

Homework 5 (W203)

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1a) Using properties of variance and covariance, derive each element of the variance-covariance matrix for W and V.

$$\begin{aligned} V = 0.5W + U &\implies Cov(W, V) = E(WV) - E(W)E(V) \\ &= E(W * (0.5W + U)) - E(W)E(0.5W + U) \\ &= 0.5E(W^2) + E(WU) - 0.5(E(W))^2 - E(W)E(U) \\ &= 0.5E(W^2) - 0.5(E(W))^2 + E(WU) - E(W)E(U) \\ &= 0.5Var(W) + 0 \\ &= 0.5(4^2) \\ &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V = 0.5W + U &\implies Var(V) = Var(0.5W + U) \\ &= Var(0.5W) + Var(U) + 2Cov(W, U) \\ &= 0.25Var(W) + 1^2 + 0 \\ &= 0.25(4)^2 + 1 \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} Cov(W, W) & Cov(W, V) \\ Cov(V, W) & Cov(V, V) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Var(W) & 8 \\ 8 & Var(V) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 8 \\ 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

2a) Find the conditional expectation of Y given X, $E(Y|X)$ X is uniformly distributed in $[0,1]$ so $f(X)=1$, $E(X)=1/2$, $Var(X)=1/12$

Y is uniformly distributed in $[0,X]$, so $f(Y|X)=1/X$, $E(Y|X)=X/2$

2b) Find the unconditional expectation of Y.

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y) &= E(E(Y|X)) \\ &= E\left(\frac{X}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}E(X) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

2c) Compute $E(XY)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(XY) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^x xy * f(xy) dy dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \int_0^x xy * \frac{1}{x} dy dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \int_0^x y dy dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_0^x dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{x^2}{2} dx \\
 &= \frac{x^3}{6} \Big|_0^1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

2d) Using the previous results, compute $\text{cov}(X, Y)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) \\
 &= 1/6 - (1/2)(1/4) \\
 &= 1/24
 \end{aligned}$$

3a) What is the total expected waiting time? Let X represent the morning wait time and Y represent the evening wait time.

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(5X + 5Y) &= E(5X) + E(5Y) \\
 &= 5 * E(X) + 5 * E(Y) \\
 &= 5 * (5 * 1/2) + 5 * (10 * 1/2) \\
 &= 5(2.5) + 5(5) \\
 &= 37.5
 \end{aligned}$$

3b) What is the variance of your total waiting time?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(5X + 5Y) &= \text{Var}(5X) + \text{Var}(5Y) + 2\text{Cov}(5X, 5Y) \\
 &= \text{Var}(5X) + \text{Var}(5Y) \\
 &= 25\text{Var}(X) + 25\text{Var}(Y) \\
 &= 25 * (5^2 * 1/12) + 25 * (10^2 * 1/12) \\
 &= 260.41
 \end{aligned}$$

3c) What is the expected value of the difference between the total evening waiting time and the total morning waiting time over all 5 days?

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(5Y - 5X) &= E(5Y) - E(5X) \\
 &= 5 * E(Y) - 5 * E(X) \\
 &= 5 * (10 * 1/2) - 5 * (5 * 1/2) \\
 &= 5(5) - 5(2.5) \\
 &= 12.5
 \end{aligned}$$

3d) What is the variance of the difference between the total evening waiting time and the total morning waiting time over all 5 days?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(5X - 5Y) &= \text{Var}(5X) + \text{Var}(5Y) - 2\text{Cov}(5X, 5Y) \\
 &= \text{Var}(5X) + \text{Var}(5Y) \\
 &= 25\text{Var}(X) + 25\text{Var}(Y) \\
 &= 25 * (5^2 * 1/12) + 25 * (10^2 * 1/12) \\
 &= 260.41
 \end{aligned}$$

4) Show that if $Y = aX + b$ where X and Y are random variables and $a \neq 0$, $\text{corr}(X, Y) = -1$ or 1 .

If $Y = aX + b$, then $\text{Var}(Y) = a^2\text{Var}(X)$ and $\text{SD}(Y) = |a|\text{SD}(X)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Corr}(X, Y) &= \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\text{SD}(X)\text{SD}(Y)} \\
 &= \frac{E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)}{\text{SD}(X) * |a|\text{SD}(X)} \\
 &= \frac{E(X * (aX + b)) - E(X)E(aX + b)}{|a|\text{Var}(X)} \\
 &= \frac{aE(X^2) + bE(X) - E(X)(aE(X) + E(b))}{|a|\text{Var}(X)} \\
 &= \frac{aE(X^2) + bE(X) - a(E(X))^2 - bE(X)}{|a|\text{Var}(X)} \\
 &= \frac{aE(X^2) - a(E(X))^2}{|a|\text{Var}(X)} \\
 &= \frac{a(E(X^2) - (E(X))^2)}{|a|\text{Var}(X)} \\
 &= \frac{a\text{Var}(X)}{|a|\text{Var}(X)} \\
 &= -1 \text{ or } 1
 \end{aligned}$$