

This week:

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- Total Expectation
 - Conditional Expectations
 - Total Probability as Total Expectation: I_A
 - Substitution Law
- Probabilistic Inequalities
 - Markov and Chebyshev Inequalities
 - Jensen's Inequality: Convexity
 - Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality: σ_{xy} vs ρ_{xy}
 - Jointly Gaussian random variables

H/W

L-6: 7.15 - 7.17, 5.74, 5.75, 5.80, 6.50(a,b)

I Conditional Expectation and Total Expectation:

Given two jointly distributed r.v.s, (X, Y) ,
the conditional pdf:

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_X(x)}$$

$f_{Y|X}$ is a typical pdf except that it expresses probabilities in terms of rv X or samples of $X=x$.

$$P(Y \in A | X) = \int_A f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy = h(x)$$

The conditional pdf gives a conditional expectation \forall measurable function $g(\cdot)$ which are integrable wrt $f_{Y|X}$:

$$E_{Y|X}[g(Y)|X] = \int g(y) f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy$$

Think of $E[g(Y)|X]$ as the "optimal" estimate for $g(Y)$ given all information in X . $r(x) = E[g(Y)|X]$ is in fact the optimal L^2 -estimate for $g(Y)$ given observations of X .

$E_{y|x}[\cdot]$ inherits all the properties of a typical integral:

i/ Linearity / Homogeneity:

$$E[a \cdot h(y) + b \cdot g(z) | X] = a \cdot E[h(y) | X] + b \cdot E[g(z) | X]$$

Conditioning also leads to some unique properties. e.g.

ii/ $[E[\cdot | X]$ treats functions of X as constants]:

$$E[h(x) \cdot g(y) | X] = h(x) \cdot E[g(y) | X]$$

Proof: \forall

$$\begin{aligned} E[h(x) \cdot g(y) | X=x] &= \int h(x) g(y) f_{y|x}(y|x) dy \quad \forall x \\ &= h(x) \int g(y) f_{y|x}(y|x) dy \quad \forall x \\ &= h(x) \cdot E[g(y) | X=x] \quad \forall x \\ \therefore E[h(x) \cdot g(y) | X] &= h(x) \cdot E[g(y) | X] \end{aligned}$$

iii/ Conditional Probabilities are Conditional Expectations:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y \in A | X) &= \int I_A(y) \cdot f_{y|x}(y|x) dy \\ &= E_{y|x} [I_A(y) | X] \end{aligned}$$

It turns out that $E[\cdot | X]$ is the rigorous foundation for $P(Y \in A | X)$; $E[\cdot | X]$ is more fundamental than $P(\cdot | X)$.

$r(X) = E[g(X, Y) | X]$ is a function of X and thus a rv also. $r(x) = E[g(X, Y) | X=x]$ is a realization of $r(X)$. The substitution law links the two.

iv Substitution Law:

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

Proof:

recall $I_A(X) + I_{A^c}(X) = 1$; Let $A = \{x\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow g(X, Y) &= g(X, Y) [I_{\{x\}}(X) + I_{\{x\}^c}(X)] \\ &= g(X, Y) \cdot I_{\{x\}}(X) + g(X, Y) \cdot I_{\{x\}^c}(X) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[g(X, Y) | X] = E[g(x, Y) \cdot I_{\{x\}}(X) | X] + E[g(X, Y) \cdot I_{\{x\}^c}(X) | X]$$

by prop. ii/ above: $E[g(X, Y) I_A(X) | X] = I_A(X) \cdot E[g(X, Y) | X]$

$$\Rightarrow E[g(X, Y) | X] = I_{\{x\}}(X) \cdot E[g(X, Y) | X] + I_{\{x\}^c}(X) \cdot E[g(X, Y) | X]$$

$$\Rightarrow E[g(X, Y) | X=x] = \overbrace{I_{\{x\}}(x)}{=1 \text{ since } X=x} E[g(X, Y) | X=x] + \overbrace{I_{\{x\}^c}(x)}{=0 \text{ since } X=x} E[g(X, Y) | X=x]$$

$$\therefore E[g(X, Y) | X=x] = E[g(X, Y) | X=x]$$

iv Total Expectation: $[T_E]$ (*)

$$E_y[g(Y)] = E_x[E_{y|x}[g(Y)|X]]$$

[aka. "Law of iterated Expectations"]

Proof :

$$\begin{aligned} E_x E_{y|x}[g(Y)|X] &= \int E_{y|x}[g(Y)|X] f_x(x) dx \\ &= \iint g(y) \cdot f_{y|x}(y|x) \cdot f_x(x) dx dy \\ &= \iint g(y) \cdot f_{x,y}(x,y) dx dy \\ &= \int g(y) \left[\int f_{x,y}(x,y) dx \right] dy \\ &= \int g(y) f_y(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

$$E_x E_{y|x}[g(Y)|X] = E_y[g(Y)]$$

[We used the facts that $f_{y|x} \cdot f_x = f_{x,y}$ and $\int f_{x,y} dx = f_y$]

Similarly :

$$E_{xy}[g(x,y)] = E_x[E_{y|x}[g(x,y)]]$$

$$E_{xyz}[g(x,y,z)] = E_{yz}[E_{x|y,z}[g(x,y,z)|y,z]]$$

etc...

Total Probability is a special case of T_E

when $g(\cdot)$ is an indicator function.

$$P(Y \in A) = E_y[I_A(Y)] = E_x[E_{y|x}[I_A(Y)|X]]$$

We can apply the "SIT" technique ~~for~~ to complicated expectations:

SIT for T_E

- (1) T: Apply Total Expectation
- (2) S: Substitute sample x for r.v X when $X=x$
- (3) I: Apply Independence (if applicable!!!)

Extra practice in Gubner: 7.34 - 7.37 ✓

e.g.: $X \sim \exp(1)$ | $E[Y^2 X^5] = ???$
 $Y|_{X=x} \sim N(0, x^2)$

$$E[Y^2 X^5] \stackrel{T_E}{=} E_x E_{Y|X} [Y^2 X^5 | X]$$

$$= E_x [X^5 \cdot E_{Y|X} [Y^2 | X]]$$

$$\stackrel{S}{=} \int_0^{\infty} x^5 E_{Y|X} [Y^2 | X=x] dx$$

$$E[Y^2 | X=x] = \sigma_{Y|X}^2 = x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow E[Y^2 X^5] = \int_0^{\infty} x^5 \cdot x^2 \cdot f_x(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} x^7 \cdot \exp(-x) dx$$

$$\therefore E[Y^2 X^5] = \Gamma(8) = 7! \quad \checkmark$$

ex: X, Z, U : independent

$$X, Z \sim \exp(1)$$

$$U \sim U[-1/2, 1/2]$$

$$E[\exp(U(X+Z))] = ?$$

Ans:

$$E[\exp(U(X+Z))] \stackrel{F}{=} E_U E_{X,Z|U} [\dots | U]$$

$$\stackrel{S}{=} \int_U f_U(u) E_{X,Z|U} [\exp(U(X+Z)) | U=u] du$$

$$\stackrel{I \& D}{=} \int_U f_U(u) E_{X,Z} [\exp(uX) \cdot \exp(uZ)] du$$

$$\stackrel{X \perp Z}{=} \int_U f_U(u) E_X [\exp(uX)] \cdot E_Z [\exp(uZ)] du$$

$$\text{but } [X \stackrel{d}{=} Z] \Rightarrow E_X [\exp(uX)] = E_Z [\exp(uZ)]$$

$$\Rightarrow E[\exp(U(X+Z))] = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} (E_X [\exp(uX)])^2 \cdot f_U(u) du$$

$$= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \left(\int_0^{\infty} \exp(ux) \cdot \exp(-x) dx \right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} du$$

$$= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \left(\int_0^{\infty} \exp(x(u-1)) dx \right)^2 du$$

$$= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \left(\frac{-1}{1-u} \right)^2 du$$

$$= \int_{1/2}^{3/2} x^{-2} dx \quad \begin{matrix} x = 1-u \\ dx = -du \end{matrix}$$

$$= [-x^{-1}]_{0.5}^{1.5}$$

$$= -2/3 + 2$$

$$\therefore E[\exp(U(X+Z))] = 4/3$$

Ex: [Doubly Random Sum]:

Suppose $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$: iid with $\sigma_X^2 < \infty$

N : rv independent of all $\{X_i\}_{i \geq 1}$; $N \geq 1$

define $S_N = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$

$E[S_N] = ???$

$$\begin{aligned} E[S_N] &\stackrel{TE}{=} E_N E_{S_N|N} [S_N|N] \\ &\stackrel{\sum}{=} E_N E_{S_N|N} \left[\sum_{i=1}^N X_i \mid N=n \right] \\ &\stackrel{Ind}{=} E_N \left[E_{\vec{X}} \left[\sum_{i=1}^N X_i \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_n P_N(n) E \left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right]$$

$$\stackrel{iid}{=} \sum_n P_N(n) \cdot n \cdot \mu_X$$

$$= \mu_X \cdot \left(\sum_n n \cdot P_N(n) \right)$$

$$\boxed{E[S_N] = \mu_X \cdot \mu_N}$$

[Wald's Identity]

$$\underline{\underline{Var[S_N] = ???}}$$

The conditional variance:

$$\boxed{V[Y|X] = E \left[(Y - E[Y|X])^2 \mid X \right]}$$

Claim: $V[Y|X] = E[Y^2|X] - E^2[Y|X]$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V[Y|X] &= E[(Y - E[Y|X])^2 | X] \\
 &= E[Y^2|X] + E^2[Y|X] - 2E[Y \cdot \overbrace{E[Y|X]}^{r(x)} | X] \\
 &= E[Y^2|X] + E^2[Y|X] - 2E[Y|X] \cdot E[Y|X] \\
 &= E[Y^2|X] + E^2[Y|X] - 2E^2[Y|X] \\
 V[Y|X] &= E[Y^2|X] - E^2[Y|X]
 \end{aligned}$$

Total Variance $[T_v]$:

$$\boxed{V[Y] = \underbrace{E_x[V[Y|X]]}_{(a)} + \underbrace{V_x[E[Y|X]]}_{(b)}}$$

Proof:

$$(a) \quad E_x[V[Y|X]] = E_x[E[Y^2|X] - E^2[Y|X]]$$

$$= E_x E_{y|x} [Y^2|X] - E_x [(E[Y|X])^2]$$

$$\stackrel{T_E}{=} E_y [Y^2] - E_x [(E[Y|X])^2]$$

$$(b) \quad V_x[E[Y|X]] = E_x [(E[Y|X])^2] - (E_x [E_{y|x} [Y|X]])^2$$

$$\stackrel{T_E}{=} E_x [(E[Y|X])^2] - (E_y [Y])^2$$

$$\therefore V[Y] \stackrel{(a)+(b)}{=} E[Y^2] - E_x [(E[Y|X])^2] + E_x [(E[Y|X])^2] - E_y^2 [Y]$$

$$= E[Y^2] - \mu_y^2$$

$$\text{So } \text{Var}[S_N] = E_N[\text{Var}[S_N|N]] + \text{Var}[E[S_N|N]]$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_N[\text{Var}[S_N|N]] &\stackrel{S}{=} \sum_n P_N(n) \cdot \text{Var}[S_N|N=n] \\ &\stackrel{\text{Ind}}{=} \sum_n P_N(n) \text{Var}\left[\sum_i X_i\right] \\ &\stackrel{\text{iid}}{=} \sigma_x^2 \sum_n n P_N(n) = \sigma_x^2 \cdot M_N \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[E[S_N|N]] &= E_N[(E[S_N|N])^2] - E_N^2[E[S_N|N]] \\ &\stackrel{S, \text{Ind}}{=} \sum_n (E[\sum_i X_i])^2 P_N(n) \\ &\quad - \left(\sum_n E[\sum_i X_i] P_N(n)\right)^2 \\ &= \sum_n n^2 \cdot \mu_x^2 \cdot P_N(n) \\ &\quad - \left(\mu_x \cdot \sum_n n P_N(n)\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \mu_x^2 \cdot \left[\left(\sum_n n^2 \cdot P_N(n)\right) - \left(\sum_n n \cdot P_N(n)\right)^2 \right]$$

$$\text{Var}[E[S_N|N]] = \mu_x^2 \cdot \sigma_N^2$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\text{Var}[S_N] = \sigma_x^2 M_N + \mu_x^2 \sigma_N^2}$$

More rigorously, if X is a positive r.v.

$$X: (\Omega, \mathcal{Q}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$$

from a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{Q}, P) , conditional expectation $E[X|\mathcal{G}]$ are Radon-Nikodym

derivatives of $\int_A X dP$ wrt P for event

$A \in \mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$. The familiar $E[X|Y]$ is really

$$E[X|Y] = E[X|\sigma(Y)]$$

i.e. \mathcal{G} is the sub- σ -algebra

$$\mathcal{G} = \sigma(Y) = \sigma(\{Y^{-1}(B) \mid B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})\})$$

Thus $E[X|\mathcal{G}]$ is the theoretical foundation for $E[X|Y]$ and $P(A|B)$

Martingales

$\{S_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is a martingale iff:

$$E[S_{n+1} | S_1, \dots, S_n] = S_n \quad \forall n$$

[e.g. Paul Samuelson's work linking stock prices to martingales]

$\{S_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is a martingale w.r.t. $\{X_n\}$ iff

$$E[S_{n+1} | X_1, \dots, X_n] = S_n$$

$\{S_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ submartingale iff $E[S_{n+1} | S_1, \dots, S_n] \geq S_n \quad \forall n$

$\{S_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ supermartingale iff $E[S_{n+1} | S_1, \dots, S_n] \leq S_n \quad \forall n$

e.g. $\{X_i\}_{i \geq 1}$: iid with $E[X] = 0$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow E[S_{n+1} | S_1, \dots, S_n] &= E[X_{n+1} + S_n | \{S_i\}_{i=1}^n] \\ &= S_n + E[X_{n+1} | \{S_i\}_{i=1}^n] \end{aligned}$$

$\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{n+1}$ indep. $\Rightarrow \{X_{n+1}, g(X_1, \dots, X_n)\}$ indep. $\forall g(\cdot)$

e.g. $g(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \Rightarrow$

Thus X_{n+1} is indep. of all $\{S_i\}_{i=1}^n$

$$\Rightarrow E[X_{n+1} | \{S_i\}_{i=1}^n] = E[X_{n+1}] = 0 \quad \forall n$$

$$\therefore E[S_{n+1} | S_1, \dots, S_n] = S_n$$

"Fair random walks are Martingales."

II Probabilistic Inequalities:

Goal: approximate $P(X \in A_\epsilon)$ where

$$A_\epsilon = \{ |X - \mu_X| > \epsilon \} \quad [\text{Tail probabilities}]$$

Ideally we can do approximations using limited distribution info e.g. μ_X and σ_X^2 only

(a) Markov Inequality: ($>$ $<$)

Suppose $X \geq 0$ and $E[X] < \infty$

then $\forall \epsilon > 0$

$$P(X > \epsilon) < \frac{E[X]}{\epsilon} \quad (\text{M.I.})$$

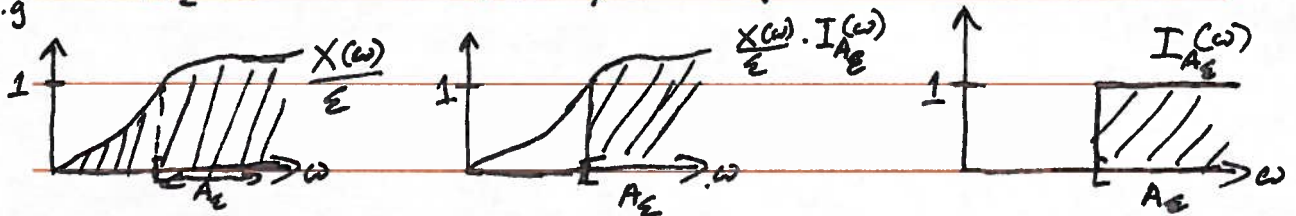
if $X \geq 0$ then

$$P(|X| > \epsilon) < \frac{1}{\epsilon} \cdot E[|X|]$$

Proof: Define $A_\epsilon = \{ \omega \in \Omega \mid X(\omega) > \epsilon \}$

$$\Rightarrow A_\epsilon = \{ \omega \in \Omega \mid X(\omega)/\epsilon > 1 \}$$

e.g.



$$\text{i.e. } X(\omega)/\epsilon > X(\omega)/\epsilon \cdot I_{A_\epsilon}(\omega) > I_{A_\epsilon}(\omega)$$

ECI \Rightarrow

$$E[I_{A_\epsilon}(\omega)] < E[X(\omega)/\epsilon]$$

$$P(A_\epsilon) < (1/\epsilon) \cdot E[X]$$

$$P(X > \epsilon) < \frac{E[X]}{\epsilon} \quad (\text{Markov Ineq})$$

e.g. $X \sim \gamma(\alpha, \theta)$

$$\Rightarrow P(X > 8) < 1/8 \cdot E[X] = \alpha\theta/8$$

e.g. A DMV employee spends an average of 5 mins per customer. There are 11 people

ahead of me. Find an upper bound for the probability that I waited > 1 hour.

Ans X_i : service time

$$X_i \sim \exp(5) \quad [\theta = 5 \leftarrow \text{avg. service time}]$$

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^{11} X_i \Rightarrow Y \sim \gamma(11, 5)$$

$$P(Y > 60) < \frac{E[Y]}{60} = \frac{55}{60} = 11/12$$

(b) Chebyshev's Inequality:

Let $A_\epsilon = \{|X - \mu| > \epsilon\}$ instead

Then $Y = |X - \mu|$ is a positive r.v. and

$$|E[Y]| < \infty \quad \text{if} \quad \sigma_x^2 < \infty.$$

Also $A_\epsilon \equiv \{(X - \mu)^2 > \epsilon^2\}$

\Rightarrow By Markov inequality:

$$P(A_\epsilon) < \frac{E[(X - \mu)^2]}{\epsilon^2}$$

i.e. $P(|X - \mu| > \epsilon) < \sigma_x^2 / \epsilon$

e.g. $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ $\{X_i\}$ iid

$$\Rightarrow E[\bar{X}_n] = \mu_x \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}[\bar{X}_n] = \sigma_x^2 / n$$

$$\therefore P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu_x| > \epsilon) < \text{Var}(\bar{X}_n) / \epsilon^2 = \frac{\sigma_x^2}{n \epsilon^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu_x| > \epsilon) < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sigma_x^2}{n \epsilon^2} \right) = 0 \quad [\text{WLLN}]$$

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Generalized Chebyshev - Markov Inequality:

$\forall \epsilon > 0$

$$P(|X - \alpha \mu| > \epsilon) < \frac{E[|X - \alpha \mu|^n]}{\epsilon^n}$$

M.I $\Rightarrow (n=1, \alpha=0)$

CI $\Rightarrow (n=2, \alpha=1)$

(c) Jensen's Inequality :

$\phi(x)$ is a convex function (eg $x^2, e^x, -\ln x, x^{2k}$)

$$\Leftrightarrow \phi(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2) \leq \lambda \phi(x_1) + (1-\lambda)\phi(x_2) \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \lambda \in [0,1] \\ \forall x_1, x_2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \phi''(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x$$

\Leftrightarrow epigraph(ϕ) is a convex set

\Leftrightarrow if $\phi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

the Hessian $H_\phi = \left[\left[\partial_{x_i} \partial_{x_j} \phi(x) \right]_{(i,j)} \right]$ is a

positive semidefinite matrix

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$$- [\phi \text{ convex}] \Leftrightarrow [-\phi \text{ concave}]; [\phi \text{ linear}] \Leftrightarrow [\phi \text{ convex} + \text{concave}]$$

- ϕ convex $\Rightarrow \phi$ has a global minimum (**)

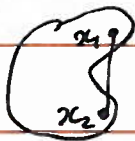
- The epigraph defn of convexity links functional convexity with set convexity.

Set Convexity

Define $L(x_1, x_2)$ as the line between x_1, x_2 . $[S \text{ convex}] \Leftrightarrow [L(x_1, x_2) \in S \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in S]$ eg



convex

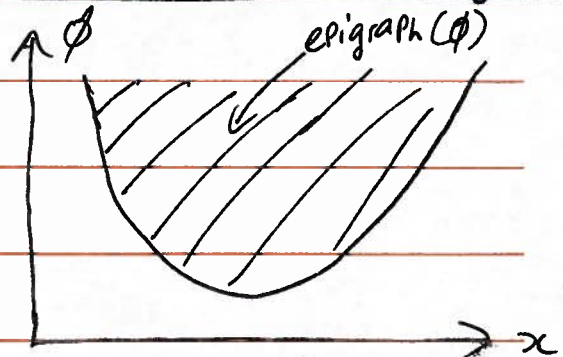


not convex



convex

functional convexity



$$[\phi \text{ convex}] \Leftrightarrow [\text{epigraph}(\phi) \text{ is a convex set}]$$

Jensen's inequality:

ϕ convex and X a random variable.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\phi(E[X]) \leq E[\phi(X)]} \quad (\text{Jensen's})$$

e.g.: $\phi(x) = x^2$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(E[X]) = \mu_x^2 \quad ; \quad E[\phi(X)] = E[X^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_x^2 \leq E[X^2] \quad \text{which we already know}$$

since $E[X^2] = \sigma_x^2 + \mu_x^2$ and $\sigma_x^2 \geq 0$

e.g. Geometric vs Arithmetic mean:

$$\vec{x} \triangleq \{x_i\}_{i=1}^n \quad (\text{assume } x_i \text{ distinct and } > 0)$$

$$GM(\vec{x}) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^{1/n}$$

$$AM(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad \leftarrow \left[\text{a sample of the sample mean } \bar{X}_n \right]$$

Claim: $AM(\vec{x}) \geq GM(\vec{x})$

Proof: [use Jensen's inequality for $\phi(x) = -\ln x$]

Define the PMF for X : $P_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1/n & \forall x \in \{x_i\}_{i=1}^n \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

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(verify)

$$\Rightarrow E_x[X] = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot (1/n) = AM(\vec{x})$$

\therefore By Jensen's :

$$\phi(AM(\vec{x})) \leq E_x[\phi(x)]$$

$$\Rightarrow -\ln(AM(\vec{x})) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} (-\ln x_i)$$

$$[x < 0] \Rightarrow \ln(AM(\vec{x})) \geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i$$

$$[exp(\cdot)] \Rightarrow AM(\vec{x}) \geq \exp\left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i}{n}\right]$$

$$\exp\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i)\right] = \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \exp(\ln(x_i))\right)^{1/n} = \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{1/n} = GM(\vec{x})$$

$$\therefore AM(\vec{x}) \geq GM(\vec{x})$$

in general : $HM \leq GM \leq AM$ where $HM = n \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i}\right)^{-1}$
 Pythagorean means : $\{AM, GM, HM\}$.

(d) Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality :

Recall :

$$\sigma_{xy} = E[(x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y)] = E[XY] - \mu_x \mu_y$$

Claim :

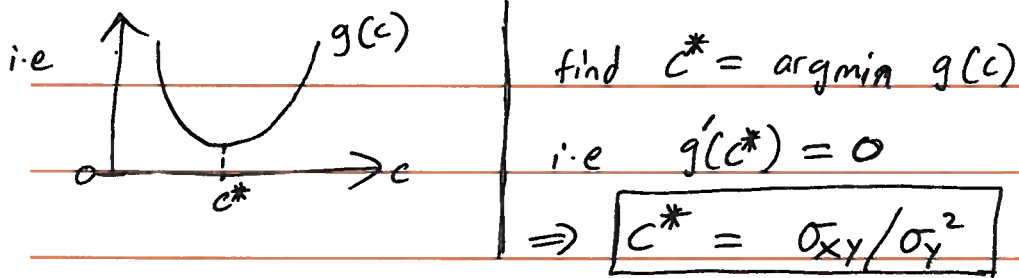
$$\boxed{\sigma_{xy}^2 \leq \sigma_x^2 \sigma_y^2} \quad (\text{Cauchy-Schwarz})$$

Proof : $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$g(c) = E[(x - \mu_x) - c(y - \mu_y)]^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow g(c) = E[(x - \mu_x)^2] + c^2 E[(y - \mu_y)^2] - 2c E[(x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y)]$$

$$\Rightarrow g(c) = \sigma_x^2 + c^2 \sigma_y^2 - 2c \sigma_{xy} \geq 0$$



$$g(c^*) \geq 0 \quad \text{since } g(c) \geq 0 \quad \forall c$$

$$g(c^*) = \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_{xy}^2 / \sigma_y^2 - 2\sigma_{xy} / \sigma_y^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_{xy}^2 / \sigma_y^2 - 2\sigma_{xy} / \sigma_y^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_x^2 - \sigma_{xy}^2 / \sigma_y^2 \geq 0$$

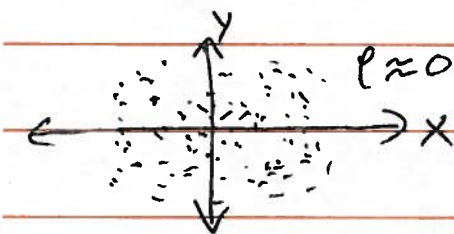
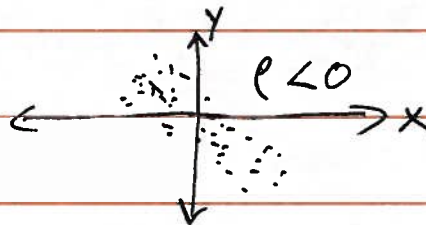
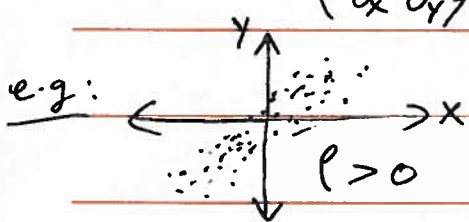
$$\Rightarrow \sigma_x^2 \geq \sigma_{xy}^2 / \sigma_y^2$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\sigma_{xy} \leq \sigma_x \sigma_y}$$

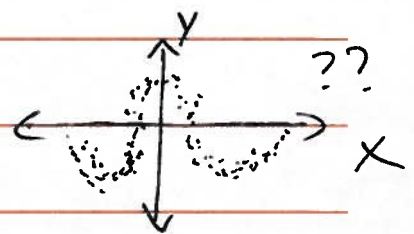
Thus if we define the population correlation coefficient

$$\rho_{xy} = \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$$

$$C-S \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} \right)^2 = \rho_{xy}^2 \leq 1 \quad \text{i.e. } |\rho_{xy}| \leq 1$$



What about:



ρ_{xy} describes the dependence between X and Y
 (X, Y) indep $\Leftrightarrow \rho_{xy} = 0$

In the case of jointly-varying Gaussian r.v.s. (X, Y)
 $\rho_{xy} = 0$ does imply that X and Y are independent.

This is because

$$f_{xy}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-\rho_{xy}^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right)^2 - 2\rho\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right)\left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right) + \left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2}{2(1-\rho_{xy}^2)}\right]$$

factors into $f_{xy} = f_x \cdot f_y$ when $\rho_{xy} = 0$.

Generalizations of Cauchy-Schwarz

The C-S inequality in probability is an instance of the more general C-S inequality of Hilbert spaces.

A Hilbert space is just a "complete" space that has an inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ defined. In probability

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = \int X(\omega) \cdot Y(\omega) dP = E[XY]$$

So we are working on the Hilbert space of square-integrable ($\sigma_x^2, \sigma_y^2 < \infty$) functions with the above inner product. This space of functions is called L^2 .

L^2 -space is the foundation of many areas of science and engineering. Each application L^2 typically comes with its own Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.

e.g. (a) [Signal-Processing]

for finite power signals i.e. $\int |x(t)|^2 dt < \infty$

we also get finite power Fourier transforms $\int |X(\omega)|^2 d\omega < \infty$

$$C-S: \text{Var}[\tilde{x}(t)] \cdot \text{Var}[\tilde{X}(\omega)] \geq \frac{1}{16\pi^2}$$

where \tilde{x} and \tilde{X} are power normalized signals ← artifact of F.T.

(b) [Quantum-Mechanics]

Wave functions, Ψ , are ^{normalized} complex L^2 -function, i.e.

$$\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle \triangleq \int \Psi^* \Psi = 1$$

and for any "operator" \hat{A} , $\langle \Psi | \hat{A} | \Psi \rangle = \int \Psi^* \hat{A} \Psi \triangleq \langle \hat{A} \rangle$

Then for any 2 operators, \hat{A}, \hat{B} :

$$\sigma_A \sigma_B \geq \frac{1}{2} |\langle [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] \rangle| \quad \text{by Cauchy-Schwarz}$$

$$\text{where } \sigma_A^2 = \langle \hat{A}^2 \rangle - (\langle \hat{A} \rangle)^2$$

$$\text{and } [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = \hat{A}\hat{B} - \hat{B}\hat{A}$$

For $\hat{A} = \hat{x}$ (position operator), $\hat{B} = \hat{p}$ (momentum operator)

we get Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle $\sigma_x \sigma_p \geq \hbar/2$

Other Inequalities:i) Hölder's Inequality

suppose $p > 1$ and $q > 1$ such that $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow E[|X \cdot Y|] \leq E^{\frac{1}{p}}[|X|^p] \cdot E^{\frac{1}{q}}[|Y|^q]$$

as \Rightarrow Hölder \bar{w} $p = 2 = q$

ii) Lyapunov's Inequality

$$E^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}[|X|^\alpha] \leq E^{\frac{1}{\beta}}[|X|^\beta] \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \alpha < \beta < \infty$$

iii) Minkowski's Inequality: $1 \leq p < \infty$

$$E_{xy}^{\frac{1}{p}}[|x+y|^p] \leq E_x^{\frac{1}{p}}[|x|^p] + E_y^{\frac{1}{p}}[|y|^p]$$

$$\|X\|_p \triangleq \left[\int |X|^p dP \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}$$