



Lecture #6

Joint Probability Distributions

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Joint Probability Distribution



Definition

The **joint probability mass function** of the discrete random variables X and Y , denoted as $f_{XY}(x, y)$, satisfies

- $f_{XY}(x, y) \geq 0$
- $\sum_x \sum_y f_{XY}(x, y) = 1$
- $f_{XY}(x, y) = P(X = x, Y = y)$

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Definition

Let A be any set consisting pairs of (x, y) values. Then the probability $P[(x, y) \in A]$ is obtained by summing the joint pmf over pairs in A :

$$P[(x, y) \in A] = \sum_{(x, y) \in A} P(x, y)$$

Example: Joint Probability Distribution



Example

A large insurance agency services a number of customers who have purchased both a homeowner's policy and an automobile policy. For each type of policy, a deductible amount must be specified. For automobile policy, the choices are \$100 and \$200, whereas for homeowner's policy, the choices are 0, \$100, and \$200. Let X = the deductible amount of the auto policy and Y = the deductible amount of the homeowner's policy. The joint pmf for possible (X, Y) are summarized in the following table:

$P(x, y)$	$y = 0$	$y = 100$	$y = 200$
$x = 100$	0.20	0.10	0.20
$x = 200$	0.05	0.15	0.30

Example: Joint Probability Distribution



- The total probability

$$\sum_x \sum_y P(x, y) = 1$$

- The probability of \$100 deductible on both policies is

$$P(X = 100, Y = 100) = 0.1$$

- The probability of $Y \geq 100$ is

$$P(Y \geq 100) = 0.1 + 0.2 + 0.15 + 0.3 = 0.75$$

which corresponds to the (X, Y) pairs $(100, 100)$, $(100, 200)$, $(200, 100)$, and $(200, 200)$.



Definition

If X and Y are discrete random variables with joint probability mass function $f_{XY}(x, y)$, then the **marginal probability mass function** of X and Y are

$$f_X(x) = P(X = x) = \sum_y f_{XY}(x, y) \quad (1)$$

and

$$f_Y(y) = P(Y = y) = \sum_x f_{XY}(x, y) \quad (2)$$

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Example: Joint Probability Distribution (Con't)



- The probability of $X = 100$ and $X = 200$, are computing row totals in the joint probability table:

$$P(X = 100) = 0.2 + 0.1 + 0.2 = 0.5$$

and

$$P(X = 200) = 0.05 + 0.15 + 0.3 = 0.5$$

$P(x, y)$	$y = 0$	$y = 100$	$y = 200$	
$x = 100$	0.20	0.10	0.20	0.5
$x = 200$	0.05	0.15	0.30	0.5
	0.25	0.25	0.5	



Definition

Given discrete random variables X and Y with joint probability mass function $f_{XY}(x, y)$, the **conditional probability mass functions** of Y given $X = x$ is

$$f_{Y|x}(y) = f_{XY}(x, y) / f_X(x), \quad f_X(x) > 0 \quad (3)$$

Note that a conditional probability function $f_{Y|x}(y)$ is also a probability mass function. The following properties are satisfied:

- $f_{Y|x}(y) \geq 0$
- $\sum_y f_{Y|x}(y) = 1$
- $P(Y = y | X = x) = f_{Y|x}(y)$

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Example: Joint Probability Distribution (Con't)



- Let us fix the random variable X and find the conditional probability mass function of Y :

$f_Y(y x)$	$y = 0$	$y = 100$	$y = 200$
$x = 100$	$\frac{0.2}{0.5} = 0.4$	$\frac{0.1}{0.5} = 0.2$	$\frac{0.2}{0.5} = 0.4$
$x = 200$	$\frac{0.05}{0.5} = 0.1$	$\frac{0.15}{0.5} = 0.3$	$\frac{0.3}{0.5} = 0.6$

- Let us fix the random variable Y and find the conditional probability mass function of X :

$f_X(x y)$	$y = 0$	$y = 100$	$y = 200$
$x = 100$	$\frac{0.2}{0.25} = 0.8$	$\frac{0.1}{0.25} = 0.4$	$\frac{0.2}{0.5} = 0.4$
$x = 200$	$\frac{0.05}{0.25} = 0.2$	$\frac{0.15}{0.25} = 0.6$	$\frac{0.3}{0.5} = 0.6$

Conditional Mean and Variance



Definition

The **conditional mean** of Y given $X = x$, denoted as $E(Y|x)$ or $\mu_{Y|x}$, is

$$E(Y|x) = \sum_y y f_{Y|x}(y) \quad (4)$$

and the **conditional variance** of Y given $X = x$, denoted as $V(Y|x)$ or $\sigma_{Y|x}$, is

$$V(Y|x) = \sum_y (y - \mu_{Y|x})^2 f_{Y|x}(y) = \sum_y y^2 f_{Y|x}(y) - \mu_{Y|x}^2 \quad (5)$$

Example: Joint Probability Distribution (Con't)

- Find the conditional mean and variance of Y given $X = 100$:

$$E(Y|100) = 0 \times 0.4 + 100 \times 0.2 + 200 \times 0.4 = 100$$

and

$$V(Y|100) = 0 \times 0.4 + 100^2 \times 0.2 + 200^2 \times 0.4 - 100^2 = 8000$$

- Find the conditional mean and variance of X given $Y = 200$:

$$E(X|200) = 100 \times 0.4 + 200 \times 0.6 = 160$$

and

$$V(X|200) = 100^2 \times 0.4 + 200^2 \times 0.6 - 160^2 = 2400$$



Independence

Definition

For discrete random variables X and Y , if any one of the following properties is true, the others are also true. X and Y are **independent**.

- 1 $f_{XY}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$ for all x and y
- 2 $f_{Y|x}(y) = f_Y(y)$ for all x and y with $f_X(x) > 0$
- 3 $f_{X|y}(x) = f_X(x)$ for all x and y with $f_Y(y) > 0$
- 4 $P(X \in A, Y \in B) = P(X \in A)P(Y \in B)$ for any sets A and B in the range of X and Y , respectively

In previous insurance example, consider

$$P(100, 100) = 0.1 \neq 0.5 \times 0.25 = P_X(X = 100)P_Y(Y = 100),$$

so X and Y are not independent. Independence of X and Y requires every entry in the joint probability table be the product of the corresponding row and column marginal probabilities.





Definition (Joint Probability Mass Function)

The **joint probability mass function** of X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p is

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p) \\ = P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_p = x_p) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

for all points (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p) in the range of X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p .

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Definition (Marginal Probability Mass Function)

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p are discrete random variables with joint probability mass function $f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p)$, the **marginal probability mass function** of any X_i is

$$f_{X_i}(x_i) = P(X_i = x_i) = \sum_{x_j, j \neq i} f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p) \quad (7)$$

where the sum is over all points in the range of X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p for which $X_i = x_i$.

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Definition (Mean and Variance)

The mean $E(X_i)$ and variance $V(X_i)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ can be determined as follows:

$$E(X_i) = \sum_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p} x_i f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p) \quad (8)$$

$$V(X_i) = \sum_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p} (x_i - \mu_{X_i})^2 f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p) \quad (9)$$

where the sum is over all points in the range of X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p .

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Definition (Independence)

Discrete random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p are independent if and only if

$$f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = f_{X_1}(x_1)f_{X_2}(x_2) \cdots f_{X_k}(x_k) \quad (10)$$

for any $2 \leq k \leq p$.

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Definition (Distribution of a Subset of RVs)

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p are discrete random variables with joint probability mass function $f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p)$, the **joint probability mass function** of X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k , $k < p$, is

$$\begin{aligned} & f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \\ &= P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_k = x_k) \\ &= \sum P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_k = x_k) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where the sum is over all points in the range X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p for which $X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_k = x_k$.

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Definition

A **joint probability density function** for the continuous random variables X and Y , denoted as $f_{XY}(x, y)$, satisfies the following properties

- $f_{XY}(x, y) \geq 0, \quad \forall x, y$
- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy = 1$
- For any region R of two-dimensional space

$$P((X, Y) \in R) = \iint_R f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy$$

Example: Continuous Joint Probability Distribution



Example

Let the random variable X denote the time until a computer server connects to your machines, and let Y denote the time until the server authorizes you as a valid user. Each of these random variables measures the wait from a common starting time and $X < Y$. Assume that the joint probability density function for X and Y is

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = 6 \times 10^{-6} \exp(-0.001x - 0.002y), \quad 0 < X < Y$$

Determine the probability that $X < 1000$ and $Y < 2000$.

Example: Continuous Joint Prob. Distribution (Con't)

The probability that $X < 1000$ and $Y < 2000$ is determined by

$$\begin{aligned}P(X < 1000, Y < 2000) &= \int_0^{1000} \int_x^{2000} f_{XY}(x, y) dy dx \\&= \int_0^{1000} \int_x^{2000} 6 \times 10^{-6} \exp(-0.001x - 0.002y) dy dx \\&= 6 \times 10^{-6} \int_0^{1000} \left(\frac{e^{-0.002x} - e^{-4}}{0.002} \right) e^{-0.001x} dx \\&= 0.003 \int_0^{1000} (e^{-0.003x} - e^{-4} e^{-0.001x}) dx \\&= 0.003 \left[\left(\frac{1 - e^{-3}}{0.003} \right) - e^{-4} \left(\frac{1 - e^{-1}}{0.001} \right) \right] \\&= 0.915\end{aligned}$$





Definition (Marginal Probability Density Function)

If the joint probability density function of continuous random variables X and Y is $f_{XY}(x, y)$, the **marginal probability density functions** of X and Y , are

$$f_X(x) = \int_y f_{XY}(x, y) dy \quad (12)$$

and

$$f_Y(y) = \int_x f_{XY}(x, y) dx \quad (13)$$

Example: Continuous Joint Prob. Distribution (Con't)

- Find the marginal probability density function of Y :

$$\begin{aligned}f_Y(y) &= \int_0^y f_{XY}(x, y) dx \\&= \int_0^y 6 \times 10^{-6} e^{(-0.001x - 0.002y)} dx \\&= 6 \times 10^{-6} e^{-0.002y} \int_0^y e^{-0.001x} dx \\&= 6 \times 10^{-6} e^{-0.002y} \left(\frac{1 - e^{-0.001y}}{0.001} \right) \\&= 6 \times 10^{-3} (e^{-0.002y} - e^{-0.003y})\end{aligned}$$

- Determine the marginal distribution of X .
- Calculate the probability that Y exceeds 2000 milliseconds.





Definition (Conditional Probability Density Function)

Given continuous random variables X and Y is with joint probability density function $f_{XY}(x, y)$, the **conditional probability density functions** of Y given $X = x$ is

$$f_{Y|x}(y) = \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_X(x)}, \quad f_X(x) > 0 \quad (14)$$

The conditional probability density function $f_{Y|x}(y)$ is a probability density function for all and satisfies the following properties:

- $f_{Y|x}(y) \geq 0$
- $\int f_{Y|x}(y) dy = 1$
- $P(Y \in B | X = x) = \int_B f_{Y|x}(y) dy$

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Example: Continuous Joint Prob. Distribution (Con't)



- Determine the marginal distribution of X .

$$\begin{aligned}f_X(x) &= \int_x^\infty f_{XY}(x, y) dy \\&= \int_x^\infty 6 \times 10^{-6} e^{(-0.001x - 0.002y)} dy \\&= 6 \times 10^{-6} e^{-0.001x} \int_x^\infty e^{-0.002y} dy \\&= 6 \times 10^{-6} e^{-0.001x} \left(\frac{e^{-0.002x}}{0.002} \right) \\&= 0.003 e^{-0.003x}, \quad x > 0\end{aligned}$$

This is an exponential distribution with $\lambda = 0.003$.

Example: Continuous Joint Prob. Distribution (Con't)

- The conditional probability density function of Y given $X = x$ is

$$\begin{aligned}f_{Y|x}(y) &= \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_X(x)} \\&= \frac{6 \times 10^{-6} e^{(-0.001x - 0.002y)}}{0.003 e^{-0.003x}} \\&= 0.002 e^{(0.002x - 0.002y)}, \quad 0 < x < y\end{aligned}$$

- Calculate the probability that Y exceeds 2000 milliseconds given $x = 1500$.

$$\begin{aligned}P(y > 2000 | x = 1500) &= \int_{2000}^{\infty} f_{Y|1500}(y) dy \\&= \int_{2000}^{\infty} 0.002 e^{(0.002(1500) - 0.002y)} dy \\&= 0.002 e^3 \frac{e^{-4}}{0.002} = 0.368\end{aligned}$$





Definition (Conditional Mean and Variance)

The **conditional mean** of Y given $X = x$, denoted as $E(Y|x)$ or $\mu_{Y|x}$, is

$$E(Y|x) = \int y f_{Y|x}(y) dy \quad (15)$$

and the **conditional variance** of Y given $X = x$, denoted as $V(Y|x)$ or $\sigma_{Y|x}$, is

$$V(Y|x) = \int (y - \mu_{Y|x})^2 f_{Y|x}(y) dy = \int y^2 f_{Y|x}(y) dy - \mu_{Y|x}^2 \quad (16)$$

Example: Continuous Joint Prob. Distribution (Con't)

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- The conditional mean of Y given $x = 1500$ is

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y|X = 1500) &= \int_{1500}^{\infty} y f_{Y|1500}(y) dy \\ &= \int_{1500}^{\infty} y 0.002 e^{(0.002(1500) - 0.002y)} dy \\ &= 0.002 e^3 \int_{1500}^{\infty} y e^{-0.002y} dy \\ &= 2000 \end{aligned}$$



Definition (Independence)

For continuous random variables X and Y , if one of the following properties is true, the others are also true, and X and Y are said to be **independent**:

- 1 $f_{XY}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$ for all x and y
- 2 $f_{Y|x}(y) = f_Y(y)$ for all x and y with $f_X(x) > 0$
- 3 $f_{X|y}(x) = f_X(x)$ for all x and y with $f_Y(y) > 0$
- 4 $P(X \in A, Y \in B) = P(X \in A)P(Y \in B)$ for any sets A and B in the range of X and Y , respectively

Example: Independence



- Assume that the joint probability density function for X and Y is

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = 6 \times 10^{-6} \exp(-0.001x - 0.002y), \quad 0 < X < Y$$

- The marginal density functions of X and Y are

$$f_X(x) = 0.003e^{-0.003x}$$

$$f_Y(y) = 6 \times 10^{-3} (e^{-0.002y} - e^{-0.003y})$$

- X and Y are NOT independent, because

$$f_{XY}(x, y) \neq f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$

Example: Independence

- Assume that the joint probability density function for X and Y is

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = 2 \times 10^{-6} \exp(-0.001x - 0.002y)$$

where $0 < X$ and $0 < Y$.

- The marginal density functions of X and Y are

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \int_0^{\infty} 2 \times 10^{-6} e^{-0.001x-0.002y} dy \\ &= 0.001 e^{-0.001x} \\ f_Y(y) &= \int_0^{\infty} 2 \times 10^{-6} e^{-0.001x-0.002y} dx \\ &= 0.002 e^{-0.002y} \end{aligned}$$

- X and Y are independent, because

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$



Expected Value of a Function



Definition (Expected Value of a Function)

The expected value of a function $h(X, Y)$ of two random variables

$$E[h(X, Y)] = \begin{cases} \sum \sum h(x, y) f_{XY}(x, y) & \text{discrete} \\ \iint h(x, y) f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy & \text{continuous} \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

Example: Concert Tickets

Example

Five friends have purchased tickets to a certain concert. If the tickets are for seats 1 – 5 and the tickets are randomly distributed among the five. What is the expected number of seats separating any particular two of the five?

- Let X and Y denote the seat numbers of the first and second individuals, respectively. Possible (X, Y) pairs are:

$h(x, y)$		x				
		1	2	3	4	5
y	1	—	0	1	2	3
	2	0	—	0	1	2
	3	1	0	—	0	1
	4	2	1	0	—	0
	5	3	2	1	0	—



Example: Concert Tickets

- The joint pmf of (X, Y) is

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{20}, & x, y = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; x \neq y \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- The number of seats separating the two individuals is

$$h(X, Y) = |X - Y| - 1$$

- The expected value of $h(X, Y)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} E[h(X, Y)] &= \sum_{(x,y)} h(x, y) f_{XY}(x, y) \\ &= \sum_{x=1}^5 \sum_{y=1, y \neq x}^5 (|x - y| - 1) \cdot \frac{1}{20} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$





Definition (Covariance)

The **covariance** between two random variables X and Y , denoted as $cov(X, Y)$ or σ_{XY} , is

$$\sigma_{XY} = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = E(XY) - \mu_X\mu_Y \quad (18)$$

- The covariance between X and Y describes the variation between the two random variables.
- Covariance is a measure of linear relationship between the random variables.



$$\begin{aligned}E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y)f_{XY}(x, y)dxdy \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [xy - \mu_X y - x\mu_Y + \mu_X\mu_Y]f_{XY}(x, y)dxdy \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xyf_{XY}(x, y)dxdy - \mu_X\mu_Y - \mu_X\mu_Y + \mu_X\mu_Y \\&= E(XY) - \mu_X\mu_Y\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_X\mu_Y &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x\mu_Y f_{XY}(x, y)dxdy \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y\mu_X f_{XY}(x, y)dxdy\end{aligned}$$

Covariance between X and Y

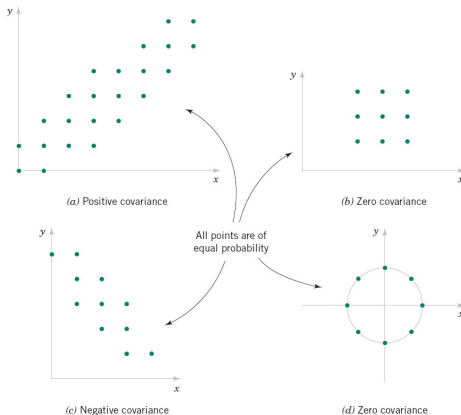


Figure 1: Joint probability distributions and the sign of covariance between X and Y .

Correlation Coefficient

Definition (Correlation Coefficient)

The **correlation coefficient** between two random variables X and Y , denoted as ρ_{XY} , is

$$\rho_{XY} = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{V(X)V(Y)}} = \frac{\sigma_{XY}}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} \quad (19)$$

- For any two random variables X and Y $-1 \leq \rho_{XY} \leq 1$.
- Correlation is dimensionless.
- If the points in the joint probability distribution of X and Y that receives positive probability tend to fall along a line of positive (or negative) slope, ρ_{XY} is near $+1$ (or -1).
- If X and Y are independent random variables, $\sigma_{XY} = \rho_{XY} = 0$. $\sigma_{XY} = \rho_{XY} = 0$ does not imply that X and Y are independent.



Example: Covariance of Two Discrete RVs

Example

Suppose that the random variable X has the following distribution: $P(X = 1) = 0.2$, $P(X = 2) = 0.6$, $P(X = 3) = 0.2$. Let $Y = 2X + 5$, i.e., $P(Y = 7) = 0.2$, $P(Y = 9) = 0.6$, $P(Y = 11) = 0.2$. Determine ρ_{XY} .

- $E(X) = 1 \times 0.2 + 2 \times 0.6 + 3 \times 0.2 = 2$
- $E(X^2) = 1 \times 0.2 + 2^2 \times 0.6 + 3^2 \times 0.2 = 4.4$
- $V(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = 4.4 - 2^2 = 0.4$
- $E(Y) = 7 \times 0.2 + 9 \times 0.6 + 11 \times 0.2 = 9$
- $E(Y^2) = 7^2 \times 0.2 + 9^2 \times 0.6 + 11^2 \times 0.2 = 82.6$
- $V(Y) = E(Y^2) - (E(Y))^2 = 82.6 - 9^2 = 1.6$
- $E(XY) = 1 \times 7 \times 0.2 + 2 \times 9 \times .6 + 3 \times 11 \times 0.2 = 18.8$
- $\sigma_{XY} = E(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y = 18.8 - 2 \times 9 = 0.8$
- $\rho_{XY} = \frac{\sigma_{XY}}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{0.8}{\sqrt{0.4 \times 1.6}} = \frac{0.8}{0.8} = 1$



Bivariate Normal Distribution



Definition (Bivariate Normal Distribution)

The probability density function of a **bivariate normal distribution** random variables

$$f_{XY}(x, y; \mu_X, \mu_Y, \sigma_X, \sigma_Y, \rho_{XY}) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\rho_{XY}^2}} \exp \left\{ \frac{-1}{2(1-\rho_{XY}^2)} \left[\frac{(x-\mu_X)^2}{\sigma_X^2} - \frac{2\rho_{XY}(x-\mu_X)(y-\mu_Y)}{\sigma_X\sigma_Y} + \frac{(y-\mu_Y)^2}{\sigma_Y^2} \right] \right\} \quad (20)$$

for $-\infty < x < \infty$ and $-\infty < y < \infty$, with parameters $-\infty < \mu_X < \infty$, $-\infty < \mu_Y < \infty$, $\sigma_X > 0$, $\sigma_Y > 0$, and $-1 < \rho_{XY} < 1$.

Bivariate Normal Distribution: $\rho_{XY} = 0$

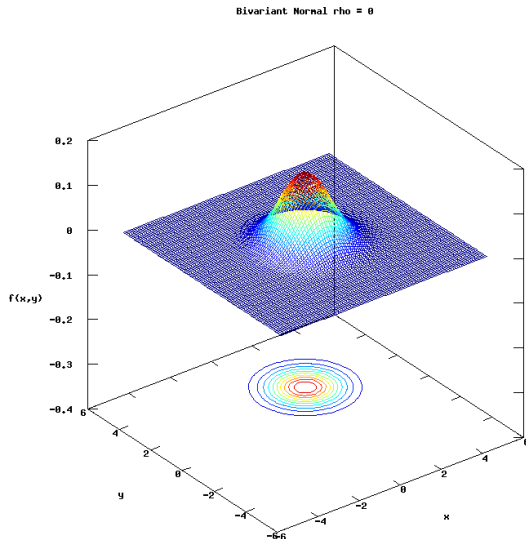


Figure 2: Bivariate Normal Distribution with $\rho_{XY} = 0$.



Bivariate Normal Distribution: $\rho_{XY} = 0.5$

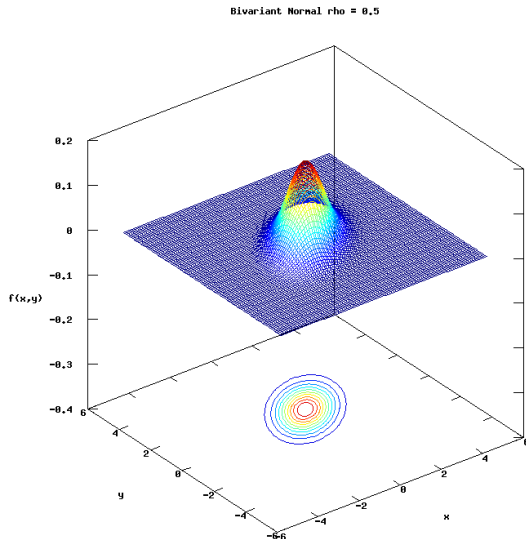


Figure 3: Bivariate Normal Distribution with $\rho_{XY} = 0.5$.



Bivariate Normal Distribution: $\rho_{XY} = 0.95$

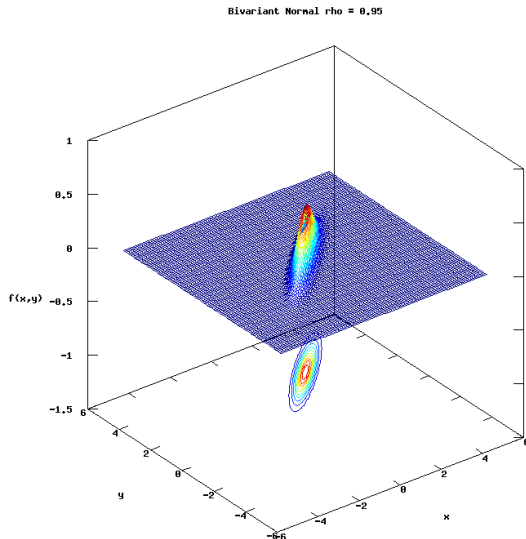


Figure 4: Bivariate Normal Distribution with $\rho_{XY} = 0.95$.



Bivariate Normal Distribution: $\rho_{XY} = -0.95$

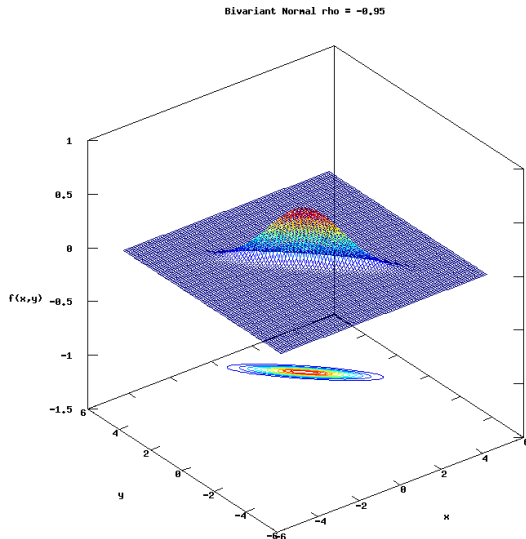


Figure 5: Bivariate Normal Distribution with $\rho_{XY} = -0.95$.



Bivariate Normal Distribution



If X and Y are bivariate normal distribution with joint probability density $f_{XY}(x, y; \mu_X, \mu_Y, \sigma_X, \sigma_Y, \rho_{XY})$,

- the marginal probability distribution of X and Y are $X \sim N(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$ and $Y \sim N(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$, respectively;
- the conditional probability distribution of Y given $X = x$ is normal with mean

$$\mu_{Y|x} = \mu_Y - \mu_X \rho \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} + \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} \rho x$$

and variance

$$\sigma_{Y|x}^2 = \sigma_Y^2(1 - \rho^2);$$

- the correlation between X and Y is ρ ;
- with $\rho = 0$, X and Y are independent.

Bivariate Normal Distribution: Independence and Uncorrelation



$$\begin{aligned} f_{XY}(x, y; \mu_X, \mu_Y, \sigma_X, \sigma_Y, \rho_{XY} = 0) &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1 - \rho_{XY}^2}} \\ &\exp \left\{ \frac{-1}{2(1 - \rho_{XY}^2)} \cdot \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left[\frac{(x - \mu_X)^2}{\sigma_X^2} - \frac{2\rho_{XY}(x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y)}{\sigma_X\sigma_Y} + \frac{(y - \mu_Y)^2}{\sigma_Y^2} \right] \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y} \exp \left\{ \frac{-1}{2} \left[\frac{(x - \mu_X)^2}{\sigma_X^2} + \frac{(y - \mu_Y)^2}{\sigma_Y^2} \right] \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma_X\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x - \mu_X)^2}{2\sigma_X^2} \right\} \\ &\quad \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma_Y\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(y - \mu_Y)^2}{2\sigma_Y^2} \right\} \\ &= f_X(x; \mu_X, \sigma_X) \cdot f_Y(y; \mu_Y, \sigma_Y) \end{aligned}$$



Definition (Linear Combination)

Given random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p and constants c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p ,

$$Y = c_1X_1 + c_2X_2 + \dots + c_pX_p \quad (21)$$

is a **linear combination** of X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p .

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Theorem

If $Y = c_1X_1 + c_2X_2 + \cdots + c_pX_p$, then

$$E(Y) = c_1E(X_1) + c_2E(X_2) + \cdots + c_pE(X_p) \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y) &= E(c_1X_1 + c_2X_2 + \cdots + c_pX_p) \\ &= \sum \cdots \sum [(c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \cdots + c_px_p) \cdot \\ &\quad f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p)] \\ &= c_1 \left[\sum \cdots \sum x_1 \cdot f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p) \right] \\ &\quad + c_2 \left[\sum \cdots \sum x_2 \cdot f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p) \right] \\ &\quad \dots \\ &\quad + c_p \left[\sum \cdots \sum x_p \cdot f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p) \right] \\ &= c_1E(X_1) + c_2E(X_2) + \cdots + c_pE(X_p) \end{aligned}$$



Variance of a Linear Combination



Theorem

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p are random variables, and
 $Y = c_1X_1 + c_2X_2 + \dots + c_pX_p$, then in general

$$\begin{aligned} V(Y) &= c_1^2 V(X_1) + c_2^2 V(X_2) + \dots + c_p^2 V(X_p) \\ &+ 2 \sum_{i < j} c_i c_j \text{COV}(X_i, X_j). \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p are **independent**,

$$V(Y) = c_1^2 V(X_1) + c_2^2 V(X_2) + \dots + c_p^2 V(X_p) \quad (24)$$

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Example: Error Propagation



Example

A semiconduction production consists of three layers. If the variances in thickness of the first, sencond and third layers are 25, 40, and 30 nanometers squared, what is the vairance of the thickness of the final product?

- Let X_1, X_2, X_3 and X are random variables denoting the thickness of the respective layers, and the final product.
- Then $X = X_1 + X_2 + X_3$.
- The variance of X according to the Eq. is

$$\begin{aligned} V(X) &= V(X_1) + V(X_2) + V(X_3) \\ &= 25 + 40 + 30 = 95 \text{ nm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Mean and Variance of an Average



Theorem

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p are random variables with $E(X_i) = \mu, i = 1, \dots, p$, then the random variable

$$\bar{X} = (X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_p)/p \quad (25)$$

has the mean

$$E(\bar{X}) = \mu \quad (26)$$

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p are also independent with variance $V(X_i) = \sigma^2, i = 1, \dots, p$, then

$$V(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{p} \quad (27)$$

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Reproductive Property of Normal Dist.



Theorem

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p are independent, normal random variables with $E(X_i) = \mu_i, V(X_i) = \sigma_i^2, i = 1, \dots, p$, then

$$Y = c_1X_1 + c_2X_2 + \dots + c_pX_p \quad (28)$$

is a normal random variable with

$$E(Y) = c_1\mu_1 + c_2\mu_2 + \dots + c_p\mu_p \quad (29)$$

and

$$V(Y) = c_1^2\sigma_1^2 + c_2^2\sigma_2^2 + \dots + c_p^2\sigma_p^2 \quad (30)$$

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