

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times K}$  (constants)  $a_i := i^{\text{th}}$  row vector of A  
 $E[A\vec{X}] = \begin{bmatrix} E[a_{11}X_1 + a_{12}X_2 + \dots + a_{1K}X_K] \\ E[a_{21}X_1 + a_{22}X_2 + \dots + a_{2K}X_K] \\ \vdots \\ E[a_{L1}X_1 + a_{L2}X_2 + \dots + a_{LK}X_K] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E[\vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{X}_1] \\ E[\vec{a}_2 \cdot \vec{X}_2] \\ \vdots \\ E[\vec{a}_L \cdot \vec{X}_K] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{\mu} \\ \vdots \\ \vec{a}_L \cdot \vec{\mu} \end{bmatrix} = A \vec{\mu}$

$(L \times K)(K \times 1)$   
 $L \times 1$

$a \in \mathbb{R}^K$   
 $\text{Var}[\vec{a}^T \vec{X}] = \text{Var}[\underbrace{a_1 X_1}_{Y_1} + \dots + \underbrace{a_K X_K}_{Y_K}] = \text{Var}[Y_1 + \dots + Y_K] = \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K \text{Cov}[Y_i, Y_j]$

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 scalar

$= \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K \text{Cov}[a_i X_i, a_j X_j]$   
 $= \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K a_i a_j \sigma_{ij}$   
 $= \vec{a}^T \vec{\Sigma} \vec{a} \rightarrow (1 \times K)(K \times K)(K \times 1) = \text{Scalar}$   
 $\text{Var}[\vec{X}]$

Let  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times K}$ ,  $\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^K$   
 $\vec{a}^T V \vec{a} = \vec{a} \cdot (V \vec{a}) = \vec{a} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a_1 V_{11} + \dots + a_K V_{1K} \\ a_1 V_{21} + \dots + a_K V_{2K} \\ \vdots \\ a_1 V_{K1} + \dots + a_K V_{KK} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 a_1 V_{11} + \dots + a_1 a_K V_{1K} \\ a_2 a_1 V_{21} + \dots + a_2 a_K V_{2K} \\ \vdots \\ a_K a_1 V_{K1} + \dots + a_K a_K V_{KK} \end{bmatrix}$

quadratic forms with V  
 being the "determining matrix"

$= \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K a_i a_j V_{ij}$

Application in finance Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_K$  be financial assets (e.g. stocks)  
 So let  $w_1, \dots, w_K$  be the proportion allocated to each of these assets.

Let  $\vec{\mu} = E[\vec{X}]$ ,  $\vec{\Sigma} = \text{Var}[\vec{X}]$

$F = \vec{w}^T \vec{X}$  a r.v. modeling your portfolio

$\mu_F = E[F] = \vec{w}^T \vec{\mu}$ ,  $\text{Var}[F] = \vec{w}^T \vec{\Sigma} \vec{w}$

It's possible to pick  $w$ -vector to optimize the portfolio by minimizing the variance of returns,  $\text{Var}[F]$ , conditional on  $\mu_F$ . This is called **Markowitz optimal portfolio theory**.

$\min_{\vec{w}} \text{Var}[F]$  subject to  $\mu_F$  being constant and  $\vec{w}^T \vec{1} = 1$ .

$\vec{X} \sim \text{Multi}_K(n, \vec{p})$ ,  $X_j \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_j)$

$E[\vec{X}] = \begin{bmatrix} E[X_1] \\ E[X_2] \\ \vdots \\ E[X_K] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} np_1 \\ np_2 \\ \vdots \\ np_K \end{bmatrix} = n \vec{p}$

$$\text{Var}[\vec{X}] = \begin{bmatrix} np_1(1-p_1) & \leftarrow \sigma_{ij} \rightarrow & \\ & np_2(1-p_2) & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & np_k(1-p_k) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Cov}[X_i, X_j] = E[X_i X_j] - E[X_i]E[X_j] = \sum_{x_i \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{x_j \in \mathbb{R}} \underbrace{x_i x_j}_{\text{complicated}} \underbrace{p_{x_i, x_j}}_{\text{complicated}} - n^2 p_i p_j$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_i \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_i) \\ \vdots \\ X_j \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_j) \end{bmatrix} \quad X_i = \boxed{X_{i1}} + X_{i2} + \dots + X_{in_i} \quad \text{where } X_{i1}, \dots, X_{in_i} \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Bern}(p_i)$$

$$X_j = \boxed{X_{1j}} + X_{2j} + \dots + X_{nj} \quad \text{where } X_{1j}, \dots, X_{nj} \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Bern}(p_j)$$

We've expressed the multinomial r.v. with  $n \times k$  Bernoulli's.

$$\rightarrow \vec{X} = \vec{X}_1 + \vec{X}_2 + \dots + \vec{X}_n \quad \text{where } \vec{X}_1, \dots, \vec{X}_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Multi}_k(1, \vec{p})$$

$$\text{Cov}[X_i, X_j] = \text{Cov}[X_{i1} + \dots + X_{in_i}, X_{1j} + \dots + X_{nj}]$$

$$= \sum_{\ell=1}^n \sum_{m=1}^n \text{Cov}[X_{\ell i}, X_{mj}]$$

A lot of these covariances are zero due to independence. Which ones?

If  $\ell$  is different than  $m$ , the covariance is zero.

$$\hookrightarrow = \sum_{\ell=1}^n \text{Cov}[X_{\ell i}, X_{\ell j}]$$

$$= \sum_{\ell=1}^n (E[X_{\ell i} X_{\ell j}] - \overbrace{E[X_{\ell i}]}^{p_i} \overbrace{E[X_{\ell j}]}^{p_j}) = \boxed{-np_i p_j}$$

b/c you can't get an apple & banana on one grab

$$= \sum_{\substack{x_{\ell i} \in \{0,1\} \\ x_{\ell j} \in \{0,1\}}} x_{\ell i} x_{\ell j} p_{x_{\ell i}, x_{\ell j}} \stackrel{\text{the only term that is non-zero is}}{=} p_{x_{\ell i}, x_{\ell j}}(1, 1) = 0$$

Uniform Discrete:  $\rightarrow$  Start of Midterm 2 material

$$X \sim U(\{0, 1, 2, 3\}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{4} \\ 2 & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{4} \\ 3 & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{4} \end{cases} \quad \text{Supp}[X] = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

Generally,  $X \sim U(A)$ .  $\text{Supp}[X] = A$ ,  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $|A| < \infty$  &  $A \neq \emptyset$

Create a new r.v.  $Y = -X = g(X)$ , a very simple function

$$\text{Supp}[Y] = \{-3, -2, -1, 0\}$$

$$p(y) = \begin{cases} -3 & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{4} \\ -2 & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{4} \\ -1 & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{4} \end{cases}$$

Generally, for discrete r.v.  $X$ , is there a pattern?

$$p_Y(y) = P(Y=y) = P(-X=y) = P(X=-y) =: p_X(-y)$$

$$\text{Supp}[Y] = \{z \mid p_Y(z) > 0\}$$

$$= \{z \mid p_X(-z) > 0\}$$

$$= \{-z \mid p_X(z) > 0\}$$

$$= -\{z \mid p_X(z) > 0\}$$

$$=: -\text{Supp}[X]$$

$$X_1, X_2 \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda) := \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} \mathbb{1}_{x \in \{0, 1, \dots\}}$$

$$\text{In class we showed } T = X_1 + X_2 \sim \text{Poisson}(2\lambda)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{let } D = X_1 - X_2 = \underbrace{X_1}_X + \underbrace{-X_2}_Y$$

difference

$$= X + Y, \quad Y \sim p_Y(y) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{-y}}{(-y)!} \mathbb{1}_{y \in \{1, 0, -1, \dots\}}$$

$$p_D(d) = \sum_{x \in \text{Supp}[X]} p_X^{\text{old}}(x) p_Y^{\text{old}}(d-x) \mathbb{1}_{d-x \in \text{Supp}[Y]}$$

$$\text{Supp}[D] = \text{Supp}[X] + \text{Supp}[Y]$$

$$= \{\dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots\}$$

$$= \mathbb{Z} \text{ (all ints.)}$$