

8.2

Exercise 8.2 (Multinomial expected value) Find the expected value, variance and covariance of the multinomial distribution. Hint: First find the expected value for $n = 1$ and then use the fact that the trials are independent.

$$P(X) = \frac{n!}{x_1! \cdots x_k!} p_1^{x_1} \cdots p_k^{x_k} \quad \text{where } n = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i$$

$n \equiv$ number of trials

$x_i \equiv$ event with prob. $p_i^{x_i}$.

We will fix $n=1$. $X'_1 \equiv X_1$ with $n=1$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X'_1] &= \sum_{x_1=0}^1 \cdots \sum_{x_k=0}^1 \frac{1}{x_1! \cdots x_k!} p_1^{x_1} \cdots p_k^{x_k} x_1 = \sum_{x_1=0}^1 \underbrace{\frac{p_1^{x_1} x_1}{x_1!}}_{\sim 1} \sum_{x_2=0}^1 \cdots \sum_{x_k=0}^1 \frac{1}{x_2! \cdots x_k!} p_2^{x_2} \cdots p_k^{x_k} \\ &= 0 \cdot 1 + p_1 \cdot 1 = p_1 \end{aligned}$$

We can do the analogous computation for every component X_i of $X = (X_1, \dots, X_k)$ and we have $E[X_i] = p_i$ when n is fixed to 1.

Now, we can write $X = \sum_{j=1}^k Y_j$ where $X = (X_1, \dots, X_k)$ with $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and Y_j are multinomial distri. with $n=1$ fixed.

$$E[X] = E[\sum Y_j] = \sum E[Y_j] = \sum_{j=1}^n (p_1, \dots, p_k) = (np_1, \dots, np_k)$$

For the variance, we need to compute $E[X^2]$. We can do a same computation that for the mean: fix $n=1$.

$$\begin{aligned} E[X'_1^2] &= \sum_{x_1=0}^1 \cdots \sum_{x_k=0}^1 \frac{1}{x_1! \cdots x_k!} p_1^{x_1} \cdots p_k^{x_k} x_1^2 = \sum_{x_1=0}^1 \underbrace{\frac{p_1^{x_1} x_1^2}{x_1!}}_{\sim 1} \sum_{x_2=0}^1 \cdots \sum_{x_k=0}^1 \frac{1}{x_2! \cdots x_k!} p_2^{x_2} \cdots p_k^{x_k} \\ &= 0 \cdot 1 + p_1 \cdot 2 = p_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad E[X^2] = \sum_{j=1}^n E[Y_j^2] = (np_1^2, \dots, np_k^2) \end{aligned}$$

Combining all: $\text{Var}[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = (np_1(1-p_1), \dots, np_k(1-p_1))$

Finally, for the covariance, we need to calculate $E[X_i X_j]$.

We will apply the same idea. We start fixing $n=2$. Without loss of generality, we will assume $i=1$ and $j=2$, and could be later generalized.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[x'_1 x'_2] &= \sum_{x_2=0}^n \sum_{k_2=0}^2 \frac{p_2^{x_2} x_2}{x_2!} \underbrace{\frac{p_2^{x_2} x_2}{x_2!} \sum_{x_3=0}^3 \dots \sum_{x_k=0}^k}_{\underbrace{\mathbb{E}}_{\sum x_i = n \Leftrightarrow x_2+x_2=1 \Leftrightarrow x_2=0 \cup x_2=0}} \dots \frac{1}{x_3! \dots x_k!} p_3^{x_3} \dots p_k^{x_k} = \\ &= \sum_{x_2=0}^n \sum_{k_2=0}^2 \frac{p_2^{x_2} x_2}{x_2!} \frac{p_2^{x_2} x_2}{x_2!} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So, now, in the covariance formula:

$$\text{Cov}(x'_i, x'_j) = \mathbb{E}[x'_i x'_j] - \mathbb{E}[x'_i] \mathbb{E}[x'_j] = -p_i p_j$$

Now, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let as always $X = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \Rightarrow X_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x'_{2,i}, X_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x'_{2,i}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{Cov}(X_2, X_2) &= \mathbb{E}[X_2 X_2] - \mathbb{E}[X_2] \mathbb{E}[X_2] = \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n x'_{2,i} \sum_{j=1}^n x'_{2,j}\right] - n^2 p_2 p_2 = \\ &\stackrel{j=l \Rightarrow 0}{=} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n \mathbb{E}[x'_{2,j} x'_{2,l}] - n^2 p_2 p_2 \\ &\stackrel{j \neq l \Rightarrow p_2 p_2}{=} (n^2 - n) p_2 p_2 - n^2 p_2 p_2 = -n p_2 p_2 \end{aligned}$$