

Week 13

4.4: Mixture & Hierarchical models (Cont.)

Theorem: If  $X$  and  $Y$  are any RV's, then

$$E[X] = E[E[X|Y]]$$

provided that the expectations exist.  
(“law of iterated expectation”)

Proof: Suppose  $(X,Y) \sim f_{X,Y}(x,y)$  - continuous setting, then

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \iint_X x f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy \\ &= \iint_X x f_{X|Y}(x|y) f_Y(y) dx dy \\ &= \int \left( \int x f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx \right) f_Y(y) dy \\ &= \int E[X|Y=y] f_{Y=y} dy \\ &= E[E[X|Y]]. \end{aligned}$$

Def: A RV  $X$  is said to have a **mixture dist.** if the dist. of  $X$  depends on a quantity that is also random, e.g. (Poisson-Binomial mixture)

$$\begin{array}{ll} X|Y \sim \text{Binomial}(Y, p) & \text{mixture of Binomial distributions} \\ Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda) & \text{mixing distribution given by pattern} \end{array}$$

Ex: Let  $Y \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ ;  $p|Y=0 = p_0$   
 $X|Y=0 \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_0, \sigma_0^2)$   
 $X|Y=1 \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} P(X=x) &= P(X=x, Y=0) + P(X=x, Y=1) \\ &= P(Y=0)P(X=x|Y=0) + P(Y=1)P(X=x|Y=1) \\ &= p F_{\text{Normal}(\mu_0, \sigma_0^2)}(x) + (1-p) F_{\text{Normal}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)}(x) \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating w.r.t.  $x$ :

$$f_X(x) = p f_{\text{Normal}(\mu_0, \sigma_0^2)}(x) + (1-p) f_{\text{Normal}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)}(x)$$

The RHS is the pdf of a mixture of normal distribution:



Adding more “models” to obtain interesting complex distributions:

Prop:

Suppose  $Y \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ ,  $P(Y=i) = p_i$ ,  $i=1, \dots, K$   
and  $X|Y=i \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$   
then

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \sum_{i=1}^K p_i f_{\text{Normal}(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)}(x) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^K p_i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_i^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_i^2}(x-\mu_i)^2\right) \end{aligned}$$

(a mixture of  $K$  normal components)

If a prob. dist. for  $X$  may be obtained by multiple stages of cond. dist.'s, then we obtain a **hierarchical model**:

Ex: Let

$$\begin{array}{l} X \sim \text{Binomial}(Y, p) \quad (\# surviving eggs) \\ Y|A \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda) \quad (\# eggs laid) \\ A \sim \text{Exponential}(\rho) \end{array}$$

The randomness of  $A$  captures the variation across the (infect) mothers

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(X=n) &= \int P(X=n|Y=y) \\ &= \int \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} P(X=n|Y=y) P(Y=y) \\ \forall y \in \mathbb{N}, P(Y=y) &= P(Y=y, 0 < A < \infty) \\ &= \int P(Y=y|A=a) f_A(a) da \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^\infty e^{-x} \frac{x^k}{k!} \frac{1}{p} e^{-\lambda p} d\lambda \\
&= \frac{1}{p k!} \int_0^\infty x^k e^{-x(1+\lambda p)} d\lambda \\
&= \frac{1}{p k!} \Gamma(k+1) \left(\frac{\lambda}{1+p}\right)^{k+1} \\
&= \frac{1}{1+p} \left(\frac{\lambda}{1+p}\right)^k
\end{aligned}$$

So  $Y \sim \text{NegBinom}(p = \frac{1}{1+p}, r=1)$   
(geometric)

Hence, the three-stage hierarchical model is equivalent mixture via  $(X|Y)$  ( $\lambda$  integrated out):

$$Y \sim \text{NegBinom}(p = \frac{1}{1+p}, r=1)$$

$$X|Y \sim \text{Binomial}(Y, p)$$

**Two-Stage Variance Formulae:** For any two RV's  $X, Y$ ,

$$\text{Var}X = E[\text{Var}(X|Y)] + \text{Var}[E(X|Y)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P: \text{Recall } \text{Var}X = E(X^2) - E^2X \\
\Rightarrow \text{Var}(X|Y) = E(X^2|Y) - E^2X|Y \quad (1) \\
\text{where } E(E(X|Y)) = E(X) \\
\Rightarrow E(\text{Var}(X|Y)) = E(X^2) - E(E(X|Y))^2 \quad (2) \\
\text{Var}(E(X|Y)) = E(E(X|Y))^2 - \underbrace{(E(E(X|Y)))^2}_{\text{Var}X} \quad (3) \\
\text{Thus } \text{Var}X = (1) + (2) = (2)
\end{aligned}$$

**Ex (Beta-Binomial identity):** Let  $X|B \sim \text{Binomial}(n, \theta)$ ,  $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(1, \beta)$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Then } P(X=x) &= \int P(X=x|\theta) f_\theta(\theta) d\theta \\
&= \int_0^1 \theta^x (1-\theta)^{n-x} f_\theta(\theta) d\theta \\
&= \int_0^1 \frac{\binom{n}{x} \theta^x (1-\theta)^{n-x} \wedge (\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\beta)} \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1} d\theta \\
&\stackrel{?}{=} \binom{n}{x} \frac{\wedge (\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\beta)} \int \theta^{2\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\alpha+\beta-n-1} d\theta \\
&= \frac{n!}{\prod_{i=1}^n i!} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+2) \wedge (\alpha+\beta) \wedge (\alpha+2\alpha+2)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1) \Gamma(\beta+1) \wedge \dots \wedge \Gamma(n+\alpha+\beta+1)} \\
&= \frac{n!}{\prod_{i=1}^n i!} \frac{\alpha^2 \alpha^3 \dots \alpha^n \wedge (\alpha+\beta) \wedge (\alpha+2\alpha+2) \dots \wedge (\alpha+n+\beta+1)}{\alpha^0 \alpha^1 \dots \alpha^n \wedge (\alpha+\beta) \wedge (\alpha+2\alpha+2) \dots \wedge (\alpha+n+\beta+1)}
\end{aligned}$$

Direct calculation of  $E(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$  possible but quite complicated

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Now: } E(X) &= E(E(X|B)) \\
&\stackrel{?}{=} E(\theta) \\
&= \alpha \beta \\
&= \frac{\alpha n}{\alpha+\beta}
\end{aligned}$$

#### 4.3: covariance and correlation

Let  $(X, Y)$  be a bivariate vector  $\{C(X, Y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$

$$\text{e.g. } C(X, Y) = (C(X|Y), C(Y|X))$$

Want to have standardize

"if  $X \uparrow$  then  $Y \uparrow$  & vice versa"

$$\boxed{\text{Def (covariance): } \text{cov}(X, Y) := E((X - E(X))(Y - E(Y)))}$$

Remarks: - If  $X = Y$ , then  $\text{cov}(X, X) \equiv \text{var}(X) = E(X - EX)^2$

- If  $EX = EY = 0$  then  $\text{cov}(X, Y) = E(XY)$

$$\boxed{\text{Correlation: } \text{corr}(X, Y) := \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X)} \sqrt{\text{var}(Y)}}}$$

i.e.  $\text{corr}(X, Y)$  is covariance of standardized version of  $X$  and  $Y$

$$\text{Proof: Let } X' = \frac{X - EX}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X)}}, Y' = \frac{Y - EY}{\sqrt{\text{var}(Y)}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } \sum_{i=1}^n X'_i Y'_i &= 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n Y'_i Y'_i &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By defn: } \text{corr}(X, Y) &= \text{cov}(X', Y') \\ &= E(X' Y') \\ &= E \frac{(X - EX)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X)}} \frac{(Y - EY)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(Y)}} \\ &= E(X - EX)(Y - EY) \\ &\quad \sqrt{\text{var}(X)} \sqrt{\text{var}(Y)} \\ &= \text{cov}(X, Y). \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Then: } \text{cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - EX(Y)}$$

$$\boxed{\text{If } X \perp Y \text{ then } \text{cov}(X, Y) = \text{corr}(X, Y) = 0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } \text{cov}(X, Y) &= E((X - EX)(Y - EY)) \\ &= E(XY - X(EY) - Y(Ex) + EX(EY)) \\ &\quad \text{L.O.E} \\ &= E(XY) - (EX)(EY) - (EY)(EX) + EX(EY) \\ &= E(XY) - (EX)(EY) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Remarks: - generalizes  $\text{var}(X) = E(X^2) - E^2(X)$

- conversely,  $\text{cov}(X, Y) = 0$  does not imply  $X \perp Y$   
(unless  $(X, Y)$  is bivariate normal. See later)

then:   $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\boxed{V(aX + bY) = a^2 \text{var}(X) + b^2 \text{var}(Y) + 2ab \text{cov}(X, Y)}$$

Remarks: It can be shown that

$$\boxed{|\text{cov}(X, Y)| \leq \sqrt{\text{var}(X)} \sqrt{\text{var}(Y)}}$$

then: If  $\text{var}(X) \text{ var}(Y) \neq 0$ , then

$$\boxed{-1 \leq \text{corr}(X, Y) \leq 1}$$

If  $\text{corr}(X, Y) = 1 \Rightarrow \text{cov}(X, Y) = \sqrt{\text{var}(X)} \sqrt{\text{var}(Y)}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} V(aX + bY) &= a^2 V(X) + 2a \text{cov}(X, Y) + b^2 V(Y) \\ &= a^2 \text{var}(X) + 2a \sqrt{\text{var}(X)} \sqrt{\text{var}(Y)} + b^2 \text{var}(Y) \\ &= (a \sqrt{\text{var}(X)} + b \sqrt{\text{var}(Y)})^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{For } A = -\sqrt{\text{var}(Y)} / \sqrt{\text{var}(X)}, \text{ then } A^2 \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow V(aX + bY) &= 0 \Rightarrow aX + bY = \text{const.} \\ &\quad \text{V}(\text{const}) = 0 \text{ (w prob. 1)} \end{aligned}$$

THEM: Suppose  $\text{Var}(X) > 0$ ,  $\text{Var}(Y) > 0$ .

(i) If  $\text{corr}(X, Y) = 1$ , then there are constants  $b > 0$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

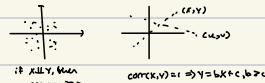
$$Y = bX + c \text{ w/ prob. 1}$$

(ii) If  $\text{corr}(X, Y) = -1$ , then

$$Y = bX + c \text{ w/ prob. 1}$$

for some constants  $b \neq 0, c$ .

REMARKS:



$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } X, Y, Y|X \\ \text{corr}(X, Y) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{corr}(X, Y) = 0 \\ \text{corr}(X, Y) = -1 \end{aligned}$$

EX: If  $\text{corr}(X, Y) \approx 1$  (so  $Y \approx bX + c$ ,  $b > 0$ )

$$\text{corr}(X, Y) \approx 1 \Leftrightarrow Y \approx bX + c, b > 0$$

Let  $X \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ ,  $Z \perp\!\!\!\perp X$

$$Z \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$$

$$Y = X + Z$$

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

$$= E(X+Z) - E(X)(E(X+Z))$$

$$= EX^2 + EZ - (EX)(EX+EZ) = 0$$

$$Z \perp\!\!\!\perp X \Rightarrow EZ = 0$$

$$= EX^2 - EX^2 = 0$$

$$= 0 = 0$$

$$\text{Hence, } \text{corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X)}\sqrt{\text{var}(Y)}} = \frac{0}{\sqrt{1}\sqrt{1}} = 0$$

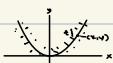
$$= \frac{0}{\sqrt{1+1}} = \left(\frac{0}{2}\right)^{1/2} = 0$$

REMARK:  $\text{corr}(X, Y) = 0$  does not imply  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$ .

EX: Let  $X \sim \text{Unif}(-1, 1)$

$$Z \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$$

$$Y = X + Z$$



$$\text{THEN } \text{cov}(X, Y) = E(Y) - E(X)E(Y)$$

$$= E(X^2 + Z) - (EX)(E(X+Z))$$

$$= EX^2 + EZ - (EX)(EX+EZ) - (EX)(EZ)$$

$$= EX^2 - EX^2 = 0$$

Since  $X$  symmetric around 0

$$= 0 - 0 = 0$$

Bivariate Normal Distribution

DEF:  $\mathbf{z} = (X, Y) \sim N(\mu, \Sigma) \mid \Sigma \text{ positive definite, symmetric, } \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = f_{\mathbf{z}}(x, y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2 |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{z} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{z} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\} \quad (1)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1, \mu_2)^\top, \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \text{mean vector}, \Sigma = \text{covariance matrix of } \mathbf{z}: \begin{cases} E\mathbf{z} = \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ \text{cov}\mathbf{z} = \Sigma \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{u}, \text{ means } E\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ to } \begin{cases} E\mathbf{u} = 0 \\ E\mathbf{u}^\top = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{cov}\mathbf{z} = \Sigma \text{ means } E[(\mathbf{z} - E\mathbf{z})(\mathbf{z} - E\mathbf{z})^\top] = \Sigma$$

$$\Leftrightarrow E \begin{pmatrix} x - E\mu \\ y - E\mu \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x - E\mu \\ y - E\mu \end{pmatrix}^\top = \Sigma$$

$$\Leftrightarrow E \begin{pmatrix} (x - \mu_1)^2 & (x - \mu_1)(y - \mu_2) \\ (y - \mu_2)(x - \mu_1) & (y - \mu_2)^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \Sigma_{11} = \text{var} X \\ \Sigma_{22} = \text{var} Y \\ \Sigma_{12} = \Sigma_{21} = \text{cov}(X, Y) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{where } \text{cov} \mathbf{z} = E[(\mathbf{z} - E\mathbf{z})(\mathbf{z} - E\mathbf{z})^\top]$$

a remarkable property of the normal dist.

due to the identities:

$$\text{if } f_{\text{univ}}(x_1, x_2) = f_{\text{bivariate}}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi \sigma_x^2 \sigma_y^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (x_1 - \mu_1)^2 \Sigma^{-1} (x_2 - \mu_2)^2 \right\}$$

then:

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_{\text{univ}}(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2 &= 1 \\ \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} x_1 f_{\text{univ}}(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2 &= \mu_1 \\ \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} x_2 f_{\text{univ}}(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2 &= \mu_2 \\ \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} (x_1 - \mu_1)(x_2 - \mu_2)^2 f_{\text{univ}}(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2 &= \Sigma \end{aligned}$$

remark: focuses on identities for (multivariate) normal dist.

translating M into univariate forms (don't need to remember):

$$\begin{aligned} |\Sigma| &= \begin{vmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{vmatrix} = \Sigma_{11} \Sigma_{22} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{21} \\ &= \sigma_x^2 \sigma_y^2 - \rho \sigma_x \sigma_y \quad (\text{where } \text{cov}(X, Y) = \rho \sigma_x \sigma_y) \\ &= \sigma_x^2 \sigma_y^2 (1 - \rho^2) \\ \text{where } \rho_{xy} &= \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} = \text{corr}(X, Y) \\ \mu &= (\mu_1, \mu_2)^T \equiv (\mu_X, \mu_Y)^T \\ \Sigma^{-1} &= \frac{1}{|\Sigma|} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \\ -\Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} A \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma_x^2 \sigma_y^2 (1 - \rho^2)} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{yy} & -\sigma_{xy} \\ -\sigma_{yx} & \sigma_{xx} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \rho^2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sigma_{yy}}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} & -\frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} \\ -\frac{\sigma_{yx}}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} & \frac{\sigma_{xx}}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} \end{pmatrix} \\ \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T (x - \mu) &= \frac{1}{2(1 - \rho^2)} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma_x^2} (x - \mu_1)^2 - \frac{2 \sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} (\mu_X - \mu_1)(\mu_Y - \mu_2) + \frac{1}{\sigma_y^2} (y - \mu_2)^2 \right\} \\ \text{where } 2\rho_{xy} &= \left( \frac{\mu_X - \mu_1}{\sigma_x} \right) \left( \frac{\mu_Y - \mu_2}{\sigma_y} \right) = \frac{2 \sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} (\mu_X - \mu_1)(\mu_Y - \mu_2) \end{aligned}$$

hence,

$$f_{\text{univ}}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \sigma_x \sigma_y (1 - \rho^2)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1 - \rho^2)} \left[ \left( \frac{x - \mu_1}{\sigma_x} \right)^2 - 2\rho_{xy} \left( \frac{x - \mu_1}{\sigma_x} \right) \left( \frac{y - \mu_2}{\sigma_y} \right) + \left( \frac{y - \mu_2}{\sigma_y} \right)^2 \right] \right\}$$

then if  $\text{cov}(X, Y) = 0$  and  
 $(X, Y) \sim \text{bivariate Normal}$   
then  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$

$P_1: \text{cov}(X, Y) = 0 \Rightarrow \rho_{xy} = 0$   
from  $(X, Y)$ ,  $f_{\text{univ}}(x_1, x_2)$  factorizes into  
a product of  $f_{\text{univ}}(x_1)$  and  $f_{\text{univ}}(x_2)$ .

Facts: if  $Z = (X, Y)^T \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$   $\left| \begin{array}{l} \mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2)^T \\ \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right.$

then the marginal of  $X$  and  $Y$  are normal too:

$$\begin{aligned} X &\sim N(\mu_1, \Sigma_{11}) \\ Y &\sim N(\mu_2, \Sigma_{22}) \\ \text{and } \text{cov}(X, Y) &= \Sigma_{12} = \Sigma_{21} \end{aligned}$$

the conditional distributions are also normal:

$$Y|X=x \sim N(E(Y|X=x), \text{var}(Y|X=x))$$

$$\text{where } E(Y|X=x) = \mu_2 + \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} (x - \mu_1)$$

$$\text{var}(Y|X=x) = \Sigma_{22} - \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \Sigma_{12}$$