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Section 3.3. (cont'd).

Review. Def'n. For a discrete r.v. X w/ pmf p_X , the expectation is defined as $E[X] = \sum_{\text{all } x} p_X(x) \cdot x$ if the sum exists.

Fact. Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ be any r.v.s w/ finite expectations. Let $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ be constants.

Then, $E[\alpha_1 X_1 + \alpha_2 X_2 + \dots + \alpha_n X_n] = \alpha_1 E[X_1] + \alpha_2 E[X_2] + \dots + \alpha_n E[X_n]$

Linearity
of E

Def'n. For a random variable X w/ a finite mean μ_X , its variance is defined as

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

Q: Is there an "addition rule" for the variance as well?

Example. X ... # of successes in n independent Bernoulli trials w/ success probab. p
 Y ... # of failures in the exact same trials

$$\text{Var}[X+Y] = ?$$

$$\text{Var}[n] = 0$$

On the other hand, $\text{Var}[X] > 0$ and $\text{Var}[Y] > 0$

Fact. Let X and Y be two r.v.s on the same Ω and w/ finite variances.

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

computation
formula for Var

$$\begin{aligned}
& \dots = \mathbb{E}[X^2 + 2XY + Y^2] - (\overbrace{\mathbb{E}[X]}^{\mu_X} + \overbrace{\mathbb{E}[Y]}^{\mu_Y})^2 \\
& = \mathbb{E}[X^2] + 2\mathbb{E}[XY] + \mathbb{E}[Y^2] \\
& \quad - (\mu_X^2 + 2\mu_X\mu_Y + \mu_Y^2) \\
& = \text{Var}[X] + 2(\underbrace{\mathbb{E}[XY] - \mu_X\mu_Y}_{\text{Cov}[X,Y]}) + \text{Var}[Y]
\end{aligned}$$

We got the covariance formula:

$$\text{Var}[X+Y] = \text{Var}[X] + 2\text{Cov}[X,Y] + \text{Var}[Y]$$

Example [cont'd].

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

$$\text{Var}[Y] = \text{Var}[\overset{\text{shift}}{n-X}] = \text{Var}[-X] = \text{Var}[-1 \cdot X] = (-1)^2 \text{Var}[X] = \text{Var}[X]$$

By the covariance formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}[X+Y] &= \text{Var}[X] + 2\text{Cov}[X,Y] + \text{Var}[Y] \\
&= \text{Var}[X] + 2 \cdot (-\text{Var}[X]) + \text{Var}[X] = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Proposition If X and Y are independent, then

$$\text{Var}[X+Y] = \text{Var}[X] + \text{Var}[Y]$$

addition rule for the variances.

Def'n. The correlation (coefficient) between r.v.s X and Y is

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \text{corr}[X,Y] = \frac{\text{Cov}[X,Y]}{\text{SD}[X] \cdot \text{SD}[Y]}$$

Def'n. If $\rho_{X,Y} = 0$, then we say that X and Y are uncorrelated

In general,

$$-1 \leq \rho_{X,Y} \leq 1$$

Problem. The profit for a new product is given by

$$W = 3X - Y - 5.$$

Assume that X and Y are independent w/ $\text{Var}[X] = 1$ and $\text{Var}[Y] = 2$.

What is the variance of W ?

→:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}[W] &= \text{Var}[3X - Y - 5] \stackrel{\text{shift}}{=} \\ &= \text{Var}[3X - Y] = \text{Var}[3X] + \text{Var}[-Y] \\ &\quad \uparrow \text{addition rule for Var} \\ &= 9 \cdot \text{Var}[X] + \text{Var}[Y] = 9 \cdot 1 + 2 = 11 \quad \square\end{aligned}$$

$\text{Var}[(-1) \cdot Y] = (-1)^2 \text{Var}[Y]$

Fact. Say that $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ are independent r.v.s w/ finite variances. Then,

$$\text{Var}[X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n] = \text{Var}[X_1] + \text{Var}[X_2] + \dots + \text{Var}[X_n]$$

Example. $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n = \text{\# of trials}, p = \text{success probability})$

Review. $\mathbb{E}[X] = n \cdot p$

We used $X = I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_n$

w/ $I_j \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$, $j = 1 \dots n$, independent.

$$\text{Var}[X] = \text{Var}[I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_n]$$

$$= \text{Var}[I_1] + \text{Var}[I_2] + \dots + \text{Var}[I_n]$$

$$= n \cdot \text{Var}[I_1]$$

identically distributed

$$\text{Var}[I_1] = \mathbb{E}[I_1^2] - (\mathbb{E}[I_1])^2 = \mathbb{E}[I_1] - (\mathbb{E}[I_1])^2$$

$\mathbb{E}[I_1] = p$

$$\text{Var}[I_1] = p - p^2 = p(1-p) = \boxed{pq}$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = n \cdot p(1-p)$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\text{SD}[X] = \sqrt{n \cdot p(1-p)}$$

All was well
in
deMoivre Laplace.

Square Root Law.

Consider $\{X_1, X_2, \dots\}$, a sequence of independent, identically distributed (iid) random variables.

Let $\underline{S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}$

and

$$\underline{\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} S_n = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n}}$$