

Review.

Suppose that X & Y are jointly continuous random variables with joint pdf $f_{X,Y}$.

Suppose that $W = g_1(X,Y)$ and $Z = g_2(X,Y)$. Define $g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ as follows.

We can write.
$$g\left(\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} g_1(u,v) \\ g_2(u,v) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} W \\ Z \end{pmatrix} = g\left(\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

Suppose that (X,Y) is in $u-v$ plane & (W,Z) is in $w-z$ plane.

Let $J(u,v)$ denote the Jacobian matrix of g at point (u,v) .

$$J(u,v) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1(u,v)}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial g_1(u,v)}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial g_2(u,v)}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial g_2(u,v)}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix}$$

Proposition: Suppose that $\begin{pmatrix} W \\ Z \end{pmatrix} = g\left(\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}\right)$, where $\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$ has pdf $f_{X,Y}$, and g is one to one mapping from support of $f_{X,Y}$ to \mathbb{R}^2 . Suppose that the Jacobian matrix J of g exists, is continuous, and has nonzero determinant everywhere. Then for all (w,z) in the support of $f_{W,Z}$ we have

$$f_{W,Z}(w,z) = \frac{1}{|\det J|} f_{X,Y}(g^{-1}\begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix})$$

Important remark: The Jacobian matrix J depends on point, i.e. $J = J(u,v)$, however $f_{W,Z}(w,z)$ is in terms of w & z . You should calculate J in terms of u and v , and then write it in terms of w & z .

Example:

$$\begin{pmatrix} W \\ Z \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}. \quad A \text{ is invertible}$$

$$f_{W,Z}(w,z) = \frac{1}{|\det(A)|} f_{X,Y}(A^{-1}\begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix})$$

Today:

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② Correlation & covariance

① Transformation of pdfs under a many-to-one mapping

Suppose that $\begin{pmatrix} W \\ Z \end{pmatrix} = g\left(\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}\right)$, and $g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$. Suppose that g has a continuous Jacobian with nonzero determinant. Suppose that $\begin{pmatrix} W \\ Z \end{pmatrix}$ lives in $w-z$ plane and $\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$ lives in $x-y$ plane. Fix $\begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ and consider a small rectangle around $\begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix}$. Let S denote this rectangle. Notice that

$$P\left(\begin{pmatrix} W \\ Z \end{pmatrix} \in S\right) \approx f_{W,Z}(w,z) \cdot \text{area}(S) \quad \begin{matrix} \square \\ \begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix} \\ S \end{matrix}$$

Let $\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} u_n \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$ denote the set of all values for which $g\left(\begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix}$. Let R_i denote the shape around $\begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix}$ that is mapped to S . We have:

$$P\left(\begin{pmatrix} W \\ Z \end{pmatrix} \in S\right) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n \begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix} \in R_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P\left(\begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix} \in R_i\right) \approx \sum_{i=1}^n f_{X,Y}\left(\begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix}\right) \cdot \text{area}(R_i)$$

Notice that if S is small enough then R_i 's are disjoint. Moreover, $\frac{\text{area}(R_i)}{\text{area}(S)} \approx \frac{1}{|\det(J(u_i, v_i))|}$

Hence, we have

$$f_{W,Z}(w,z) = \sum_{\begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix}: g\left(\begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix}} \frac{f_{X,Y}(u_i, v_i)}{|\det(J(u_i, v_i))|}$$

Notice that after calculating r.h.s, you need to write it in terms of w and z .

Example 4.7.8 Suppose $W = \min\{X, Y\}$ and $Z = \max\{X, Y\}$, where X and Y are jointly continuous-type random variables. Express $f_{W,Z}$ in terms of $f_{X,Y}$.

Solution.

Approach 1. Notice that $P(W=Z) = P(X=Y) = 0$. Hence, we focus on the set $\{w \in \Omega, w(z) \neq z(w)\}$.

Suppose that $w < z$. Notice that $\begin{pmatrix} W \\ Z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \min\{X,Y\} \\ \max\{X,Y\} \end{pmatrix} = g\left(\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}\right)$. Hence, if $g\left(\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ then either $u=w, v=z$ or $u=z, v=w$.

That is $\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z \\ w \end{pmatrix}$ and $g\left(\begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix}$. Next, we need to calculate the Jacobian matrix at $\begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix}$.

Notice that around $\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix}$, $g\left(\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ and around $\begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z \\ w \end{pmatrix}$, $g\left(\begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} w \\ z \end{pmatrix}$. Hence,

$$J(u_1, v_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad J(u_2, v_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

in either case $|\det(J(u_i, v_i))| = 1$. Hence, $f_{W,Z}(w,z) = f_{X,Y}(w,z) + f_{X,Y}(z,w) = f_{X,Y}(w,z) + f_{X,Y}(z,w)$

Approach 2. See the solution in the book.

② Correlation and covariance

Let X and Y be random variables with finite second moments.

the correlation: $E[XY]$

the covariance: $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]$

the correlation coefficient: $\rho_{XY} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$

Important remarks:

⊙ Notice that $\text{Cov}(X, X) = \text{Var}(X)$, i.e., covariance generalizes variance to pair of random variables.

⊙ Similar to variance, we have $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$.

Def. We say X and Y are uncorrelated if $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$. Notice that if $\text{Var}(X) > 0$ and

$\text{Var}(Y) > 0$, then being uncorrelated is equivalent to having $\rho_{XY} = 0$.

Def. We say X and Y are positively correlated if $\text{Cov}(X, Y) > 0$ ($\rho_{XY} > 0$).

Def. We say X and Y are negatively correlated if $\text{Cov}(X, Y) < 0$ ($\rho_{XY} < 0$).

Important remarks:

X and Y are independent $\implies \rho_{XY} = 0$, $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$, uncorrelated

$\rho_{XY} = 0$, $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$, uncorrelated does not imply that X and Y are independent (unless they are jointly gaussian)

Def. We say X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are uncorrelated if they are pairwise uncorrelated.

Properties:

⊙ linearity of covariance:

$$\text{cov}(X+Y, U+V) = \text{Cov}(X, U) + \text{Cov}(X, V) + \text{Cov}(Y, U) + \text{Cov}(Y, V)$$

$$\text{cov}(aX+b, cY+d) = ac \text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

⊙ If X and Y are uncorrelated:

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

4.17. [Deducing a covariance from variances]

Consider random variables X and Y on the same probability space.

(a) If $\text{Var}(X + 2Y) = 40$ and $\text{Var}(X - 2Y) = 20$, what is $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$?

(b) In part (a), determine $\rho_{X, Y}$ if $\text{Var}(X) = 2 \cdot \text{Var}(Y)$.

Solution:

(a) Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X + 2Y) &= \text{Cov}(X + 2Y, X + 2Y) = \text{Cov}(X, X) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y) + 2\text{Cov}(Y, X) + 4\text{Cov}(Y, Y) \\ &= \text{Var}(X) + 4\text{Var}(Y) + 4\text{Cov}(X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(X - 2Y) = \text{Var}(X) + 4\text{Var}(Y) - 4\text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

$$\implies \text{Var}(X + 2Y) - \text{Var}(X - 2Y) = 8\text{Cov}(X, Y) \implies \text{Cov}(X, Y) = \frac{20}{8} = 2.5$$

(b) Notice that $20 = \text{Var}(X - 2Y) = \text{Var}(X) + 4\text{Var}(Y) - 4\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 6\text{Var}(Y) - 10$

$\implies \text{Var}(Y) = 5$ and $\text{Var}(X) = 10$.

$$\rho_{X, Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}} = \frac{2.5}{\sqrt{50}}$$