

# 統計學（一）

## 第六章 雙變量機率函數 (Bivariate Probability Distributions)

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# 間斷型與連續型雙變量機率函數 (Bivariate Probability Distributions for Discrete & Continuous Random Variables)

# Bivariate Probability Distributions

- **Def: Random Vector**

- Suppose that  $\mathbf{S}$  is the sample space associated with an experiment.
- Let  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}(\omega)$  and  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{Y}(\omega)$  be two functions each assigning a real number to every point  $\omega$  of  $\mathbf{S}$ . Then  $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$  is called a two-dimensional random vector (or we say that  $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}$  are jointly distributed random variables).

- **Remark**

- If  $\mathbf{X}_1 = \mathbf{X}_1(\omega), \mathbf{X}_2 = \mathbf{X}_2(\omega), \dots, \mathbf{X}_n = \mathbf{X}_n(\omega)$  are  $n$  functions each assigning a real number to every outcome, we call  $(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n)$  an **n-dimensional random vector** (or we say  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$  are jointly distributed random variables).

# Bivariate Probability Distributions

- **Def: Joint Probability Mass Function for Discrete Random Variables**

- Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are discrete random variables defined on the same probability space and that they take on values  $x_1, x_2, \dots$ , and  $y_1, y_2, \dots$ , respectively.
- Their **joint probability mass function**  $P(X, Y)$  is

$$P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = P(X = \mathbf{x}, Y = \mathbf{y})$$

- The joint probability mass function must satisfy the following conditions:
  - 1)  $P(X = \mathbf{x}, Y = \mathbf{y}) \geq 0 . \forall (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathbf{R}$
  - 2)  $\sum_{\text{all } \mathbf{x}} \sum_{\text{all } \mathbf{y}} P(X = \mathbf{x}, Y = \mathbf{y}) = 1$

# Bivariate Probability Distributions

- How to find the joint probability mass function for the discrete  $X$  and  $Y$  ?
  - Construct a table listing each value that the R.V.  $X$  and  $Y$  can assume. Then find  $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  for each combination of  $\mathbf{P}(X, Y)$ .
- Example 1 :
  - Toss a fair coin 3 times. Let  $X$  be the number of **heads** on the **first** toss and  $Y$  the **total number of heads** observed for the **three** tosses.
  - What is the joint probability mass function of  $(X, Y)$ ?

# Bivariate Probability Distributions

		Y				P(X=x)
		0	1	2	3	
X	0	1/8	2/8	1/8	0	4/8
	1	0	1/8	2/8	1/8	4/8
P(Y=y)		1/8	3/8	3/8	1/8	1

$$S = \{(HHH), (HHT), \dots, (TTT)\}$$

## Note:

Each entry represents a  $P(x, y)$ . e.g.,

- $P(0, 2) = P(X=0, Y=2) = 1/8$
- $P(1, 0) = P(X=1, Y=0) = 0$

Sometimes we are interested in only the probability mass function for  $X$  or for  $Y$ .  
i.e.,  $P_X(x) = P(X = x)$  or  $P_Y(y) = P(Y = y)$

For instance, in example 1,

$$P_Y(0) = P(Y = 0) = P(X = 0, Y = 0) + P(X = 1, Y = 0) = \frac{1}{8} + 0 = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$P_Y(1) = P(Y = 1) = P(X = 0, Y = 1) + P(X = 1, Y = 1) = \frac{2}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$$

In general, the marginal functions can be found by

$$P_X(x) = P(X = x) = \sum_y P(X = x, Y = y)$$

$$P_Y(y) = P(Y = y) = \sum_x P(X = x, Y = y)$$

# Bivariate Probability Distributions

- **How to find the Marginal Probability function from the table?**
  - 1) To find  $P_Y(y)$ , sum down the appropriate column of the table.
  - 2) To find  $P_X(x)$ , sum across the appropriate row of the table.
- **Note**
  - Since  $P_Y(y)$  and  $P_X(x)$  are located in the row and column “**margins**”, these distributions are called **marginal probability functions**.



# Bivariate Probability Distributions

- Example 2 :**

- In example1, find the marginal probability functions for X and Y.

		Y				P(X=x)
		0	1	2	3	
X	0	1/8	2/8	1/8	0	4/8
	1	0	1/8	2/8	1/8	4/8
P(Y=y)		1/8	3/8	3/8	1/8	1

$$P_X(x) = \frac{4}{8}, \text{ for } x = 0, 1$$

$$P_Y(0) = P(Y = 0) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$P_Y(1) = P(Y = 1) = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$P_Y(2) = P(Y = 2) = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$P_Y(3) = P(Y = 3) = \frac{1}{8}$$

# Bivariate Probability Distributions

- **Def: Joint Probability Density Function for Continuous Random Variables**
  - Suppose that **X** and **Y** are jointly distributed continuous random variables. Their joint density function is a piecewise continuous function of two variables,  $f(x, y)$ , such that for any “reasonable” two-dimensional set  $A$

$$P((X, Y) \in A) = \int_A \int f(x, y) dy dx$$

- **The joint probability density function must satisfy the following conditions**
  - 1)  $f(x, y) \geq 0 . \forall (x, y) \in \mathbf{R}$
  - 2)  $\int_{\text{all } y} \int_{\text{all } x} f(x, y) dx dy = 1$

# Bivariate Probability Distributions

- The marginal density function for  $X$  and  $Y$  are

$$1) f_X(x) = \int_{\text{all } y} f(x, y) dy$$

$$2) f_Y(y) = \int_{\text{all } x} f(x, y) dx$$

- Note

- In the discrete case, the marginal mass function was found by summing the joint probability mass function over the other variable; in the continuous case, it is found by integration.

# Bivariate Probability Distributions

- **Example 3 :**

- Assume  $(X, Y)$  is a 2-dimensional continuous random vector with the following joint density function

$$\begin{aligned} f_{XY}(x, y) &= c && \text{if } 5 < x < 10, && 4 < y < 9 \\ &= 0 && \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

- a) Find  $c$ .
- b) Find the marginal density functions for  $X$  and  $Y$ .

# Bivariate Probability Distributions

- Solution**

a) Because  $\int_{\text{all } y} \int_{\text{all } x} f(x, y) dx dy = 1$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int_4^9 \int_5^{10} (c) dx dy &= 1 = c \int_4^9 \left[ \int_5^{10} dx \right] dy = c \int_4^9 [x]_5^{10} dy \\ &= c \int_4^9 5 dy = 5c \int_4^9 dy = [5cy]_4^9 = 5c(9 - 4) = 25c = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{25}$$

$$\text{b) } f_X(x) = \int_4^9 \frac{1}{25} dy = \frac{1}{25} [y]_4^9 = \frac{1}{5} \quad \text{for } 5 < x < 10$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_5^{10} \frac{1}{25} dx = \frac{1}{25} [x]_5^{10} = \frac{1}{5} \quad \text{for } 4 < y < 9$$

# Bivariate Probability Distributions

## • Example 4 :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } f(x, y) &= 2 & \text{if } 0 < x < y, & & 0 < y < 1 \\ &= 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

- a) Find  $f_X(x)$       b) Find  $f_Y(y)$       c)  $P(X < 1, Y < 1)$       d)  $P(X < Y)$

## • Solution

a)  $f_X(x) = \int_{\text{all } y} f(x, y) dy = \int_x^1 2 dy = 2[y]_x^1 = 2 - 2x, \quad 0 < x < 1.$

b)  $f_Y(y) = \int_{\text{all } x} f(x, y) dx = \int_0^y 2 dx = 2[x]_0^y = 2y, \quad 0 < y < 1.$

c)  $P(X < 1, Y < 1) = \int_0^1 \int_0^y 2 dx dy$

d)  $P(X < Y) = \int_0^1 \int_0^y 2 dx dy = \int_0^1 [2x]_0^y dy = \int_0^1 [2y] dy = \left[ \frac{2y^2}{2} \right]_0^1 = 1$

# Bivariate Probability Distributions

- **Example 5 :**

- Suppose that the joint p.d.f. of X and Y is specified as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= 2e^{-x}e^{-y} && \text{for } 0 < x < \infty, \quad 0 < y < \infty \\ &= 0 && \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

Find  $P( X > 1, Y < 1 )$ .

- **Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} P( X > 1, Y < 1 ) &= \int_0^1 \int_1^\infty 2e^{-x}e^{-y} dx dy = \int_0^1 2e^{-y}(-e^{-x}|_1^\infty) dy \\ &= \int_0^1 2e^{-y}(0 + e^{-1}) dy = e^{-1} \int_0^1 2e^{-y} dy = 2e^{-1} \int_0^1 e^{-y} dy \\ &= 2e^{-1}(-e^{-y})|_0^1 = (1 - e^{-1})2e^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

# Bivariate Probability Distributions

- **Example 6** : The density function of X and Y is given by

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = 2e^{-x}e^{-2y} \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \infty, \quad 0 < y < \infty$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{otherwise}$$

- a) Find  $f_X(x)$                       b)  $P(X > 1, Y < 1)$                       c)  $P(X < a)$  ,  $a > 0$

- **Solution**

a) Let  $u = 2y$

$$du = 2dy \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = 0 \rightarrow u = 0, \quad y \approx \infty \rightarrow u \approx \infty$$

$$\frac{1}{2} du = dy$$

$$f_X(x) = \int_{\text{all } y} f(x, y) dy = \int_0^{\infty} 2e^{-x}e^{-2y} dy = 2e^{-x} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2y} dy$$

$$= 2e^{-x} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u} \frac{1}{2} du = e^{-x} (-e^{-u} |_0^{\infty})$$

$$= e^{-x} (0 - (-1)) = e^{-x}, \quad 0 < x < \infty$$



# Bivariate Probability Distributions

- **Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } P( X > 1, Y < 1 ) &= \int_0^1 \int_1^\infty 2e^{-x}e^{-2y}dx dy = \int_0^1 2e^{-2y}[\int_1^\infty e^{-x}dx]dy \\ &= \int_0^1 2e^{-2y}(-e^{-x}|_1^\infty)dy = \int_0^1 2e^{-2y}(0 - (-e^{-1}))dy \\ &= e^{-1} \int_0^1 2e^{-2y}dy = e^{-1}(1 - e^{-2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } P( X < a ) &= \int_0^a f_X(x)dx = \int_0^a e^{-x}dx = -e^{-x}|_0^a = -e^{-a} - (-1) = 1 - e^{-a} \\ &(a > 0) \end{aligned}$$

# 雙變量機率函數之期望值與共變異數 (The Expected values and Covariance for Jointly Distribution Random Variables)

# Expected values and Covariance

- **Recall: The Expected value of a Random variable**
  - $E(X) = \sum_X x \cdot P(x)$  if  $X$  is a discrete random variable.
  - $E(X) = \int_X x \cdot f(x)dx$  if  $X$  is a continuous R. V.
- **Remark: In general**
  - $E[g(x)] = \sum_X g(x) \cdot P(x)$  if  $X$  is a **discrete** random variable.  
 $= \int_X g(x) \cdot f(x)dx$  if  $X$  is a **continuous** random variable.

# Expected values and Covariance

- Theorem: If X and Y are independent , then**

$$E[g(x) \cdot h(y)] = E[g(x)] \cdot E[h(y)]$$

$$E[XY] = E[X] \cdot E[Y]$$

Proof: (see the textbook for discrete case)

Let X,Y be continuous with joint density function  $f_{XY}(x,y)$

$$E[g(x) \cdot h(y)] = \int_y \int_x g(x)h(y) \cdot \underline{f(x,y)} dx dy = \int_y \int_x g(x)h(y) \cdot \underline{f_X(x) f_Y(y)} dx dy$$

$$= \int_X g(x) f(x) dx \cdot \int_Y h(y) f(y) dy$$

$$= E[g(x)] \cdot E[h(y)]$$

Since X,Y are independent,

$$f(x,y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$$

(see Ch6.4)

# Expected values and Covariance

- **Recall**

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2] = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = E(X^2) - \mu^2$$

- **Def: The Covariance of any two variable X and Y is**

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E\{[X - E(X)][Y - E(Y)]\} = \underline{E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)} \quad \text{“short-cut” formular}$$

- **Example 1: Show that  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E\{[X - E(X)][Y - E(Y)]\} = E\{XY - X E(Y) - Y E(X) + E(X)E(Y)\} \\ &= E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) - E(Y)E(X) + E(X)E(Y) \\ &= E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)\end{aligned}$$

# Expected values and Covariance

- **Theorem**

- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are **independent** , then  **$\text{Cov}(X,Y)=0$**

Proof: If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent ,then we know  $E(XY)= E[X] \cdot E[Y]$   
 $\text{Cov}(X,Y)=E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)= E(XY) - E(XY)=0$

- **Question**

- If  $\text{Cov}(X,Y)=0$ ,  $X,Y$  are independent?? **NO!!**

- **Remark**

- If  $\text{Cov}(X,Y)=0$ ,  $X$  and  $Y$  may **not** be independent.

# Expected values and Covariance

## • Example 2: (Counterexample)

– Let  $X, Y$  be discrete random variable with  $P(X=x, Y=y)$  as follows:

$X \backslash Y$	-1	0	1	$P_X(x)$
-1	$1/8$	$1/8$	$1/8$	$3/8$
0	$1/8$	0	$1/8$	$2/8$
1	$1/8$	$1/8$	$1/8$	$3/8$
$P_Y(y)$	$3/8$	$2/8$	$3/8$	1

- Find  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$
- Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent?

# Expected values and Covariance

## • Solution

$$a) \quad E(X) = \sum_x x \cdot P_X(x) = (-1)(3/8) + 0(2/8) + 1(3/8) = 0$$

$$E(Y) = \sum_y y \cdot P_Y(y) = (-1)(3/8) + 0(2/8) + 1(3/8) = 0$$

$$E(XY) = \sum_x \sum_y xy P(X = x, Y = y)$$

$$= (-1)(-1)(1/8) + 0(-1)(1/8) + (1)(-1)(1/8) + (-1)(0)(1/8) + 0 \cdot 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0(1/8) + (-1)(1)(1/8) + 0(1)(1/8) + 1(1)(1/8) = 1/8 - 1/8 - 1/8 + 1/8 = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) = 0 - 0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$b) \quad \text{But } P(X=0, Y=0) \stackrel{?}{=} P(X=0) P(Y=0)?$$

$$0 \stackrel{?}{=} 2/8 \cdot 2/8 \Rightarrow P(X=0, Y=0) \neq P(X=0) P(Y=0)$$

$\therefore$  NO! X, Y are **not** independent.



# 雙變量機率函數之獨立性與相關性 (Independence and Conditional Distributions)

# Independence and conditional Distributions

- **Def: Independent random variables**

- X and Y are independent random variables if and only if

$$P(X \in A, Y \in B) = P(X \in A) \cdot P(Y \in B)$$

- **Theorem**

- X and Y are **independent** random variables if and only if

$$F_{XY}(X, Y) = F_X(X) \cdot F_Y(Y)$$

- **Corollary**

- 1) If X and Y are **independent discrete** random variables, then

$$P(X=x, Y=y) = P(X=x) \cdot P(Y=y) = P_X(x) \cdot P_Y(y)$$

- 2) If X and Y are **independent continuous** random variables, then

$$f(x,y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$$

# Independence and conditional Distributions

- Example 1 :**

Given  $P(x,y) = \frac{1}{n^2}$  ,  $x=1,2,\dots,n$  ,  $y=1,2,\dots,n$   
 $=0$  otherwise.

Are X and Y are independent?

- Solution** Check:  $P(x,y) \stackrel{?}{=} P_X(x) \cdot P_Y(y)$

The marginal function for X is

$$P_X(x) = \sum_{y=1}^n P(x,y) = \sum_{y=1}^n \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{y=1}^n 1 = \frac{n}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n}, X = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

The marginal function for Y is

$$P_Y(y) = \sum_{x=1}^n P(x,y) = \sum_{x=1}^n \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n}, Y = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Check:  $P(x,y) \stackrel{?}{=} P_X(x) \cdot P_Y(y)$  for all  $(x,y)$ ?

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

Yes! X and Y are independent.

# Independence and conditional Distributions

- Example 2 :** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be continuous random variables with

$$\begin{aligned} f(x,y) &= e^{-x-y} & x > 0, y > 0, \\ &= 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

Are  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent?

- Solution:** 
$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x-y} dy = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} \cdot e^{-y} dy = e^{-x} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} dy \\ &= e^{-x} (-e^{-y} \Big|_0^{\infty}) = e^{-x} (0 - (-1)) = e^{-x}, \quad 0 < x < \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x-y} dx = e^{-y}, \quad 0 < y < \infty$$

Check:  $f(x,y) \stackrel{?}{=} f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$

$$e^{-x-y} = e^{-x} \cdot e^{-y} \quad \text{Yes! } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are independent.}$$

# Independence and conditional Distributions

- **Example 3 :** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be continuous random variables with

$$\begin{aligned} f(x,y) &= 2 & 0 < x < y, 0 < y < 1 \\ &= 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

Are  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent?

- **Solution:**

$$f_X(x) = \int_x^1 2 \, dy = 2 - 2x, \quad 0 < x < 1$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_0^y 2 \, dx = 2y$$

$$\text{Check: } f(x,y) \stackrel{?}{=} f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$$

$$2 \neq (2 - 2x) \cdot 2y$$

No!  $X$  and  $Y$  are **not** independent.

# Independence and conditional Distributions

- Conditional Distributions

Recall:  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

1) If X and Y are **discrete** random variables, then

$$P(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{P(X = x, Y = y)}{P(Y = y)} = \frac{P_{XY}(x, y)}{P_Y(y)}, \quad P_Y(y) \neq 0$$

**Note:**

i)  $P_{XY}(x, y) = P(x|y)P_Y(y)$       ii)  $P_X(x) = \sum_{\text{all } y} P(x|y)P_Y(y)$

2) If X and Y are **continuous** random variables, then

$$f(x|y) = \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}, \quad f_Y(y) \neq 0$$

**Note:**

i)  $f_{XY}(x, y) = f(x|y)f_Y(y)$       ii)  $f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x|y)f_Y(y) dy$

# Independence and conditional Distributions

## • Example 4 :

- Let  $X, Y$  be discrete random variable with  $P(X=x, Y=y)$  as follows, find the conditional probability function of  $X$  given  $Y=1$ .

$X \backslash Y$	0	1	2	3	$P_X(x)$
0	$1/8$	$2/8$	$1/8$	0	
1	0	$1/8$	$2/8$	$1/8$	
		$3/8$			

## • Solution

$$P(X = 0|Y = 1) = \frac{P(X = 0, Y = 1)}{P(Y = 1)} = \frac{(\frac{2}{8})}{(\frac{3}{8})} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$P(X = 1|Y = 1) = \frac{P(X = 1, Y = 1)}{P(Y = 1)} = \frac{(\frac{1}{8})}{(\frac{3}{8})} = \frac{1}{3}$$

# Independence and conditional Distributions

- Example 5 :** The density function of  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y} & 0 \leq x \leq y \quad y \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We find  $f_X(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ ,  $x \geq 0$  and  $f_Y(y) = \lambda^2 y e^{-\lambda y}$ ,  $y \geq 0$

Find the conditional density  $f(y|x)$ .

- Solution**

$$f(y|x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)} = \frac{\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y}}{\lambda e^{-\lambda x}} = \lambda e^{-\lambda(y-x)} \quad \text{for } \underline{x \leq y} < \infty$$

$$f(x|y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} = \frac{\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y}}{\lambda^2 y e^{-\lambda y}} = \frac{1}{y}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq y$$



# 雙變量機率函數之共變異數與相係數 (Covariance and Correlation)

# Covariance and Correlation

Two measures of association between two random variables:

## 1) Covariance

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

**Def:** The covariance of any two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  is

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E\{[X - E(X)][Y - E(Y)]\} = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$$

**Note:** The value of  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$  can be **positive**, **negative** or **zero**.

$$\text{Theorem 1 : } \text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - \mu_X\mu_Y$$

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = E[XY - \mu_Y X - \mu_X Y + \mu_X \mu_Y] \\
 &= E[XY] - \mu_Y E[X] - \mu_X E[Y] + \mu_X \mu_Y \\
 &= E[XY] - \mu_Y \mu_X - \mu_X \mu_Y + \mu_X \mu_Y \\
 &= E[XY] - \mu_X \mu_Y
 \end{aligned}$$

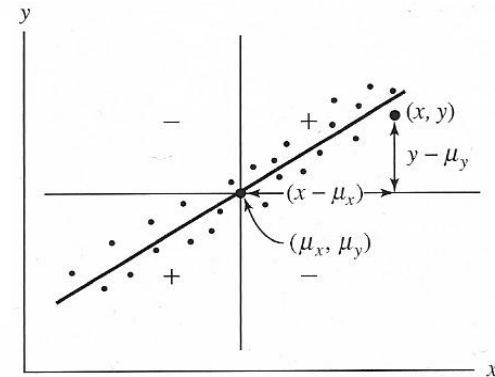


FIGURE 6.5

Signs of the cross-products  
 $(x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y)$

# Covariance and Correlation

## 2) Correlation

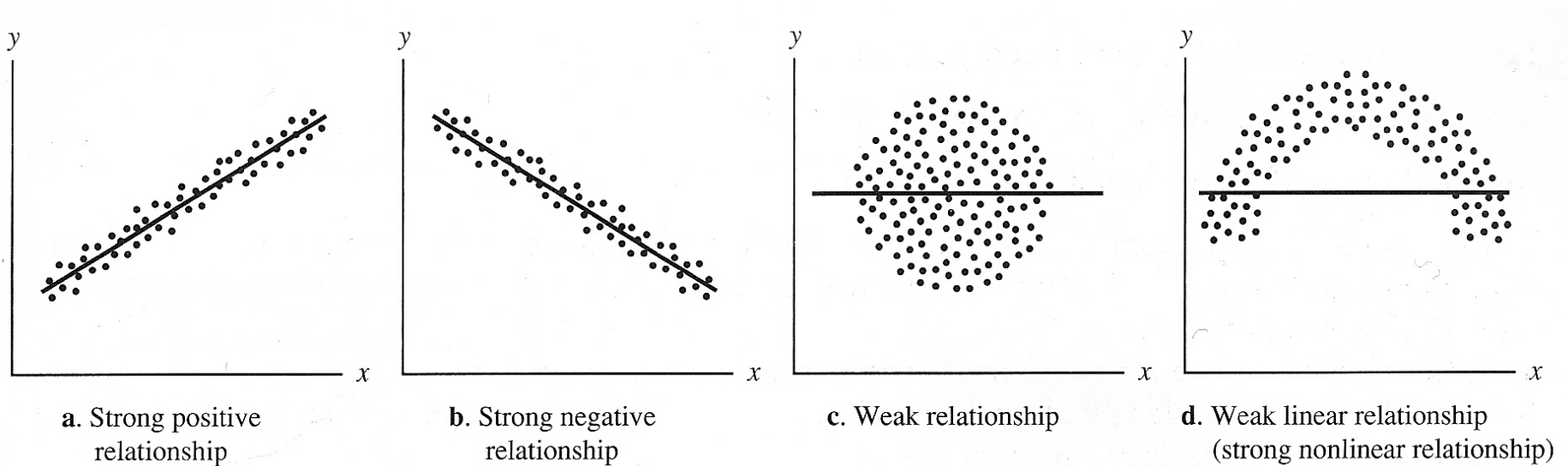
**Def:** The **correlation** of any two random variables **X** and **Y** is

$$\rho(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \frac{\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})}{\sigma_{\mathbf{X}}\sigma_{\mathbf{Y}}} , \quad \text{provide that } \sigma_{\mathbf{X}} < \infty \text{ and } \sigma_{\mathbf{Y}} < \infty$$

**Note:**

- 1)  $-1 \leq \rho(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \leq 1$
- 2) **X** and **Y** are said to be **positively** correlated if  $\rho(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) > 0$ .
- 3) **X** and **Y** are said to be **negatively** correlated if  $\rho(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) < 0$ .
- 4) **X** and **Y** are said to be **uncorrelated** if  $\rho(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = 0$ .

# Covariance and Correlation



**FIGURE 6.4**

Linear relationships between X and Y

# Covariance and Correlation

- **Theorem 2**

- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  $\mathbf{Cov}(X, Y) = \rho(X, Y) = \mathbf{0}$ .

- **Proof**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y = E(X) \cdot E(Y) - \mu_X \mu_Y \\ &= \mu_X \mu_Y - \mu_X \mu_Y = 0\end{aligned}\quad \text{Since } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are independent}.$$

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{0}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = 0$$

**Remark:** If  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$ ,  $X$  and  $Y$  may **not** be independent ( i.e.,  $X$  and  $Y$  may be dependent). (The reverse of Thm2 is **not** true.)

# Covariance and Correlation

- **Example 1: Dependent but Uncorrelated Random Variables**
  - Suppose that the random variable  $X$  can take only the three values  $-1, 0$  and  $1$ , and that each of these three values has the same probability. Also, let  $Y = X^2$ .
    - a) Find  $\text{COV}(X, Y)$
    - b) Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent?

# Covariance and Correlation

## • Solution

X	-1	0	1
f(X)	1/3	1/3	1/3

a)  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[XY] - \mu_X \mu_Y = 0$

$$E[XY] = E[X \cdot X^2] = E[X^3] = \sum_{x=-1}^1 X^3 \cdot f(x) = (-1)^3 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + 0 + 1^3 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 0$$

$$\mu_X = E[X] = \sum_{x=-1}^1 X \cdot f(x) = (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{3} + 0 + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 0$$

b)  $\therefore$  X and Y are uncorrelated.

Since  $Y = X^2$  the value of Y is completely determined by the value of X, X and Y are clearly dependent.

# Covariance and Correlation

## • Theorem 3:

- Suppose that  $X$  is a random variable such that  $0 \leq \sigma_X^2 \leq \infty$ , and that  $Y = aX + b$  for some constants  $a$  and  $b$ , where  $a \neq 0$ . If  $a > 0$ , then  $\rho(X, Y) = +1$ . If  $a < 0$ , then  $\rho(X, Y) = -1$ .

(That is, if  $Y$  is a linear function of  $X$ , then  $X$  and  $Y$  must be correlated and  $|\rho(X, Y)| = 1$ )

Proof:

If  $Y = aX + b$ , then  $\mu_Y = E(Y) = E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b = a\mu_X + b$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = E\{(X - \mu_X) \cdot [(aX + b) - (a\mu_X + b)]\} \\ &= E[(X - \mu_X) \cdot a(X - \mu_X)] = E[a(X - \mu_X)^2] = aE[(X - \mu_X)^2] \\ &= a\sigma_X^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{a\sigma_X^2}{2\sigma_X \cdot |a|\sigma_X} = \frac{a}{|a|} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma_Y^2 = \text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) = a^2 \sigma_X^2, \quad \therefore \sigma_Y = |a| \sigma_X$$



# Covariance and Correlation

- **Theorem 4: If  $X$  and  $Y$  are random variables, then**
  - $\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$   
(provide that  $\text{Var}(X) < \infty$  and  $\text{Var}(Y) < \infty$ )

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X + Y) &= E[(X + Y) - (\mu_X + \mu_Y)]^2 = E[(X - \mu_X) + (Y - \mu_Y)]^2 \\ &= E[(X - \mu_X)^2 + (Y - \mu_Y)^2 + 2(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] \\ &= E[(X - \mu_X)]^2 + E[(Y - \mu_Y)]^2 + 2E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] \\ &= \sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2 + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)\end{aligned}$$

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

# Covariance and Correlation

- **Remark**

- 1)  $\text{Cov}(aX, bY) = ab \cdot \text{Cov}(X, Y).$
- 2)  $\text{Var}(aX + bY + c) = a^2\text{Var}(X) + b^2\text{Var}(Y) + 2ab \cdot \text{Cov}(X, Y).$
- 3)  $\text{Var}(X - Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) - 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$

- **Theorem 5**

- If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are random variables and  $\text{Var}(X_i) < \infty$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , then

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) + 2 \sum \sum_{i < j} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$$

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