

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.

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

$n \equiv$ number of trials
 $X_i \equiv$ event with prob. $p_i^{x_i}$.

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_1^2] &= \sum_{x_1=0}^1 \dots \sum_{x_k=0}^1 \frac{1}{x_1! \dots x_k!} p_1^{x_1} \dots p_k^{x_k} x_1^2 = \sum_{x_1=0}^1 \frac{p_1^{x_1} x_1^2}{x_1!} \sum_{x_2=0}^1 \dots \sum_{x_k=0}^1 \frac{1}{x_2! \dots x_k!} p_2^{x_2} \dots p_k^{x_k} = \\ &= 0 \cdot 1 + p_1 \cdot 1 = p_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad E[X^2] = \sum_{j=1}^n E[Y_j^2] = (np_1, \dots, np_k) \end{aligned}$$

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

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.

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_1' X_2'] &= \sum_{x_1=0}^{\infty} \sum_{x_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{p_1^{x_1} x_1}{x_1!} \frac{p_2^{x_2} x_2}{x_2!} \underbrace{\sum_{x_3=0}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{x_k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x_3! \dots x_k!} p_3^{x_3} \dots p_k^{x_k}}_1 = \\ &= \sum_{x_1=0}^{\infty} \sum_{x_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{p_1^{x_1} x_1}{x_1!} \frac{p_2^{x_2} x_2}{x_2!} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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 $\sum x_i = n \Leftrightarrow x_1 + x_2 = 1 \Leftrightarrow x_1 = 0 \vee x_2 = 0$

So, now, in the covariance formula:

$$\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = E[X_i' X_j'] - E[X_i'] E[X_j'] = -p_i p_j$$

Now, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let as always $X = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \Rightarrow X_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n X_{1,i}, X_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n X_{2,i}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) &= E[X_1 X_2] - E[X_1] E[X_2] = \\ &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_{1,i} \sum_{j=1}^n X_{2,j}\right] - n^2 p_1 p_2 = \\ &\stackrel{\substack{j=l \Rightarrow 0 \\ j \neq l \Rightarrow p_1 p_2}}{\leftarrow} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n E[X_{1,i} X_{2,l}] - n^2 p_1 p_2 \\ &= (n^2 - n) p_1 p_2 - n^2 p_1 p_2 = -n p_1 p_2 \end{aligned}$$