

MATH 425

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We talked about covariance and correlation coefficient of jointly distributed discrete random variables. We can make the same definitions for continuous jointly distributed random variables:

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$$

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma(X)\sigma(Y)}.$$

We say that jointly distributed random variables X_1, \dots, X_n are jointly continuous (a continuous random vector (X_1, \dots, X_n)) when there exist an n -variable function $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ called the joint density such that

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P(X_1 \leq x_1 \& X_2 \leq x_2 \& \dots \& X_n \leq x_n) = \\ = \int_{t_1=-\infty}^{x_1} \dots \int_{t_n=-\infty}^{x_n} f(t_1, \dots, t_n) dt_n \dots dt_1$$

What if I just want the density of X_1 (say)?

$$g(x_1) = \int_{t_2=-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{t_n=-\infty}^{\infty} f(t_1, \dots, t_n) dt_n \cdots dt_2$$

This density of X_1 alone is called the marginal density.
What we did on the first slide, in more detail: let (X, Y) be a continuous random vector with density $f(x, y)$.

Marginal densities:

$$g(x) = \int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy$$

marginal density of X

$$h(y) = \int_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx$$

marginal density of Y

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

$$E(X^2) = \int_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x, y) dy dx$$

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

$$E(Y^2) = \int_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} y^2 f(x, y) dy dx$$

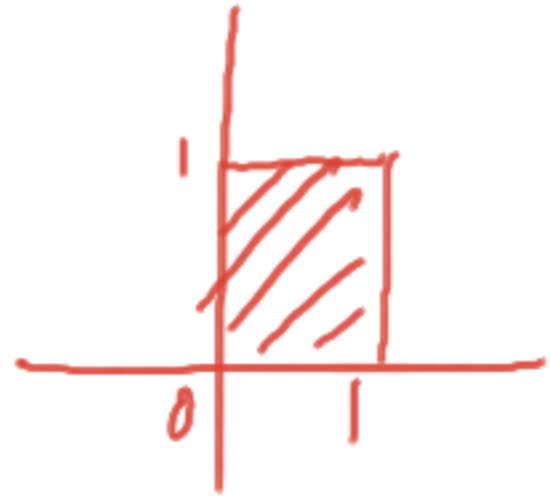
$$E(XY) = \int_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} xy f(x,y) dy dx$$

$$\text{var}(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2, \quad \text{var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - E(Y)^2$$

$$\text{cor}(X,Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) \quad \rho(X,Y) = \frac{\text{cor}(X,Y)}{\sigma(X)\sigma(Y)}$$

Example: let X, Y be jointly distributed random variables with joint density

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} C(x+y) & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



- (a) Calculate C .
- (b) Calculate the marginal densities of X, Y .
- (c) Are X, Y independent?
- (d) Calculate $g(X, Y)$.
- (?)

NO on (c)

If X, Y are independent then the joint density is the product of marginal densities:

$$f(x, y) = g(x)h(y)$$

("separation of variables" in ODE (Math 316))

(a)

$$1 = C \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (x+y) dx dy = C \int_0^1 \left[\frac{x^2}{2} + xy \right]_{x=0}^1 dy =$$

$$= C \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{2} + y \right) dy = C \left[\frac{1}{2}y + \frac{1}{2}y^2 \right]_0^1 = C \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) = C$$

$$C = 1$$

(b)

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} x+y & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

marginal
density of X

$$g(x) = \int_0^1 (x+y) dy = \left[xy + \frac{1}{2}y^2 \right]_0^1 = \underline{\underline{x + \frac{1}{2}}}$$

marginal
density of Y

$$h(y) = \int_0^1 (x+y) dx = \left[xy + \frac{1}{2}x^2 \right]_0^1 = \underline{\underline{y + \frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\textcircled{d} \quad E(X) = \int_0^1 x \left(x + \frac{1}{2} \right) dx =$$

$$= \left[\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \underline{\underline{\frac{3}{4}}}$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_0^1 x^2 \left(x + \frac{1}{2} \right) dx = \left[\frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^3}{6} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} = \underline{\underline{\frac{5}{12}}}$$

$$\text{var}(X) = \frac{5}{12} - \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^2 = \frac{60 - 49}{144} = \underline{\underline{\frac{11}{144}}}$$

$$\sigma(X) = \frac{\sqrt{11}}{12} = \sigma(Y)$$

$$g(x) = x + \frac{1}{2} \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$0 \quad \text{else}$$

Y has the same marginal distribution

$$\therefore E(Y) = \underline{\underline{\frac{3}{4}}}$$

$$\text{var}(Y) = \underline{\underline{\frac{11}{144}}}$$

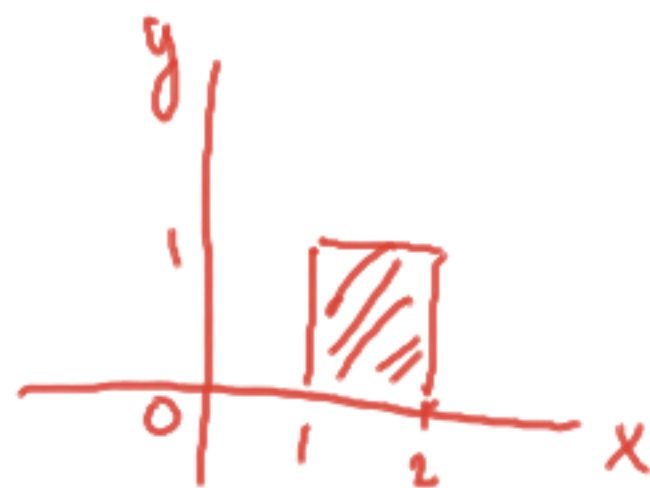
$$\begin{aligned}
 E(XY) &= \int_{x=0}^1 \int_{y=0}^1 \underbrace{xy(x+y)}_{x^2y + xy^2} dy dx = \\
 &= \int_{x=0}^1 \underbrace{\left[\frac{x^2y^2}{2} + \frac{xy^3}{3} \right]_{y=0}^1}_{\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x}{3}} dx = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x}{3} \right) dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^2}{6} \right]_0^1 = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{3}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{49}{144} = \underline{\underline{-\frac{1}{144}}}$$

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{-1/144}{(\sqrt{11}/12)^2} = \underline{\underline{-\frac{1}{11}}}$$

(HW) ⑤ Let (X, Y) be a continuous random vector with joint density

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



- Calculate C
- Calculate the marginal densities $g(x)$ of X and $h(y)$ of Y
- Are X, Y independent?
- Calculate $E(X), E(Y), \sigma(X), \sigma(Y)$
- Calculate $\rho(X, Y)$.