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We've talked about expectations, and we've talked about joint distributions. What are expectations of joint distributions $E[h(x, y)]$?
As with a single variable:

we could ① Let $Z = h(x, y)$, a random var, and then find

$$f_Z(z), \text{ find } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z f_Z(z) dz$$

(this is hard)

or

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$$\text{Find } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x, y) f(x, y) dx dy$$

In general, we sidestep the issue and define

$$E(h(x, y)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x, y) f(x, y) dx dy$$

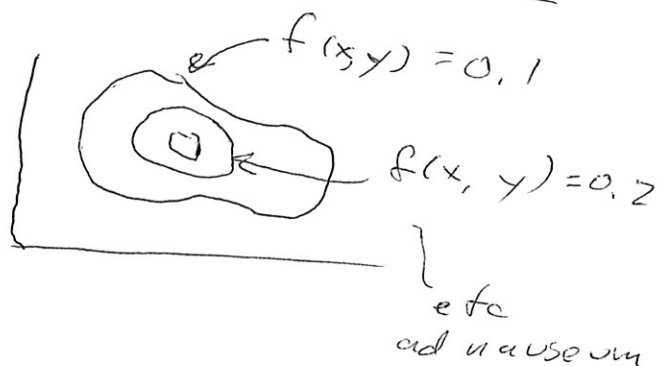
$$E(h(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) = \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}}_{n\text{-fold}} h(x_1, \dots, x_n) f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

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Describing Multivariate Distributions

One way: $f(x, y)$

Hard to graph, and
for more than 2D
very hard to graph.



Another way: single number summaries,
covariance, correlation

Recall $E(h(X, Y)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x, y) f(x, y) dx dy$

for $h(x, y) = x + y$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X + Y) &= \iint (x + y) f(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \iint x f(x, y) dx dy + \iint y f(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \int x \underbrace{\left[\int f(x, y) dy \right]}_{f_X(x)} dx + \int y \underbrace{\left[\int f(x, y) dx \right]}_{f_Y(y)} dy \\ &= \int x f_X(x) dx + \int y f_Y(y) dy \\ &= E(X) + E(Y) \end{aligned}$$

More Generally: For any random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n

$$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i)$$

hence: $E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n h_i(X_i)\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(h_i(X_i))$

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In particular, expectations of linear functions are linear functions of marginal expectations:

$$E(ax + bY) = aE(x) + bE(Y)$$

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 marginal, univariate

\searrow Since marginal distributions
 \searrow do not in general determine
 \searrow a bivariate distribution, we
cannot describe bivariate dists
 (only) with expectations of linear func
 used more?

Covariance of X and Y

$$\text{cov}(x, Y) = E[(x - \mu_x)(Y - \mu_Y)]$$

$$[] = XY - \mu_x Y - \mu_Y X + \mu_x \mu_Y$$

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

$$= E[XY] - \mu_x \mu_Y$$

$$\boxed{\text{cov}(x, Y) = E[XY] - \mu_x \mu_Y}$$

$$E(XY) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xy f(x, y) dx dy$$

note that if $E(X) = E(Y) = 0$

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$$(I) \text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY)$$



$$E(XY) > 0$$

is more prob. in

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(I + III) than (II + IV)

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

$$\text{Cov}(X, X) = \text{Var}(X)$$

other properties:

$$\text{Cov}(a + bX, c + dY) = bd \text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

If X, Y indep. $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$

But

can have $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$ with
 X, Y dependent

Correlation: "scale free" covariance

$$\text{corr}(X, Y) = \rho_{XY} = \text{Cov}\left(\frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X}, \frac{Y - \mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

also called

"Pearson's Correlation Coefficient"

Example:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{5}(xy+1) & 0 < x < 1 \\ & 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Is it really a distribution? Let's check!

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^1 \underbrace{\left(\int_0^1 \frac{4}{5}(xy+1) dx \right)}_{f_Y(y)} dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \underbrace{\frac{4}{5} \left(\frac{1}{2}y + 1 \right)}_{f_Y(y)} dy = \frac{4}{5} \left(\frac{y^2}{4} + y \right) \Big|_0^1 = 1$$

$$E(Y) = \int_0^1 y f_Y(y) dy = \frac{4}{5} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{2}y^2 + y \right) dy = \frac{8}{15}$$

similarly $E(X) = 8/15$

$$\begin{aligned} E(XY) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 xy f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^1 \left[\int_0^1 \frac{4}{5}(x^2y^2 + xy) dx \right] dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{4}{5} \left[\frac{y^2}{3} + \frac{y}{2} \right] dy = \frac{4}{5} \left[\frac{y^3}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} \right] \Big|_0^1 = \frac{13}{45} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(X, Y) = \frac{13}{45} - \left(\frac{8}{15} \right) \left(\frac{8}{15} \right) = \frac{1}{225}$$

Can find ρ_{xy} . But what does the magnitude of covariance mean?

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To interpret magnitude of Cov, consider $X + Y$.

$$E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y) = \mu_x + \mu_y$$

$$\text{Var}(X + Y) = E[(X + Y) - E(X + Y)]^2 \quad (\text{def})$$

$$= E[(X + Y) - (\mu_x + \mu_y)]^2$$

$$= E[(X - \mu_x) + (Y - \mu_y)]^2$$

$$= E[(X - \mu_x)^2 + (Y - \mu_y)^2 + 2(X - \mu_x)(Y - \mu_y)]$$

$$= \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

General Interp. of Covariance:

It is a correction factor for finding variances of sums

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)}$$

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So:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X+Y) &= \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2 \text{Cov}(X, Y) \\ \text{if } \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= 0 \quad ("X, Y \text{ uncorrelated}") \\ \text{then } \underline{\text{Var}(X+Y)} &= \underline{\text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)} \end{aligned}$$

More generally:

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

using

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(aX) &= a^2 \text{Var}(X) \\ \text{Cov}(aX, bY) &= ab \text{Cov}(X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \text{Var}(X_i) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i \neq j} a_i a_j \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) \end{aligned}$$

If each pair X_i and X_j $i \neq j$
are uncorrelated

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum a_i X_i\right) = \sum a_i^2 \text{Var}(X_i)$$



Let's continue with the case
 $\text{Cor}(X_i, X_j) = 0$ iff $i \neq j$, so

$$\text{Var}(\sum a_i X_i) = \sum a_i^2 \text{Var}(X_i)$$

introduce a new random var

$$\bar{X} = \sum \frac{1}{n} X_i \quad (\text{so } a_i = \frac{1}{n})$$

$$\text{Then } \text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum \text{Var}(X_i)$$

now suppose the X_i are
identically distributed, so

$$\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2 \text{ for all } i$$

then

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}}}$$

$$\text{Note that } E(\bar{X}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i) = \mu_x$$

So as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Recast more carefully in terms
of limits, this is the
Law of Large Numbers

(see Rice, p 178)

We will return to \bar{X} after
a short excursion

Summary

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx$$

$$E(h(X, Y)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x, y) f(x, y) dx dy$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) \\ \rho_{XY} &= \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} \\ & (= 0 \text{ if } X, Y \text{ independent}) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\text{Var}(X+Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

$$\text{Var}(X_1 + \dots + X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) + \sum_{i \neq j} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$$

Indep. Case

$$\text{Var}(X+Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$$

$$\text{Var}(\sum X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i)$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \quad \text{if } \text{Var}(X_1) = \text{Var}(X_2) = \dots = \sigma^2$$

$$E(\bar{X}) = \mu \quad \text{if } E(X_1) = E(X_2) = \dots = \mu$$

Now let's digress, for a moment...

Def The r^{th} moment of random variable X is $E(X^r)$. (if $E(X^r)$ exists,)

We have already looked at the first moment, $E(X)$, and the second moment $E(X^2)$.

Def The r^{th} central moment of rand. var X is

$$E[(X - E(X))^r]$$

1st central moment: Zero (the mean)

2nd central moment: variance, etc.

It turns out that there is a great trick for dealing with moments - the moment-generating function (mgf)

$$M(t) = E[e^{tx}]$$

Why care about the moment-generating function? (we will consider the cont. case)

$$M(t) = E(e^{tx}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} M'(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{tx} f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

For $t=0$

$$M'(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = E(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} M''(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{tx} f(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{tx} f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$M''(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx = E(x^2)$$

without proof, it turns out that if $M(t)$ exists in an open interval containing zero

$$M^{(r)}(0) = E(x^r)$$

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Moreover

If the moment-generating function exists for t in an open interval containing zero, it uniquely determines the probability distribution.

So we can work with mgf's if we want to, instead of pdf's or cdf's

$$\text{mgf} \Rightarrow \text{pdf} \Rightarrow \text{cdf}$$

The properties of expectations that we already know enable us to deduce important properties of the mgf.

say X has mgf $M_X(t)$ and
 $Y = a + bX$

$$\begin{aligned} M_Y(t) &= E(e^{tY}) \\ &= E(e^{at + btx}) \\ &= E(e^{at} e^{btx}) \\ &= e^{at} E(e^{btx}) \end{aligned}$$

$$M_Y(t) = e^{at} M_X(bt)$$

Say X and Y are indep. rand. variables with mgf's M_X and M_Y .

$$\text{Let } Z = X + Y$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_Z(t) &= E(e^{tZ}) \\ &= E(e^{tX+tY}) \\ &= E(e^{tX} e^{tY}) \end{aligned}$$

because X and Y are indep

$$\longrightarrow = E(e^{tX}) E(e^{tY})$$

$$\boxed{M_Z(t) = M_X(t) M_Y(t)}$$

Example: The Standard Normal Dist.

$$M(t) = E(e^{tx}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\frac{-x^2}{2} + tx} dx$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2}{2} - tx &= \frac{1}{2} (x^2 - 2tx + t^2) - \frac{t^2}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (x-t)^2 - \frac{t^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

so $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, as we were saying

$$M(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2} + tx} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-t)^2 - \frac{t^2}{2}} dx$$

$$e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(x-t)^2/2} dx \right)}_{=1}$$

(set $u = x - t$
change of
vars)

$$\boxed{M(t) = e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}}$$

With this information in hand, consider $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$ identically and independently distributed random variables with cdf F . Let

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

Suppose n grows without limit. What happens to S_n ?

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X_1, \dots, X_n iid random vars

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \quad E(X) = 0, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$$

Set $Z_n = \frac{S_n}{\sigma \sqrt{n}}$. Let's look

at the mgf of Z_n as n gets larger and larger. Because the X_n are indep,

$$M_{S_n}(t) = [m(t)]^n \quad (\text{p. 13, these notes})$$

and

$$M_{Z_n}(t) = \left[m\left(\frac{t}{\sigma \sqrt{n}}\right) \right]^n$$

We can expand m in a Taylor series around zero, so

$$M(s) = M(0) + s M'(0) + \frac{1}{2} s^2 M''(0) + \dots$$

$$E(X) = 0, \text{ so } M'(0) = 0$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2 \text{ so } M''(0) = \sigma^2$$

remember, we've considered

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i; \quad Z_n = \frac{S_n}{\sigma \sqrt{n}}, \quad M_{Z_n}(t) = \left[M\left(\frac{t}{\sigma \sqrt{n}}\right) \right]^n$$

from the Taylor expansion, we now have

$$M\left(\frac{t}{\sigma \sqrt{n}}\right) = \overset{m(0)}{\downarrow} 1 + \overset{m'(0)}{\downarrow} 0 + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \left(\frac{t}{\sigma \sqrt{n}}\right)^2 + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } M_{Z_n}(t) &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \frac{t^2}{\sigma^2 n} + \dots \right)^n \\ &= \left(1 + \left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \frac{1}{n} + \dots \right)^n \end{aligned}$$

Drop the higher order terms, so

$$M_{Z_n}(t) \approx \left(1 + \left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \frac{1}{n} \right)^n$$

$$\text{but } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{a}{n} \right)^n = e^a$$

unrigorously, we have calculated that
as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $M_{Z_n}(t) \rightarrow e^{t^2/2}$.

Hence the distribution of Z_n tends to the standard normal!

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