

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:-

We know that, for a bivariate random variable correlation is given as follows.

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\text{COV}[X, Y]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X) \cdot \text{Var}(Y)}}$$

given that  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$

now if two random variables are independent then covariance is 0.

for  $(X+Y, X-Y)$  random variables,

covariance is given as

$$\text{COV}[X+Y, X-Y]$$



we know that

$$\text{cov}[x+y, z] = \text{cov}[x, z] + \text{cov}[y, z]$$

So,  $\text{cov}[x, x] = \text{var}[x]$

So,

$$\text{cov}[x+y, x-y]$$

$$= \text{cov}[(x+y)x] + \text{cov}[-y(x+y)]$$

$$= \text{cov}[x, x] + \text{cov}[x, y] - \text{cov}[x, y]$$

$$- \text{cov}[y, y]$$

$$= \text{var}[x] + \text{cov}(x, y) - \text{cov}(x, y) - \text{var}(y).$$

now given  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \Rightarrow \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$

so

$$\text{cov}[x+y, x-y] = \text{var}(x) - \text{var}(y)$$

Hence testing  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2^2 + 0 = 0$

imply testing independence of  $x+y, x-y$ .