

g. If two random variables are independent, then the joint pdf or pmf is product of marginals

i. For discrete variables, $p_{X,Y}(x, y) =$

$$P(\{X = x\} \cap \{Y = y\}) = P(X = x)P(Y = y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y)$$

ii. For continuous variables, decompose $P(\{X \in (x - \delta, x + \delta)\} \cap$

h. Rule: if two random variables are independent, then expectation of product is product of expectations.

i. Proof for discrete case: $E[XY] = \sum_x \sum_y xyp_{X,Y}(x, y) =$

$$\sum_x \sum_y xyp_X(x)p_Y(y) = \sum_x xp_X(x) \sum_y yp_Y(y) = (\sum_x xp_X(x)) (\sum_y yp_Y(y)) = E[X]E[Y]$$

i. Covariance for independent variables is zero

i. Proof for continuous case: $\text{Cov}[X, Y] = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])] = E[X - E[X]]E[Y - E[Y]] = 0 \times 0 = 0.$

j. Note that $\text{Cov}[X, X] = \text{Var}[X].$

k. Note that $\text{Var}[aX] = a^2\text{Var}[X]$ and $\text{Cov}[aX, bY] = ab\text{Cov}[X, Y].$

i. By previous fact, we need only prove this for covariance.

ii. For discrete variables, $\text{Cov}[aX, bY] =$

$$\sum_x \sum_y (ax)(by)p_{X,Y}(x,y) = ab \sum_x \sum_y xyp_{X,Y}(x,y).$$

$$i. |\text{Cov}[X, Y]| \leq \sqrt{\text{Var}[X] \text{Var}[Y]}.$$

i. Formal proof uses Cauchy-Schwartz inequality.

ii. Heuristic proof: covariance is largest when X and Y line up in same direction.

m. How big is a big covariance?

i. Divide by its maximum and see how close to 1 you get.

ii. Result is called correlation

iii. For $a, b > 0$, then $\rho[aX, bY] = \rho[X, Y]$.

8. Conditional pmf and pdf:

a. Discrete case: $P(X = x|Y = y) = P((X = x) \cap (Y = y)) / P(p_{X,Y}(x, y) / p_Y(y))$.

b. Continuous case: $P(X \leq x|Y \in (y - \delta, y + \delta)) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{y-\delta}^{y+\delta} f_{X,Y}(w, z) dw dz / \int_{y-\delta}^{y+\delta} f_Y(z) dz \approx (2\delta) \int_{-\infty}^x f_{X,Y}(w, y) dw / (2\delta f_Y(y)) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_{X,Y}(w, y) dw / f_Y(y)$ and so $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = f_{X,Y}(x, y) / f_Y(y)$.

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Q. Note that $E[X + Y] = \sum_x \sum_y (x + y)p_{X,Y}(x, y) =$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_x \sum_y x p_{X,Y}(x, y) + \sum_x \sum_y y p_{X,Y}(x, y) &= \sum_x x \sum_y p_{X,Y}(x, y) + \\ \sum_y y \sum_x p_{X,Y}(x, y) &= \sum_x x p_X(x) + \sum_y y p_Y(y) \end{aligned}$$

1. By extension, holds expectation of sum is sum of expectations for larger sums as well.
2. Since $E[aZ] = aE[Z]$, then expectation of average is average of expectations.
3. If things being averaged all have same expectation, expectation of average is that value as well.

R. If random variables X_j all have expectation μ then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[X_1 + \cdots + X_n] &= E[((X_1 - \mu) + \cdots + (X_n - \mu))^2] = \\ \sum_j E[(X_j - \mu)^2] + \sum_{i \neq j} E[(X_i - \mu)(X_j - \mu)] \end{aligned}$$

1. If X_j are independent than for $i \neq j$, $E[(X_i - \mu)(X_j - \mu)] = E[X_i - \mu]E[X_j - \mu] = 0$

2. If X_j are independent and each with variance σ^2 then

$$\text{Var}[X_1 + \cdots + X_n] = n\sigma^2$$

- a. $\text{Var}[\bar{X}] = (1/n)^2 n\sigma^2 = \sigma^2/n$. Hence variance gets smaller as n gets larger.