

Covariance - Sum of random variable

1 Covariance

1. Let X denote the number of times a certain numerical control machine will malfunction: 1, 2, or 3 times on any given day. Let Y denote the number of times a technician is called on an emergency call. Their joint probability distribution is given as

$p(x, y)$		x		
		1	2	3
y	1	.05	.05	.1
	3	.05	.1	.35
	5	0	.2	.1

Find the covariance and the correlation coefficient of X and Y .

2. The fraction X of male runners and the fraction Y of female runners who compete in marathon races are described by the joint density function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 8xy, & 0 \leq y \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Find the covariance and the correlation coefficient of X and Y .

3. Random variables X and Y follow a joint distribution

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Find the covariance and the correlation coefficient of X and Y .

4. Show that $Cov(aX, bY) = abCov(X, Y)$.
5. Suppose that X and Y are random variables with the same variance. Show that $X - Y$ and $X + Y$ are uncorrelated.
6. Suppose that a random variable X satisfies

$$E(X) = 0, E(X^2) = 1, E(X^3) = 0, E(X^4) = 3$$

and

$$Y = a + bX + cX^2$$

Find $Cov(X, Y)$.

2 Sum of RVs

1. Let T_n be the sum of numbers from n fair 6-sided dice. Find $E(T_n)$.
2. Suppose a system has n components, and that at a particular time the j th component is working with probability P_j , $j = 1, \dots, n$. Let X be the number of components working at that time. Find $E(X)$.
3. Suppose $E(X^2) = 3$, $E(Y^2) = 4$, $E(XY) = 2$. Find $E[(X + Y)^2]$.
4. Let X and Y be two independent Bernoulli random variables with parameters p and r respectively. Find $E(X - Y)^2$.
5. Suppose $E(X^2) = 3$, $E(Y^2) = 4$, $E(XY) = 2$. Find $E[(X + Y)^2]$.