

Prob Stats LI

Covariance & Correlation

Co-Variance

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Expectation for Joint R.V.

X, Y

- joint pdf $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f(x,y)$

- function on R.V.s $Z = g(X,Y) =$
 $Z = g(X,Y)$ ex: $3X + ZXY^2$

$$E[Z] = E[g(X,Y)] = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x,y) \cdot f(x,y) \, dy \, dx$$

$$E[X] = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x,y) \, dx$$

Revisit

Linearity of Expectation

$$g(x, y) = rX + sY$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[rX + sY] &= \sum_i \sum_j (\cancel{r}a_i + \cancel{s}b_j) \cdot \Pr(X=a_i, Y=b_j) \\ &= r \sum_i \sum_j a_i \cdot \Pr(X=a_i, Y=b_j) + s \sum_i \sum_j b_j \cdot \Pr(X=a_i, Y=b_j) \\ &= r \sum_i a_i \left(\sum_j \Pr(X=a_i, Y=b_j) \right) + s \sum_j b_j \left(\sum_i \Pr(X=a_i, Y=b_j) \right) \\ &= \underbrace{r \sum_i a_i \Pr(X=a_i)}_{\text{magnifying over } X} + \underbrace{s \sum_j b_j \Pr(Y=b_j)}_{\text{magn... } X} \\ &= \frac{r \sum_i a_i \Pr(X=a_i)}{E[X]} + \frac{s \sum_j b_j \Pr(Y=b_j)}{E[Y]} \\ &= r E[X] + s E[Y] \end{aligned}$$

Covariance

2 RVs x, y

measures how x, y co-vary

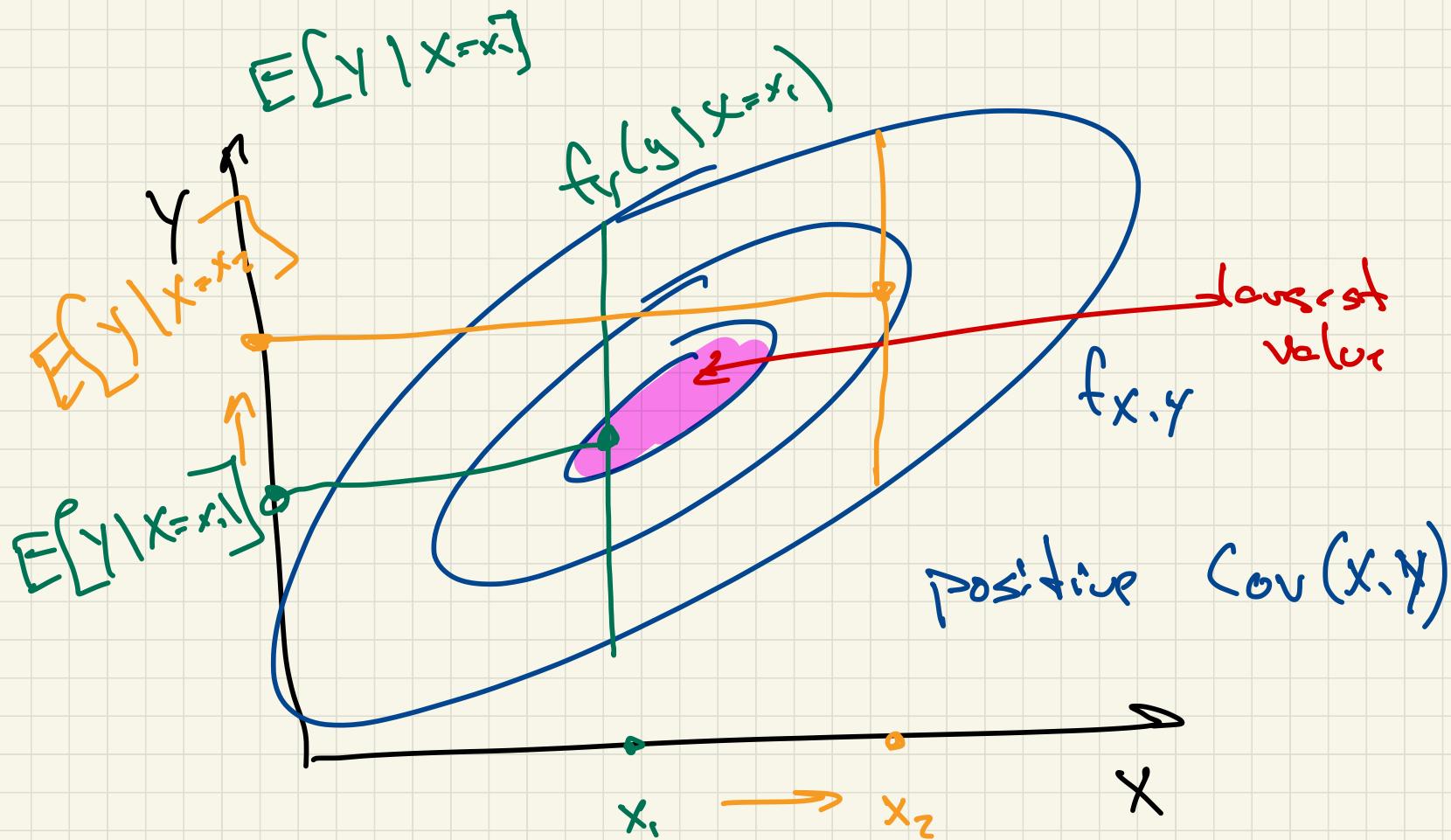
$$\text{Cov}(x, y) = E[(x - E[x]) \cdot (y - E[y])]$$

$$\text{Cov}(x, x) = \text{Var}(x)$$

• if $\text{Cov}(x, y) > 0$

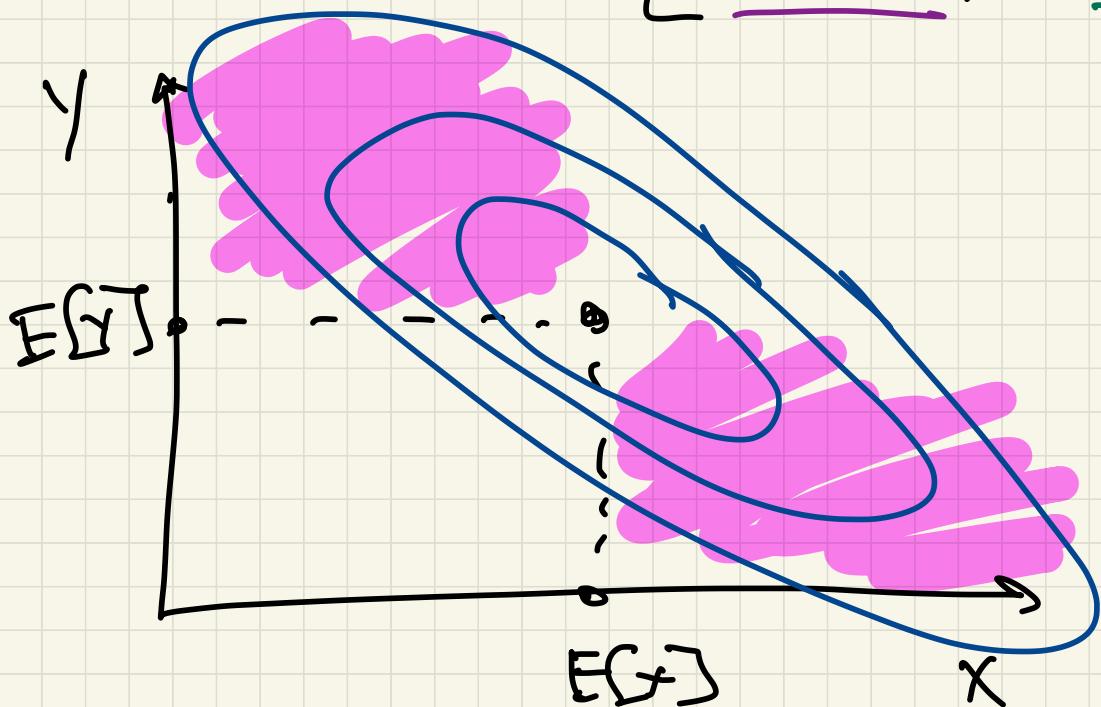
then as x gets larger
 y tends to also

$$\text{Var}(x) = E[(x - E[x])^2]$$



What if $\text{Cov}(x, y) < 0$

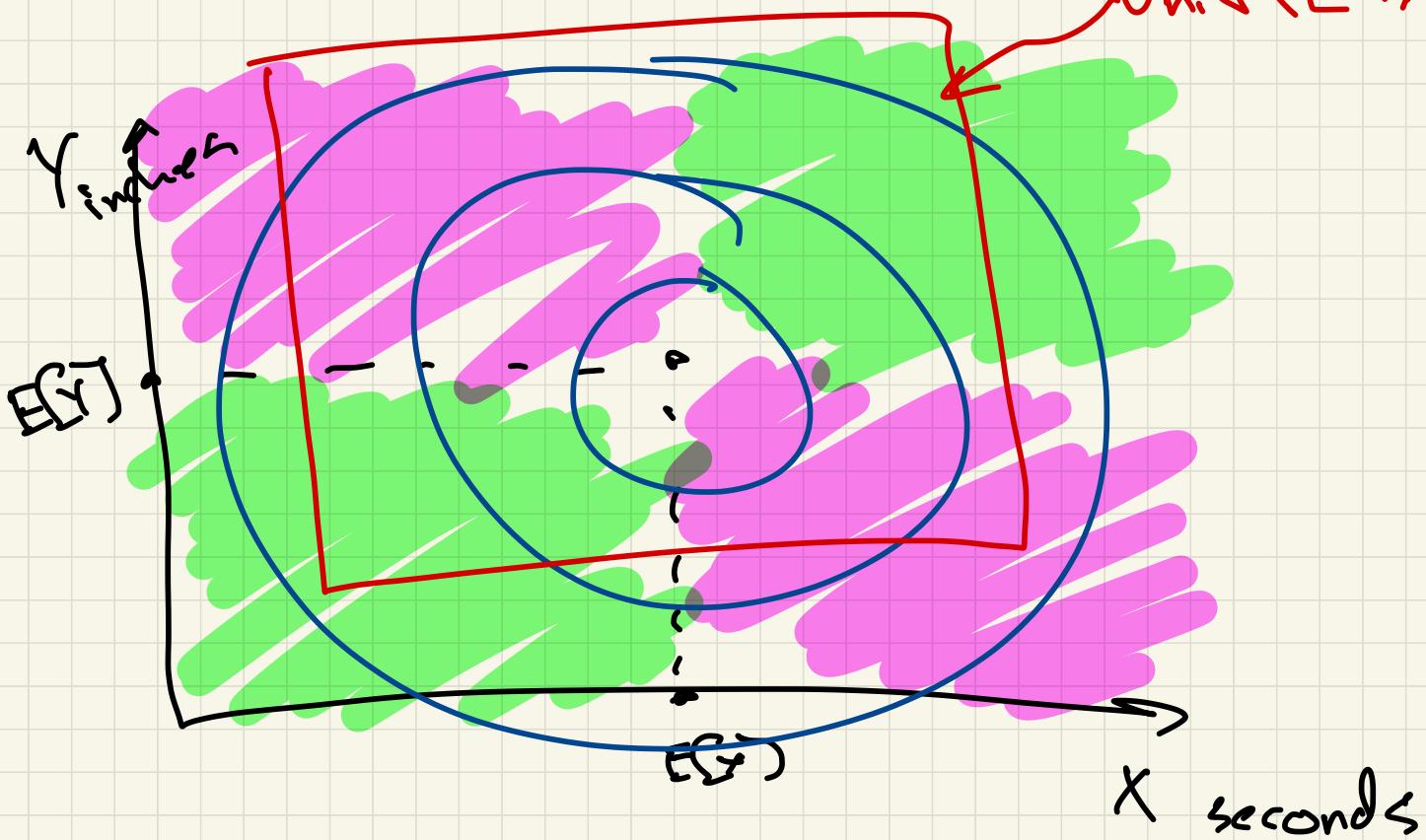
$$\text{Cov}(x, y) = E[(x - E[x]) \cdot (y - E[y])]$$



what if

$$\text{Cov}(x, y) = 0$$

$\text{Unif}(0.2, 1)^2$



If X, Y independent

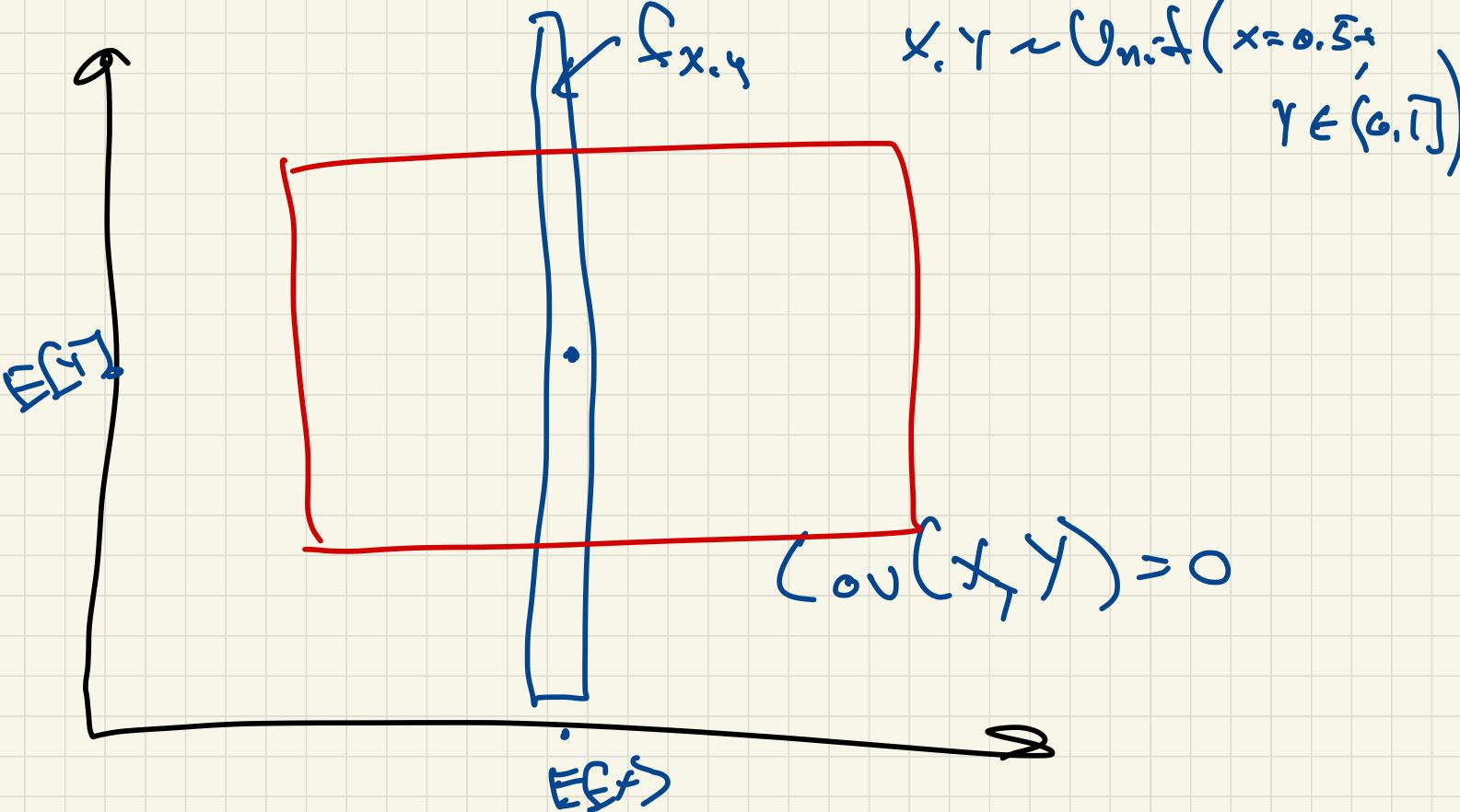
Then $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$

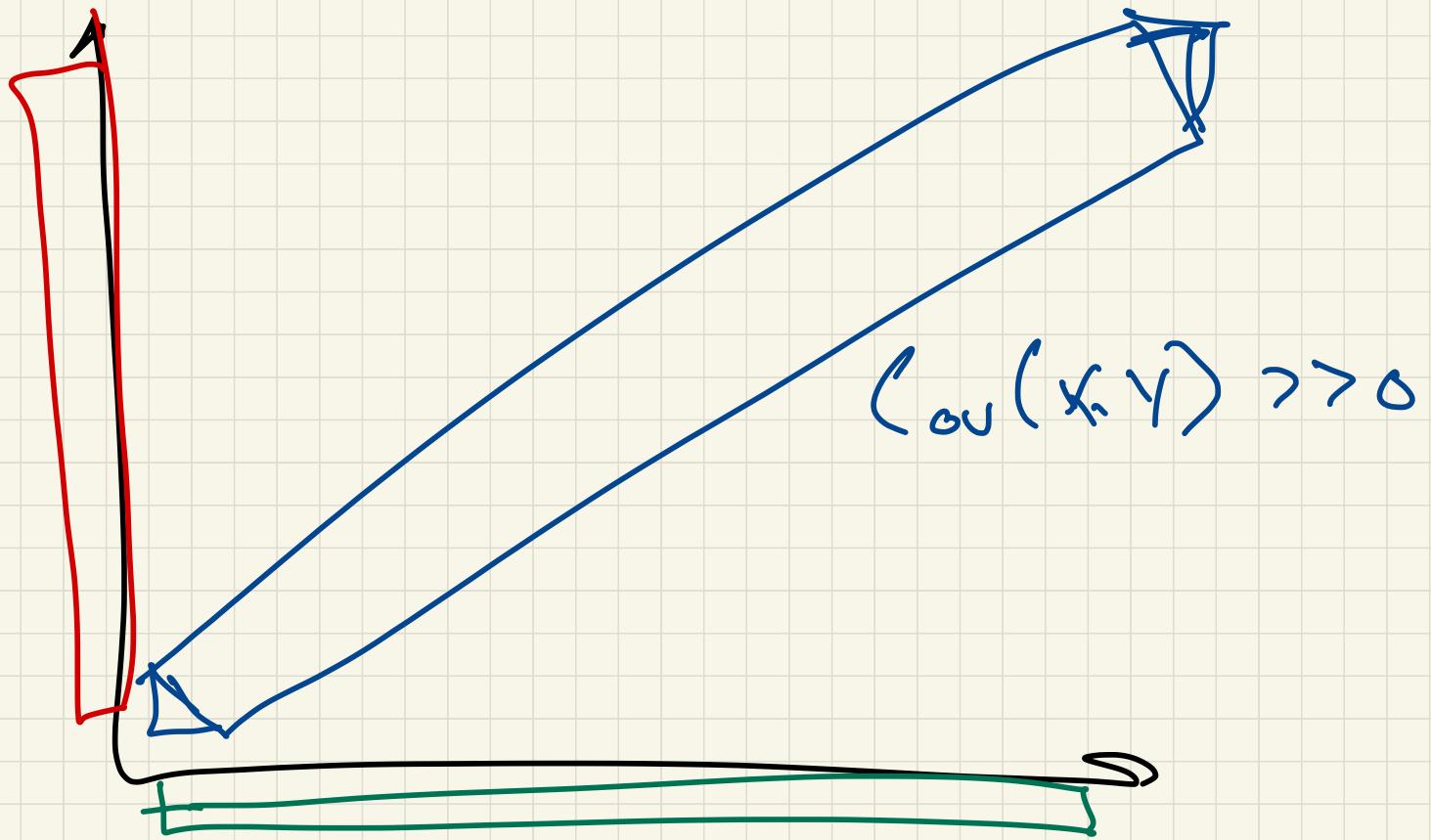
but

if $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$

it might not mean

that X, Y are independent.





Correlation

$$\rho(x, y)$$

Because we don't know

how

big is big w/ $\text{Cov}(x, y)$

$$\rho(x, y) =$$

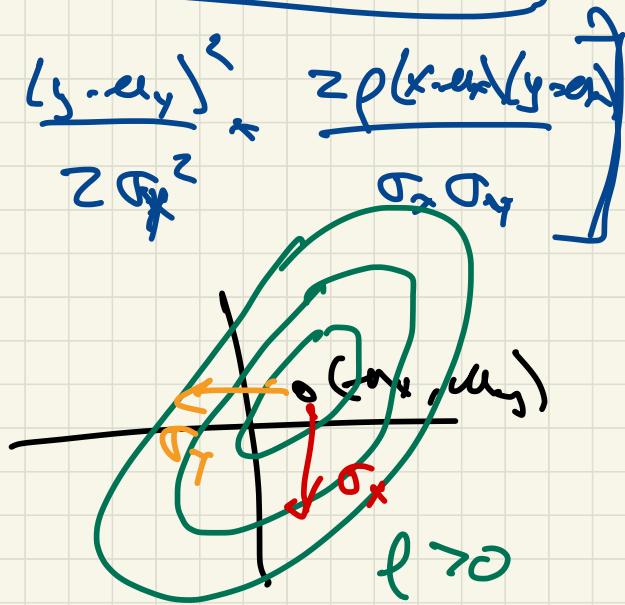
$$\frac{\text{Cov}(x, y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(x) \cdot \text{Var}(y)}} = \frac{m \cdot s}{\sqrt{m^2 \cdot s^2}} \times \frac{x \text{ m/s}}{Y \text{ seconds}}$$

$$\rho(x, y) \in [-1, 1]$$

Gaussian = multivariate Normal $d=2$

$$f(x, y) = \underbrace{\text{Normalization}}_{\text{exp}(\dots)}$$

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



$$\mu_x = E[x]$$

$$\mu_y = E[y]$$

$$\rho = \rho(x, y)$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = \text{Var}(x)$$

$$\sigma_y^2 = \text{Var}(y)$$

Review for Quiz 8

Continuous Joint RVs

PDF $f_{x,y}(x,y) = f(x,y)$

1. $f(x,y) \geq 0$

2. $\int_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dy dx = 1$

3. $P(a \leq X \leq b, c \leq Y \leq d) =$

$$= \int_{x=a}^b \int_{y=c}^d f(x,y) dy dx$$

Review Part 3

Covariance

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

$$= E[(X - E[X]) \cdot (Y - E[Y])]$$

$$= E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$$

if $\text{Cov}(X, Y) > 0$

then if X

increases

if expects to increase

Correlation

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X) \cdot \text{Var}(Y)}}$$

$$\rho(X, Y) \in [-1, 1]$$

Review

Independence

if X, Y independent

then $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$
 $\rho(X, Y) = 0$

but if $\text{Cor}(X, Y) = 0$

maybe not independent