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STATS 100A: Two or More Random Variables

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Population

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Recall Example 2 in Part 1: Sample a random person from a population of 100 people, 50 males and 50 females. 30 males are taller than 6 ft, 10 females are taller than 6 ft.

	male	female
taller than 6 ft	30	10
shorter than 6 ft		
	50	50





Population proportion

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Example 2: A male, B tall.

	male	female
taller than 6 ft	30	10
shorter than 6 ft		
	50	50

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{50}{100} = 50\%.$$

$$P(B) = \frac{|B|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{30 + 10}{100} = 40\%.$$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{30}{100} = 30\%.$$

Probability = population proportion.





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Experiment \rightarrow **outcome** \rightarrow **number**

Example 2: A male, B tall.

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$$P(A|B) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|B|} = \frac{30}{40} = 75\%.$$

Among tall people, what is the proportion of males?

$$P(B|A) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A|} = \frac{30}{50} = 60\%.$$

Among males, what is the proportion of tall people?

Conditional probability = proportion within sub-population.





Joint distribution

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Example 2: $X \in \{ \text{male (1), female (0)} \}$, $Y \in \{ \text{tall (1), short (0)} \}$.

$$p(x, y) = P(X = x, Y = y).$$

	male	female
taller than 6 ft	30	10
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$$p(1, 1) = .3, \quad p(1, 0) = .2,$$

$$p(0, 1) = .1, \quad p(0, 0) = .4.$$





Marginal distribution

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$$P(X = x) = p_X(x) = \sum_y p(x, y).$$

$$P(Y = y) = p_Y(y) = \sum_x p(x, y).$$





Conditional distribution

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$$P(X = x|Y = y) = p_{X|Y}(x|y) = p(x, y)/p(y).$$

$$P(Y = y|X = x) = p_{Y|X}(y|x) = p(x, y)/p(x).$$

Chain rule: $p(x, y) = p(x)p(y|x) = p(y)p(x|y)$.





Rule of total probability

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$$p(y) = \sum_x p(x, y) = \sum_x p(x)p(y|x).$$





Bayes rule

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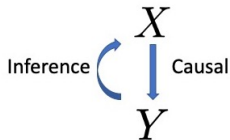
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$$p(x|y) = \frac{p(x, y)}{p(y)} = \frac{p(x)p(y|x)}{\sum_{x'} p(x')p(y|x')}.$$





Independence

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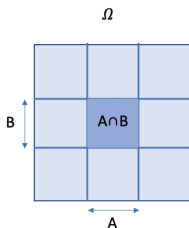
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$$P(A|B) = P(A).$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B).$$

$X \in \{ \text{male, female} \}, Y \in \{ \text{college, not} \}$

	M	F
College degree	20	20
No college degree		
	50	50



$$p(y|x) = p(y).$$

$$p(x, y) = p(x)p(y|x) = p(x)p(y).$$





Reasoning

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Recall Example 6: Rare disease example

1% of population has a rare disease.

A random person goes through a test.

If the person has disease, 90% chance test positive.

If the person does not have disease, 90% chance test negative.

If tested positive, what is the chance he or she has disease?

$$P(D) = 1\%.$$

$$P(+|D) = 90\%, P(-|N) = 90\%.$$

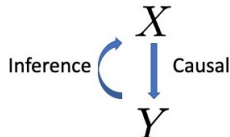
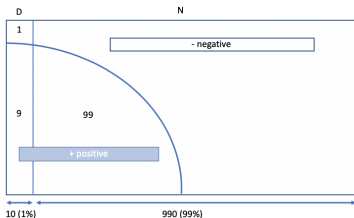
$$P(D|+) = ?$$

$$X \in \{D, N\}. Y \in \{+, -\}.$$





Example 6: Rare disease example



$$P(D|+) = \frac{9}{9+99} = \frac{1}{12}.$$

$$p(x|y) = \frac{p(x, y)}{p(y)} = \frac{p(x)p(y|x)}{\sum_{x'} p(x')p(y|x')}.$$

$p(x)$: prior belief. $p(x|y)$: posterior belief.





Discrete distribution

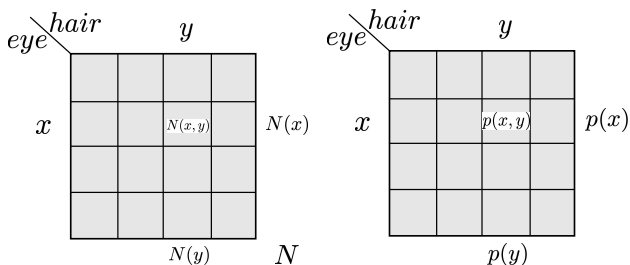
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N : number of people in population.

$N(x, y)$: number of people with eye color x and hair color y .

$N(x) = \sum_y N(x, y)$: number of people with eye color x .

$N(y) = \sum_x N(x, y)$: number of people with hair color y .





Joint and marginal

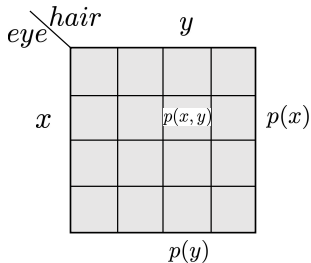
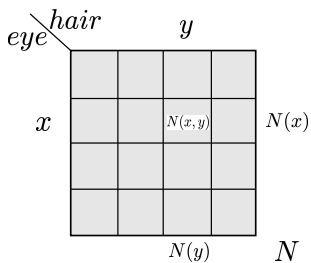
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$$p(x, y) = \frac{N(x, y)}{N}.$$

$$p(x) = \frac{N(x)}{N} = \frac{\sum_y N(x, y)}{N} = \sum_y p(x, y).$$

$$p(y) = \frac{N(y)}{N} = \frac{\sum_x N(x, y)}{N} = \sum_x p(x, y).$$





Conditional

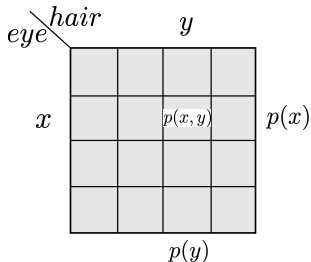
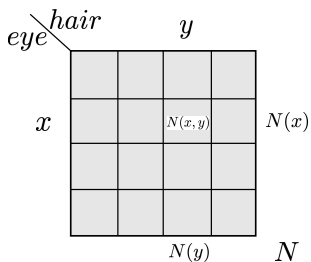
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$$p(x|y) = \frac{N(x, y)}{N(y)} = \frac{N(x, y)/N}{N(y)/N} = \frac{p(x, y)}{p(y)}.$$

$$p(y|x) = \frac{N(x, y)}{N(x)} = \frac{N(x, y)/N}{N(x)/N} = \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)}.$$





Rules

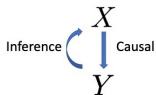
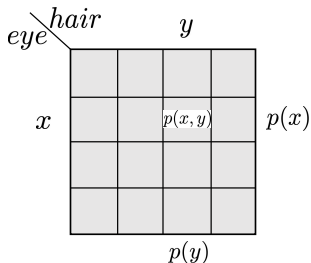
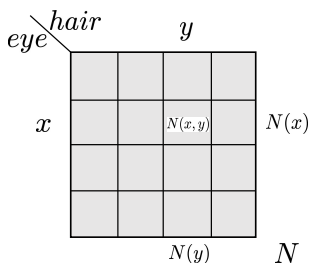
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Marginalization: $p(y) = \sum_x p(x, y)$.

Conditioning: $p(x|y) = p(x, y)/p(y)$.

Chain rule: $p(x, y) = p(x)p(y|x)$.





Expectation

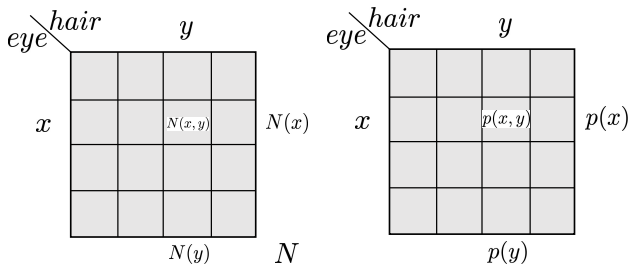
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$$\mathbb{E}[h(X, Y)] = \sum_{x,y} h(x, y)p(x, y).$$

Population average or long run average.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x,y} h(x, y)N(x, y) &= \sum_{x,y} h(x, y) \frac{N(x, y)}{N} \\ &= \sum_{x,y} h(x, y)p(x, y) = \mathbb{E}[h(X, Y)]. \end{aligned}$$





Expectation

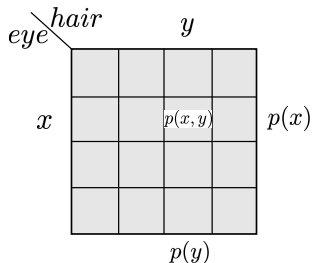
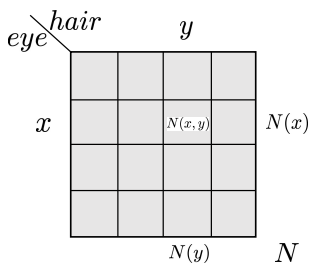
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$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \sum_{x,y} xp(x, y) = \sum_x x \sum_y p(x, y) = \sum_x xp(x).$$

same for $\mathbb{E}[h(X)]$.

$$\text{Var}(h(X, Y)) = \mathbb{E}[(h(X, Y) - \mathbb{E}[h(X, Y)])^2].$$





Two continuous random variables

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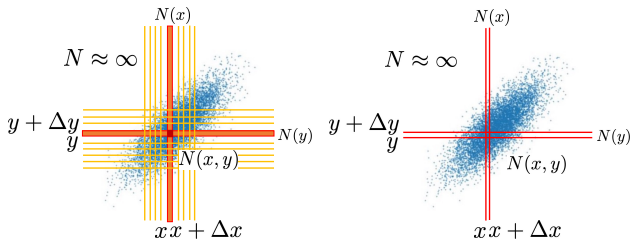
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$X = \text{height}, Y = \text{weight}.$



$$f(x, y) = \frac{P(X \in (x, x + \Delta x), Y \in (y, y + \Delta y))}{\Delta x \Delta y} = \frac{N(x, y)/N}{\Delta x \Delta y}.$$

density = probability / size





Probability density function

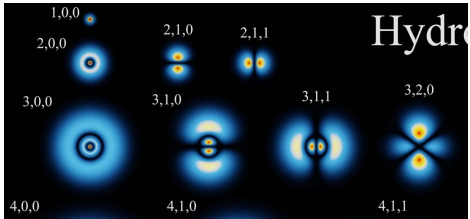
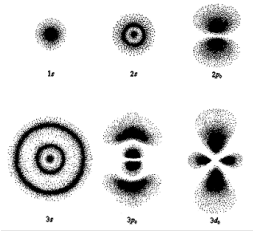
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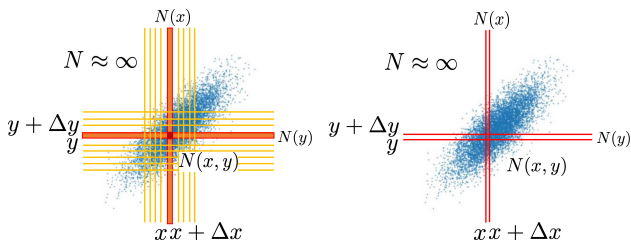
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density = prob / size

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \frac{P(X \in (x, x + \Delta x))}{\Delta x} = \frac{N(x)/N}{\Delta x} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_y N(x, y)/N}{\Delta x} = \frac{\sum_y f(x, y)\Delta x\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \int f(x, y)dy.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(y) = \int f(x, y)dx.$$





Joint and marginal densities

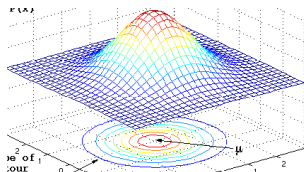
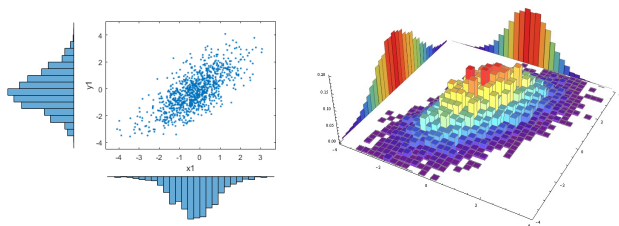
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Sample points under the surface, collapse on the plane.





Conditional density

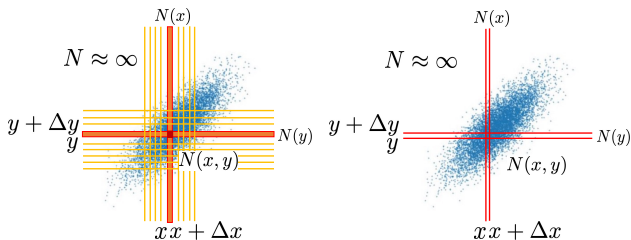
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density = prob / size

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(y|x) &= \frac{P(Y \in (y, y + \Delta y) \mid X \in (x, x + \Delta x))}{\Delta y} \\
 &= \frac{N(x, y)/N(x)}{\Delta y} = \frac{N(x, y)/N}{(N(x)/N)\Delta y} \\
 &= \frac{f(x, y)\Delta x\Delta y}{f(x)\Delta x\Delta y} = \frac{f(x, y)}{f(x)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x|y) = f(x, y)/f(y).$$





Conditional density

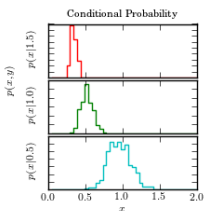
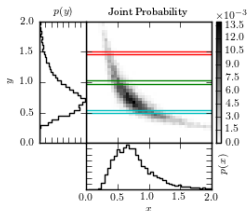
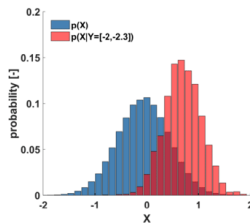
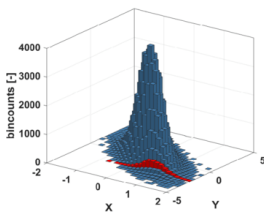
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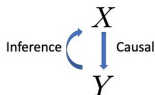
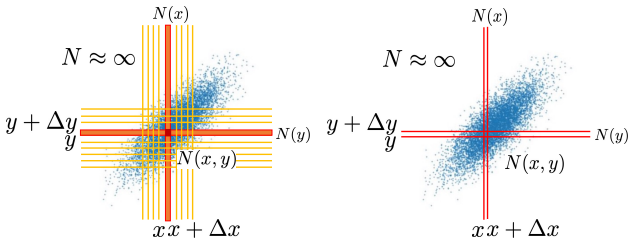
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Marginalization: $f(y) = \int f(x, y)dx$.

Normalization (conditioning): $f(x|y) = f(x, y)/f(y)$.

Factorization (chain rule): $f(x, y) = f(x)f(y|x)$.

$f(y|x)$: prediction. $f(x|y)$: inference.





Expectation

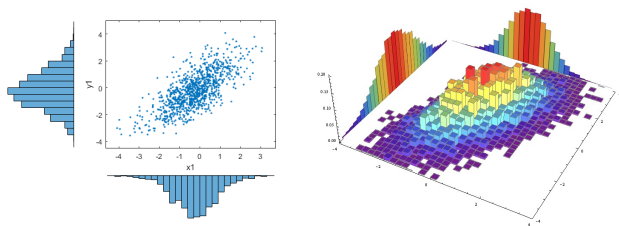
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If $(X, Y) \sim p(x, y)$, then

$$\mathbb{E}(h(X, Y)) = \sum_x \sum_y h(x, y)p(x, y).$$

If $(X, Y) \sim f(x, y)$, then

$$\mathbb{E}(h(X, Y)) = \int \int h(x, y)f(x, y)dx dy.$$

$$\text{Var}(h(X, Y)) = \mathbb{E}[(h(X, Y) - \mathbb{E}[h(X, Y)])^2].$$





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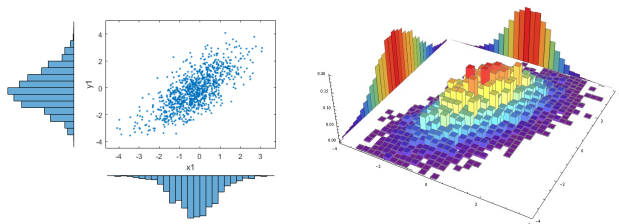
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Population average or long run average of $h(X, Y)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h(X_i, Y_i) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\text{cells}} h(x, y) n f(x, y) \Delta x \Delta y \\ &\rightarrow \int \int h(x, y) f(x, y) dx dy. \end{aligned}$$





Conditional expectation and variance

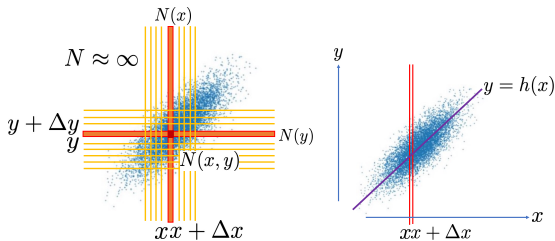
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Recall $\mathbb{E}(Y) = \int y f(y) dy$.

$$h(x) = \mathbb{E}[Y|X = x] = \int y f(y|x) dy.$$

Regression, prediction.

$$\text{Var}(Y|X = x) = \mathbb{E}[(Y - h(X))^2 | X = x] = \int (y - h(x))^2 f(y|x) dy.$$





Bivariate Normal

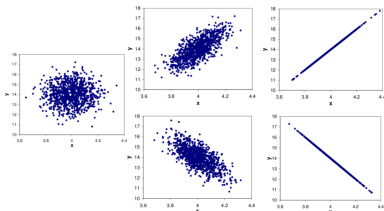
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$$X \sim N(0, 1),$$

$$Y = \rho X + \epsilon; \epsilon \sim N(0, 1 - \rho^2), (|\rho| \leq 1).$$

ϵ is independent of X . Given $X = x$, $Y = \rho x + \epsilon$.





Bivariate Normal

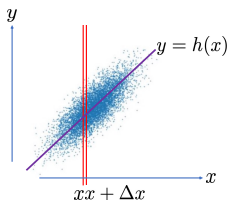
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The distribution of points within a vertical slice at x .

$$\mathbb{E}(Y|X = x) = \mathbb{E}(\rho x + \epsilon) = \rho x.$$

Regression towards the mean ($\rho < 1$), e.g., son's height given father's height.

$$\text{Var}(Y|X = x) = \text{Var}(\rho x + \epsilon) = \text{Var}(\epsilon) = 1 - \rho^2.$$

$$[Y|X = x] \sim N(\rho x, 1 - \rho^2).$$





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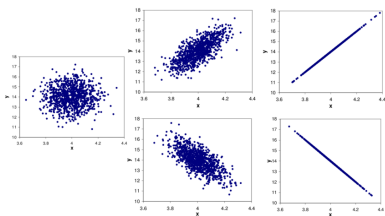
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$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= f(x)f(y|x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(1-\rho^2)}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y-\rho x)^2}{2(1-\rho^2)}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}(x^2 + y^2 - 2\rho xy)\right]. \end{aligned}$$

symmetric in (x, y)





Covariance

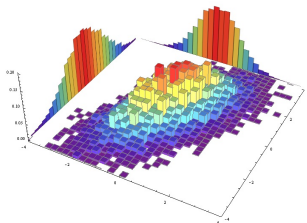
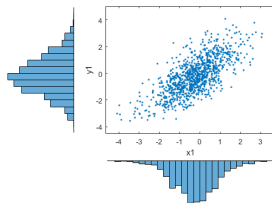
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Let $\mu_X = \mathbb{E}(X)$, $\mu_Y = \mathbb{E}(Y)$, we define the covariance

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)].$$

It is defined for both discrete and continuous random variables.





Covariance

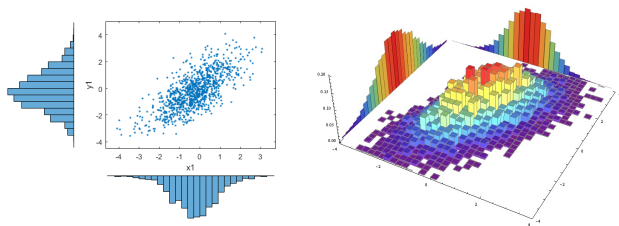
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$$(X_i, Y_i) \sim f(x, y), \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i; \quad \bar{Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i.$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) \doteq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y}).$$





Covariance

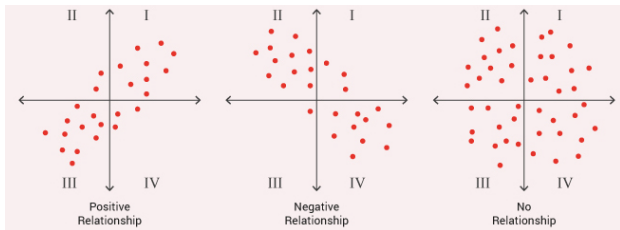
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$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) \doteq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y}).$$

I, III: $(X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y}) > 0$.

II, IV: $(X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y}) < 0$.





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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(X, Y) &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[XY - \mu_X Y - X\mu_Y + \mu_X\mu_Y] \\ &= \mathbb{E}(XY) - \mu_X\mathbb{E}(Y) - \mu_Y\mathbb{E}(X) + \mu_X\mu_Y \\ &= \mathbb{E}(XY) - \mu_X\mu_Y \\ &= \mathbb{E}(XY) - \mathbb{E}(X)\mathbb{E}(Y).\end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $\text{Cov}(X, X) = \text{Var}(X)$ and $\text{Cov}(Y, Y) = \text{Var}(Y)$.





Linearity

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(aX + b, cY + d) &= \mathbb{E}[(aX + b - \mathbb{E}(aX + b))(cY + d - \mathbb{E}(cY + d))] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[a(X - \mathbb{E}(X))c(Y - \mathbb{E}(Y))] = ac\text{Cov}(X, Y).\end{aligned}$$

Covariance depends on units (meter/foot, kilogram/pound).

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(X + Y, Z) &= \mathbb{E}[(X + Y - \mathbb{E}(X + Y))(Z - \mathbb{E}(Z))] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}(X) + Y - \mathbb{E}(Y))(Z - \mathbb{E}(Z))] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}(X))(Z - \mathbb{E}(Z))] + \mathbb{E}[(Y - \mathbb{E}(Y))(Z - \mathbb{E}(Z))] \\ &= \text{Cov}(X, Z) + \text{Cov}(Y, Z).\end{aligned}$$





Correlation

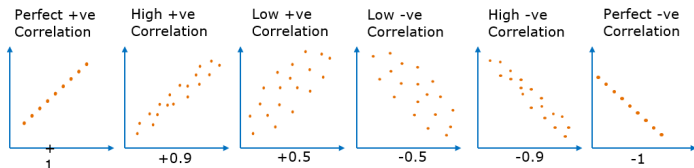
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Correlation

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Standardize: $X \rightarrow (X - \mu_X)/\sigma_X$, $Y \rightarrow (Y - \mu_Y)/\sigma_Y$.

$$\text{Cov}\left(\frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X}, \frac{Y - \mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}\sqrt{\text{Var}(Y)}} = \text{Corr}(X, Y).$$





Correlation

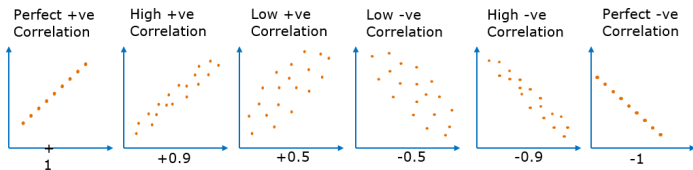
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$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}\sqrt{\text{Var}(Y)}}.$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) \doteq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y}).$$

$$\text{Var}(X) \doteq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2; \quad \text{Var}(Y) \doteq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2.$$

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) \doteq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}}.$$





Correlation

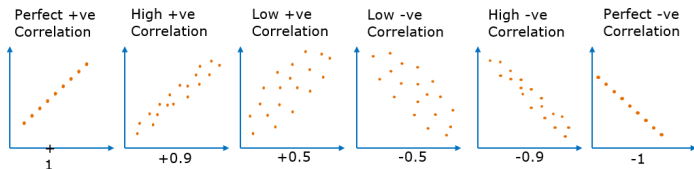
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Centralize: $\tilde{X}_i = X_i - \bar{X}$; $\tilde{Y}_i = Y_i - \bar{Y}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Corr}(X, Y) &\doteq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{X}_i \tilde{Y}_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{X}_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{Y}_i^2}}. \end{aligned}$$





Correlation

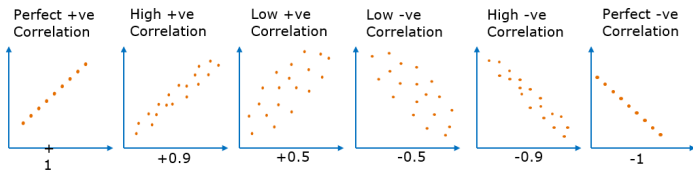
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Centralize: $\tilde{X}_i = X_i - \bar{X}$; $\tilde{Y}_i = Y_i - \bar{Y}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Corr}(X, Y) &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{X}_i \tilde{Y}_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{X}_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{Y}_i^2}} \\ &= \frac{\langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{X}\| \|\mathbf{Y}\|} = \cos \theta.\end{aligned}$$





Correlation and regression

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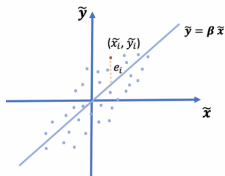
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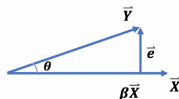
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	\bar{X}	\bar{Y}	\bar{e}
1	\bar{x}_1	\bar{y}_1	e_1
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
2	\bar{x}_i	\bar{y}_i	e_i
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
n	\bar{x}_n	\bar{y}_n	e_n

Scatter Plot – 2 dimension



Vector Plot – n dimension



Strength of linear relationship:

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{e}\|^2}{\|\mathbf{Y}\|^2} = \frac{\sum_i e_i^2}{\sum_i (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2} = \sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta = 1 - \rho^2.$$





Correlation and regression

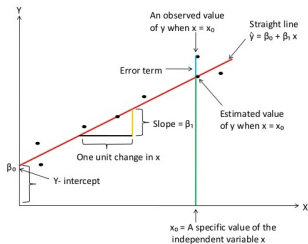
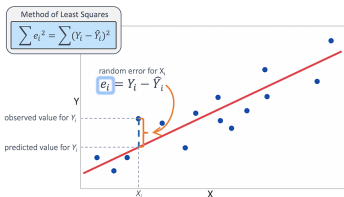
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Regression line:

$$\hat{Y} - \bar{Y} = \beta_1(X - \bar{X}).$$

$$\hat{Y} = \beta_1 X + (\bar{Y} - \beta_1 \bar{X}) = \beta_1 X + \beta_0.$$





Correlation and regression

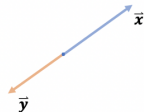
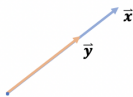
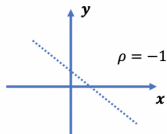
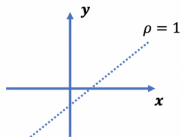
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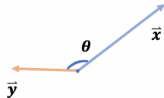
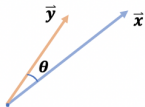
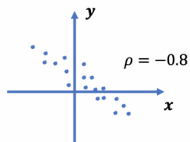
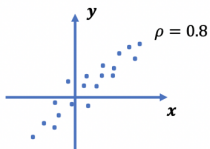
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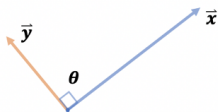
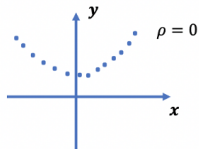
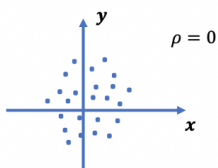
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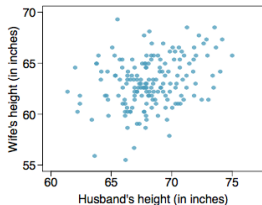
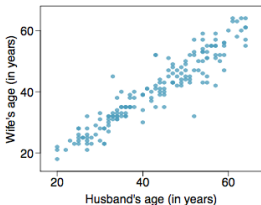
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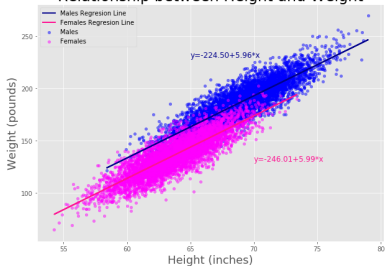
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Relationship between Height and Weight





Independence

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$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B).$$

$$p(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y); p(y|x) = p_Y(y).$$

$$f(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y); f(y|x) = f_Y(y).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] \\ &= \sum_x \sum_y (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y)p(x, y) \\ &= \sum_x \sum_y (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y)p_X(x)p_Y(y) \\ &= \sum_x (x - \mu_X)p_X(x) \sum_y (y - \mu_Y)p_Y(y) \\ &= \left(\sum_x xp_X(x) - \mu_X \right) \left(\sum_y yp_Y(y) - \mu_Y \right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$





Conditional independence

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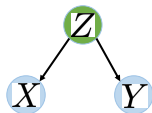
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Shared cause: [siblings | parent]



$$p(x, y|z) = p(x|z)p(y|z)$$

$$f(x, y|z) = f(x|z)f(y|z)$$

Markov: [future | present, past], [child | parent, grandparent]



$$p(y|x, z) = p(y|z)$$

$$f(y|x, z) = f(y|z)$$





Correlation

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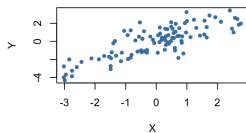
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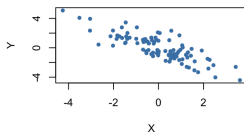
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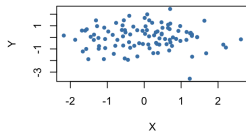
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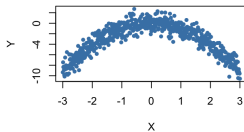
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Correlation = 0



Correlation = 0





Correlation

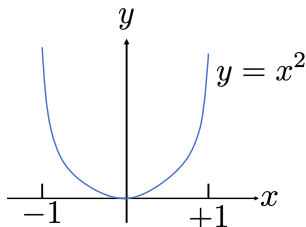
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Let X be a uniform distribution over $[-1, 1]$. Let $Y = X^2$. Then X and Y are not independent.

However, $\mathbb{E}(XY) = \mathbb{E}(X^3) = 0$, and $\mathbb{E}(X) = 0$. Thus $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}(XY) - \mathbb{E}(X)\mathbb{E}(Y) = 0$.





Bivariate normal

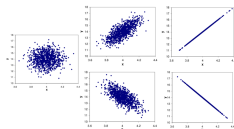
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$$X \sim N(0, 1),$$

$$Y = \rho X + \epsilon; \epsilon \sim N(0, 1 - \rho^2),$$

$$\mathbb{E}(Y) = \mathbb{E}(\rho X + \epsilon) = 0.$$

ϵ and X are independent.

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(\rho X + \epsilon) = \rho^2 \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(\epsilon) = 1.$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}(XY) = \mathbb{E}[X(\rho X + \epsilon)] = \rho \mathbb{E}(X^2) + \mathbb{E}(X\epsilon) = \rho.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X\epsilon) = \mathbb{E}(X)\mathbb{E}(\epsilon) = 0.$$





Variance of sum

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(X + Y) &= \sum_x \sum_y (x + y)p(x, y) = \\ &= \sum_x \sum_y xp(x, y) + \sum_x \sum_y yp(x, y) = \mathbb{E}(X) + \mathbb{E}(Y).\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X + Y) &= \mathbb{E}[((X + Y) - \mu_{X+Y})^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[((X - \mu_X) + (Y - \mu_Y))^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)^2 + (Y - \mu_Y)^2 + 2(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)^2] + \mathbb{E}[(Y - \mu_Y)^2] + 2\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] \\ &= \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y).\end{aligned}$$

If X and Y are independent, then $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$, and

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





Variance of sum

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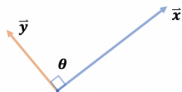
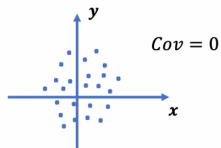
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	\bar{x}	\bar{y}
	\tilde{x}_i	\tilde{y}_i

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{x}_i^2 = \text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{n} |\tilde{x}|^2$$





Variance of sum

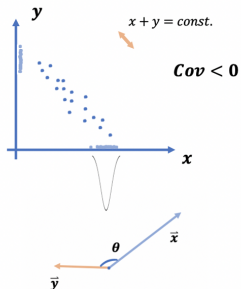
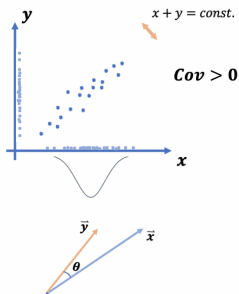
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Average of iid

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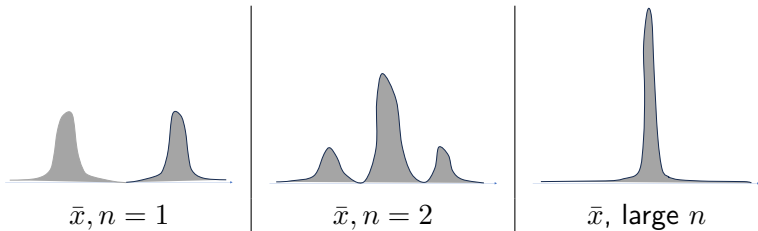
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$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim f(x)$ independently.

independent and identically distributed, iid



$x_1 \backslash x_2$	small	large
small	small	medium
large	medium	large

Variance becomes smaller, distribution becomes smoother.





Average of iid

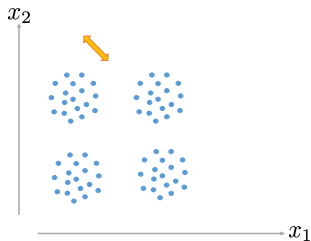
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$x_1 \backslash x_2$	small	large
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Average of iid

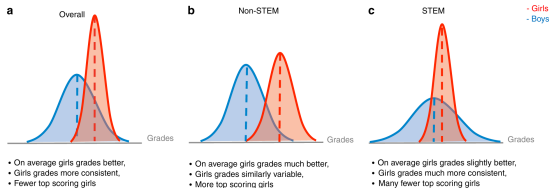
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Sum and average of iid

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$X_i \sim f(x)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, iid: independent and identically distributed.

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i. \quad \bar{X} = \frac{S}{n}.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu; \quad \text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(S) = \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(X_i) = n\mu.$$

$$\text{Var}(S) = \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) = n\sigma^2.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(S)}{n} = \mu.$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\text{Var}(S)}{n^2} = \frac{n\sigma^2}{n^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}.$$





Law of large number

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$$\mathbb{E}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(S)}{n} = \mu.$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\text{Var}(S)}{n^2} = \frac{n\sigma^2}{n^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \rightarrow 0.$$

$\bar{X} \rightarrow \mu$, in probability.

$$P(|\bar{X} - \mu| < \epsilon) \rightarrow 1, \forall \epsilon > 0.$$

Average \rightarrow expectation.





Law of large number

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Special case:

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i, \quad Z_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p) \text{ iid.}$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = np; \quad \text{Var}(X) = np(1 - p).$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X/n) = p; \quad \text{Var}(X/n) = p(1 - p)/n \rightarrow 0.$$

$X/n \rightarrow p$, in probability.

Frequency \rightarrow probability.

X/n is average of Z_i . Probability is expectation of Z_i .





Law of large number

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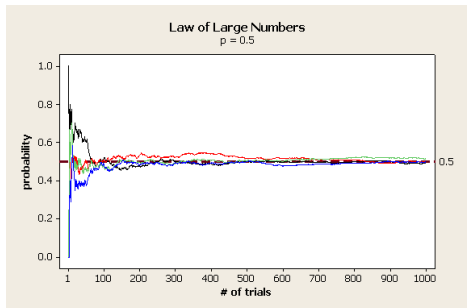
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Special case:



Keep flipping a fair coin, frequency $\rightarrow 1/2$.

Intuition: most of 2^n sequences have frequencies close to $1/2$.





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Special case: $X_i \sim \text{Uniform}[0, 1]$, iid, $i = 1, \dots, n$.

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}(X_i) = 1/2.$$

$$P(|\bar{X} - 1/2| < \epsilon) \rightarrow 1, \forall \epsilon > 0.$$

Intuition: $(X_1, \dots, X_i, \dots, X_n)$ is a random point in $\Omega = [0, 1]^n$, n -dimensional unit cube.

$A = \{(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n) : |\bar{x} - 1/2| < \epsilon\}$ is the central diagonal piece.

$P(A)$ is the volume of A . $P(A) \rightarrow 1$.

No matter how small ϵ is, the volume of the central diagonal piece is almost the same as the volume of the whole n -dimensional unit cube Ω .

Most of the points in Ω belong to A . Concentration of measure.





Law of large number

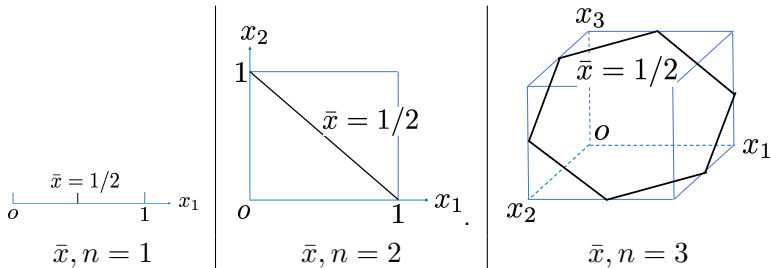
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Statistical physics

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Most of the points in Ω belong to A . Concentration of measure.

Suppose $(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)$ describes a physical system, e.g., $n = 10^{23}$ molecules.

It evolves **deterministically** over time, by traversing with Ω .

Ergodic: it traverses every point in Ω with equal number of visits in the long run.

At any **random moment**, $(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n) \sim \text{Unif}(\Omega)$.

Then most likely it will be in A , with fixed statistical properties (e.g., temperature, pressure, magnetism).





Central limit theorem

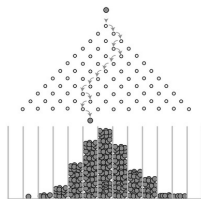
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$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(1/2) \text{ iid.}$$

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, 1/2). \quad \mu = \mathbb{E}(X) = n/2; \quad \sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X) = n/4.$$

$$P\left(Z = \frac{X - n/2}{\sqrt{n}/2} = z\right) \doteq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2}\right) \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} = f(z)\Delta z.$$





Central limit theorem

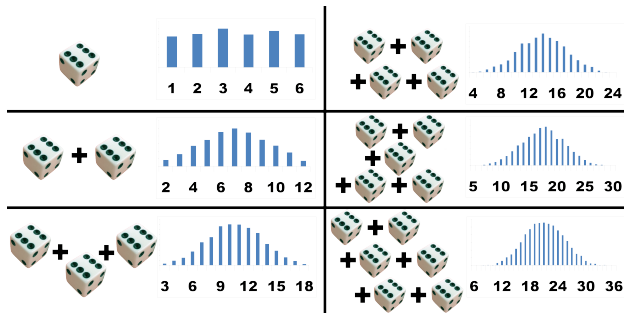
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Repeat and plot histogram

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu; \text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2, i = 1, \dots, n.$$

$$S \sim N(n\mu, n\sigma^2).$$





Central limit theorem

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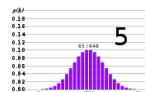
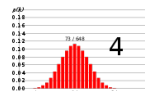
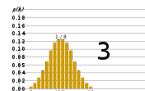
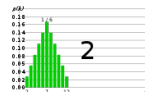
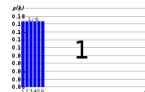
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6^n equally likely sequences \rightarrow 6^n equally likely sums \rightarrow histogram.





Central limit theorem

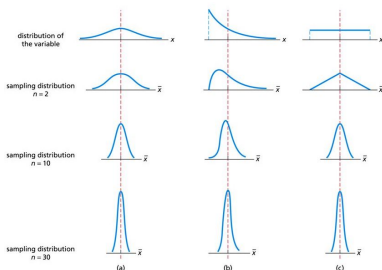
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$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i. \bar{X} = S/n.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu; \text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2, i = 1, \dots, n.$$

$$S \sim N(n\mu, n\sigma^2). \bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n).$$





Central limit theorem

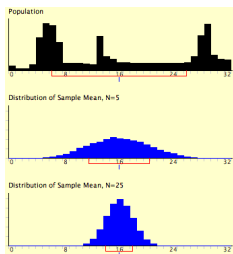
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Universal, regardless of the distribution of each X_i .

$$S \sim N(n\mu, n\sigma^2). \quad \bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n).$$

$$Z = \frac{S - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1).$$





Probability models

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Markov chain: Part 1.

Bayes network, graphical model: Part 1.

Poisson process: Part 2.

Brownian motion: Part 2.

$$X_{t+\Delta t} = X_t + \sigma\sqrt{\Delta t}\epsilon_t,$$

where $\mathbb{E}(\epsilon_t) = 0$, $\text{Var}(\epsilon_t) = 1$, and ϵ_t are iid.

Stochastic differential equation, diffusion

$$X_{t+\Delta t} = X_t + \mu\Delta t + \sigma\sqrt{\Delta t}\epsilon_t,$$

$$dX_t = \mu dt + \sigma dB_t.$$

Imagine 1 million particles moving.





Take home message

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As long as you can count (and average)

(1) Population of equally likely possibilities

Probability = population proportion

(2) Large sample of repetitions

Frequency (sample proportion) \approx probability

(a) **Probability**: population proportion, long run frequency

(b) **Expectation**: population average, long run average

(c) **Conditional**: sub-population, when something happens

Continuous: discretize, infinitesimal analysis

