

There are two problems from the book and two problems from our Classwork problems. Want more practice? Do more problems from the book, or see me. :)

Exercise 6.25 (about certain jointly distributed X and Y)

Exercise 6.26 (about different X and Y)

A. Do Classwork 42, about $E(\sqrt{X^2 + Y^2})$. (This is not a small problem. My solution uses polar coordinates, anti-differentiation by parts, and L'Hopital's rule.)

As Section 6.8 describes, the covariance of continuous random variables X and Y is

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E((X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - E(X))(y - E(Y))f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy dx.$$

It obeys all of the nice properties that the covariance of discrete random variables enjoys, such as $\text{Cov}(aX, Y) = a\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ and $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$.

B. Let $X \sim \text{Unif}(-1, 1)$, and let $Y = X^2$. Are X and Y independent? And what is $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$? (In computing the covariance, do not use the density f_Y that we discover on Day 19. You should be able to compute the covariance without that.)