Econ 325 Section 003/004 Notes on Variance, Covariance, and Summation Operator By Hiro Kasahara

Properties of Summation Operator

For a sequence of the values $\{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$, we write the sum of $x_1, x_2, ..., x_{n-1}$, and x_n using the summation operator as

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i. (1)$$

Given a constant c,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} cx_i = cx_1 + cx_2 + \dots + cx_n = c \times (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) = c \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i.$$
 (2)

- For example, consider the case that n=2 with the values of $\{x_1,x_2\}$ given by $x_1=0$ and $x_2=1$. Suppose that c=4. Then, $\sum_{i=1}^2 4 \times x_i = 4 \times 0 + 4 \times 1 = 4 \times (0+1) = 4 \sum_{i=1}^2 x_i$.
- In the special case of $x_1 = x_2 = ... = x_n = 1$, we have $\sum_{i=1}^n cx_i = \sum_{i=1}^n c \times 1 = c \times \sum_{i=1}^n 1 = c \times (1+1+...+1) = nc$.

Consider another sequence $\{y_1, y_2, ..., y_m\}$ in addition to $\{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$. Then, we may consider double summations over possible values of x's and y's. For example, consider the case of n = m = 2. Then, $\sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} x_i y_j$ is equal to $x_1 y_1 + x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1 + x_2 y_2$ because

$$x_1y_1 + x_1y_2 + x_2y_1 + x_2y_2$$

$$= x_1(y_1 + y_2) + x_2(y_1 + y_2) \quad \text{(by factorization)}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{2} x_i(y_1 + y_2) \quad \text{(by def. of the summation operator by setting } c = (y_1 + y_2) \text{ in (2) })$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{2} x_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^{2} y_j\right) \quad \text{(because } y_1 + y_2 = \sum_{j=1}^{2} y_j)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{2} x_i y_j\right) \quad \text{(because } x_i \sum_{j=1}^{2} y_j = x_i(y_1 + y_2) = (x_i y_1 + x_i y_2) = \sum_{j=1}^{2} x_i y_j)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} x_i y_j.$$

- Note that $\sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} x_i y_j = \sum_{j=1}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{2} x_i y_j$. In general case of $\{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$ and $\{y_1, y_2, ..., y_m\}$, we have $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} x_i y_j = \sum_{j=1}^{m} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_j$.
- Note that $\sum_{j=1}^{2} x_i y_j = x_i \sum_{j=1}^{2} y_j$ using (2) because x_i is treated as a constant in the summation operator over j's. Hence, we can write

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} x_i y_j = \sum_{i=1}^{2} x_i \sum_{j=1}^{2} y_j = \sum_{j=1}^{2} y_j \sum_{i=1}^{2} x_i.$$

In general, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} x_i y_j = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \sum_{j=1}^{m} y_j = \sum_{j=1}^{m} y_j \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i.$$
 (3)

That is, when we have double summations, we can take x_i 's out of the summation over j's. Similarly, we can take y_j 's out of the summation over i's.

Expectation, Variance, and Covariance

Let X and Y be two discrete random variables. The set of possible values for X is $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$; and the set of possible values for Y is $\{y_1, \ldots, y_m\}$. The joint probability function is given by

$$p_{ij}^{X,Y} = P(X = x_i, Y = y_j), \qquad i = 1, \dots, n; j = 1, \dots, m.$$

The marginal probability function of X is

$$p_i^X = P(X = x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^m p_{ij}^{X,Y}, \qquad i = 1, \dots n,$$

and the marginal probability function of Y is

$$p_j^Y = P(Y = y_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n p_{ij}^{X,Y}, \quad j = 1, \dots m.$$

1. If c is a constant, then

$$E[cX] = cE[X]. (4)$$

Proof: By definition of the expected value of cX,

$$E[cX] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (cx_i) p_i^X \quad \text{(by def. of the expected value)}$$

$$= cx_1 p_1^X + cx_2 p_2^X + cx_3 p_3^X + \dots + cx_{n-1} p_{n-1}^X + cx_n p_n^X \quad \text{(by def. of the summation operator)}$$

$$= c \times (x_1 p_1^X + x_2 p_2^X + x_3 p_3^X + \dots + x_{n-1} p_{n-1}^X + x_n p_n^X) \quad \text{(because c is a common factor)}$$

$$= c \times \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i p_i^X\right) \quad \text{(by def. of the summation operator)}$$

$$= c \times E[X] \quad \text{(by def. of the expected value of X)}$$

$$= cE[X].$$

2.

$$E[X+Y] = E[X] + E[Y]. \tag{5}$$

Proof:

$$E(X+Y) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} (x_i + y_j) p_{ij}^{X,Y}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} (x_i p_{ij}^{X,Y} + y_j p_{ij}^{X,Y})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} x_i p_{ij}^{X,Y} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} y_j p_{ij}^{X,Y}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \cdot \left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{ij}^{X,Y}\right) + \sum_{j=1}^{m} y_j \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_{ij}^{X,Y}\right)$$
(6)

because we can take x_i out of $\sum_{j=1}^m$ because x_i does not depend on j's

$$\begin{split} &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot p_i^X + \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \cdot p_j^Y \\ &\text{because } p_i^X = \sum_{j=1}^m p_{ij}^{X,Y} \text{ and } p_j^Y = \sum_{i=1}^n p_{ij}^{X,Y} \\ &= E(X) + E(Y) \end{split}$$

Equation (6): To understand $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} (x_i p_{ij}^{X,Y} + y_j p_{ij}^{X,Y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} x_i p_{ij}^{X,Y} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} y_j p_{ij}^{X,Y}$, consider the case of n = m = 2. Then,

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} (x_{i} p_{ij}^{X,Y} + y_{j} p_{ij}^{X,Y}) \\ &= (x_{1} p_{11}^{X,Y} + y_{1} p_{11}^{X,Y}) + (x_{1} p_{12}^{X,Y} + y_{2} p_{12}^{X,Y}) + (x_{2} p_{21}^{X,Y} + y_{1} p_{21}^{X,Y}) + (x_{2} p_{22}^{X,Y} + y_{2} p_{22}^{X,Y}) \\ &= (x_{1} p_{11}^{X,Y} + x_{1} p_{12}^{X,Y} + x_{2} p_{21}^{X,Y} + x_{2} p_{22}^{X,Y}) + (y_{1} p_{11}^{X,Y} + y_{2} p_{12}^{X,Y} + y_{1} p_{21}^{X,Y} + y_{2} p_{22}^{X,Y}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} x_{i} p_{ij}^{X,Y} + \sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} y_{j} p_{ij}^{X,Y}. \end{split}$$

Equation (7): This is a generalization of (3). To understand $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} x_i p_{ij}^{X,Y} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \cdot (\sum_{j=1}^{m} p_{ij}^{X,Y})$, consider the case of n = m = 2. Then,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} x_i p_{ij}^{X,Y} = x_1 p_{11}^{X,Y} + x_1 p_{12}^{X,Y} + x_2 p_{21}^{X,Y} + x_2 p_{22}^{X,Y}$$

$$= x_1 (p_{11}^{X,Y} + p_{12}^{X,Y}) + x_2 (p_{21}^{X,Y} + p_{22}^{X,Y})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{2} x_i (p_{i1}^{X,Y} + p_{i2}^{X,Y})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{2} x_i (\sum_{j=1}^{2} p_{ij}^{X,Y}).$$

Similarly, we may show that $\sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} y_j p_{ij}^{X,Y} = \sum_{j=1}^{2} y_j \cdot (\sum_{i=1}^{2} p_{ij}^{X,Y}).$

3. If a and b are constants, then E[a + bX] = a + bE[X].

Proof:

$$E(a + bX) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (a + bx_i) p_i^X$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (ap_i^X + bx_i p_i^X)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} ap_i^X + \sum_{i=1}^{n} bx_i p_i^X$$

$$= a \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i^X + b \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i p_i^X, \quad \text{(by using (2))}$$

$$= a \cdot 1 + bE(X), \quad \text{where } \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i^X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(X = x_i) = 1 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i p_i^X = E(X)$$

$$= a + bE(X).$$
(8)

Equation (8): This is similar to (6). To understand $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (ap_i^X + bx_i p_i^X) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} ap_i^X + \sum_{i=1}^{n} bx_i p_i^X$, consider the case of n=2. Then, $\sum_{i=1}^{2} (ap_i^X + bx_i p_i^X) = (ap_1^X + bx_1 p_1^X) + (ap_2^X + bx_2 p_2^X) = (ap_1^X + ap_2^X) + (bx_1 p_1^X + bx_2 p_2^X) = \sum_{i=1}^{2} ap_i^X + \sum_{i=1}^{2} bx_i p_i^X$.

4. If c is a constant, then Cov(X, c) = 0.

Proof: According to the definition of covariance,

$$Cov(X, c) = E[(X - E(X))(c - E(c))].$$

Since the expectation of a constant is itself, i.e., E(c) = c,

$$Cov(X, c) = E[(X - E(X))(c - c)]$$

$$= E[(X - E(X)) \cdot 0]$$

$$= E[0]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} 0 \times p_i^X$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} 0$$

$$= 0 + 0 + \dots + 0$$

$$= 0$$

5. Cov(X, X) = Var(X).

Proof: According to the definition of covariance, we can expand Cov(X,X) as follows:

$$Cov(X, X) = E[(X - E(X))(X - E(X))]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} [x_i - E(X)][x_i - E(X)] \cdot P(X = x_i), \text{ where } E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i p_i^X$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} [x_i - E(X)][x_i - E(X)] \cdot p_i^X$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} [x_i - E(X)]^2 \cdot p_i^X$$

$$= E[(X - E(X))^2] \text{ (by def. of the expected value)}$$

$$= Var(X).$$

6. Cov(X, Y) = Cov(Y, X).

Proof: According to the definition of covariance, we can expand Cov(X,Y) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(X,Y) &= E[(X-E(X))(Y-E(Y))] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m [x_i - E(X)][y_j - E(Y)] \cdot p_{ij}^{X,Y}, \quad \text{where } E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i p_i^X \text{ and } E(Y) = \sum_{j=1}^m y_j p_j^Y \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n [y_j - E(Y)][x_i - E(X)] \cdot p_{ij}^{X,Y} \\ &= E[(Y-E(Y))(X-E(X))] \quad \text{(by def. of the expected value)} \\ &= Cov(Y,X). \quad \text{(by def. of the covariance)} \end{aligned}$$

7. $Cov(a_1 + b_1X, a_2 + b_2Y) = b_1b_2Cov(X, Y)$, where a_1, a_2, b_1 , and b_2 are some constants.

Proof: Using $E(a_1 + b_1 X) = a_1 + b_1 E(X)$ and $E(a_2 + b_2 Y) = a_2 + b_2 E(Y)$, we can expand $Cov(a_1 + b_1 X, a_2 + b_2 Y)$ as follows:

$$Cov(X,Y) = E[(a_1 + b_1X - E(a_1 + b_1X))(a_2 + b_2Y - E(a_2 + b_2Y))]$$

$$= E[(a_1 + b_1X - (a_1 + b_1E(X)))(a_2 + b_2Y - (a_2 + b_2E(Y))]$$

$$= E[(a_1 - a_1 + b_1X - b_1E(X))(a_2 - a_2 + b_2Y - b_2E(Y)]$$

$$= E[(b_1X - b_1E(X))(b_2Y - b_2E(Y))]$$

$$= E[b_1(X - E(X)) \cdot b_2(Y - E(Y))]$$

$$= E[b_1b_2(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} b_1b_2(x_i - E(X))(y_j - E(Y)) \cdot p_{ij}^{X,Y}$$

$$= b_1b_2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} [x_i - E(X)][y_j - E(Y)] \cdot p_{ij}^{X,Y} \quad \text{(by using (2))}$$

$$= b_1b_2Cov(X, Y).$$

Proof: If X and Y are independent, by definition of stochastic independence, $P(X = x_i, Y = y_j) = P(X = x_i)P(Y = y_j) = p_i^X p_j^Y$ for any i = 1, ..., n and j = 1, ..., m. Then, we may expand Cov(X, Y) as follows.

$$Cov(X,Y) = E[(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} [x_i - E(X)][y_j - E(Y)] \cdot P(X = x_i, Y = y_j)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} [x_i - E(X)][y_j - E(Y)]p_i^X p_j^Y$$

because X and Y are independent

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \{ [x_i - E(X)] p_i^X \} \{ [y_j - E(Y)] p_j^Y \}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} [x_i - E(X)] p_i^X \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{m} [y_j - E(Y)] p_j^Y \right\}$$
(9)

because we can move $[x_i - E(X)]p_i^X$ outside of $\sum_{j=1}^m$

because $[x_i - E(X)]p_i^X$ does not depend on the index j's

$$= \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{m} [y_j - E(Y)] p_j^Y \right\} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n} [x_i - E(X)] p_i^X \right\}$$
 (10)

because we can move $\left\{\sum_{j=1}^{m} [y_j - E(Y)] p_j^Y\right\}$ outside of $\sum_{i=1}^{n}$

because $\left\{\sum_{j=1}^{m} [y_j - E(Y)]p_j^Y\right\}$ does not depend on the index i's

$$= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i p_i^X - \sum_{i=1}^{n} E(X) p_i^X \right\} \cdot \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{m} y_j p_j^Y - \sum_{j=1}^{m} E(Y) p_j^Y \right\}$$
$$= \left\{ E(X) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} E(X) p_i^X \right\} \cdot \left\{ E(Y) - \sum_{j=1}^{m} E(Y) p_j^Y \right\}$$

by definition of E(X) and E(Y)

$$= \left\{ E(X) - E(X) \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i^X \right\} \cdot \left\{ E(Y) - E(Y) \sum_{j=1}^{m} p_j^Y \right\}$$

because we can move E(X) and E(Y) outside of $\sum_{i=1}^n$ and $\sum_{j=1}^m$, respectively $=\{E(X)-E(X)\cdot 1\}\cdot \{E(Y)-E(Y)\cdot 1\}$ $=0\cdot 0=0$.

Equations (9) and (10): This is similar to equations (3) and (7). Please consider the case of n = m = 2 and convince yourself that (9) and (10) hold.

9.
$$Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y) + 2Cov(X, Y)$$
.

Proof: By the definition of variance,

$$Var(X + Y) = E[(X + Y - E(X + Y))^{2}].$$

Then,

$$\begin{split} Var(X+Y) &= E[(X+Y-E(X+Y))^2] \\ &= E[((X-E(X))+(Y-E(Y)))^2] \\ &= E[(X-E(X))^2+(Y-E(Y))^2+2(X-E(X))(Y-E(Y))] \\ &\text{because for any a and b, $(a+b)^2=a^2+b^2+2ab$} \\ &= E[(X-E(X))^2]+E[(Y-E(Y))^2]+2E[(X-E(X))(Y-E(Y))] \quad \text{(by using (5))} \\ &= Var(X)+Var(Y)+2Cov(X,Y) \\ &\text{by definition of variance and covariance} \end{split}$$

10.
$$Var(X - Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y) - 2Cov(X, Y)$$
.

Proof: The proof of Var(X - Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y) - 2Cov(X, Y) is similar to the proof of Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y) + 2Cov(X, Y). First, we may show that E(X - Y) = E(X) - E(Y). Then,

$$Var(X - Y) = E[(X - Y - E(X - Y))^{2}]$$

$$= E[((X - E(X)) - (Y - E(Y)))^{2}]$$

$$= E[(X - E(X))^{2} + (Y - E(Y))^{2} - 2(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))]$$

$$= E[(X - E(X))^{2}] + E[(Y - E(Y))^{2}] - 2E[(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))] \text{ (by using (5))}$$

$$= Var(X) + Var(Y) - 2Cov(X, Y)$$

11. Define $W = (X - E(X)) / \sqrt{Var(X)}$ and $Z = (Y - E(Y)) / \sqrt{Var(Y)}$. Show that Cov(W, Z) = Corr(X, Z).

Proof: Expanding Cov(W, Z), we have

$$Cov(W,Z) = E[(W - E(W))(Z - E(Z))]$$

$$= E[WZ] \quad \text{(because } E[W] = E[Z] = 0)$$

$$= E\left\{\frac{X - E(X)}{\sqrt{Var(X)}} \cdot \frac{Y - E(Y)}{\sqrt{Var(Y)}}\right\}$$
by definition of W and Z

$$= E\left\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{Var(X)}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{Var(Y)}} \cdot [X - E(X)]E[Y - E(Y)]\right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{Var(X)}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{Var(Y)}} \cdot E\left\{[X - E(X)]E[Y - E(Y)]\right\} \quad \text{(by using (2) and (4))}$$
because both $\frac{1}{\sqrt{Var(X)}} \text{ and } \frac{1}{\sqrt{Var(Y)}} \text{ are constant}$

$$= \frac{E\left\{[X - E(X)]E[Y - E(Y)]\right\}}{\sqrt{Var(X)}\sqrt{Var(Y)}}$$

$$= \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{Var(X)}\sqrt{Var(Y)}} \quad \text{(by definition of covariance)}$$

$$= Corr(X, Y) \quad \text{(by definition coefficient)}$$

12. Let $\{x_i: i=1,\ldots,n\}$ and $\{y_i: i=1,\ldots,n\}$ be two sequences. Define the averages

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i,$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i.$$

(a)
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x}) = 0.$$

Proof:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \bar{x}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i - n\bar{x}$$

$$\text{because } \sum_{i=1}^{n} \bar{x} = \bar{x} + \bar{x} + \dots + \bar{x} = n\bar{x}$$

$$= n \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i}{n} - n\bar{x}$$

$$\text{because } \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i = \frac{n}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i = n \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i}{n}$$

$$= n\bar{x} - n\bar{x}$$

$$\text{because } \bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i}{n}$$

$$= 0.$$

(b)
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i (x_i - \bar{x}).$$

Proof: We use the result of 2.(a) above.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x}) (x_i - \bar{x})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i (x_i - \bar{x}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \bar{x} (x_i - \bar{x})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i (x_i - \bar{x}) - \bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})$$

because \bar{x} is constant and does not depend on i's $=\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i (x_i - \bar{x}) - \bar{x} \cdot 0$

because
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x}) = 0$$
. as shown above

$$=\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i}\left(x_{i}-\bar{x}\right).$$

(c)
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x}) (y_i - \bar{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i (x_i - \bar{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i (y_i - \bar{y}).$$

Proof: The proof is similar to the proof of 2.(b) above.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x}) (y_i - \bar{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x}) y_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x}) \bar{y}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x}) y_i - \bar{y} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x}) y_i - \bar{y} \cdot 0$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i (x_i - \bar{x}).$$

Also,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x}) (y_i - \bar{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i (y_i - \bar{y}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \bar{x} (y_i - \bar{y})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i (y_i - \bar{y}) - \bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \bar{y})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i (y_i - \bar{y}) - \bar{x} \cdot 0$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i (y_i - \bar{y}).$$