

Computation with Variances:

Random variable X (continuous)

$$E[X] = \int x f(x) dx \quad \text{with } f(x) \text{ density of } X$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = \int (x - E(x))^2 f(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}[a \cdot x] &= \int a^2 (x - E(x))^2 f(x) dx \\ &= a^2 \int (x - E(x))^2 f(x) dx \\ &= a^2 \cdot \text{var}(x)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{var}(X+Y) = \text{var}(x) + \text{var}(Y) + 2 \text{cov}(x, Y)$$

$$\text{cov}(x, Y+Z) = \text{cov}(x, Y) + \text{cov}(x, Z)$$