



Tutorial 9

Exercise 1

1. In a certain community, levels of air pollution may exceed federal standards for ozone or for particulate matter on some days. For a particular summer season, let X be the number of days on which the ozone standard is exceeded and let Y be the number of days on which the particulate matter standard is exceeded. Assume that the joint probability mass function of X and Y is given in the following table:

x	y		
	0	1	2
0	0.10	0.11	0.05
1	0.17	0.23	0.08
2	0.06	0.14	0.06

- a. Find $P(X = 1 \text{ and } Y = 0)$.
- b. Find $P(X \geq 1 \text{ and } Y < 2)$.
- c. Find $P(X < 1)$.
- d. Find $P(Y \geq 1)$.
- e. Find the probability that the standard for ozone is exceeded at least once.
- f. Find the probability that the standard for particulate matter is never exceeded.
- g. Find the probability that neither standard is ever exceeded.

Exercise 1 Solution

(a) 0.17

(b) $P(X \geq 1 \text{ and } Y < 2) = P(1, 0) + P(1, 1) + P(2, 0) + P(2, 1) = 0.17 + 0.23 + 0.06 + 0.14 = 0.60$

(c) $P(X < 1) = P(X = 0) = P(0, 0) + P(0, 1) + P(0, 2) = 0.10 + 0.11 + 0.05 = 0.26$

(d) $P(Y \geq 1) = 1 - P(Y = 0) = 1 - P(0, 0) - P(1, 0) - P(2, 0) = 1 - 0.10 - 0.17 - 0.06 = 0.67$

(e) $P(X \geq 1) = 1 - P(X = 0) = 1 - P(0, 0) - P(0, 1) - P(0, 2) = 1 - 0.10 - 0.11 - 0.05 = 0.74$

(f) $P(Y = 0) = P(0, 0) + P(1, 0) + P(2, 0) = 0.10 + 0.17 + 0.06 = 0.33$

(g) $P(X = 0 \text{ and } Y = 0) = 0.10$

Exercise 2

x	y		
	0	1	2
0	0.10	0.11	0.05
1	0.17	0.23	0.08
2	0.06	0.14	0.06

2. Refer to Exercise 1.
 - a. Find the marginal probability mass function $p_X(x)$.
 - b. Find the marginal probability mass function $p_Y(y)$.
 - c. Find μ_X .
 - d. Find μ_Y .
 - e. Find σ_X .
 - f. Find σ_Y .
 - g. Find $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$.
 - h. Find $\rho_{X,Y}$.

Exercise 2 solution

- (a) The marginal probability mass function $p_X(x)$ is found by summing along the rows of the joint probability mass function.

	y			
x	0	1	2	$p_X(x)$
0	0.10	0.11	0.05	0.26
1	0.17	0.23	0.08	0.48
2	0.06	0.14	0.06	0.26
$p_Y(y)$	0.33	0.48	0.19	

$$p_X(0) = 0.26, p_X(1) = 0.48, p_X(2) = 0.26, p_X(x) = 0 \text{ if } x \neq 0, 1, \text{ or } 2$$

- (b) The marginal probability mass function $p_Y(y)$ is found by summing down the columns of the joint probability mass function. So $p_Y(0) = 0.33, p_Y(1) = 0.48, p_Y(2) = 0.19, p_Y(y) = 0$ if $y \neq 0, 1, \text{ or } 2$

$$(c) \mu_X = 0p_X(0) + 1p_X(1) + 2p_X(2) = 0(0.26) + 1(0.48) + 2(0.26) = 1.00$$

$$(d) \mu_Y = 0p_Y(0) + 1p_Y(1) + 2p_Y(2) = 0(0.33) + 1(0.48) + 2(0.19) = 0.86$$

Exercise 2 solution

$$(e) \sigma_X^2 = 0^2 p_X(0) + 1^2 p_X(1) + 2^2 p_X(2) - \mu_X^2 = 0^2(0.26) + 1^2(0.48) + 2^2(0.26) - 1.00^2 = 0.5200$$

$$\sigma_X = \sqrt{0.5200} = 0.7211$$

$$(f) \sigma_Y^2 = 0^2 p_Y(0) + 1^2 p_Y(1) + 2^2 p_Y(2) - \mu_Y^2 = 0^2(0.33) + 1^2(0.48) + 2^2(0.19) - 0.86^2 = 0.5004$$

$$\sigma_Y = \sqrt{0.5004} = 0.7074$$

$$(g) \text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mu_{XY} - \mu_X \mu_Y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{XY} &= (0)(0)p_{X,Y}(0,0) + (0)(1)p_{X,Y}(0,1) + (0)(2)p_{X,Y}(0,2) + (1)(0)p_{X,Y}(1,0) + (1)(1)p_{X,Y}(1,1) \\ &\quad + (1)(2)p_{X,Y}(1,2) + (2)(0)p_{X,Y}(2,0) + (2)(1)p_{X,Y}(2,1) + (2)(2)p_{X,Y}(2,2) \\ &= (0)(0)(0.10) + (0)(1)(0.11) + (0)(2)(0.05) + (1)(0)(0.17) + (1)(1)(0.23) \\ &\quad + (1)(2)(0.08) + (2)(0)(0.06) + (2)(1)(0.14) + (2)(2)(0.06) \\ &= 0.91 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu_X = 1.00, \mu_Y = 0.86$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0.91 - (1.00)(0.86) = 0.0500$$

$$(h) \rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X,Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{0.0500}{(0.7211)(0.7074)} = 0.0980$$

Exercise 3

In a piston assembly, the specifications for the clearance between piston rings and the cylinder wall are very tight. In a lot of assemblies, let X be the number with too little clearance and let Y be the number with too much clearance. The joint probability mass function of X and Y is given in the table below:

x	y			
	0	1	2	3
0	0.15	0.12	0.11	0.10
1	0.09	0.07	0.05	0.04
2	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.02
3	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.01

- Find the marginal probability mass function of X .
- Find the marginal probability mass function of Y .
- Are X and Y independent? Explain.
- Find μ_X and μ_Y .
- Find σ_X and σ_Y .
- Find $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$.
- Find $\rho(X, Y)$.

Exercise 3 solution

- (a) The marginal probability mass function $p_X(x)$ is found by summing along the rows of the joint probability mass function.

	y				
x	0	1	2	3	$p_X(x)$
0	0.15	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.48
1	0.09	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.25
2	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.17
3	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.10
$p_X(y)$	0.34	0.27	0.22	0.17	

$$p_X(0) = 0.48, p_X(1) = 0.25, p_X(2) = 0.17, p_X(3) = 0.10, p_X(x) = 0 \text{ if } X \neq 0, 1, 2, \text{ or } 3$$

- (b) The marginal probability mass function $p_Y(y)$ is found by summing down the columns of the joint probability mass function. So $p_Y(0) = 0.34, p_Y(1) = 0.27, p_Y(2) = 0.22, p_Y(3) = 0.17, p_Y(y) = 0$ if $y \neq 0, 1, 2, \text{ or } 3$

- (c) No, X and Y are not independent. For example, $P(X = 0 \text{ and } Y = 0) = 0.15$, but $P(X = 0)P(Y = 0) = (0.48)(0.34) = 0.1632 \neq 0.15$.

- (d) $\mu_X = 0p_X(0) + 1p_X(1) + 2p_X(2) + 3p_X(3) = 0(0.48) + 1(0.25) + 2(0.17) + 3(0.10) = 0.89$
 $\mu_Y = 0p_Y(0) + 1p_Y(1) + 2p_Y(2) + 3p_Y(3) = 0(0.34) + 1(0.27) + 2(0.22) + 3(0.17) = 1.22$

Exercise 3 solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(e)} \quad \sigma_X^2 &= 0^2 p_X(0) + 1^2 p_X(1) + 2^2 p_X(2) + 3^2 p_X(3) - \mu_X^2 \\ &= 0^2(0.48) + 1^2(0.25) + 2^2(0.17) + 3^2(0.10) - 0.89^2 = 1.0379 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_X = \sqrt{1.0379} = 1.0188$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_Y^2 &= 0^2 p_Y(0) + 1^2 p_Y(1) + 2^2 p_Y(2) + 3^2 p_Y(3) - \mu_Y^2 \\ &= 0^2(0.34) + 1^2(0.27) + 2^2(0.22) + 3^2(0.17) - 1.22^2 = 1.1916 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_Y = \sqrt{1.1916} = 1.0916$$

$$\text{(f)} \quad \text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mu_{XY} - \mu_X \mu_Y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{XY} &= (0)(0)p_{X,Y}(0, 0) + (0)(1)p_{X,Y}(0, 1) + (0)(2)p_{X,Y}(0, 2) + (0)(3)p_{X,Y}(0, 3) + (1)(0)p_{X,Y}(1, 0) \\ &\quad + (1)(1)p_{X,Y}(1, 1) + (1)(2)p_{X,Y}(1, 2) + (1)(3)p_{X,Y}(1, 3) + (2)(0)p_{X,Y}(2, 0) + (2)(1)p_{X,Y}(2, 1) \\ &\quad + (2)(2)p_{X,Y}(2, 2) + (2)(3)p_{X,Y}(2, 3) + (3)(0)p_{X,Y}(3, 0) + (3)(1)p_{X,Y}(3, 1) + (3)(2)p_{X,Y}(3, 2) \\ &\quad + (3)(3)p_{X,Y}(3, 3) \\ &= (0)(0)(0.15) + (0)(1)(0.12) + (0)(2)(0.11) + (0)(3)(0.10) \\ &\quad + (1)(0)(0.09) + (1)(1)(0.07) + (1)(2)(0.05) + (1)(3)(0.04) \\ &\quad + (2)(0)(0.06) + (2)(1)(0.05) + (2)(2)(0.04) + (2)(3)(0.02) \\ &\quad + (3)(0)(0.04) + (3)(1)(0.03) + (3)(2)(0.02) + (3)(3)(0.01) \\ &= 0.97 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu_X = 0.89, \mu_Y = 1.22$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0.97 - (0.89)(1.22) = -0.1158$$

$$\text{(g)} \quad \rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{-0.1158}{(1.0188)(1.0916)} = -0.1041$$



Homework



Automobile engines and transmissions are produced on assembly lines, and are inspected for defects after they come off their assembly lines. Those with defects are repaired. Let X represent the number of engines, and Y the number of transmissions that require repairs in a one-hour time interval. The joint probability mass function of X and Y is as follows:

x	y			
	0	1	2	3
0	0.13	0.10	0.07	0.03
1	0.12	0.16	0.08	0.04
2	0.02	0.06	0.08	0.04
3	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02

- Find the marginal probability mass function $p_X(x)$.
- Find the marginal probability mass function $p_Y(y)$.
- Find μ_X .
- Find μ_Y .
- Find σ_X .
- Find σ_Y .
- Find $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$.
- Find $\rho_{X,Y}$.

Homework

The General Social Survey asked a sample of adults how many siblings (brothers and sisters) they had (X) and also how many children they had (Y). We show results for those who had no more than 4 children and no more than 4 siblings. Assume that the joint probability mass function is given in the following contingency table.

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x	y				
	0	1	2	3	4
0	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
1	0.09	0.05	0.08	0.03	0.01
2	0.09	0.05	0.07	0.04	0.02
3	0.06	0.04	0.07	0.04	0.02
4	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02

- Find the marginal probability mass function of X .
- Find the marginal probability mass function of Y .
- Are X and Y independent? Explain.
- Find μ_X and μ_Y .
- Find σ_X and σ_Y .
- Find $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$.
- Find $\rho(X, Y)$.



Thank You