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Sections 5.5-5.8 and 5.11 of the textbook

$$(Y_1 - \mu_1)(Y_2 - \mu_2)$$

$$E(Y_2) = \text{mean height}$$

* If more points are in quadrants ① and ④, then Covariance is negative indicating linear dependence.

Pearson's Correlation:

$$\text{Corr}(Y_1, Y_2) = \rho_{Y_1 Y_2} = \frac{\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2)}{\sigma_{Y_1} \sigma_{Y_2}} = \frac{E(Y_1 Y_2) - E(Y_1)E(Y_2)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(Y_1) \text{Var}(Y_2)}}$$

$$\text{Note: } -1 \leq \rho_{Y_1 Y_2} \leq 1$$

$$\text{Note: } \text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2) = \text{Cov}(Y_2, Y_1) = E(Y_2 Y_1) - E(Y_2)E(Y_1)$$

What is $\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_1)$? By Definition 5.10,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_1) &= E[(Y_1 - \mu_1)(Y_1 - \mu_1)] \\ &= E[(Y_1 - \mu_1)^2] \\ &= \text{Var}(Y_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Corr}(Y_1, Y_1) = \frac{\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_1)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(Y_1) \text{Var}(Y_1)}} = \frac{\text{Var}(Y_1)}{\text{Var}(Y_1)} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

Theorem 5.11:

If Y_1 and Y_2 are independent random variables, then

$$\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2) = 0$$

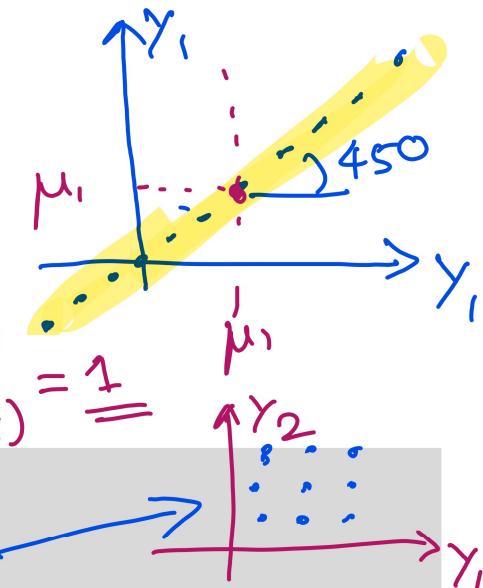
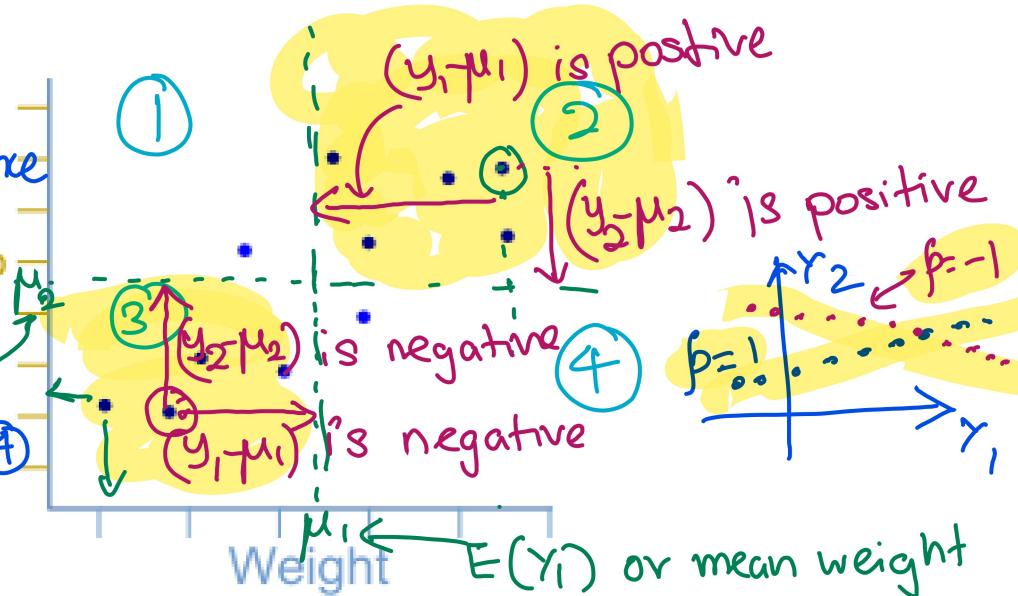
$$\text{because } E(Y_1 Y_2) - [E(Y_1) E(Y_2)] = E(Y_1) E(Y_2) - [E(Y_1) E(Y_2)]$$

Thus, independent random variables must be uncorrelated.

However, the converse is not true. That is, if the covariance between two random variables is zero, this does not necessarily imply they are independent.

For independent variables, $E[g(Y_1) h(Y_2)] = E[g(Y_1)] E[h(Y_2)]$

If $\text{cov}(Y_1, Y_2) = 0$, then Y_1 and Y_2 could be independent OR they have a NON-Linear dependence.

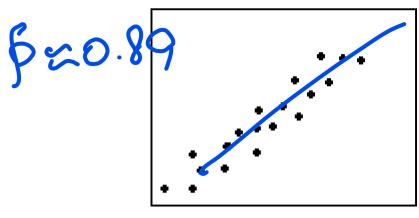


$$\rho = \text{Corr}(Y_1, Y_2)$$

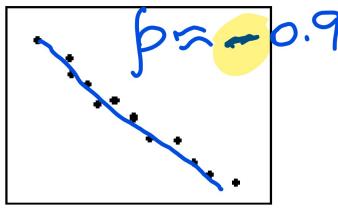
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$$\rho = 0$$

Degree of Correlation

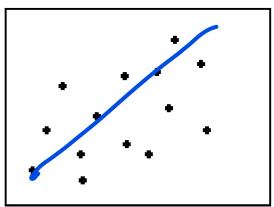


Strong Positive

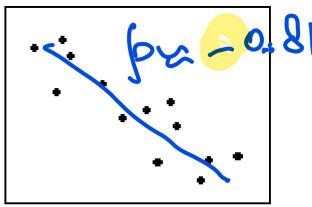


Strong Negative

$$\rho = 0.7$$

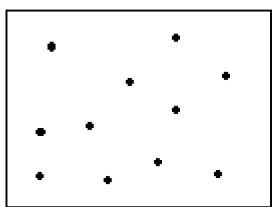


Weak Positive

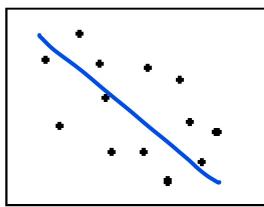


Moderate Negative

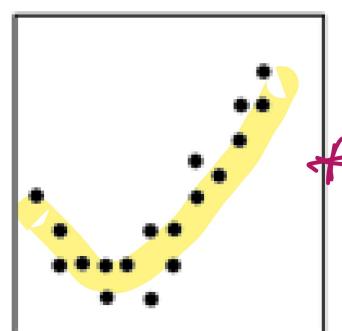
ρ is almost zero



None



Weak Negative



There is NO linear dependence.
However, there is a NON-Linear dependence.
Therefore, covariance is almost zero.

Covariance is also useful when calculating the variance of linear functions of random variables.

Theorem 5.12:

If Y_1 and Y_2 are jointly distributed random variables, then

$$E(aY_1 + bY_2) = aE(Y_1) + bE(Y_2)$$

$$\text{Var}(aY_1 + bY_2) = a^2 \text{Var}(Y_1) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y_2) + 2ab \text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2)$$

If Y_1 and Y_2 are independent random variables, then

$$\text{Var}(aY_1 + bY_2) = a^2 \text{Var}(Y_1) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y_2)$$

Proof:

Suppose Y_1 and Y_2 are jointly distributed random variables such that $E(Y_1) = \mu_{Y_1}$,

$\text{Var}(Y_1) = \sigma_{Y_1}^2$, $E(Y_2) = \mu_{Y_2}$, and $\text{Var}(Y_2) = \sigma_{Y_2}^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(aY_1 + bY_2) &= E[(aY_1 + bY_2)^2] - [E(aY_1 + bY_2)]^2 \\ &= E[a^2 Y_1^2 + b^2 Y_2^2 + 2abY_1 Y_2] + [aE(Y_1) + bE(Y_2)]^2 \\ &= E[a^2 Y_1^2] + E[b^2 Y_2^2] + E[2abY_1 Y_2] - \\ &\quad [a^2 E(Y_1)^2 + b^2 E(Y_2)^2 + 2abE(Y_1)E(Y_2)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(aY_1 + bY_2) &= a^2 E(Y_1^2) + b^2 E(Y_2^2) + 2ab E(Y_1 Y_2) \\
 &\quad - a^2 [E(Y_1)]^2 - b^2 [E(Y_2)]^2 - 2ab E(Y_1) E(Y_2) \\
 &= a^2 \underbrace{[E(Y_1^2) - [E(Y_1)]^2]}_{\text{Var}(Y_1)} + b^2 \underbrace{[E(Y_2^2) - [E(Y_2)]^2]}_{\text{Var}(Y_2)} \\
 &\quad + 2ab \underbrace{[E(Y_1 Y_2) - E(Y_1) E(Y_2)]}_{\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2)} \\
 &= a^2 \text{Var}(Y_1) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y_2) + 2ab \text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

* Variance Can Never be Negative:

Example 5 Continued: Consider the joint pmf

$$p_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \binom{y_2}{y_1} p^{y_1} (1-p)^{y_2-y_1} \left(\frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{y_2}}{y_2!} \right) ; \quad y_2 = 0, 1, \dots; \quad y_1 = 0, 1, \dots, y_2$$

- (a) Find $\text{Corr}(Y_1, Y_2)$.
- (b) Find $E(3Y_1 - 4Y_2)$
- (c) Find $\text{Var}(3Y_1 - 4Y_2)$

What do we know? From our previous work, we found
 Y_1 has a Poisson (λp) and therefore, $E(Y_1) = \lambda p$
 $\text{Var}(Y_1) = \lambda p$.

Y_2 has a Poisson (λ) and therefore, $E(Y_2) = \lambda$
 $\text{Var}(Y_2) = \lambda$.

$$(a) \text{Corr}(Y_1, Y_2) = \frac{\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(Y_1) \text{Var}(Y_2)}} = \frac{E(Y_1 Y_2) - E(Y_1) E(Y_2)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(Y_1) \text{Var}(Y_2)}}$$

$$E(Y_1 Y_2) = \sum_{\text{all } y_1} \sum_{\text{all } y_2} y_1 y_2 p(y_1, y_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(Y_1 Y_2) &= \sum_{y_2=0}^{\infty} \sum_{y_1=0}^{y_2} \left[Y_1 Y_2 \binom{y_2}{y_1} p^{y_1} (1-p)^{y_2-y_1} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{y_2}}{y_2!} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{y_2=0}^{\infty} \left[y_2 \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{y_2}}{y_2!} \sum_{y_1=0}^{y_2} \left[Y_1 \binom{y_2}{y_1} p^{y_1} (1-p)^{y_2-y_1} \right] \right] \\
 &\quad \text{Y}_1 \sim \text{Binomial pmf } (y_2, p) \\
 &= \sum_{y_2=0}^{\infty} y_2 \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{y_2}}{y_2!} \sum_{y_1=0}^{y_2} \left[Y_1 p(y_1) \right] \\
 &\quad \text{E}(Y_1) = \lambda p \\
 &= \sum_{y_2=0}^{\infty} y_2 \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{y_2}}{y_2!} (\lambda p) \\
 &= p \sum_{y_2=0}^{\infty} \left[y_2 \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{y_2}}{y_2!} \right] \\
 &\quad \text{Y}_2 \text{ has Poisson pmf } (\lambda) \\
 &= p E(Y_2) \\
 &= p(\lambda + \lambda^2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Recall: $\text{Var}(Y_2) = E(Y_2^2) - [E(Y_2)]^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda &= E(Y_2) - \lambda^2 \\
 \Rightarrow E(Y_2^2) &= \lambda + \lambda^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2) = E(Y_1 Y_2) - E(Y_1) E(Y_2)$$

$$= p(\lambda + \lambda^2) - (\lambda p)(\lambda) = \lambda p$$

$$\text{Corr}(Y_1, Y_2) = \frac{\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(Y_1) \text{Var}(Y_2)}} = \frac{\lambda p}{\sqrt{(\lambda p)(\lambda)}} = \frac{p}{\sqrt{p}} = \underline{\underline{\sqrt{p}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) E(3Y_1 - 4Y_2) &= 3E(Y_1) - 4E(Y_2) \\
 &= 3(\lambda p) - 4(\lambda) = \underline{\underline{\lambda(3p - 4)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \text{Var}(3Y_1 - 4Y_2) \text{ here } a=3, b=-4 \text{ compared to } aY_1 + bY_2.$$

$$\text{Var}(aY_1 + bY_2) = a^2 \text{Var}(Y_1) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y_2) + 2ab \text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(3Y_1 - 4Y_2) &= \text{Var}(3Y_1 + (-4)Y_2) \\
 &= 3^2 \text{Var}(Y_1) + (-4)^2 \text{Var}(Y_2) + 2(3)(-4)\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2) \\
 &= 9(\lambda p) + 16(\lambda) - 24(\lambda p) \\
 &= \cancel{\lambda}(16 - 15\lambda) \quad \text{Is this non-zero?} \\
 &= \cancel{\lambda} \left(\frac{16}{15} - \lambda \right) \quad \lambda > 0, \text{ and } 0 < \lambda < 1 \\
 &\quad \text{Therefore, this is positive.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 11: (Problem 5.102) A firm purchases two types of chemicals. Type I chemical costs \$3 per gallon, whereas type II costs \$5 per gallon.

Let Y_1 be the number of gallons purchased from type I chemical.

The mean and variance for this are 40 and 4, respectively.

Let Y_2 be the number of gallons purchased from type II chemical.

The mean and variance for this are 65 and 8, respectively.

Assume that Y_1 and Y_2 are independent. $\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2) = 0$

Find the mean and standard deviation of total amount of money spent on the two chemicals.

\$3 per gallon of Type I \Rightarrow cost is $3Y_1$

\$5 per gallon of Type II \Rightarrow cost is $5Y_2$

Therefore, total cost is $3Y_1 + 5Y_2$.

Mean cost = $E[3Y_1 + 5Y_2]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 3E(Y_1) + 5E(Y_2) \\
 &= (3 \times 40) + (5 \times 65)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \underline{445 \text{ dollars}}$$

Standard Deviation $\approx \sqrt{\text{Variance}}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(3Y_1 + 5Y_2) &= 3^2 \text{Var}(Y_1) + 5^2 \text{Var}(Y_2) + 2(3)(5)\underbrace{\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2)}_0 \\
 &= (9 \times 4) + (25 \times 8) \\
 &= 236 \text{ dollars squared}
 \end{aligned}$$

Standard deviation = $\sqrt{236}$

$$= \underline{15.36 \text{ dollars}}$$