

1. Covariance of X, Y

- A measure of how well X and Y vary together
- We are often interested in two or more random variables at the same time
- Consider the following examples:
 - The relationship between height and weight
 - The frequency of exercise and the rate of heart disease
 - Air pollution levels and rate of respiratory illness

2. Covariance computation from joint pdf

- Let's say we are given the following information
- Let X and Y be continuous random variables with joint pdf

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = 3x, \quad 0 \leq y \leq x \leq 1,$$

and zero otherwise.

- Compute Covariance of X, Y

$$\text{Cov}_{f_{X,Y}}[X, Y] = \underbrace{E_{f_{X,Y}}[XY]}_{\text{Expected Value of XY with joint probability density function (pdf), f of X,Y}} - \underbrace{E_{f_X}[X]}_{\text{Expected value of X with pdf, f of X}} \underbrace{E_{f_Y}[Y]}_{\text{Expected value of Y with pdf, f of Y}}$$

Expected Value of XY with joint probability density function (pdf), f of X,Y

Expected value of X with pdf, f of X

- Expected value of Y with pdf, f of Y

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy = \int_0^x 3x dy = 3x^2, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1,$$

$$E_{f_X}[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx = \int_0^1 x \times 3x^2 dx = \left[\frac{3}{4} x^4 \right]_0^1 = \frac{3}{4},$$

2.

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx = \int_y^1 3x dx = \left[\frac{3}{2} x^2 \right]_y^1 = \frac{3}{2} (1 - y^2), \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1,$$

$$E_{f_Y}[Y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y) dy = \int_0^1 y \times \frac{3}{2} (1 - y^2) dy = \left[\frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{y^4}{4} \right) \right]_0^1 = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{3}{8},$$

3.

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{f_{X,Y}}[XY] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xy f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy dx = \int_0^1 \int_0^x xy \times 3x dy dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \left\{ \int_0^x y dy \right\} 3x^2 dx = \int_0^1 \left[\frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^x 3x dx = \int_0^1 \frac{x^2}{2} \times 3x^2 dx \\
 &= \frac{3}{2} \left[\frac{x^5}{5} \right]_0^1 = \frac{3}{10},
 \end{aligned}$$

4.

$$Cov_{f_{X,Y}}[X, Y] = E_{f_{X,Y}}[XY] - E_{f_X}[X] E_{f_Y}[Y] = \frac{3}{10} - \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{8} = \frac{3}{160}$$

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3. Remarks

- a. Events and random variables
- b. PDF of continuous random variables
- c. Chebyshev's inequality

Let X_1, X_2, \dots be a sequence of iid RVs with mean μ , and standard deviation σ .

Consider the sum $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$

$$\Pr\left(\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - \mu\right| > \epsilon\right) \leq \frac{\text{Var}(S_n/n)}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n\epsilon^2}$$