

# Chapter 10

## Two or More Random Variables

**10.1 a.**  $\Pr(X = 1 \text{ and } Y = 3) = f_{XY}(1, 3) = 2/24 = 1/12$

**b.**  $\Pr(X + Y \leq 4) = \Pr(X = 0 \text{ and } Y = 2) + \Pr(X = 0 \text{ and } Y = 3) + \Pr(X = 0 \text{ and } Y = 4)$   
 $+ \Pr(X = 1 \text{ and } Y = 2) + \Pr(X = 1 \text{ and } Y = 3) + \Pr(X = 2 \text{ and } Y = 2)$   
 $= 1/24 + 3/24 + 1/24 + 2/24 + 2/24 + 2/24 = 11/24$

**10.3 a.**  $\Pr(X = 1 \mid Y = 3) = \Pr(X = 1 \text{ and } Y = 3) / \Pr(Y = 3) = (1/12) / (3/24 + 2/24 + 1/24) = 1/3$

**b.** They are not independent because the joint probability table is not a multiplication table of the marginal probabilities. For example,  $f_{XY}(0, 0) = 1/24$  but  $f_X(0)f_Y(1) = (6/24)(5/24) \neq 1/24$ .

**10.5** They are not independent because the joint probability table is not a multiplication table of the marginal probabilities. For example,  $f_{XY}(0, 1) = 0$  but  $f_X(0)f_Y(1) = (1/32)(8/32) \neq 0$ . They are uncorrelated because  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) = 5 - (2.5)(2) = 0$

**10.9**  $E(X) = n\pi, \text{Var}(X) = n\pi(1 - \pi)$

$$E(Y) = E(n - X) = n - E(X) = n - n\pi = n(1 - \pi)$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = n\pi(1 - \pi)$$

$$\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y) + \text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(n) = 0$$

$$\text{So } \text{Cov}(X, Y) = -(1/2)[\text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)] = -n\pi(1 - \pi)$$

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \text{Cov}(X, Y) / \sigma_X \sigma_Y = -n\pi(1 - \pi) / [n\pi(1 - \pi)] = -1$$

**10.11 a.** According to Table 10.1:

$f_{XY}(x, y)$		$y$					$f_X(x)$
		0	1	2	3	4	
$x$	0	1/32	0	0	0	0	1/32
	1	0	2/32	3/32	0	0	5/32
	2	0	2/32	3/32	4/32	1/32	10/32
	3	0	2/32	3/32	4/32	1/32	10/32
	4	0	2/32	3/32	0	0	5/32
5	1/32	0	0	0	0	1/32	
$f_Y(y)$		2/32	8/32	12/32	8/32	2/32	1

$$E(X) = 0 + (1)(5/32) + (2)(10/32) + (3)(10/32) + (4)(5/32) + (5)(1/32) = 5/2$$

$$E(Y) = 0 + (1)(8/32) + (2)(12/32) + (3)(8/32) + (4)(2/32) = 2$$

$$E(X^2) = 0 + (1^2)(5/32) + (2^2)(10/32) + (3^2)(10/32) + (4^2)(5/32) + (5^2)(1/32) = 15/2$$

$$E(Y^2) = 0 + (1^2)(8/32) + (2^2)(12/32) + (3^2)(8/32) + (4^2)(2/32) = 5$$

$$E(XY) = 0 + (1)(2/32) + (2)(3/32) + (2)(2/32) + (4)(3/32) + (6)(4/32) + (8)(1/32) + (3)(2/32) + (6)(3/32) + (9)(4/32) + (12)(1/32) + (4)(2/32) + (8)(3/32) = 5$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = 15/2 - (5/2)^2 = 5/4$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - [E(Y)]^2 = 5 - 2^2 = 1$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) = 5 - (5/2)(2) = 0$$

$$\text{So, } E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y) = 5/2 + 2 = 9/2 = 4.5$$

$$\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2 \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 5/4 + 1 - 2(0) = 2.25$$

**b.**  $\rho(X, Y) = \text{Corr}(X, Y) = 0$

**10.15**  $E(X_j) = 6/10$  for  $j = 1$  to  $10$ .

$$\text{So, } E(K) = E(X_1) + E(X_2) + \dots + E(X_{10}) = (10)(6/10) = 6$$

**a.**  $E(X_1X_2) = 5/15$ .

$$\text{So } \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = E(X_1X_2) - E(X_1)E(X_2) = 5/15 - (6/10)^2 = -2/75$$

**b.**  $\text{Var}(X_1) = \text{Var}(X_2) = (6/10)(4/10) = 6/15$

$$\text{Var}(X_1 + X_2) = \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2) + 2 \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = (2)(6/25) + (2)(-2/75) = 32/75$$

**10.17** The joint probability table with marginal probabilities is:

$f_{XY}(x, y)$		x			$f_Y(y)$
		10	15	20	
y	5	0.20	0.10	0.05	0.35
	10	0.05	0.20	0.30	0.55
	15	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.10
$f_X(x)$		0.27	0.34	0.39	1

**a.**  $E(X) = (10)(.27) + (15)(.34) + (20)(.39) = 15.60$

$E(Y) = (5)(.35) + (10)(.55) + (15)(.10) = 8.75$

$E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y) = 15.60 + 8.75 = 24.35$

**b.**  $E(2X - 3Y) = 2E(X) - 3E(Y) = 2(15.60) - 3(8.75) = 4.95$

**c.**  $\Pr(18 < X + Y < 27) = \Pr(X = 10 \text{ and } Y = 10) + \Pr(X = 10 \text{ and } Y = 15) + \Pr(X = 15 \text{ and } Y = 5) + \Pr(X = 15 \text{ and } Y = 10) + \Pr(X = 20 \text{ and } Y = 5) = .05 + .02 + .10 + .20 + .05 = 0.42.$

**10.19**

$f_{XY}(x, y)$		x			$f_Y(y)$
		10	15	20	
y	5	0.20	0.10	0.05	0.35
	10	0.05	0.20	0.30	0.55
	15	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.10
$f_X(x)$		0.27	0.34	0.39	1

**a.**  $E(X^2) = (10^2)(.27) + (15^2)(.34) + (20^2)(.39) = 259.50$

**b.**  $E(Y^2) = (5^2)(.35) + (10^2)(.55) + (15^2)(.10) = 86.25$

**c.**  $E(XY) = (50)(.20) + (75)(.10) + (100)(.05) + (100)(.05) + (150)(.20) + (200)(.30) + (150)(.02) + (225)(.04) + (300)(.04) = 141.5$

**d.**  $E(X) = (10)(.27) + (15)(.34) + (20)(.39) = 15.60$

$E(Y) = (5)(.35) + (10)(.55) + (15)(.10) = 8.75$

$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) = 141.5 - (15.60)(8.75) = 5$

e.  $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = 259.50 - 15.60^2 = 16.14$

$\text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - (E(Y))^2 = 86.25 - 8.75^2 = 9.6875$

Therefore,  $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \text{Cov}(X, Y) / \sigma_X \sigma_Y = 5 / [(16.14)(9.6875)]^{1/2} = 0.3999$

f. X and Y are not independent because the joint probability table is not a multiplication table of the marginal probabilities.

For example,  $f_{XY}(10, 15) = 0.20$  but  $f_X(10)f_Y(15) = (0.27)(0.35) \neq 0.20$

**10.21** The joint probability table with marginal probabilities is:

$f_{XY}(x, y)$		$x$				$f_Z(z)$
		0	1	2	3	
$z$	0	0	0	0.15	0.05	0.20
	1	0	0.30	0.30	0	0.60
	2	0.05	0.15	0	0	0.20
$f_X(x)$		0.05	0.45	0.45	0.05	1

a.  $E(X) = 0 + (1)(.45) + (2)(.45) + (3)(.05) = 1.5$

$E(Z) = 0 + (1)(.60) + (2)(.20) = 1$

$E(X + Z) = E(X) + E(Z) = 1.5 + 1 = 2.5$

b.  $E(X \cdot Z) = (1)(.3) + (2)(.30) + (2)(.15) = 1.2$

c.  $\text{Cov}(X, Z) = E(X \cdot Z) - E(X) E(Z) = 1.2 - (1.5)(1) = -0.3$

d.  $E(X^2) = 0 + (1^2)(.45) + (2^2)(.45) + (3^2)(.05) = 2.7$

$E(Z^2) = 0 + (1^2)(.60) + (2^2)(.20) = 1.4$

$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = 2.7 - (1.5)^2 = 0.45$

$\text{Var}(Z) = E(Z^2) - (E(Z))^2 = 1.4 - (1)^2 = 0.40$

$\text{Var}(X + Z) = \text{Var}(X) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Z) + \text{Var}(Z) = .45 + 2(-0.3) + 0.40 = 0.25$

**10.23** Let  $X =$  verbal score,  $Y =$  quantitative score, then  $X \sim \text{Normal}(50, 20)$ ,  $Y \sim \text{Normal}(100, 10)$ .  
 $E(X) = 50$ ,  $\sigma_X = 20$ ,  $E(Y) = 100$ ,  $\sigma_Y = 10$ ,  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 75$

a.  $E(C) = E(3X + 2Y) = 3E(X) + 2E(Y) = 3(50) + 2(100) = 350$

$$\text{Var}(C) = 3^2\text{Var}(X) + 2(3)(2)\text{Cov}(X, Y) + 2^2\text{Var}(Y) = 9(20^2) + 12(75) + 4(10^2) = 4900$$

Therefore,  $\sigma_C = 70$

b.  $\Pr(C \geq 375) = \Pr(Z \geq [(375 - 350)/70]) = \Pr(Z \geq 0.3571) = 0.3605$

Therefore, about 36.05% of the applicants get a composite score of at least 375.

**Remark:** First printing of book had standard deviations interchanged, which resulted in  
 $\sigma_C = \sqrt{3400}$  and  $\Pr(C \geq 375) = .3341$ .

**10.25**  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3$  is a random sample of three elements with probability function  $f(y)$ .  
 The random variables  $Y_1, Y_2$ , and  $Y_3$  are independent.  
 So the joint probability function of  $Y_1, Y_2$ , and  $Y_3$  is  $f(y_1, y_2, y_3) = f(y_1)f(y_2)f(y_3)$ .

**10.27** a.  $E(Y) = aE(Z_1) + bE(Z_2) = a(0) + b(0) = 0$

b.  $\text{Var}(Z_1) = E(Z_1^2) - (E(Z_1))^2 = 1$ , so  $E(Z_1^2) = 1$

Because  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are independent,  $\text{Cov}(Z_1, Z_2) = 0$ ,  $E(Z_1Z_2) = E(Z_1)E(Z_2) = 0$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = a^2\text{Var}(Z_1) + b^2\text{Var}(Z_2) = a^2(1) + b^2(1) = a^2 + b^2$$

c.  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) = E(Z_1(aZ_1 + bZ_2)) + E(Z_1)E(Y)$   
 $= E(aZ_1^2 + bZ_1Z_2) + 0 = aE(Z_1^2) + bE(Z_1Z_2) = a(1) + b(0) = a$

So  $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \text{Cov}(X, Y) / \sigma_X\sigma_Y = a / \sqrt{(1)(a^2 + b^2)} = a / \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$   
 (assuming  $a$  and  $b$  are not both zero)

**10.29**  $f_{XY}(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F(x, y)$

a. When  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ,  $f_{XY}(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (xy) = 1$

When  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $y > 1$ ,  $f_{XY}(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (x) = 0$

When  $x > 1$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ,  $f_{XY}(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (y) = 0$

When  $x > 1$  and  $y > 1$ ,  $f_{XY}(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (1) = 0$

When  $x < 0$  and  $y < 0$ ,  $f_{XY}(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (0) = 0$

Therefore,  $f_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

b.  $f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dy = \begin{cases} \int_{-\infty}^0 0 dy + \int_0^1 1 dy + \int_1^{\infty} 0 dy = 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} 0 dy = 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

c.  $f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dx = \begin{cases} \int_{-\infty}^0 0 dx + \int_0^1 1 dx + \int_1^{\infty} 0 dx = 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} 0 dx = 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

So  $f_{XY}(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$ . Therefore, X and Y are independent.

d.  $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x f_X(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 x(0) dx + \int_0^1 x(1) dx + \int_1^{\infty} x(0) dx = \frac{1}{2}(1^2 - 0^2) = \frac{1}{2}$

$E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2 f_X(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 x^2(0) dx + \int_0^1 x^2(1) dx + \int_1^{\infty} x^2(0) dx = \frac{1}{3}(1^3 - 0^3) = \frac{1}{3}$

$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - E^2(X) = (1/3) - (1/2)^2 = 1/12$

Therefore,  $\sigma_X = (\text{Var}(X))^{1/2} = (1/12)^{1/2} = 0.2887$

e.  $\Pr(0 < X \leq 1/2 \text{ and } 1/2 < Y < 1) = \Pr(0 < X \leq 1/2) \Pr(1/2 < Y < 1)$

$= \int_0^{1/2} f_X(x) dx \int_{1/2}^1 f_Y(y) dy = \int_0^{1/2} (1) dx \int_{1/2}^1 (1) dy = (1/2 - 0)(1 - 1/2) = 1/4 = 0.25$