

1.13

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be independent random variables, all having the same distribution with expected values μ and variance σ^2 . The Random Variable \bar{X} , defined as the arithmetic average of these variables is called the sample mean. That is, the sample mean is given by:

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}$$

(a) Show that $E[\bar{X}] = \mu$

(b) Show that $Var(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$

The random variable S^2 is called the sample variance, defined by:

$$S^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}$$

(c) Show that $\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2$

(d) Show that $E[S^2] = \sigma^2$

1.13a Solution

$$E[\bar{X}]$$

$$= E\left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}\right] = \frac{1}{n} E[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i] \text{ by proposition 1.3.1}$$

$$\text{given that } \frac{1}{n} (E[X_1] + E[X_2] + \dots + E[X_n]) = \mu$$

$$\text{then } \frac{1}{n} (\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_n) = \mu$$

1.13b Solution

$$Var(\bar{X}) = Var\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 Var(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n). \text{ from equation 1.8 and expanding the summation}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \dots + \sigma_n^2) \text{ given prop 1.3.2 and the stated variance}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 \cdot n\sigma^2$$

$$= \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

1.13c Solution

Expand the binomial

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^2 - 2X_i\bar{X} + \bar{X}^2) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - 2\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\bar{X} + \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{X}^2\end{aligned}$$

using the useful identity

$$\sum X_i = n\bar{X}$$

we substitute in and get

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - 2n\bar{X}^2 + n\bar{X}^2$$

and combine like terms

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2$$

1.13d Solution

$$\text{L.H.S. } E[S^2] = E\left[\frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}\right]$$

$$(n-1)E(S^2) = E[\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2]$$

Then for R.H.S we expand out...

$$E[\sum (X_i - 2X_i\bar{X} + \bar{X}^2)]$$

$$E[\sum X_i^2 - 2\bar{X}\sum X_i + \sum \bar{X}^2]$$

$$E[\sum X_i^2 - 2n\bar{X} + n\bar{X}^2]. \text{ Note that } \sum \bar{X}^2 = n\bar{X}^2 \text{ and } \sum X_i = n\bar{X}$$

$$= E[\sum X_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2] = \sum E[X_i^2] - E[n\bar{X}^2] \text{ using proposition 1.3.1}$$

$$= \sum E[X_i^2] - nE[\bar{X}^2]$$

Special substitution notes

$$1. \text{Var}(\bar{X}) = E[\bar{X}^2] - (E[\bar{X}])^2$$

$$\text{therefore } E[\bar{X}^2] = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \mu^2$$

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

$$\text{therefore } E[X^2] = \sigma^2 + \mu^2$$

Then

$$= \sum (\sigma^2 + \mu^2) - n\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \mu^2\right)$$

$$= n\sigma^2 + n\mu^2 - \sigma^2 - n\mu^2$$

$$= (n - 1)\sigma^2$$

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$$(n - 1)E[S^2] = (n - 1)\sigma^2$$

$$E[S^2] = \sigma^2$$

1.14

Verify that $Cov(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$

1.14 Solution

Given $E[X] = \mu$

$$Cov(X, Y) = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]$$

$$= E[(XY - XE[Y] - E[X]Y + \mu_X\mu_Y)]$$

$$= E[(XY - X\mu_Y - Y\mu_X + \mu_X\mu_Y)]$$

$$= E[XY] - \mu_Y E[X] - \mu_X E[Y] + \mu_X\mu_Y \text{ by 1.7}$$

$$= E[XY] - E[Y]E[X] - E[X]E[Y] + E[X]E[Y]$$

$$= E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$$

1.15a

Prove $Cov(XY) = Cov(YX)$

1.15a solution

$$Cov(X, Y) = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]$$

$$= E[(Y - E[Y])(X - E[X])] \text{ by commutative property}$$

$$= Cov(Y, X)$$

1.15c

Prove $Cov(cX, Y) = cCov(X, Y)$

1.15c Solution

$$Cov(cX, Y) = E[c(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]$$

$$= E[cXY - cX\mu_Y - cY\mu_X + c\mu_X\mu_Y]$$

$$= cE[XY] - c\mu_Y\mu_X - cY\mu_X + c\mu_X\mu_Y$$

$$= c(E[XY] - E[X]E[Y])$$

1.16

If U and V are independent random variables, both having variance 1, find $Cov(X, Y)$ when:

$$X = aU + bV \text{ and } Y = cU + dV$$

1.16 Solution

$$Cov(X, Y) = Cov(aU + bV, cU + dV)$$

$$= Cov(aU, cU) + Cov(aU, dV) + Cov(bV, cU) + Cov(bV, dV)$$

$$= acCov(U, U) + adCov(U, V) + bcCov(V, U) + bdCov(V, V)$$

$$= acVar(U, U) + adCov(U, V) + bcCov(U, V) + bdVar(V, V)$$

$= ac + adCov(U, V) + bcCov(U, V) + bd$ because $Cov(U, V)$ is the covariance of independent vars, it is zero

$$= ac + bd$$

1.19

Can you construct a pair of random variables such that $Var(X) = Var(Y) = 1$, and $Cov(X, Y) = 2$?

1.19 Solution

Answer is no

Because

$$-1 \leq \rho(X, Y) \leq 1$$

$$\text{and } \rho(X, Y) = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{Var(X)Var(Y)}}$$

$$\text{thus } -1 \leq \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{Var(X)Var(Y)}} \leq 1$$

$$= -1 \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 \cdot 1}} \leq 1$$

$-1 \leq 2 \leq 1$ which is an impossible inequality

1.21

The distribution function $F(x)$ of the random variable X is defined by

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

If X takes on one of the values $1, 2, \dots$, and F is a known function, how would you obtain $P(X = i)$?

1.21 Solution

$$P(X = i) = F(i) - F(i - 1)$$

In []: