

**Problem Set 39 Answers**

- 1a.** We compute  $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_i) = \mathbb{E}(X_i X_i) - \mathbb{E}(X_i)\mathbb{E}(X_i) = 3/13 - (3/13)(3/13) = 30/169$ .
- 1b.** We compute  $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = \mathbb{E}(X_i X_j) - \mathbb{E}(X_i)\mathbb{E}(X_j) = (3/13)(3/13) - (3/13)(3/13) = 0$ . It is also possible to observe  $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = 0$  since  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  are independent in this setup (since we pick cards with replacement).
- 1c.** The variance is  $\text{Var}(X) = \text{Cov}(X, X) = \text{Cov}(X_1 + \cdots + X_5, X_1 + \cdots + X_5) = 5\text{Cov}(X_1, X_1) + 20\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = 5(30/169) + 20(0) = 150/169$ . Yes, this agrees with 1cd on Problem Set #12.
- 2a.** We compute  $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_i) = \mathbb{E}(X_i X_i) - \mathbb{E}(X_i)\mathbb{E}(X_i) = 3/13 - (3/13)(3/13) = 30/169$ .
- 2b.** We compute  $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = \mathbb{E}(X_i X_j) - \mathbb{E}(X_i)\mathbb{E}(X_j) = (12/52)(11/51) - (3/13)^2 = -10/2873$ .
- 2c.** The variance is  $\text{Var}(X) = \text{Cov}(X, X) = \text{Cov}(X_1 + \cdots + X_5, X_1 + \cdots + X_5) = 5\text{Cov}(X_1, X_1) + 20\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = 5(30/169) + 20(-10/2873) = 2350/2873$ . Yes, this agrees with 2c on P.S. #12.

**3a.** We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X_1, X_1) &= \mathbb{E}(X_1 X_1) - \mathbb{E}(X_1)\mathbb{E}(X_1) = 1 - (1)(1) = 0. \\ \text{Cov}(X_2, X_2) &= \mathbb{E}(X_2 X_2) - \mathbb{E}(X_2)\mathbb{E}(X_2) = (3/4)^3 - (3/4)^3(3/4)^3 = 999/4096. \\ \text{Cov}(X_3, X_3) &= \mathbb{E}(X_3 X_3) - \mathbb{E}(X_3)\mathbb{E}(X_3) = (2/4)^3 - (2/4)^3(2/4)^3 = 7/64. \\ \text{Cov}(X_4, X_4) &= \mathbb{E}(X_4 X_4) - \mathbb{E}(X_4)\mathbb{E}(X_4) = (1/4)^3 - (1/4)^3(1/4)^3 = 63/4096. \end{aligned}$$

**3b.** We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X_1, X_j) &= \mathbb{E}(X_1 X_j) - \mathbb{E}(X_1)\mathbb{E}(X_j) = 0 \text{ for any } j \text{ (just notice that } X_1 \text{ is always 1, so } X_1 \text{ is independent from the other } X_j\text{'s)} \\ \text{Cov}(X_2, X_3) &= \mathbb{E}(X_2 X_3) - \mathbb{E}(X_2)\mathbb{E}(X_3) = \mathbb{E}(X_3) - \mathbb{E}(X_2)\mathbb{E}(X_3) = (2/4)^3 - (3/4)^3(2/4)^3 = 37/512 \\ \text{Cov}(X_2, X_4) &= \mathbb{E}(X_2 X_4) - \mathbb{E}(X_2)\mathbb{E}(X_4) = \mathbb{E}(X_4) - \mathbb{E}(X_2)\mathbb{E}(X_4) = (1/4)^3 - (3/4)^3(1/4)^3 = 37/4096 \\ \text{Cov}(X_3, X_4) &= \mathbb{E}(X_3 X_4) - \mathbb{E}(X_3)\mathbb{E}(X_4) = \mathbb{E}(X_4) - \mathbb{E}(X_3)\mathbb{E}(X_4) = (1/4)^3 - (2/4)^3(1/4)^3 = 7/512 \end{aligned}$$

**3c.** The variance is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= \text{Cov}(X, X) = \text{Cov}(X_1 + \cdots + X_4, X_1 + \cdots + X_4) \\ &= \text{Cov}(X_1, X_1) + \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) + \text{Cov}(X_1, X_3) + \text{Cov}(X_1, X_4) \\ &\quad + \text{Cov}(X_2, X_1) + \text{Cov}(X_2, X_2) + \text{Cov}(X_2, X_3) + \text{Cov}(X_2, X_4) \\ &\quad + \text{Cov}(X_3, X_1) + \text{Cov}(X_3, X_2) + \text{Cov}(X_3, X_3) + \text{Cov}(X_3, X_4) \\ &\quad + \text{Cov}(X_4, X_1) + \text{Cov}(X_4, X_2) + \text{Cov}(X_4, X_3) + \text{Cov}(X_4, X_4) \\ &= 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 \\ &\quad + 0 + 999/4096 + 37/512 + 37/4096 \\ &\quad + 0 + 37/512 + 7/64 + 7/512 \\ &\quad + 0 + 37/4096 + 7/512 + 63/4096 \\ &= 143/256 \end{aligned}$$

Yes, this agrees with 3c on P.S. #12.

- 4a.** We compute  $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_i) = \mathbb{E}(X_i X_i) - \mathbb{E}(X_i)\mathbb{E}(X_i) = 1/3 - (1/3)(1/3) = 2/9$ .
- 4b.** We compute  $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = \mathbb{E}(X_i X_j) - \mathbb{E}(X_i)\mathbb{E}(X_j) = 12/90 - (1/3)^2 = 1/45$ .
- 4c.** The variance is  $\text{Var}(X) = \text{Cov}(X, X) = \text{Cov}(X_1 + \cdots + X_3, X_1 + \cdots + X_3) = 3\text{Cov}(X_1, X_1) + 6\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = 3(2/9) + 6(1/45) = 4/5$ . Yes, this agrees with 4c on P.S. #12.