

DEF: The *expectation = expected value = mean = 1st moment* of rv x is $E[x] = \bar{x} = \int X f_x(X) dX$ (continuous rv); $\sum X p_x(X)$ (discrete rv).

Note: $f_x(X)$ = mass density $\rightarrow E[x]$ = center of mass. $\frac{2}{3}$ rule for linear $f_x(X)$.

1. $E[\cdot]$ is a *linear operator*: $E[ax + by] = aE[x] + bE[y]$ since $E[ax + by] = \int \int (aX + bY) f_{x,y}(X, Y) dX dY = a \int \int X f_{x,y}(X, Y) dX dY + b \int \int Y f_{x,y}(X, Y) dX dY = a \int X f_x(X) dX + b \int Y f_y(Y) dY$. QED.

2. Can have $p_x(E[x]) = 0$. Consider: Flip a fair coin. $x = \# \text{heads}$. $E[x] = 1/2$, but $p_x(E[x]) = Pr[x = E[x]] = Pr[1/2 \text{ head}] = 0!$

3. $E[g(x)] = \int Y f_y(Y) dY = \int g(X) f_x(X) dX$ (note $f_y(Y) dY = f_x(X) dX$).

Note: $E[g(x)] \neq g(E[x])$, e.g., $E[\frac{1}{x}] \neq 1/E[x]!$ Very common mistake!

4. $Pr[x > E[x]] \neq Pr[x < E[x]]$ unless $f_x(X)$ symmetric about $X = E[x]$.

DEF: Median m of rv x is m s.t. $F_x(m) = Pr[x \leq m] = Pr[x > m] = \frac{1}{2}$.

Conditional Expectations:

1. $E[x|A] = \int X f_{x|A}(X|A) dX = \int \int_A X \frac{f_{x,y}(X,Y)}{Pr[A]} dX dY$ is a *number*.

2. $E[x|y = Y] = \int X f_{x|y}(X|Y) dX$ is a *function of Y*.

3. $E[x] = \int E[x|y = Y] f_y(Y) dY$ since $= \int \int X f_{x|y}(X|Y) dX f_y(Y) dY = \int \int X f_{x,y}(X, Y) dX dY = \int X f_x(X) dX$. Iterated expectation.

EX: $f_{x,y}(X, Y) = 2$ if $1 < X < Y < 2$; else 0. $A = \{(X, Y) : X + Y < 3\}$.

E[x]: $f_x(X) = \int f_{x,y}(X, Y) dY = \int_X^2 2 dY = 2(2 - X)$ for $1 < X < 2$; else 0.
 $E[x] = \int_1^2 dX X \int_X^2 dY 2 = \int_1^2 X 2(2 - X) dX = \frac{4}{3}$. (Use $\frac{2}{3}$ rule.)

$E[x|A]: Pr[A] = \int_1^{1.5} dX \int_X^{3-X} dY 2 = \int_1^{1.5} 2(3 - 2X) dX = \frac{1}{2}$. (Symmetry.)

$f_{x,y|A}(X, Y|A) = 2/\frac{1}{2} = 4$ if $1 < X < 1.5$ & $X < Y < 3 - X$; else 0.

$f_{x|A}(X|A) = \int_X^{3-X} dY 4 = 4(3 - 2X)$ if $1 < X < 1.5$; 0 otherwise.

$E[x|A] = \int X f_{x|A}(X|A) = \int_1^{1.5} X 4(3 - 2X) dX = \frac{7}{6}$. (Use $\frac{2}{3}$ rule.)

$E[y|x = X]: f_{y|x}(Y|X) = \frac{f_{x,y}(X,Y)}{f_x(X)} = \frac{2}{2(2-X)} = \frac{1}{2-X}$ for $1 < X < Y < 2$; else 0.

$E[y|x = X] = \frac{1}{2}(X + 2)$ for $1 < X < 2$ since $f_{y|x}(Y|X)$ is *uniform!*

E[y] = $E_x[E[y|x = X]] = E_x[\frac{1}{2}(X + 2)] = \frac{1}{2}E[x] + 1 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{3} + 1 = \frac{5}{3}$. ($\frac{2}{3}$ rule.)

DEF: *variance* = (*standard deviation*)² = 2nd *central moment* of rv x is
 $\sigma_x^2 = \text{Var}[x] = E[(x - E[x])^2] = E[x^2] - (E[x])^2.$

Note: $f_x(X)$ = mass density $\rightarrow \sigma_x^2$ = moment of inertia.
 σ_x = standard deviation \rightarrow radius of gyration.

1. Translation-invariant: $\sigma_{x+b}^2 = \sigma_x^2$ since $f_{x+b}(X) = f_x(X - b)$ (shift).
2. Scaling: $\sigma_{ax}^2 = a^2\sigma_x^2$ since $E[(ax)^2] - (E[ax])^2 = a^2(E[x^2] - (E[x])^2).$
3. $\sigma_x^2 \geq 0$; $\sigma_x^2 = 0 \rightarrow \text{Pr}[x = \text{constant}] = 1.$ (The constant = $E[x]$.)

4. Variance is NOT linear: $\sigma_{x+y}^2 \neq \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2$ in general:
 $\sigma_{x+y}^2 = E[(x+y)^2] - (E[x+y])^2 = E[x^2] + E[y^2] + 2E[xy]$
 $- (E[x])^2 - (E[y])^2 - 2E[x]E[y] = \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 + 2(E[xy] - E[x]E[y]).$

Necessary and sufficient: x, y uncorrelated $\leftrightarrow E[xy] = E[x]E[y].$

Note: x, y independent $\rightarrow x, y$ uncorrelated; converse NOT true:

Indpt: $E[xy] = \int \int XY f_{x,y}(X, Y) dX dY = \int X f_x(X) dX \int Y f_y(Y) dY.$

EX1: $f_x(X) = \frac{1}{b-a}, a < X < b$; 0 otherwise. Then $\sigma_x^2 = (b-a)^2/12.$

$f_y(Y) = 1, |Y| < \frac{1}{2}.$ $E[y^2] = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} Y^2 dY = \frac{1}{12}; E[y] = 0.$ Shift & scale

EX2: x, y uncorrelated $\rightarrow \sigma_{3x-2y}^2 = 9\sigma_x^2 + 4\sigma_y^2$, NOT $9\sigma_x^2 - 4\sigma_y^2!$

EX3: Continue example from "Expectation" (overleaf):

$E[x^2|A] = \int_1^{1.5} X^2 4(3-2X) dX = \frac{11}{8}.$ $\sigma_{x|A}^2 = \frac{11}{8} - (\frac{7}{6})^2 = \frac{1}{72}.$

$\sigma_{y|x=X}^2 = (2-X)^2/12$ since $f_{y|x}(Y|X)$ uniform. Note $\sigma_{y|X=2}^2 = 0!$

Flip fair coin. If heads, use $f_{x_1}(X)$; if tails, use $f_{x_2}(X)$ for $f_x(X).$

1. Let x be resulting rv. Then $f_x(X) = \frac{1}{2}f_{x_1}(X) + \frac{1}{2}f_{x_2}(X).$
2. $E[x^n] = \frac{1}{2}E[x_1^n] + \frac{1}{2}E[x_2^n]:$ n^{th} moments \rightarrow probabilistic choice OK.
3. $\sigma_x^2 \neq \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{x_1}^2 + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{x_2}^2:$ *central moments* \rightarrow probabilistic choice NOT OK.

EX: Heads $\rightarrow f_{x_1}(X) = 1, 0 < X < 1$; tails $\rightarrow f_{x_2}(X) = 1, 1 < X < 2.$

Easy to compute $E[x_1] = \frac{1}{2}; E[x_2] = \frac{3}{2}; \sigma_{x_1}^2 = \sigma_{x_2}^2 = \frac{1}{12}$ (uniform)

$f_x(X) = \frac{1}{2}, 0 < X < 2.$ $E[x] = 1 = \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{3}{2}$ but $\sigma_x^2 = \frac{1}{3} \neq \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{12}.$

Correct way: $E[x^2] = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 X^2 dX + \frac{1}{2} \int_1^2 X^2 dX = \frac{4}{3}.$ $\sigma_x^2 = \frac{4}{3} - 1^2 = \frac{1}{3}.$

DEF: The *covariance = cross - covariance* of two rvs x, y is

$$\lambda_{xy} = Cov[x, y] = E[(x - E[x])(y - E[y])] = E[xy] - E[x]E[y].$$

Note: $f_x(X)$ = mass density $\rightarrow \lambda_{xy}$ = cross or mixed moment of inertia.

1. $\sigma_{x+y}^2 = \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 + 2\lambda_{xy}$. Also, $\lambda_{xx} = Cov[x, x] = \sigma_x^2 \geq 0$.
2. x, y independent $\rightarrow x, y$ uncorrelated $\leftrightarrow \lambda_{xy} = 0 \leftrightarrow \sigma_{x+y}^2 = \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2$.
3. **Schwarz inequality:** $\lambda_{xy}^2 \leq \lambda_{xx}\lambda_{yy} = \sigma_x^2\sigma_y^2$.

Proof: $E[(x - \frac{E[xy]}{E[y^2]}y)^2] = E[x^2] - \frac{E[xy]^2}{E[y^2]} \geq 0$ (with equality iff $x = \frac{E[xy]}{E[y^2]}y$)
 $\rightarrow E[xy]^2 \leq E[x^2]E[y^2]$. Set $x \rightarrow x - E[x]$ and $y \rightarrow y - E[y]$. QED.

DEF: Normalized rv \tilde{x} associated with rv x is $\tilde{x} = \frac{x - E[x]}{\sigma_x}$.

Props: Normalized \tilde{x} is dimensionless with $E[\tilde{x}] = 0$ and $\sigma_{\tilde{x}} = 1$.

DEF: Correlation coefficient = $\rho_{xy} = \lambda_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}} = \frac{\lambda_{xy}}{\sigma_x\sigma_y} = E\left[\left(\frac{x - E[x]}{\sigma_x}\right)\left(\frac{y - E[y]}{\sigma_y}\right)\right]$.

Props: $|\rho_{xy}| \leq 1$ from Schwarz inequality. x, y uncorrelated $\leftrightarrow \rho_{xy} = 0$.

x, y perfectly (anti)correlated $\leftrightarrow \rho_{xy} = \pm 1 \leftrightarrow \frac{x - E[x]}{\sigma_x} = \pm \frac{y - E[y]}{\sigma_y}$.

DEF: The *correlation* between rvs x, y is $E[xy]$. x, y 0-mean $\rightarrow E[xy] = \lambda_{xy}$.

DEF: x, y are *orthogonal* if $E[xy] = 0$. Unscramble the nomenclature:

1. x, y are *uncorrelated* iff their *covariance* = 0. (I didn't name these!)
2. x, y are NOT *uncorrelated* if their *correlation* = 0, unless 0-mean.
3. x, y are *orthogonal* if their *correlation* = 0 and they are 0-mean.

PROBABILISTIC INEQUALITIES

1. **Union bound:** $Pr[\cup_{i=1}^N A_i] \leq \sum_{i=1}^N Pr[A_i]$ (see text p. 11).

Proof: By induction. $Pr[\cup_{i=1}^{N+1} A_i] = Pr[\cup_{i=1}^N A_i] + Pr[A_{N+1}] - Pr[(\cup_{i=1}^N A_i) \cap A_{N+1}] \leq Pr[\cup_{i=1}^N A_i] + Pr[A_{N+1}] \leq \sum_{i=1}^N Pr[A_i] + Pr[A_{N+1}] = \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} Pr[A_i]$.

2. **Markov inequality:** $Pr[x > a] \leq E[x]/a$ if $x \geq 0, a > 0, E[x] < \infty$.

Proof: $E[x] = \int_0^\infty X f_x(X) dX \geq \int_a^\infty X f_x(X) dX \geq \int_a^\infty a f_x(X) dX = a Pr[x > a]$.

3. **Chebyshev:** $Pr[|x - E[x]| > \epsilon] \leq \frac{\sigma_x^2}{\epsilon^2}$ if $\epsilon > 0$ and $E[x], \sigma_x^2 < \infty$.

Proof: Apply Markov inequality to $(x - E[x])^2$ with $a = \epsilon^2$. Very loose bound.

4. **Chernoff:** $Pr[x > a] \leq E[e^{s(x-a)}]$ for any a and any $s > 0$.

Proof: $Pr[x > a] = Pr[e^{sx} > e^{sa}] \leq E[e^{sx}]/e^{sa} = E[e^{s(x-a)}]$ using Markov.