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(4.2) continue

Defn

The correlation coefficient of
r.v.s X, Y is

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

Theorem

$$-1 \leq \rho(X, Y) \leq 1$$

↑
Perfect Neg.

↑
Perfect Pos.

(SEE handout Proof.)

Ex.

Toss a coin n times, $P(\text{head}) = p$.

Let $X = \text{heads}$, $Y = \text{tails}$. Find

$\rho(X, Y)$

Solution

observe $X + Y = n$, so

$$E[X] + E[Y] = E[X+Y] = E[n] = n$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(Y) &= \text{Var}(-X + n) \\ &= (-1)^2 \text{Var}(X) \\ &= \text{Var}(X) \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} &(X - E[X]) + (Y - E[Y]) \\ &= (X + Y) - (E[X] + E[Y]) \\ &= n - n = 0 \end{aligned}$$

so

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

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])] \\ &= E[-(X - E[X])^2] \\ &= -E[(X - E[X])^2] \\ &= -\text{Var}(X) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}}$$

$$= \frac{-\text{var}(X)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{-\text{var}(X)}{\text{var}(X)} = \boxed{-1}$$

Variance of a Sum

Theorem

Let X, Y be r.v.s (not necc. indep.).

Then

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

$$= \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

more generally

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right) \\ = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) + \sum_{i \neq j} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) \end{aligned}$$

Proof in case $n=2$

Let

$$U = X - E[X] \quad \therefore E[U] = 0$$

$$V = Y - E[Y] \quad \therefore E[V] = 0$$

Then

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$$\text{Var}(X+Y) = \text{Var}(U+V)$$

$$= E[(U+V) - E[U+V]]^2]$$

$$= E[(U+V)^2]$$

$$= E[U^2 + V^2 + 2UV]$$

$$= E[U^2] + E[V^2] + 2E[UV]$$

$$= \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$$



Exercise

- $\text{Cov}(aX+b, Y) = a \text{Cov}(X, Y)$
- $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Cov}(Y, X)$
- if $a > 0$, then
$$\rho(aX+b, Y) = \rho(X, Y)$$
- $\text{Cov}(aX+bY, Z)$
$$= a \text{Cov}(X, Z) + b \text{Cov}(Y, Z)$$

4.3 Conditional Mean & Variance

Recall

$$g(y) = E[X | Y=y]$$

⇒ If we replace y by Y , we get

$$g(Y) = E[X | Y] \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{conditional} \\ \text{expectation} \end{array} \right.$$

What is the expected value of this r.v. ?

$$E[E[X|Y]] = E[g(Y)]$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(y) \cdot f_Y(y) dy$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E[X|Y=y] \cdot f_Y(y) dy$$

$$= E[X]$$

law of
iterated
expectations

Thus

$$E[X] = E[E[X|Y]]$$

Can do something similar with variance.

Define a function

$$h(y) = \text{Var}(X | Y=y)$$

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

Replace y by Y to get

$$h(Y) = \text{Var}(X | Y) \leftarrow \text{conditional variance}$$

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

Theorem (law of total variance)

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[\text{Var}(X|Y)] + \text{Var}(E[X|Y])$$

Proof.

by var() in terms of moments

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

Thus

$$E[X^2|Y] = \text{Var}(X|Y) + E[X|Y]^2$$

Then

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

$$= E[E[X^2|Y]] - E[E[X|Y]]^2$$

$$= E[\text{Var}(X|Y) + E[X|Y]^2]$$

$$- E[E[X|Y]]^2$$

$$= E[\text{Var}(X|Y)]$$

$$+ E[E[X|Y]^2] - E[E[X|Y]]^2$$

$$= E[\text{Var}(X|Y)] + \text{Var}(E[X|Y])$$



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4.4 is on transforms

4.5 Sum of a random number of random variables

Let $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots$ be an
(infinite) sequence of independent,
identically distributed (i.i.d)
r.v.s . i.e. all have same

PDF, or PMF :

$$f_X(x) \text{ or } p_X(x)$$

Let $E[X], \text{Var}(X)$ be their
common mean and variance

Let N be a r.v. with
 $\text{range}(N) \subseteq \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

Assume $\{N, X_1, X_2, \dots\}$
is indep. Now define

$$Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_N$$

Goal: find $E[Y]$, $\text{Var}(Y)$

let $n \geq 0$ be fixed. Then

□

$$E[Y | N=n]$$

$$= E[X_1 + \dots + X_N | N=n]$$

$$= E[X_1 + \dots + X_n | N=n]$$

$$= E[X_1 + \dots + X_n] \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{by} \\ \text{indep.} \end{array} \right.$$

$$= E[X_1] + \dots + E[X_n]$$

$$= n E[X]$$

$$\therefore E[X | N] = N \cdot E[X]$$

By law of iterated expectation

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[Y] &= E[E[Y|N]] \\
 &= E[N \cdot E[X]] \\
 &= E[N] \cdot E[X]
 \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\text{Var}(Y|N=n)$$

$$= \text{Var}(X_1 + \dots + X_N | N=n)$$

$$= \text{Var}(X_1 + \dots + X_n | N=n)$$

$$= \text{Var}(X_1 + \dots + X_n) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{by} \\ \text{indep.} \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \text{Var}(X_1) + \dots + \text{Var}(X_n) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{by} \\ \text{indep.} \end{array} \right.$$

$$= n \text{Var}(X)$$

so

$$\text{Var}(Y|N) = N \cdot \text{Var}(X)$$

by total variance

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(Y|N)] + \text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[Y|N])$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[N \cdot \text{Var}(X)] + \text{Var}(N \cdot \mathbb{E}[X])$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[N] \cdot \text{Var}(X) + \mathbb{E}[X]^2 \cdot \text{Var}(N)$$