

Tutorial 4 (problems 1 to 5)

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1 question-1

Let X, Y be two random variables.

a) If $\text{var}(X+3Y) = \text{var}(X-3Y)$, must X and Y be uncorelated?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}(X + 3Y) &= \text{var}(X - 3Y) \\ \text{var}(X) + 9\text{var}(Y) + 6\text{Cov}(X, Y) &= \text{var}(X) + 9\text{var}(Y) - 6\text{Cov}(X, Y) \\ 12\text{Cov}(X, Y) &= 0 \\ \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Hence X and Y must be uncorelated.

b) If $\text{var}(X) = \text{var}(Y)$ must X, Y be uncorelated?

$\text{var}(X) = \text{var}(Y)$
w.k.t $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_x)(Y - \mu_y)]$
By given equation nothing can be concluded about value of $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$. hence X and Y may or may not be corelated.

c) Find the inequality between $\text{var}(X_1, X_2)$ vs. $\text{var}(X_1) + \text{var}(X_2)$ if $\rho_{X_1, X_2} > 0$.

Given that $\rho_{X_1, X_2} > 0$
 $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) / \text{std}(X_1) \text{std}(X_2) > 0$
w.k.t standard deviation is always greater than zero hence $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) > 0$
 $\text{var}(X_1 + X_2) = \text{var}(X_1) + \text{var}(X_2) + 2\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)$
As $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)$ is greater than zero,
 $\text{var}(X_1 + X_2) > \text{var}(X_1) + \text{var}(X_2)$

d) Given correlation coefficient of X,Y as $\rho_{X,Y}$, what is the correlation coefficient between X, $aY+b$? (where a,b are constants with $a>0$)

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{X,aY+b} &= Cov(X, aY+b) / std(X)std(aY+b) \\ 1) Cov(X, aY+b) &= E[(X - \mu_x)(aY + b - a\mu_y - b)] \\ Cov(X, aY+b) &= E[(X - \mu_x)(aY - a\mu_y)] \\ Cov(X, aY+b) &= aE[(X - \mu_x)(Y - \mu_y)] \\ Cov(X, aY+b) &= aCov(X, Y)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}2) std(aY+b) &= \sqrt{E[(aY + b - a\mu_y - b)^2]} \\ std(aY+b) &= \sqrt{E[a^2(Y - \mu_y)^2]} \\ std(aY+b) &= a\sqrt{E(Y - \mu_y)^2} \\ std(aY+b) &= a\sqrt{var(Y)} \\ std(aY+b) &= astd(Y)\end{aligned}$$

From 1 and 2,

$$\begin{aligned}3) \rho_{X,aY+b} &= Cov(X, aY+b) / std(X)std(aY+b) \\ \rho_{X,aY+b} &= aCov(X, Y) / astd(X)std(Y) \\ \rho_{X,aY+b} &= Cov(X, Y) / std(X)std(Y) \\ \rho_{X,aY+b} &= \rho_{X,Y}\end{aligned}$$

2 question 2

Given X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n have fixed variance $var(X_i)$ for all i from 0 to n .

$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$, what is the maximum value $var(Y)$ can take if we are allowed to vary the covariances?

$$\text{Given } Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{var}(Y) &= \text{var}(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots) \\
\text{var}(Y) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}(X_i) + 2 \sum_{i < j} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) \\
\text{var}(Y) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}(X_i) + 2 \sum_{i < j} \sqrt{\text{var}(X_i) \text{var}(X_j)}
\end{aligned}$$

above equation can be written as w.k.t covariance of two numbers is always less than or equals to modulus of product of their standard deviations.

3 question 3

The neighbourhood bank has 3 tellers two fast and one slow, Time taken to assist the customer is exponentially distributed with $\lambda = 6$ at fast teller and $\lambda = 4$ at slow teller. Jane enters a bank and chooses a teller at random with probability 1/3. Find the pdf of time taken to assist Jane and it's transform(MGF).

Given that the time taken to assist Jane is exponential random variable:

$$\lambda_1 = 6e^{-6x} \text{ (fast teller)}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 6e^{-6x} \text{ (fast teller)}$$

$$\lambda_3 = 4e^{-4x} \text{ (slow teller)}$$

probability of Jane going to any teller is 1/3.

$$P(\text{time to complete} = x) = \sum_{i=1}^3 [P(\text{time to complete} = x | \text{teller} = i) P(\text{teller} = i)]$$

$$P(x) = (2/3)6e^{-6x} + (1/3)4e^{-4x}$$

MGF : MGF of exponential random variable is of the form $\lambda/(\lambda - s)$ (where $s < \lambda$).

$$\begin{aligned}
E(e^{sx}) &= E[e^{(12/3)se^{-6x} + (4/3)se^{-4x}}] \\
MGF &= \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 6/(6 - 4s/6), & s \leq 12 \\ \text{inf}, & \text{else} \end{array} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

($s \leq 12$ obtained as $4s/6 < 6$ and $s/3 < 4$).

4 question 4

Let X be the value of number on first die and Y be the sum of two numbers obtained by rolling 2 dice. Compute the joint MGF of X, Y.

X be the random variable representing number on dice after rolling it.
 So X is an uniform random variable from 1 to 6.
 $X \sim \text{Unif}[1,6]$
 Y is the sum of numbers obtained on rolling two dice.
 let $Y = X + X_1$ where X, X_1 are independent random variables.
 MGF:

$$E(e^{s_1 x + s_2 x + s_2 x_1}) = E(e^{(s_1 + s_2)x})E(e^{s_2 x_1})$$

$$MGF(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^6 E[e^{(s_1 + s_2)i/6}]E[e^{s_2 i/6}]$$

5 question 5

Let X be a standard gaussian random variable, Z be another random variable independent of X.

$$P_Z(z) = \begin{cases} 1/2, & Z = 1 \\ 1/2, & Z = -1 \end{cases}$$

Let $Y = ZX$.

a) What is the pdf of Y?

Given that $X \sim N(0,1)$ and Z is a discrete random variable independent of X.

$$P_Z(z) = \begin{cases} 1/2, & Z = 1 \\ 1/2, & Z = -1 \end{cases}$$

Given $Y = ZX$

$$a) P(Y = y) = P(ZX = y)$$

$$P(Y = y) = P(X = y|Z = 1)P(Z = 1) + P(X = y|Z = -1)P(Z = -1)$$

$$P(Y = y) = f_X(y)1/2 + f_X(y)1/2$$

$$P(Y = y) = f_X(y)$$

b) Are X and Y uncorelated?

$$b) \text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(X)E(Y) \quad (\text{given } X, Y \text{ are independent hence } \text{Cov}(X^2, Y) = E(X^2 Z) - E(Z) = 0)$$

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

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(X)^2 E(Z)$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0 \quad (\mu_z = 1(1/2) - 1(1/2) = 0)$$

Since $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ is zero, X and Y are uncorelated.

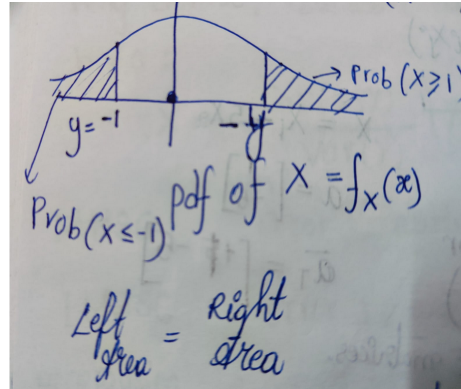


Figure 1: pdf of X as y varies

c) Are X and Y independent?

As y changes, pdf of X is altering from hence X, Y are dependent random variables. (from figure 1)

d) Are X and Y jointly gaussian?

Let us assume X, Y are jointly gaussian:

Any linear combination of them ($aX + bY$) will also be a jointly gaussian random variable.

let $a=2, b=3$

From above property, $K = 2X + 3Y$ will also be gaussian with mean μ_k and variance $\text{var}(K)$.

$$1) \mu_k = E(2X + 3Y)$$

$$\mu_k = 2E(X) + 3E(Y) \quad (E(Y) = \text{Cov}(Z, X) = 0 \text{ as } Z, X \text{ are independent}).$$

$$\mu_k = 0$$

$$2) \sigma_k = \sqrt{E(2X + 3Y)^2}$$

$$\sigma_k = \sqrt{E(2X)^2 + E(3Y)^2 + 12\text{Cov}(XY)}$$

$$\sigma_k = \sqrt{0 + 0 + 0}$$

$$\sigma_k = 0$$

As μ_k and σ_k are zero that indicates that K has mean 0, variance 0 i.e.; for all values of X, Z it attains same value so it can not be a gaussian random variable. Our assumption is wrong.

X, Y are not jointly gaussian.