

# Assignment 1 - Problem 53

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Question 53) Suppose  $(X, Y)$  follows bivariate normal distribution with means  $\mu_1, \mu_2$ , standard deviations  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  and correlation coefficient  $\rho$ , 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: Given  $X$  and  $Y$  are bi-variate random variables. Bivariate random variables are distribution of normal distribution to two coordinates. If any two random variables,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are said independent, then it follows that the correlation co-efficient  $\rho[X_1, X_2]$  is equal to 0.

$$\rho[X_1, X_2] = 0$$

We know that, for a bi-variate random variable correlation is given as follows:

$$\rho[X, Y] = \frac{\sigma_{[X, Y]}}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2 \times \sigma_Y^2}}$$

For testing independence of  $[X + Y, X - Y]$ , we need to see if  $\rho[X + Y, X - Y]$  becomes 0.

if  $\rho[X + Y, X - Y] = 0$ , then it follows from the bivariate random distribution that  $\sigma_{[X + Y, X - Y]}$  equates to 0

We know that

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

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

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

$$\sigma_{X, Y} = 0 \implies Y, X \text{ are dependant} \quad (4)$$

(Proofs for above equations are given in appendix)

1. Testing for the independence of X,Y

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma[X, Y] &= E((X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)) \\
 &= E[(XY) - \mu_X Y - \mu_Y X + \mu_X \mu_Y] \\
 &= E(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y - \mu_Y \mu_X + \mu_X \mu_Y \\
 &= E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) \\
 \sigma[X, Y] = 0 &\implies E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma[X, X] &= \sigma[Y, Y] \\
 \implies E[(X - \mu_X)^2] &= E[(Y - \mu_Y)^2] \\
 \implies E[X^2] - E[X]^2 &= E[Y^2] - E[Y]^2
 \end{aligned}$$

**Argument:** Both equations can not be solved with the given hypothesis, so can not comment on the in dependency

2. Testing independence of X,X-Y

(a)

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

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

**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 dependant irrespective of  $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$

3. Testing for independence of X,X+Y

(a)

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

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

**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 dependant 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

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

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{[X+Y,Z]} &= E((X+Y-\mu_{X+Y}) \times (Z-\mu_Z)) \\ &= E((X+Y-\mu_X-\mu_Y) \times (Z-\mu_Z)) \\ &= E(XZ - X\mu_Z + YZ - Y\mu_Z - Z\mu_X + \mu_X\mu_Z - \mu_YZ + \mu_Y\mu_Z) \\ &= E((XZ - \mu_ZX - \mu_XZ + \mu_Z\mu_X) + (YZ - Y\mu_Z - \mu_YZ + \mu_Y\mu_Z)) \\ &= E((X-\mu_X)(Z-\mu_Z) + (Y-\mu_Y)(Z-\mu_Z)) \\ &= E((X-\mu_X)(Z-\mu_Z)) + E((Y-\mu_Y)(Z-\mu_Z)) \\ &= \sigma_{[X,Z]} + \sigma_{[Y,Z]}\end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

$$4. \sigma_{X,Y} = 0 \implies Y, X \text{ are dependant}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma[X,Y] &= E((X-\mu_X)(Y-\mu_Y)) \\ &= E[(XY) - \mu_XY - \mu_YX + \mu_X\mu_Y] \\ &= E(XY) - \mu_XE(Y) - \mu_YE(X) + \mu_X\mu_Y \\ &= E(XY) - \mu_X\mu_Y - \mu_Y\mu_X + \mu_X\mu_Y\end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma[X,Y] = 0 \implies E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$$

if  $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$  then  $\rho(X,Y) = 1 \implies X, Y$  are dependant