

Problems: 3, 4, 5, 9, 12, 14, 15

4. (a)

		Y			X	XY		p
X	Y	1	2	3				
1		0.1	0.3	0.1	0.5	1	0.1	
2		0.2	0	0.1	0.3	2	0.5	
3		0	0.1	0.1	0.2	3	0.1	
		0.3	0.4	0.3		6	0.2	
						9	0.1	

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = \underbrace{E[X \cdot Y]} - \underbrace{E[X]} \cdot \underbrace{E[Y]}$$

$$E[X] = 0.5 \cdot (1) + 0.3 \cdot (2) + 0.2 \cdot (3)$$

$$= 1.7$$

$$E[Y] = 0.3 \cdot (1) + 0.4 \cdot (2) + 0.3 \cdot (3)$$

$$= 2$$

$$E[XY] = 0.1 \cdot (1) + 0.5 \cdot (2) + 0.1 \cdot (3)$$

$$+ 0.2 \cdot (6) + 0.1 \cdot (9)$$

$$= 3.5$$

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = 3.5 - (1.7) \cdot (2)$$

$$= 0.1$$

$$(b) \text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

$$(\text{Var}(X) = \text{Cov}(X, X))$$

$$E[X^2] = 0.5 \cdot (1^2) + 0.3 \cdot (2^2) + 0.2 \cdot (3^2)$$

$$= 3.5$$

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

$$= 3.5 - (1.7)^2$$

$$= 0.61$$

(c) Very similar. (leave it as an exercise)

(d) **A.**  $\text{Var}(X+Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2 \cdot \text{Cov}(X, Y)$ .

(Useful when you know the three values)

**B.** Directly calculate the distribution of  $X+Y$ .

$X+Y$	$p$
2	0.1
3	0.5
4	0.1
5	0.2
6	0.1

$$\text{Var}(X+Y)$$

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



$$3. \quad \text{corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X) \cdot \text{var}(Y)}} \quad \text{SD}(X) \cdot \text{SD}(Y)$$

$$-1 \leq \text{corr} \leq 1.$$

- In this problem,  $X + Y = 0$ .
- General case:  $aX + bY = c$ ,  
 $a, b > 0$ .  $\text{corr}(X, Y) = ?$

Prop.  $\text{var}(aX) = a^2 \text{var}(X)$ .

$$\text{cov}(aX, Y) = a \cdot \text{cov}(X, Y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov}(X, Y) &= \frac{1}{ab} \cdot \text{cov}(aX, bY) \\ &= \frac{1}{ab} \cdot \text{cov}(aX, c - aX) \\ &= \frac{1}{ab} \cdot \text{cov}(aX, -aX) \\ &= (-a^2) \cdot \frac{1}{ab} \cdot \text{cov}(X, X) \\ &= -\frac{a}{b} \cdot \text{var}(X). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{var}(X) = \text{var}(X)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(Y) &= \frac{1}{b^2} \cdot \text{var}(bY) \\ &= \frac{1}{b^2} \text{var}(-aX) \\ &= (-a)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{b^2} \cdot \text{var}(X) \\ &= \frac{a^2}{b^2} \cdot \text{var}(X) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{corr}(X, Y) &= \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X) \cdot \text{var}(Y)}} \\ &= \frac{-\frac{a}{b} \text{var}(X)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X) \cdot \left(\frac{a^2}{b^2} \text{var}(X)\right)}} = -1. \end{aligned}$$

- Exercise: When  $aX - bY = c$ ,  $a, b > 0$ ,  
then  $\text{corr}(X, Y) = 1$ .

5.  $X$ : wage income  
 $Y$ : asset income.

$$E[X] = 20,000, \quad SD[X] = 5,000.$$

$$E[Y] = 3,000, \quad SD[Y] = 2,500$$

$$\text{corr}(X, Y) = 0.4.$$

$$E[X+Y] = ? \quad SD[X+Y] = ?$$

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$$E[X+Y] = E[X] + E[Y] = 20,000 + 3,000 = 23,000.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X+Y) &= \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2 \cdot \text{Cov}(X, Y) \\ &= (SD[X])^2 + (SD[Y])^2 + 2 \cdot \text{corr}(X, Y) \cdot \end{aligned}$$

$$SD[X] \cdot SD[Y].$$

$$= (5000)^2 + (2500)^2 + 2 \cdot (0.4) \cdot (2500) \cdot (5000)$$

$$= 2500^2 (2^2 + 1^2 + 2 \cdot (0.4) \cdot 1 \cdot 2)$$

$$= 2500^2 (6.6).$$

$$SD(X+Y) = 2500 \cdot \sqrt{6.6} = 6422.62.$$

9. prediction of  $X$  is always denoted by  $\hat{X}$ .

squared error cost:  $\min_{\hat{X}} E(\hat{X} - X)^2$ .

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Scalar   r.v.

$$\Rightarrow \hat{X} = E[X].$$

absolute error cost:  $\min_{\hat{X}} E|\hat{X} - X|$ .

$$\Rightarrow \hat{X} = \text{median}(X).$$

$$(i) \hat{X} = E[X] = 7.5$$

(ii)  $\hat{X} = \text{median}(X)$ , by the definition (for continuous r.v.) ,  $F(\hat{X}) = 0.5$

$$\Rightarrow (\hat{X})^3 / 1000 = 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{X} = (500)^{1/3} = 7.937.$$

12. predicted value of  $Y$  given  $X=1$ , is 0  
(minimizing squared error cost.)

• The predicted value should be  $E[Y | X=1]$   
$$= \sum_y P(Y=y | X=1) \cdot y$$

• the sum of all probabilities is 1.

$$\Rightarrow a + b = 1 - 0.1 - 0.2 - 0.2 - 0.1 - 0.1 \\ = 0.3$$

$$= \frac{0.1}{0.1 + a + b} \cdot (-1) + \frac{b}{0.1 + a + b} \cdot (1)$$

$$= \frac{0.1}{\cancel{0.4}} \cdot (-1) + \frac{b}{\cancel{0.4}} \cdot (1)$$

It equals to 0, so we know that  $b=0.1$ ,  
and hence  $a = 0.3 - b = 0.2$

$$\begin{aligned}
14. \quad & \text{Var}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \\
&= \text{Var}(\bar{X}_n) \\
&= \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n)\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) \quad \text{Because } X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \text{ are independent.} \\
&= \frac{1}{n^2} \left( \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2) + \dots + \text{Var}(X_n) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{n^2} \left( \sigma^2 + \sigma^2 + \dots + \sigma^2 \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sigma^2
\end{aligned}$$

This would get smaller when  $n$  is large.

$$\begin{aligned}
\bullet \text{ Note: } E[\bar{X}_n - \mu] &= E[\bar{X}_n] - \mu \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

15. When  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  i.i.d with mean  $\mu$ , variance  $\sigma^2$ , we know that

$$\bar{X}_n \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right), \text{ for large } n.$$

(Central Limit Theorem)

$$\bullet \bar{X}_{50} \sim N(80, 2), \quad P(\bar{X}_{50} \leq 79.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{R code: } & \text{pnorm}(79.5, 80, \text{sqrt}(2)) \\
& (0.3618)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \bar{X}_{100} \sim N(80, 1), \quad P(\bar{X}_{100} \leq 79.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{R code: } & \text{pnorm}(79.5, 80, 1) \\
& (0.3085)
\end{aligned}$$