

ELECENG 3TQ3 Assignment 4

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1. Given Gaussian random variables X and Y with zero means and covariance matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ find random variables $U = aX + bY$ and $V = cX + dY$ so that U and V are uncorrelated. Hint: there are multiple solutions for this problem you just need to pick one.

From the covariance matrix, we can determine that:

$$\text{cov}(x, y) = \text{cov}(y, x) = 1, \text{Var}[X] = \sigma_X^2 = 4, \text{Var}[Y] = \sigma_Y^2 = 9$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov}(u, v) &= \text{cov}(ax + by, cx + dy) \\ &= ac \text{cov}(x, x) + ad \text{cov}(x, y) + bc \text{cov}(y, x) + bd \text{cov}(y, y) \\ &= ac \text{Var}[X] + ad(1) + bc(1) + bd \text{Var}[Y] \\ \text{cov}(u, v) &= 4ac + ad + bc + 9bd \\ 0 &= 4ac + ad + bc + 9bd \end{aligned}$$

This equation has multiple solutions. A possible solution is $a = 1$, $b = 1$, $c = 1$, and $d = -0.5$.

2. Assume that the number of trucks entering weigh station per day is distributed as a Poisson random variable with $\lambda=50$ and that the weights of each truck are iid Gaussian distributed with mean 7500 kg and standard deviation = 500 kg and independent of the number of trucks entering the stop. Let M be total weight measured per day in the weigh station. Find the expected value and variance of M . Hint: you can either use moment generating functions or central limit theorem.

Let N = Poisson random variable for number of trucks entering weigh station

Let X = Gaussian random variable for weights of each truck

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_M(s) &= \phi_N(\ln \phi_X(s)) \\ \phi_X(s) &= e^{s\mu + s^2\sigma^2/2} = e^{7500s + 125000s^2} \\ \phi_N(s) &= e^{\lambda(e^s - 1)} = e^{50(e^s - 1)} \\ \phi_M(s) &= e^{50(e^{\ln(e^{7500s + 125000s^2})} - 1)} \\ \phi_M(s) &= e^{50(e^{7500s + 125000s^2} - 1)} \\ \phi'_M(s) &= 50e^{50(e^{7500s + 125000s^2} - 1) + 125000s^2 + 7500s} (250000s + 7500) \\ E[M] &= \phi'_M(0) = E[N]E[X] = 50 \cdot 7500 = 375000 \text{ kg} \\ \text{Var}[M] &= E[N]\text{Var}[X] + \text{Var}[N](E[X])^2 = 50 \cdot 500^2 + 50(7500)^2 = 2.825 \times 10^9 \text{ kg} \end{aligned}$$