

Bivariate Normal Distribution

p 81-84 $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi \sigma_x \sigma_y \sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \right.$

$$\left. \left[\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x} \right) \left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y} \right) \right] \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\infty < \mu_x, \mu_y < \infty \\ 0 < \sigma_x^2, \sigma_y^2 \\ -1 < \rho < +1 \end{aligned}$$

marginals $X \sim N(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2)$, $Y \sim N(\mu_y, \sigma_y^2)$

Exercise: show

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_x} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu_x)^2}{\sigma_x^2} \right\}$$

Exercise: show

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{1}{\sigma_y \sqrt{2\pi(1-\rho^2)}}$$

$$\cdot \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\left[y - \mu_y - \rho \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x} (x - \mu_x) \right]^2}{\sigma_y^2 (1-\rho^2)} \right\}$$

and $E[Y|X=x] = \mu_y + \rho \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x} (x - \mu_x)$

$$V(Y|X=x) = \sigma_y^2 (1-\rho^2)$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \rho \sigma_x \sigma_y.$$

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \rho.$$

Note: X and Y are independent bivariate normal r.v.'s

if and only if

$$\rho = 0.$$

Prediction: A r.v. is observed and then based on the observed value, we predict a second r.v. \hat{Y} .

Let $g(X)$ denote the predictor function.

Choose $g(X)$ so it tends to be close to Y .

Criteria: minimize MSE, i.e., minimize

$$E[(Y - g(X))^2].$$

Claim: the best predictor is $g(X) = E[Y|X]$.

$$\text{i.e. } E[(Y - g(X))^2] \geq E[(Y - E[Y|X])^2].$$

Pf: condition on X and then take $E(\cdot)$

$$E[(Y - g(X))^2 | X]$$

$$= E[(Y - E[Y|X] + E[Y|X] - g(X)) | X].$$

$$= E[(Y - E[Y|X])^2 | X].$$

$$+ E[(E[Y|X] - g(X))^2 | X].$$

$$+ 2 E[(Y - E[Y|X])(E[Y|X] - g(X)) | X].$$

note: $E[Y|X] - g(X)$ given X , can be treated as a constant.

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & E[(Y - E[Y|X])(E[Y|X] - g(X)) | X] \\ &= (E[Y|X] - g(X)) E[(Y - E[Y|X]) | X] \\ &= (E[Y|X] - g(X)) (E[Y|X] - \underbrace{E[E[Y|X] | X]}_{E[Y|X]}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

recall $E[E[Y|X]] = E[Y]$.

= 0

Therefore:

$$E[(Y - g(X))^2 | X] \geq E[(Y - E[Y|X])^2 | X].$$

Finally taking $E[\cdot]$ on both sides

$$E[(Y - g(X))^2] \geq E[(Y - E[Y|X])^2].$$

Exercise: show $E[(X - a)^2]$ is minimized by $a = E[X]$.

It sometimes happens that the joint density of X and Y is not completely known, or $E[Y|X]$ is difficult to calculate. However,

$$\mu_x, \mu_y, \sigma_x^2, \sigma_y^2, \sigma_{xy}$$

are known, then we can at least determine the

"best linear predictor"

of Y on X .

Assume $g(x) = a + bX$

Find a and b that minimizes

$$E[(Y - (a + bX))^2]$$

Ans: $E[(Y - (a + bX))^2]$.

$$= E[Y^2 - 2aY - 2bXY + a^2 + 2abX + b^2X^2]$$

$$= E[Y^2] - 2aE[Y] - 2bE[XY]$$

$$+ a^2 + 2abE[X] + b^2E[X^2]$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a} E[(Y - (a + bX))^2] = -2E[Y] + 2a + 2bE[X].$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b} E[(Y - (a + bX))^2] = -2E[XY] + 2aE[X] + 2bE[X^2]$$

set each equation equal to zero,
solve for a & b .

Exercise: show

$$b = \frac{E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]}{E[X^2] - (E[X])^2}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\text{Var}(X)} = \rho \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x}$$

$$a = E[Y] - bE[X] = E[Y] - \rho \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x} E[X].$$

and $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial a^2} > 0$, $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial b^2} > 0$, so minimum

Therefore, the best linear predictor of Y w.r.t. X is

$$g(x) = \mu_y + \rho \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x} (x - \mu_x)$$

$$= \underbrace{\left[\mu_y + \rho \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x} \mu_x \right]}_n + \rho \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x} x.$$

\uparrow
y-intercept

\uparrow
slope

note: For (X, Y) bivariate Normal
 the best predictor is the best
 linear predictor $E\{Y|X\}$ //

The MSE of prediction

$$\begin{aligned}
 & E\left[(Y - \mu_y - \rho \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x} (X - \mu_x))^2\right] \\
 &= E\left[(Y - \mu_y)^2\right] + \rho^2 \frac{\sigma_y^2}{\sigma_x^2} E\left[(X - \mu_x)^2\right] \\
 &\quad - 2\rho \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x} E\left[(Y - \mu_y)(X - \mu_x)\right] \\
 &= \sigma_y^2 + \rho^2 \sigma_y^2 - 2\rho^2 \sigma_y^2 \\
 &= \sigma_y^2 (1 - \rho^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

note: for (X, Y) bivariate Normal
 The best linear predictor has
 MSE equal to $\sigma_y^2 (1 - \rho^2)$ //

Higher ρ lower prediction error