

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be jointly distributed r.v's with pmf  $p(x,y)$  or pdf  $f(x,y)$  according to whether the variables are discrete or continuous. Then the expected value of a function  $h(x,y)$ , denoted by  $E[h(x,y)]$ , is given by

$$E[h(x,y)] = \begin{cases} \sum_x \left( \sum_y h(x,y) \cdot p(x,y) \right) & \text{if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x,y) \cdot f(x,y) dx dy & \text{if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are continuous.} \end{cases}$$

The covariance between two r.v's  $X$  and  $Y$  is

$$\text{Cov}(X,Y) = E[(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))]$$

$$\begin{cases} \sum_x \sum_y (x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y) p(x,y) & X, Y = \text{discrete.} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y) f(x,y) dx dy & X, Y = \text{continuous.} \end{cases}$$

$$(*) \text{ Cov}(X,Y) = E(XY) - \mu_x \cdot \mu_y$$

### Correlation

The correlation coefficient of  $X$  and  $Y$ , denoted by  $\text{Corr}(X,Y)$ ,  $\rho_{X,Y}$  or just  $\rho$ , is defined by

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X,Y)}{\sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Y}$$

# Proposition

1. If 'a' and 'c' are either both positive or both negative

$$\text{Corr}(ax+bs, cx+d) = \text{Corr}(X, Y).$$

2. For any two r.v.s X and Y,  $-1 \leq \text{Corr}(X, Y) \leq 1$ .

3. If X and Y are independent, then  $\rho_{X,Y} = 0$   
but converse not true.

4.  $\rho_{X,Y} = 1$  or  $-1$  if and only if  $Y = ax + b$   
for some nos. a & b with  $a \neq 0$ .

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))]$$

Eg. An instructor has given a short quiz consisting of two parts. For a randomly selected student, let X = the number of points earned on the 1st part and Y = the number of points earned on the 2nd part. Suppose that the joint pmf of X and Y is given in the table

		Y			
P(X, Y)		0	5	10	15
X	0	0.02	0.06	0.02	0.1
	5	0.04	0.15	0.2	0.1
	10	0.01	0.15	0.14	0.01
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$$\frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \rho_{X,Y}$$



a) If the score recorded in the grade book is the total no. of points earned on the two parts, what is the expected recorded score  $E(X+Y)$ ?

$$\text{let } h(x, y) = x + y$$

$$E[h(x, y)] = \sum_x \sum_y (x+y) \cdot p(x, y)$$

$$= (0+0) \cdot 0.02 + (0+5) \cdot 0.06 + (0+10) \cdot 0.02 + (0+15) \cdot 0.12 + \dots + (10+10) \cdot 0.14 + (10+15) \cdot 0.01 = 14.1$$

(b) If the max<sup>m</sup> of the two scores is recorded, what is the expected recorded score?

$$E[\underbrace{\max(x, y)}_{h(x, y)}] = \sum_x \sum_y h(x, y) p(x, y)$$

$$= \max(0, 0) \cdot 0.02 + \max(0, 5) \cdot 0.06 + \dots + \max(10, 10) \cdot 0.14 + \max(10, 15) \cdot 0.06 = 9.6$$

(c) Covariance for X and Y

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

$$= \sum xy p(x, y) - \left[ \left( \sum x P_X(x) \right) \left( \sum y P_Y(y) \right) \right]$$

$$E(X) = \sum x P_X(x) = 0(0.02 + 0.06 + 0.02 + 0.1) + 5(0.04 + 0.15 + 0.2 + 0.1) + 10(0.01 + 0.15 + 0.01 + 0.14) = 5.55$$

$$E(Y) = \sum y P_Y(y) = 8.55$$

$$E(XY) = \sum xy p(x, y) = 0.0 \cdot (0.02) + 0.5 \cdot (0.06) + \dots + 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 0.14 + 10 \cdot 15 \cdot 0.01$$

$$= 44.25$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 44.25 - 5.55(8.55) = -3.2025 //$$



(d) Correlation for  $X$  and  $Y$

$$\rho = \text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sigma_X^2 &= \sum (x - \mu)^2 p_X(x) \\ &= (0 - 5.55)^2 (0.02 + 0.06 + 0.02 + 0.1) + \\ &\quad (5 - 5.55)^2 (0.04 + 0.15 + 0.2 + 0.1) + (10 - 5.55)^2 (0.01 + 0.15 + 0.14 + 0.01) \\ &= 12.4475 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_X = \sqrt{\sigma_X^2} = \sqrt{12.4475} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sigma_Y^2 &= \sum (y - \mu)^2 p_Y(y) = (0 - 8.55)^2 (0.02 + 0.04 + 0.01) + \dots \\ &= 19.1475 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_Y = \sqrt{\sigma_Y^2} = 19.1475$$

$$\rho = \frac{-3.2025}{\sqrt{12.4475} \sqrt{19.1475}} \approx -0.2074$$

35. (a) Show that  $\text{Cov}(ax+b, cY+d) = ac \text{Cov}(X, Y)$ .

$$\text{Cov}(ax+b, cY+d) = E([ax+b] \cdot [cY+d]) - E(ax+b) \cdot E(cY+d)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= E(acXY + adX + bcY + bd) - (aE(X) + b)(cE(Y) + d) \\ &= acE(XY) + adE(X) + bcE(Y) + bd - (acE(X)E(Y) + adE(X) + bcE(Y) + bd) \\ &= ac(E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)) \\ &= ac \text{Cov}(X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

(b) Show that  $\text{Corr}(ax+b, cY+d) = \text{Corr}(X, Y)$ .

$$\text{Corr}(ax+b, cY+d) = \frac{\text{Cov}(ax+b, cY+d)}{\sigma_{ax+b} \cdot \sigma_{cY+d}} = \frac{ac \text{Cov}(X, Y)}{|a| \sigma_X |c| \sigma_Y} = \text{Corr}(X, Y)$$

$$= \frac{ac}{|ac|} \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Y} = \text{Corr}(X, Y)$$

(e) If  $a$  and  $c$  has opposite sign, then

$$\text{Corr}(ax+b, cy+d) = -\text{Corr}(X, Y).$$

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$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, ax+b)}{\sigma_X \sigma_{ax+b}}$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[XY] - E(X) \cdot E(Y)$$

$$= E[ax^2 + bx] - E(X) \cdot E[ax+b]$$

$$= aE(x^2) + bE(x) - a(E(x))^2 - bE(x)$$

$$= a[E(x^2) - (E(x))^2]$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, ax+b) = a \sigma_X^2$$

$$\therefore \text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{a \sigma_X^2}{\sigma_X \cdot |a| \sigma_X} = \frac{a \sigma_X^2}{|a| \sigma_X^2} = \pm 1.$$