		19 - 14 = 5	8 - 7 = 1	5 * 1 = 5	
5	21	12		21 - 14 = 7	12 - 7 = 5	7 * 5 = 35	
Mean	14	7		Add up the products = 16 + 16 + 0 + 5 + 35 = 72			
Standard Dev	6.20	3.39		Divide by (n-1) * σ_x * σ_y = (5 - 1) * 6.20 * 3.39 = 84.07			
	Correlation	0.855		r = 72/84.07 = 0.855			

Correlation - Values





Properties of the Correlation Coefficient

- Unlike covariance, correlation varies between -1 and 1
 - $-1 \leq r \leq 1$
 - $r > 0$
 - If y increases as x increases
 - $r < 0$
 - If y decreases as x increases
 - The more x and y are linearly related
 - The closer r will be to -1 or 1

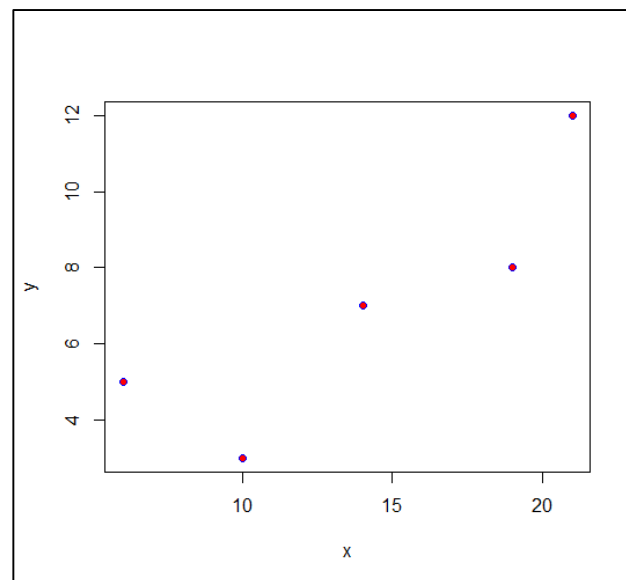
Property of Correlation

$$\text{Corr}(a + bX, c + dY) = \text{sign}(bd)\text{Corr}(X, Y)$$

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1		X	Y		X*5	Y		X*5	Y*10
2		6	5		30	5		30	50
3		10	3		50	3		50	30
4		14	7		70	7		70	70
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Covariance and Correlation in R

```
> x <- c(6,10,14,19,21)
> y <- c(5,3,7,8,12)
> plot(x,y,pch=21,col="blue",bg="red")
> #####
> mean(x)
[1] 14
> mean(y)
[1] 7
> sd(x)
[1] 6.204837
> sd(y)
[1] 3.391165
> cov(x,y)
[1] 18
> cor(x,y)
[1] 0.8554472
>
> cov(x,y)/(sd(x)*sd(y))
[1] 0.8554472
> #####
> cov(5*x,10*y)
[1] 900
> cor(5*x,10*y)
[1] 0.8554472
>
```



Correlation: Python Pandas + Numpy

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
#####
# Correlation + Covariance in Pandas
#
df1 = pd.DataFrame({'A':[6,10,14,19,21], 'B':[5,3,7,8,12]})
df1
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Out[70]:

	A	B
0	6	5
1	10	3
2	14	7
3	19	8
4	21	12

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df1.corr()
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Out[71]:

	A	B
A	1.000000	0.855447
B	0.855447	1.000000

```
df1.cov()
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Out[72]:

	A	B
A	38.5	18.0
B	18.0	11.5

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
#####
# Correlation + Covariance in Numpy
#
Alist = [6,10,14,19,21]
Blist =[5,3,7,8,12]
Aarray = np.array(Alist)
Barray = np.array(Blist)

np.corrcoef(Aarray,Barray)
Out[80]:
array([[ 1.          ,  0.85544722],
       [ 0.85544722,  1.          ]])

np.cov(Aarray,Barray)
Out[81]:
array([[ 38.5,  18. ],
       [ 18. ,  11.5]])
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Linear Relationship

- If the correlation between 2 variables is high (close to $+1$ or -1)
 - We can conclude that there is a linear relationship between 2 variables



Correlation and Causation

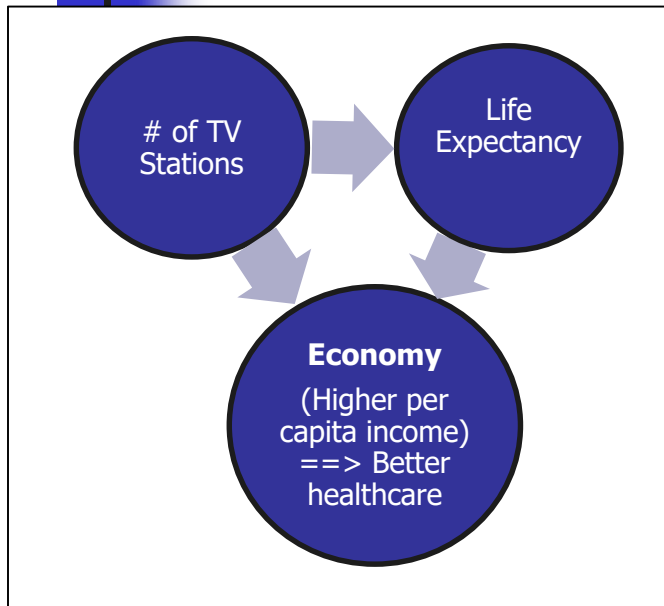
- If 2 variables are correlated
 - We cannot conclude that they have casual relationship
- Lurking variable
 - Third variable that explains the relationship
 - Ac bill goes up, crime rate goes up
 - Ac bill and crime data is highly correlated
 - Lurking variable – temperature
 - Temperature goes up, Ac bill goes up
 - Temperature goes up, crime rate goes up
 - Now it makes sense



Correlation and Causation

37. Television Stations and Life Expectancy Based on data obtained from the *CIA World Factbook*, the linear correlation coefficient between the number of television stations in a country and the life expectancy of residents of the country is 0.599. What does this correlation imply? Do you believe that the more television stations a country has, the longer its population can expect to live? Why or why not? What is a likely lurking variable between number of televisions and life expectancy?

Correlation and Causation



- The correlation between 'number of TV stations' and 'Life Expectancy' is 0.599. This means that as the number of TV stations will increase, life expectancy will also increase.
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- However, correlation does not imply causation. By adding more number of TV stations will not increase life expectancy.
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- There is a lurking variable here which is 'Economy'.
 - If economy improves,
 - number of TV stations will also increase.
 - As economy improves,
 - this will lead to higher per capita income,
 - which will lead to better health care,
 - which will lead to higher life expectancy.



Summary

- Covariance
- Properties of Covariance
- Correlation Coefficient
- Properties of Correlation