

Assignment 1 - Problem 53

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Question 53) Suppose (X, Y) follows bivariate normal distribution with means μ_1, μ_2 , standard deviations σ_1, σ_2 and correlation coefficient ρ , where all parameters are unknown. Then, testing $H_0: \sigma_1 = \sigma_2$ is equivalent to testing the independence of

- 1.) X and Y
- 2.) X and $X-Y$
- 3.) $X+Y$ and Y
- 4.) $X+Y$ and $X-Y$

Answer: 4, $X+Y$ and $X-Y$

Solution:

Bi-variate random variables are distribution of normal distribution to two coordinates. are said to be bivariate normal or jointly normal, if $aX + bY$ has normal distribution $\forall a, b \in R$.

Random normal vector $A = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}$ is Bi-variate when it is jointly normal

Joint PDF of A is given as

$$f_a(A) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)} \sqrt{\det C} \exp \left\{ \frac{-1}{2} (a - m)^T C^{-1} (a - m) \right\}$$

$$\text{Where, } m = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_x \\ \mu_y \end{bmatrix}$$
$$C = \begin{bmatrix} \rho\sigma_x^2 & \sigma_{xy} \\ \rho\sigma_{yx} & \sigma_y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We know that

$$\sigma_{[X+Y, Z]} = \sigma_{[X, Z]} + \sigma_{[Y, Z]} \quad (1)$$

$$\sigma_{[X, X]} = \sigma_{[X]}^2 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{if } \sigma_{[X, Y]} = \sigma_{[X]}^2 \text{ then } X = Y \quad (3)$$

(Proofs for above equations are given in appendix)

1. Testing for the independence of X,Y

- (a) X,Y can be proven as independent if we can prove $\sigma_{XY} = 0$
- (b) Or if joint PDF can be written as product of PDFs of X,Y
- (c) With given $\sigma_X = \sigma_X$, both of them can not be proved, hence H_0 in dependency can not be tested.
- (d) In Null hypothesis if we can not prove X,Y are independent then it does not mean they are independent

2. Testing independence of X,X-Y

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{[X-Y,X]} &= \sigma_{[X,X]} - \sigma_{[X,Y]} \\ &= \sigma_X^2 - \sigma_{[X,Y]}\end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_{[X-Y,X]} = 0 \implies \sigma_X^2 = \sigma_{[X,Y]}$$

(b) if $\sigma_X^2 = \sigma_{[X,Y]}$ then it means $Y = X$

Argument: $X - Y, X$ can be independent if and only if $\sigma_{[X-Y,X]} = 0$. But $\sigma_{[X-Y,X]} = 0 \implies Y = X$, hence they are dependent irrespective of $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$

3. Testing for independence of X,X+Y

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{[X+Y,X]} &= \sigma_{[X,X]} + \sigma_{[X,Y]} \\ &= \sigma_X^2 + \sigma_{[X,Y]}\end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_{[X+Y,X]} = 0 \implies \sigma_X^2 = \sigma_{[X,Y]}$$

(b) if $\sigma_X^2 = \sigma_{[X,Y]}$ then it means $Y = -X$ which means they are dependent

Argument: $X + Y, X$ can be independent if and only if $\sigma_{[X+Y,X]} = 0$. But $\sigma_{[X+Y,X]} = 0 \implies Y = -X$, hence they are dependent irrespective of $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$

4. Testing for independence of $X+Y, X-Y$

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sigma_{[X+Y, X-Y]} \\
 &= \sigma_{[(X+Y), X]} - \sigma_{[(X+Y), Y]} \\
 &= \sigma_{[X, X]} + \sigma_{[X, Y]} - \sigma_{[X, X]} - \sigma_{[X, Y]} \\
 &= \sigma_X^2 - \sigma_Y^2
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Now testing for $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \implies \sigma_{[X+Y, X-Y]} = 0$

(c) Hence testing for $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \implies X+Y, X-Y$ are independent.

Appendix

Covariance is a measure of how much two random variables vary together

1. $\sigma_{[X+Y, Z]} = \sigma_{[X, Z]} + \sigma_{[Y, Z]}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{[X+Y, Z]} &= \mathbf{E}[(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y}) - \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y})](\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{E}\mathbf{Z})^T \\
 &= \mathbf{E}[(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y} - \mu_{\mathbf{X}} - \mu_{\mathbf{Y}})(\mathbf{Z}^T - \mu_{\mathbf{Z}}^T)] \\
 &= \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Z}^T - \mathbf{X}\mu_{\mathbf{Z}}^T + \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Z}^T - \mathbf{Y}\mu_{\mathbf{Z}}^T - \mu_{\mathbf{X}}\mathbf{Z}^T + \mu_{\mathbf{X}}\mu_{\mathbf{Z}}^T - \mu_{\mathbf{Y}}\mathbf{Z}^T + \mu_{\mathbf{Y}}\mu_{\mathbf{Z}}^T) \\
 &= \mathbf{E}((\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Z}^T - \mathbf{X}\mu_{\mathbf{Z}}^T - \mu_{\mathbf{X}}\mathbf{Z}^T + \mu_{\mathbf{X}}\mu_{\mathbf{Z}}^T) + (\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Z}^T - \mathbf{Y}\mu_{\mathbf{Z}}^T - \mu_{\mathbf{Y}}\mathbf{Z}^T + \mu_{\mathbf{Y}}\mu_{\mathbf{Z}}^T)) \\
 &= \mathbf{E}((\mathbf{X} - \mu_{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{Z}^T - \mu_{\mathbf{Z}}^T) + (\mathbf{Y} - \mu_{\mathbf{Y}})(\mathbf{Z}^T - \mu_{\mathbf{Z}}^T)) \\
 &= \mathbf{E}((\mathbf{X} - \mu_{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{Z} - \mu_{\mathbf{Z}})^T) + \mathbf{E}((\mathbf{Y} - \mu_{\mathbf{Y}})(\mathbf{Z} - \mu_{\mathbf{Z}})^T) \\
 &= \sigma_{[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}]} + \sigma_{[\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}]}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. $\sigma_{[X, Y]} = \sigma_{[X]}^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{[X, Y]} &= \mathbf{E}[(\mathbf{X} - \mu_{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{Y} - \mu_{\mathbf{Y}})^T], \quad \text{if } Y = X \\
 \sigma_{[X, X]} &= \mathbf{E}[(\mathbf{X} - \mu_{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{X} - \mu_{\mathbf{X}})^T] \\
 &= \sigma_X^2
 \end{aligned}$$

3. if $\sigma[X, Y] = \sigma[X]^2$ then $X = Y$

From 2 it follows that $\sigma[X, Y] = \sigma[X]^2$ when $X=Y$