

Announcements

- **Exam 1 – Thursday, Feb. 26.**
 - Exams are in Lab, applied questions and theory.
 - During your regularly scheduled Thursday lab.
 - Friday lab – schedule a time for Thursday evening using the Doodle link on the website.
- **Term Project: Select your teammate (1) and a topic by Today, Feb 23.**

- I. Introduction
- II. Statistical and Notational Preliminaries
 - A. Introduction
 - B. Elements of Statistical Theory
 - 1. Prerequisites: Summarizing distributions, point estimation, interval estimation, hypothesis testing.
 - 2. Bivariate measures: covariance and correlation.
 - 3. Expected Values.
 - 4. Estimators and Desirable Properties

3. Expected Values.

- a. Definition - The weighted sum of **all possible values** of a random variable, where weights are probabilities or relative frequencies.

- b. Measure of **central tendency** – average **all possible values** for a random variable – **Population mean.**

Application of Expected Values: Portfolios

- Assume two investments: X and Y.
- Joint distribution** of returns to \$1,000 invested.
- Probabilities – P(XY) represent different “states of the economy.”

X	Y	P(XY)
-100	50	0.2
50	30	0.4
200	20	0.3
300	20	0.1



PRS 1: Calculate E[X]. Round to a whole dollar.

$$E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i P(X_i Y_i)$$

X	Y	P(XY)	P(XY)·X	P(XY)·Y
-100	50	0.2		
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c. Rules for using Expected Values

- $E[c] = c$, where c is a constant.
- $E[cY] = c E[Y]$, where Y is a random variable.
- $E[cY + bZ] = c E[Y] + b E[Z]$.
- $E[YZ] \neq E[Y] E[Z]$ and $E[Y/Z] \neq E[Y] / E[Z]$
- If Y and Z are **independent**, then:

$$E[YZ] = E[Y] E[Z]$$

d. Using the Rules – Examples:

- The sample mean is a random variable.
- Evaluate the sample mean – average **all possible sample means** given sample size n .

- Portfolio Expected Returns:

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PRS 2: Given the Expected Returns for X and Y, what weight would you choose for X in your portfolio? Why?

1. 0.10
2. 0.30
3. 0.50
4. 0.70
5. 0.90

e. Other “Famous” Expected values

- **Population Variance** – measure of dispersion.

- **Covariance** – measure of linear association.

- Risk: Use the formula for expected value to calculate variances:

$$\sigma_y^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \mu_y)^2 P(X_i Y_i)$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \mu_x)^2 P(X_i Y_i)$$

- Are X and Y related? Calculate covariance:

$$\sigma_{xy} = \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \mu_y)(X_i - \mu_x)P(X_i Y_i)$$

- Expected values or expected returns for X and Y:

$$E[X] = \mu_x =$$

$$E[Y] = \mu_y = \$30.$$

- Standard deviations and covariance:

$$\sigma_x = \$126.10$$

$$\sigma_y = \$ 10.95$$

$$\sigma_{xy} = \$ -1300$$

- **Expected returns for a portfolio** of X and Y, a weighted average of two expected returns:

Choose weights for the two investments.
Portion of total investment in each.



PRS 3: Given the **Expected Returns and Risks** for X and Y, what weight would you choose for investment X in your portfolio?

1. 0.10
2. 0.30
3. 0.50
4. 0.70
5. 0.90



PRS 4: Given **your weights**, calculate E[P].
Round to a whole dollar.

$$E[P] = w_X E(X) + (1 - w_X) E(Y)$$

▪ **Portfolio Risk** – a portfolio of X and Y.

$$\sigma_P = \sqrt{w_X^2 \sigma_X^2 + (1 - w_X)^2 \sigma_Y^2 + 2 w_X (1 - w_X) \sigma_{XY}}$$

What are the parts? What's in this formula?
