

PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS I

HOMEWORK VII

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$\mathbf{Var}(X + Y)$ is smaller than $\mathbf{Var}(X - Y)$ for the following reason.

By the theorem, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Var}(X + Y) &= \mathbf{Var}(X) + \mathbf{Var}(Y) + 2Cov(X, Y), \\ \mathbf{Var}(X - Y) &= \mathbf{Var}(X) + \mathbf{Var}(Y) - 2Cov(X, Y).\end{aligned}$$

Since X and Y are negatively correlated, we could get that $\rho(X, Y) < 0$, then we have that $Cov(X, Y) = \rho(X, Y)\sigma_X\sigma_Y < 0$, so we could get that

$$\mathbf{Var}(X + Y) < \mathbf{Var}(X) + \mathbf{Var}(Y) < \mathbf{Var}(X - Y)$$

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Assume that there exist two random variables X and Y satisfying the properties given by the problem. By the theorem, we could get that

$$\mathbf{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 = 1, \quad \mathbf{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - E(Y)^2 = 25$$

Then we could determine that

$$\sigma_X = \sqrt{\mathbf{Var}(X)} = 1, \quad \sigma_Y = \sqrt{\mathbf{Var}(Y)} = 5$$

By the theorem, we could get that

$$Cov(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) = 0 - 6 = -6$$

Thus, we get that

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_X\sigma_Y} = -\frac{6}{5} < -1$$

Which is in contradiction with the theorem that $\rho(X, Y) \geq -1$, so the assumption is false. So two random variables X and Y cannot possibly have the following properties: $E(X) = 3$, $E(Y) = 2$, $E(X^2) = 10$, $E(Y^2) = 29$, and $E(XY) = 0$.

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Since the random variables $X+Y$ and $X-Y$ have finite variance $\sigma_{X+Y}^2, \sigma_{X-Y}^2 < \infty$, we could get that

$$\begin{aligned}Cov(X + Y, X - Y) &= \mathbf{E}((X + Y)(X - Y)) - \mathbf{E}(X + Y)\mathbf{E}(X - Y) \\ &= \mathbf{E}(X^2) - \mathbf{E}(Y^2) - \mathbf{E}(X)^2 + \mathbf{E}(Y)^2 = \mathbf{Var}(X) - \mathbf{Var}(Y) = 0\end{aligned}$$

By the definition, we have that

$$\rho(X + Y, X - Y) = \frac{Cov(X + Y, X - Y)}{\sigma_{X+Y}\sigma_{X-Y}} = 0$$

Thus, $X+Y$ and $X-Y$ are uncorrelated.

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By the definition, we could get that

$$\mathbf{E}(X | Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x | y) dx = \frac{1}{f_Y(y)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x, y) dx$$

If $\mathbf{E}(X | Y)$ is a constant for all values of Y , we could get that $\mathbf{E}(X | Y) = \mathbf{E}(X)$ is independent with the random variable Y . Then we could determine that

$$\mathbf{E}(X) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y) dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x, y) dx dy$$

Which shows that

$$\mathbf{E}(X)\mathbf{E}(Y) = \mathbf{E}(XY)$$

Since $0 < \mathbf{Var}(X) < \infty, 0 < \mathbf{Var}(Y) < \infty$, we could have that

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = 0$$

So that if $\mathbf{E}(X | Y)$ is a constant for all values of Y , then X and Y are uncorrelated.

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By the theorem, we have that

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{E}(Y | X)) = \mathbf{E}(Y)$$

So we could get that

$$\mathbf{E}(X_n) = \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_{x_1}^1 \frac{1}{1-x_1} dx_2 \int_{x_2}^1 \frac{1}{1-x_2} dx_3 \cdots \int_{x_{n-1}}^1 \frac{x_n}{1-x_{n-1}} dx_n = \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n}.$$

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Since the joint distribution of X and Y is the uniform distribution on the region $x^2 + y^2 < 1$, using the fact that $\iint f(x, y) dx dy = 1$, we could determine the joint p.d.f. is

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi}, & \text{for } x^2 + y^2 < 1, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

For $-1 < y < 1$, we could determine that

$$\mathbf{E}(X | Y) = \int_{-\sqrt{1-y^2}}^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \frac{x}{\pi} dx = 0.$$

For $|y| \geq 1$, it is easily to get that $\mathbf{E}(X | Y) = 0$.

Then, we could calculate that

$$\mathbf{E}(X | Y) = 0.$$

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By the definition, we could determine that

$$f_Y(y | x) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_X(x)} = \begin{cases} \frac{x+y}{x+\frac{1}{2}}, & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

By the definition, we have that

$$\mathbf{E}(Y | X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y | x) dy = \begin{cases} \frac{3x+2}{6x+3}, & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

By the definition, we could calculate that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Var}(Y | X) &= \mathbf{E}((Y - \mathbf{E}(Y | X))^2 | X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (y - \mathbf{E}(Y | X))^2 f_Y(y | x) dy \\ &= \frac{6x^2 + 6x + 1}{18(2x + 1)^2}, \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq 1,\end{aligned}$$

zero elsewhere.

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Since U is a uniform distribution on (0,a), we could determine the probability distribution function is

$$f_U(u) = \frac{1}{a}, \text{ for } 0 < u < a,$$

zero elsewhere. Then we could determine that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}(U) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u f_U(u) du = \frac{a}{2}, & \mathbf{E}(U^2) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^2 f_U(u) du = \frac{a^2}{3}, \\ \mathbf{E}(U^3) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^3 f_U(u) du = \frac{a^3}{4}, & \mathbf{E}(U^4) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^4 f_U(u) du = \frac{a^4}{5}.\end{aligned}$$

So by the theorem, we could get that

$$\mathbf{Var}(U) = \mathbf{E}(U^2) - \mathbf{E}(U)^2 = \frac{a^2}{12}, \quad \mathbf{Var}(U^2) = \mathbf{E}(U^4) - \mathbf{E}(U^2)^2 = \frac{4a^4}{45}.$$

By the definition, we could get that

$$\rho(U, U^2) = \frac{\text{Cov}(U, U^2)}{\sigma_U \sigma_{U^2}} = \frac{\mathbf{E}(U^3) - \mathbf{E}(U)\mathbf{E}(U^2)}{\sqrt{\mathbf{Var}(U)\mathbf{Var}(U^2)}} = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}.$$

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Assume Y follows the binomial distribution with the parameters n=9 and p= $\frac{1}{3}$, then we could determine the m.g.f. of Y is

$$M_Y(t) = E(e^{tY}) = \left(\frac{1}{3}e^t + \frac{2}{3}\right)^9,$$

the same as the m.g.f. of the random variable X. By the theorem, we could get that X follows the binomial distribution with the parameters n=9 and p= $\frac{1}{3}$. So the mean and variance of X are

$$\mu = np = 3, \quad \sigma^2 = np(1 - p) = 2.$$

The p.m.f. of X is

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{9}{x} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{9-x}, & \text{for } x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

So we could get that

$$P(\mu - 2\sigma < X < \mu + 2\sigma) = P(3 - 2\sqrt{2} < X < 3 + 2\sqrt{2}) = \sum_{x=1}^5 \binom{9}{x} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{9-x}.$$

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10.1

If the sampling is with replacement, we could get that the support of X is $\{0,1,2,3\}$. We could calculate that

$$\begin{aligned} P(X=0) &= \binom{3}{0} \left(\frac{48}{52}\right)^3 = \frac{1728}{2197}, & P(X=1) &= \binom{3}{1} \left(\frac{4}{52}\right) \left(\frac{48}{52}\right)^2 = \frac{432}{2197}, \\ P(X=2) &= \binom{3}{2} \left(\frac{4}{52}\right)^2 \left(\frac{48}{52}\right) = \frac{36}{2197}, & P(X=3) &= \binom{3}{3} \left(\frac{4}{52}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{2197}. \end{aligned}$$

So if the sampling is with replacement, the p.m.f. of X is

$$p_X(x) = P(X=x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1728}{2197}, & \text{for } x=0, \\ \frac{432}{2197}, & \text{for } x=1, \\ \frac{36}{2197}, & \text{for } x=2, \\ \frac{1}{2197}, & \text{for } x=3. \end{cases}$$

10.2

If the sampling is without replacement, we could get that the support of X is $\{0,1,2,3\}$. We could calculate that

$$\begin{aligned} P(X=0) &= \frac{\binom{48}{3}}{\binom{52}{3}} = \frac{4324}{5525}, & P(X=1) &= \frac{\binom{4}{1}\binom{48}{2}}{\binom{52}{3}} = \frac{1128}{5525}, \\ P(X=2) &= \frac{\binom{4}{2}\binom{48}{1}}{\binom{52}{3}} = \frac{72}{5525}, & P(X=3) &= \frac{\binom{4}{3}}{\binom{52}{3}} = \frac{1}{5525}. \end{aligned}$$

So if the sampling is without replacement, the p.m.f. of X is

$$p_X(x) = P(X=x) = \begin{cases} \frac{4324}{5525}, & \text{for } x=0, \\ \frac{1128}{5525}, & \text{for } x=1, \\ \frac{72}{5525}, & \text{for } x=2, \\ \frac{1}{5525}, & \text{for } x=3. \end{cases}$$

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Since X follows the hypergeometric distribution with parameters (N, M, n) , by the definition, we could get the p.m.f. of X is

$$p_X(x) = P(X=x) = \frac{\binom{M}{x}\binom{N-M}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}, \text{ for } \max\{0, n-N+M\} \leq x \leq \min\{n, M\},$$

zero elsewhere.

By the definition, we could get that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}(X(X-1)) &= \sum_{x=0}^n x(x-1)p_X(x) = \sum_{x=2}^n x(x-1) \binom{N-M}{n-x} \frac{M!}{(M-x)!x!} \frac{(N-n)!n!}{N!} \\ &= \frac{M(M-1)n(n-1)}{N(N-1)} \sum_{x=2}^n \binom{N-M}{n-x} \binom{M-2}{x-2} \binom{N-2}{n-2}^{-1} \\ &= \frac{M(M-1)n(n-1)}{N(N-1)} \end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that the sum of the probability of a hypergeometric distribution with parameters (N-2,M-2,n-2) is 1.

For a fixed k, by the definition, we could get that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}\left(\binom{X}{k}\right) &= \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{x}{k} \binom{N-M}{n-x} \frac{M!}{(M-x)!x!} \frac{(N-n)!n!}{N!} \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} \frac{M!}{(M-k)!} \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \frac{(N-k)!}{N!} \sum_{x=k}^n \binom{N-M}{n-x} \binom{M-k}{x-k} \binom{N-k}{n-k}^{-1} \\ &= \frac{\binom{M}{k} \binom{n}{k}}{\binom{N}{k}}\end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that the sum of the probability of a hypergeometric distribution with parameters (N-k,M-k,n-k) is 1.

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12.1

If Y is continuous with conditional p.d.f. by $f_Y(y | x)$, then by the definition, we could get that

$$\mathbf{E}(g(X)Y | X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)y \cdot f_Y(g(x)y | x) dy = g(x) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y \cdot f_Y(y | x) dy = g(X)\mathbf{E}(Y | X).$$

Similarly for discrete Y with conditional p.m.f. $p_Y(y | x)$ we have

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12.2

If Y is continuous with conditional p.d.f. by $f_Y(y | x)$, then by the definition, we could get that

$$\mathbf{E}(X\mathbf{E}(Y | X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x\mathbf{E}(Y | x)f_X(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xyf_Y(y | x)f_X(x) dx dy.$$

Since $f_Y(y | x) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_X(x)}$, we could get that

$$\mathbf{E}(X\mathbf{E}(Y | X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xyf_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy = E(XY)$$

12.3

By the definition, we have that

$$Cov(X, \mathbf{E}(Y | X)) = \mathbf{E}(X\mathbf{E}(Y | X)) - \mathbf{E}(X)\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{E}(Y | X)).$$

By the definition, we could get that

$$\mathbf{E}(X\mathbf{E}(Y | X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} yf_Y(y | x) dy f_X(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xyf_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy = \mathbf{E}(XY)$$

By the theorem, we have that

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{E}(Y | X)) = \mathbf{E}(Y)$$

Thus, we get that

$$Cov(X, \mathbf{E}(Y | X)) = \mathbf{E}(XY) - \mathbf{E}(X)\mathbf{E}(Y) = Cov(X, Y)$$

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Since X_1, \dots be i.i.d. random variables and N is a random variable taking values in Z^+ , we could get that

$$\mathbf{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i \right) = \mathbf{E}(NX_1)$$

Further N and $\{X_i\}$ are independent, by the theorem, we could get that

$$\mathbf{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i \right) = \mathbf{E}(NX_1) = \mathbf{E}(X_1)\mathbf{E}(N)$$