

# CS 237: Probability in Computing

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## Lecture 21:

- Joint Random Variables: Basic Notions
- JRVs: Independence, Covariance, and Correlation

# Joint Random Variables

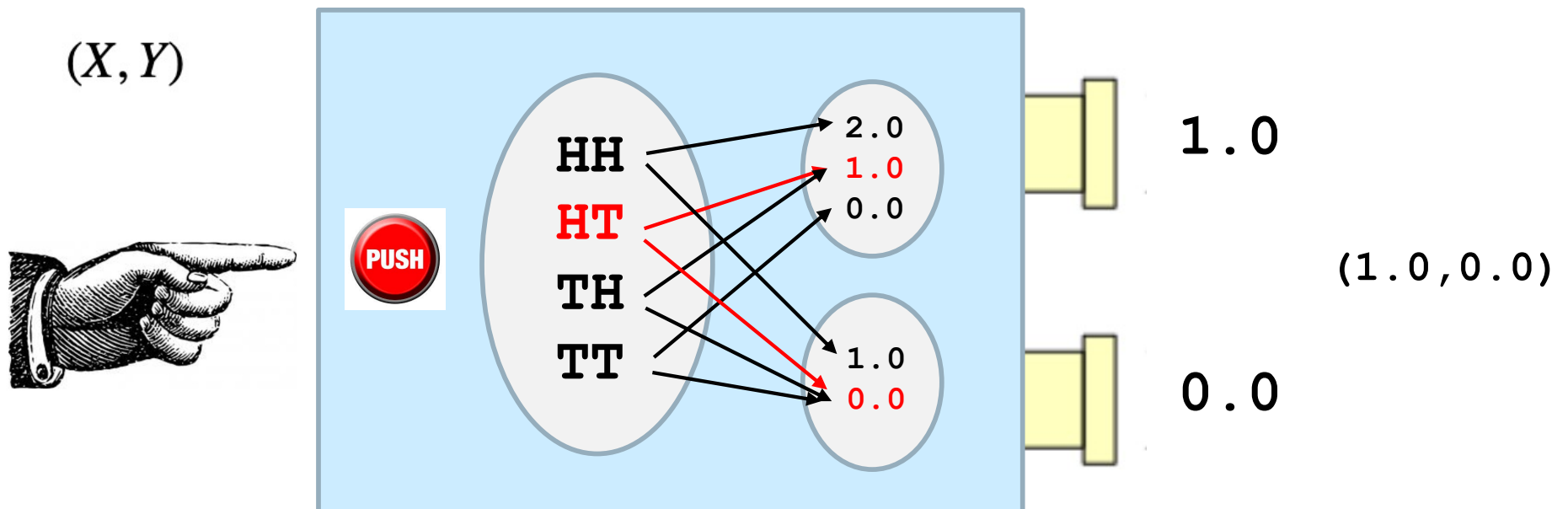
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                               $Y$  = "1 if both tosses are heads, 0 otherwise."

```
def XY():  
    a = randint(0,2)  
    b = randint(0,2)  
    return (a+b,a*b)
```



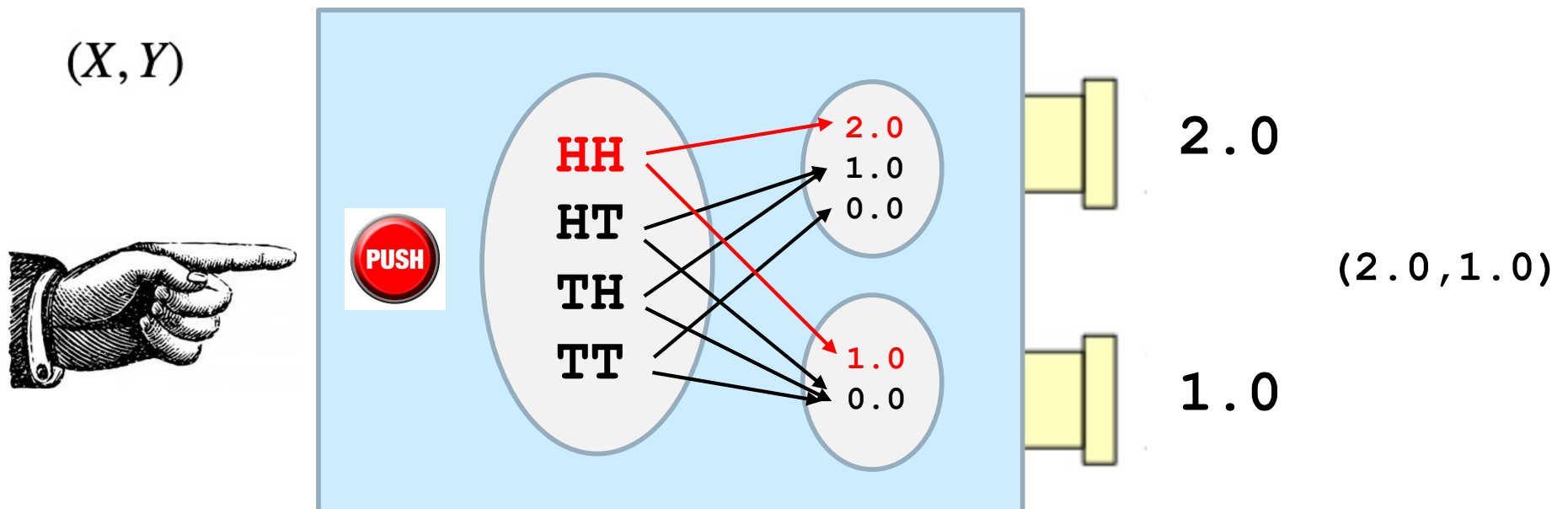
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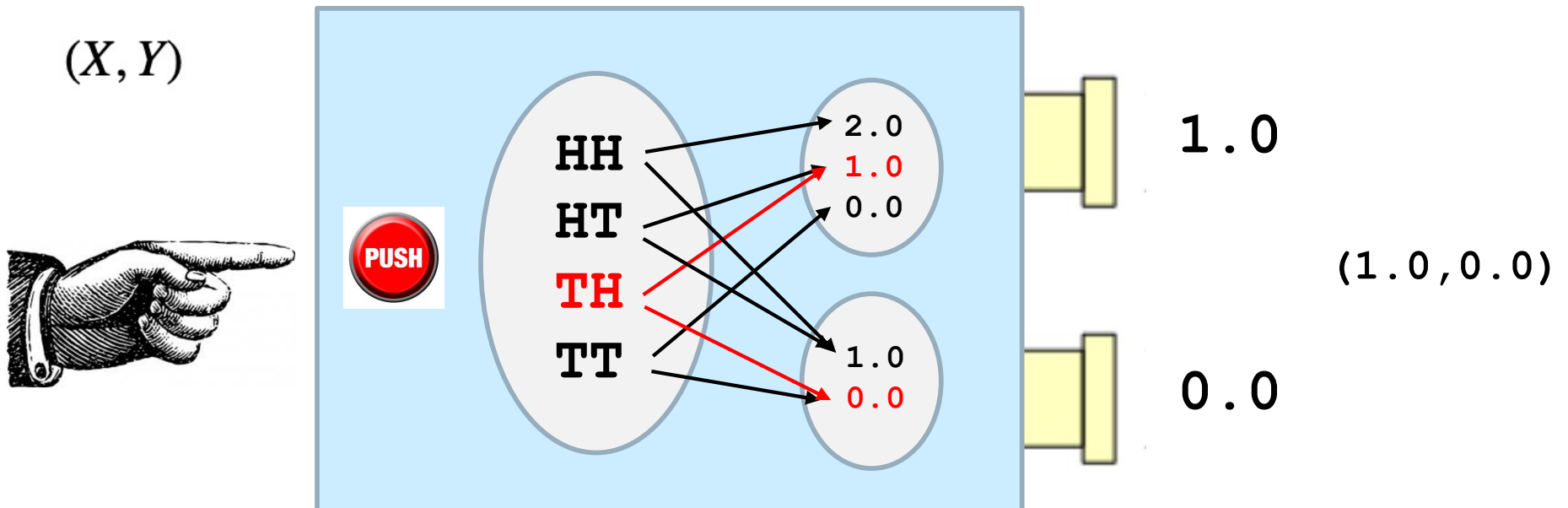


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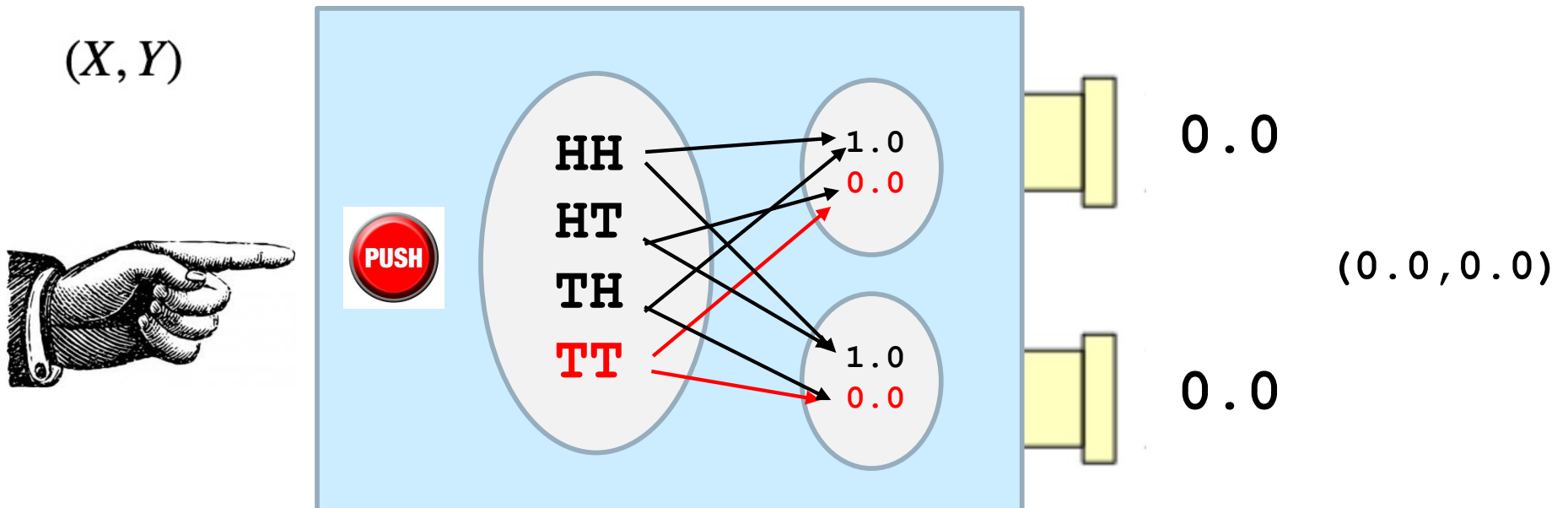


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# Joint Random Variables

A joint random variable  $(X,Y)$  is called **discrete** if both  $X$  and  $Y$  are discrete, and **continuous** if both  $X$  and  $Y$  are continuous. Other combinations are possible, but we will only consider these two.

## Probability Mass Function for a Discrete JRV $(X,Y)$ :

The probability that  $X$  produces value  $j$  and  $Y$  produces value  $k$  is:

$$f_{X,Y}(j,k) = P(X = j, Y = k)$$

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T T	0	0	$f_{X,Y}(0,0) = 0.25$
T H	0	1	$f_{X,Y}(0,1) = 0.25$
H T	1	0	$f_{X,Y}(1,0) = 0.25$
H H	1	1	$f_{X,Y}(1,1) = 0.25$

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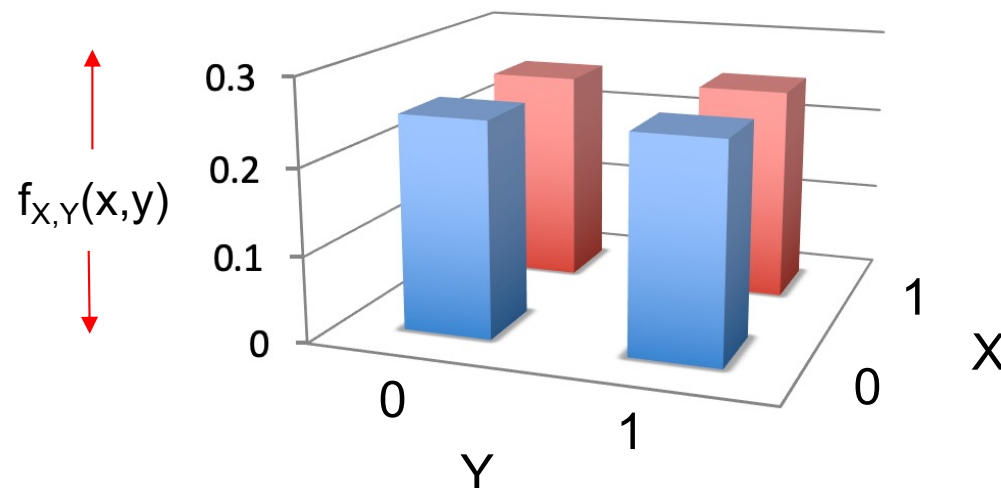
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$$f_{X,Y}(1,1) = 0.25$$

**Note:**  
Probabilities are  
volumes!

		$Y$	
		0	1
$X$	1	0.25	0.25
	0	0.25	0.25

$f_{X,Y}(0,1)$



# Joint Random Variables: Joint Probability Function

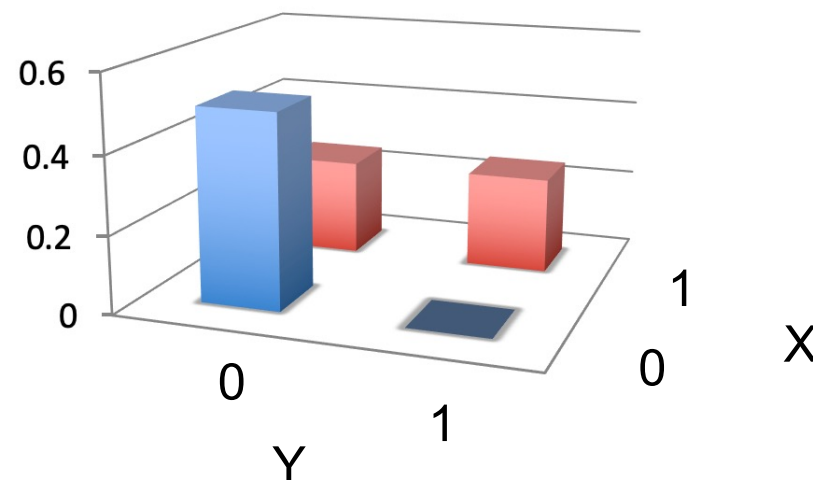
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<u>Sample Space</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>Y</u>
T T	0	0
T H	0	0
H T	1	0
H H	1	1

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X,Y}(0,0) &= 0.5 \\ f_{X,Y}(0,1) &= 0.0 \\ f_{X,Y}(1,0) &= 0.25 \\ f_{X,Y}(1,1) &= 0.25 \end{aligned}$$

		Y	
		0	1
X	1	0.25	0.25
	0	0.5	0





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H	H		
H	T		
T	H		
T	T		

		<b>Y</b>			
		0	1	2	$p(x_i)$
<b>X</b>	1				
	0				
$p(y_j):$					

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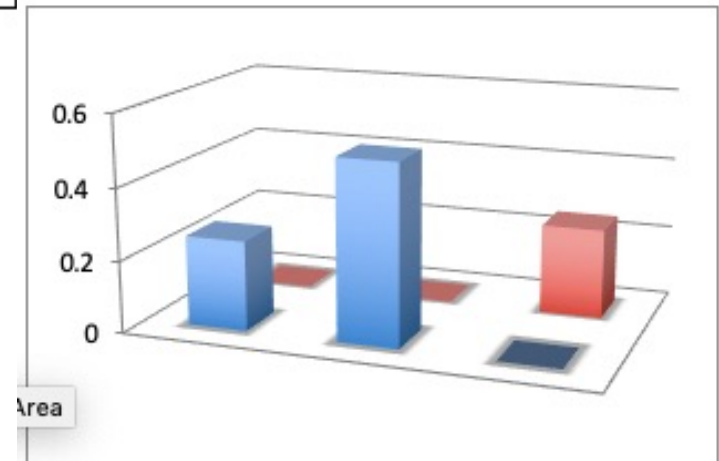
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H	T	0	1
T	H	0	1
T	T	0	0

**Y**

<b>X</b>				$p(x_i)$
	0	1	2	
1	0	0	0.25	0.25
0	0.25	0.5	0	0.75
$p(y_j):$				1



# Joint Random Variables: Marginal Distributions

The **Marginal Distributions** of a Joint Random Variable are the individual random variables, considered separately from each other:

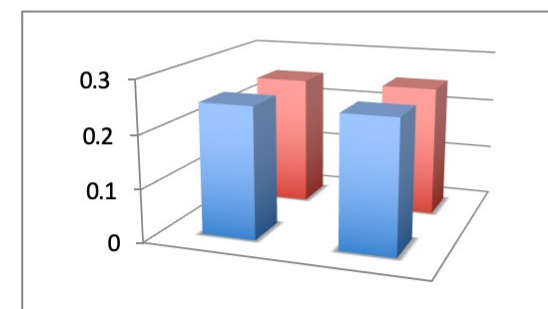
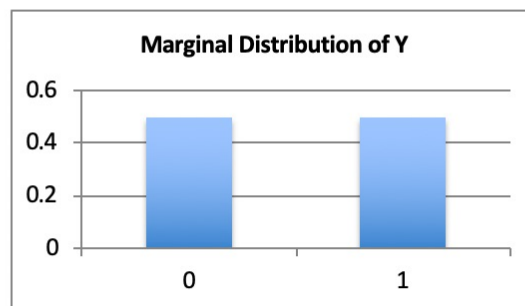
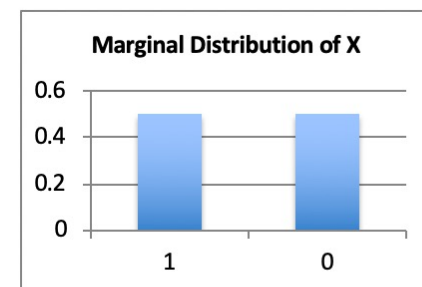
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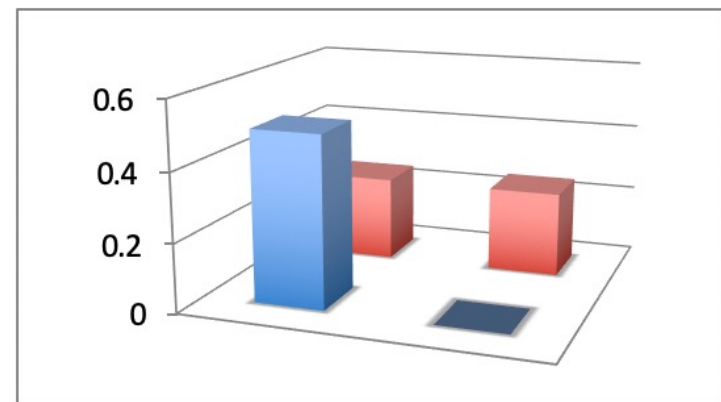
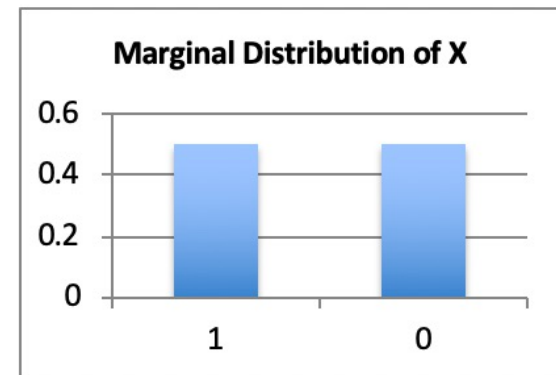
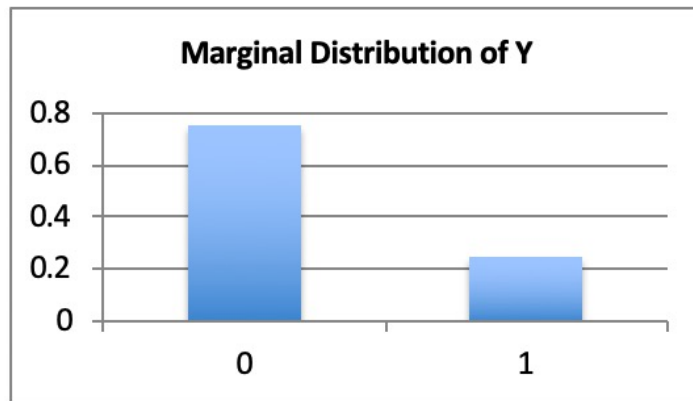
		Y		
		0	1	
X	1	0.25	0.25	0.5
	0	0.25	0.25	0.5
		0.5	0.5	



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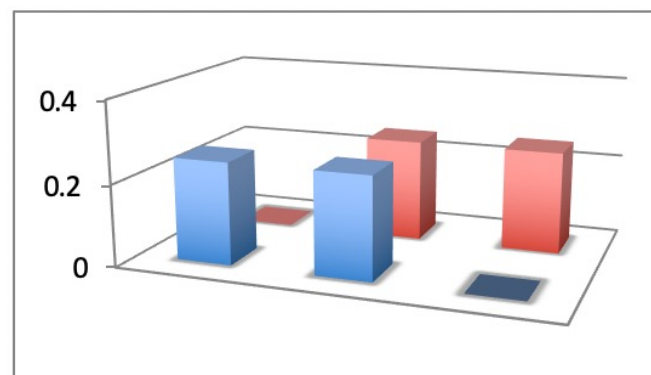
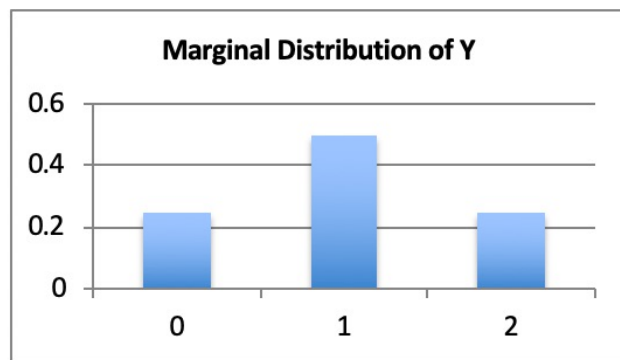
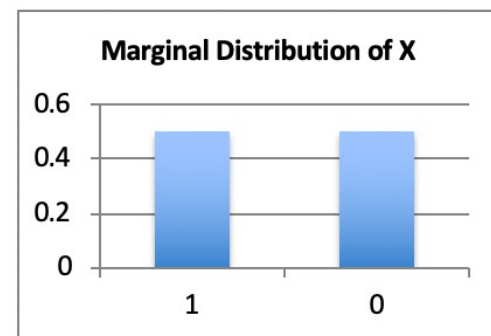
<b>X</b>	<b>Y</b>		
	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>1</b>	0.25	0.25	0.5
<b>0</b>	0.5	0	0.5
	0.75	0.25	



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		0	1	2	
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	0	0.25	0.25	0	0.5
		0.25	0.5	0.25	



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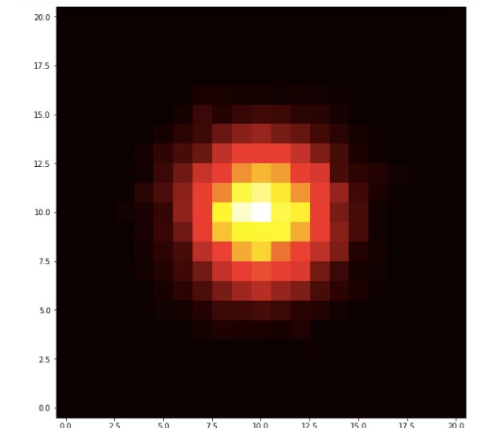
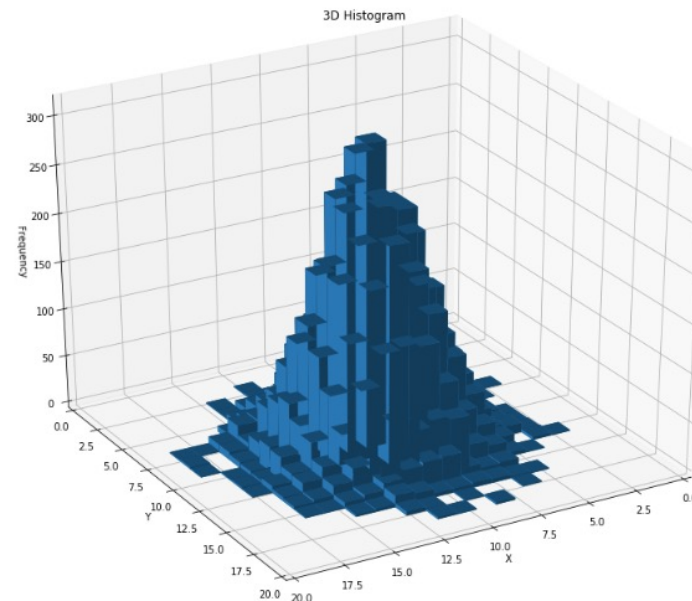
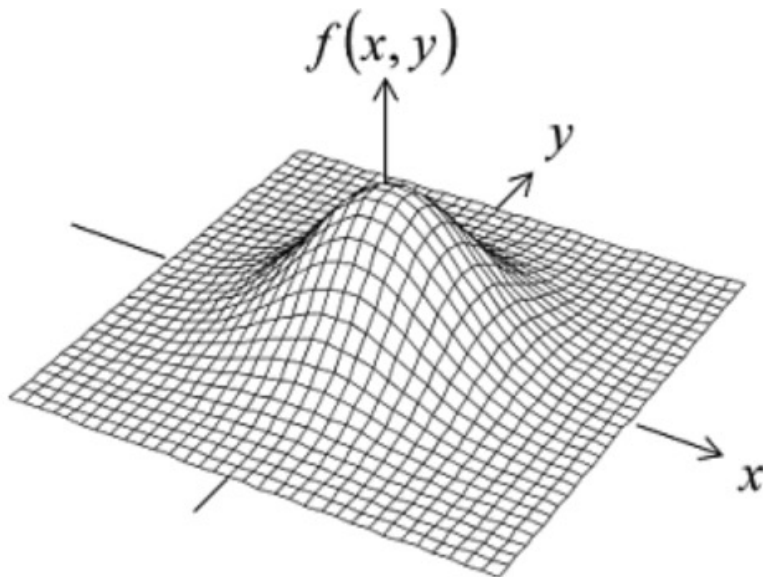
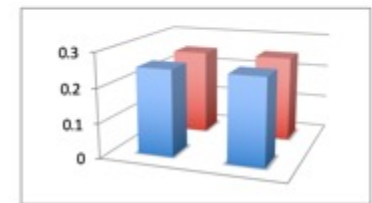
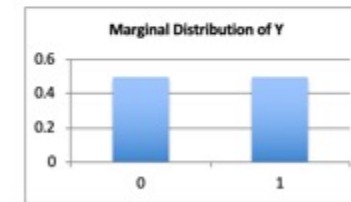
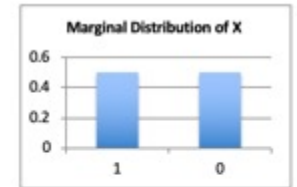
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We will mostly concern ourselves with the bivariate case (two RVs), and in lab we will study ways of displaying 2D data.

The main insight you need for the 2D case is that now,

- Probabilities are volumes; and
- The volume of a probability space must be 1.0.

X	Y		
	0	1	
1	0.25	0.25	0.5
0	0.25	0.25	0.5
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# Joint Random Variables: The Continuous Case

We will not do much with the continuous case, but the modifications are straightforward (must use 2D intervals/areas, replace sums with integrals).

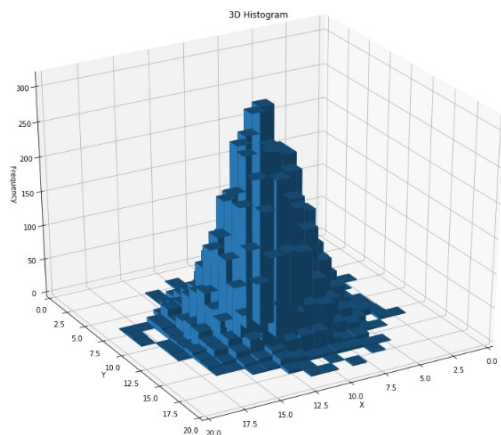
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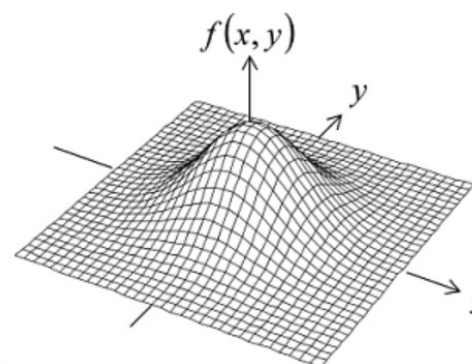
Continuous Case (must use CDF)

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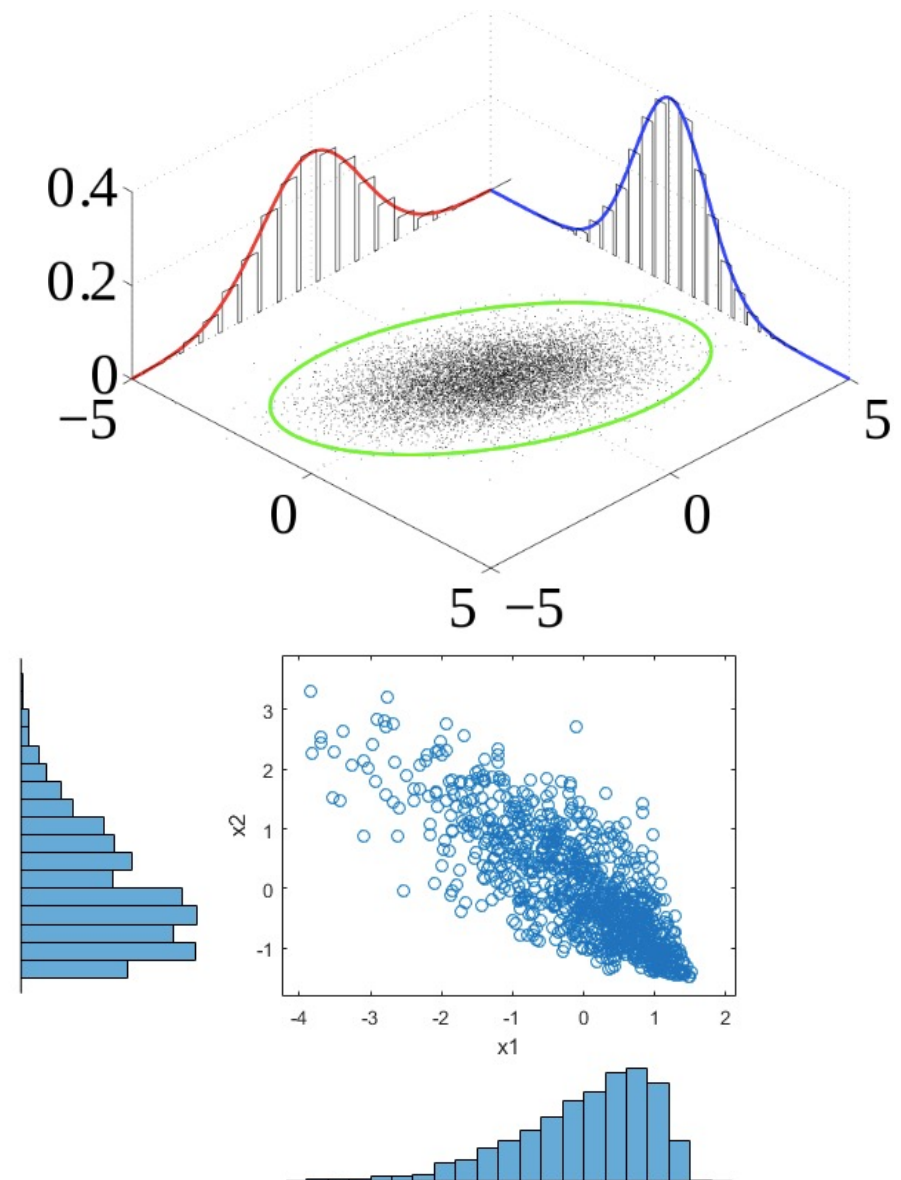
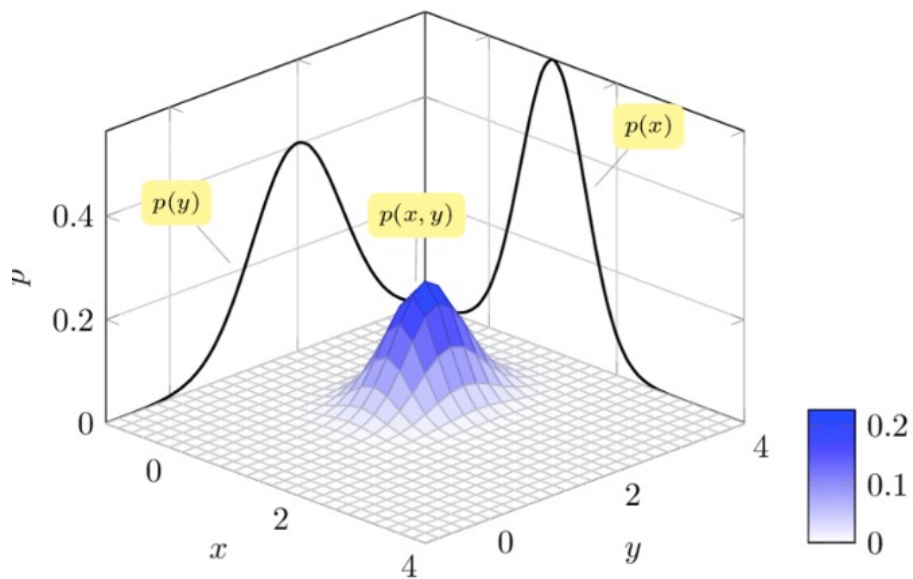
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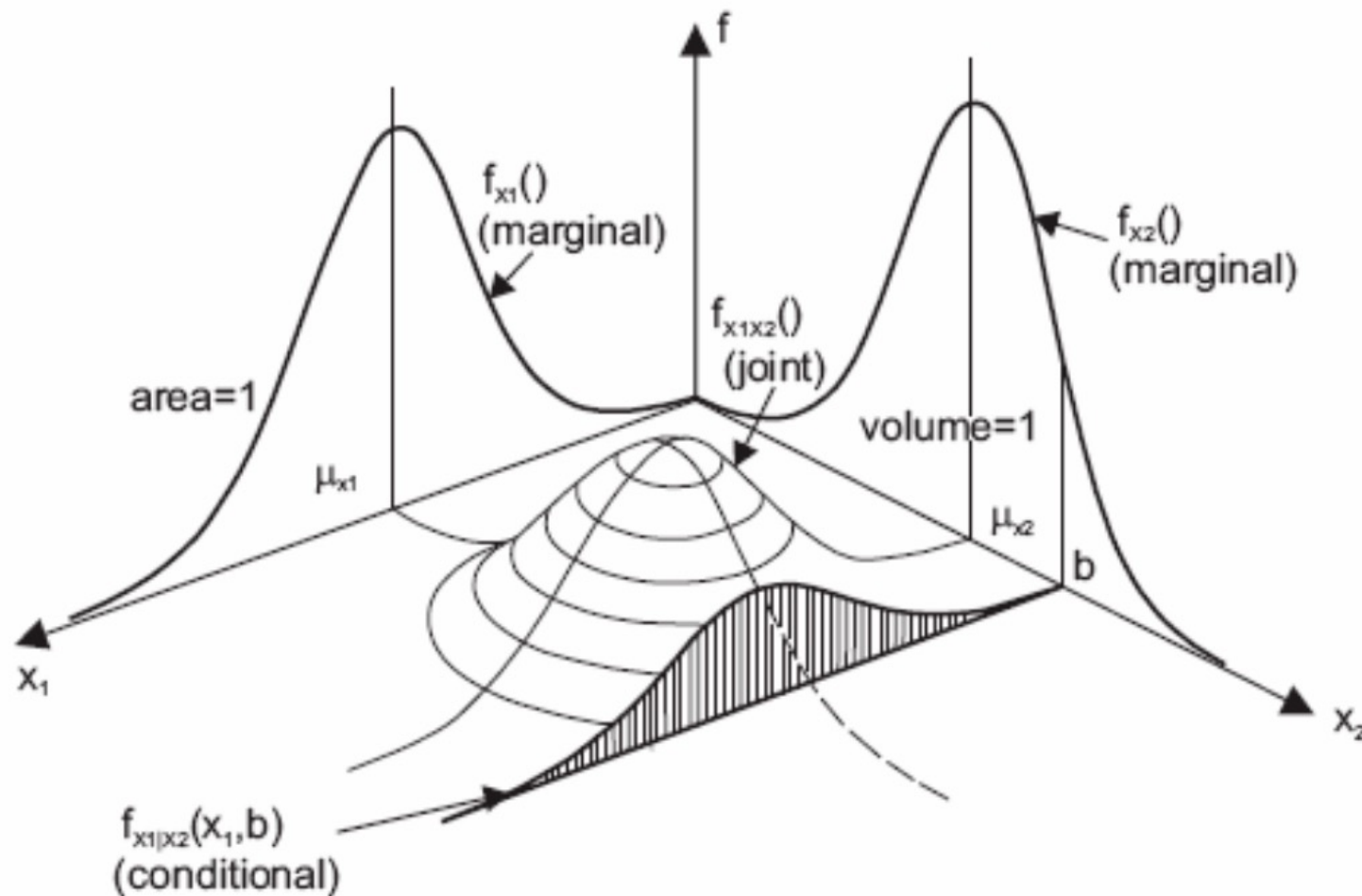
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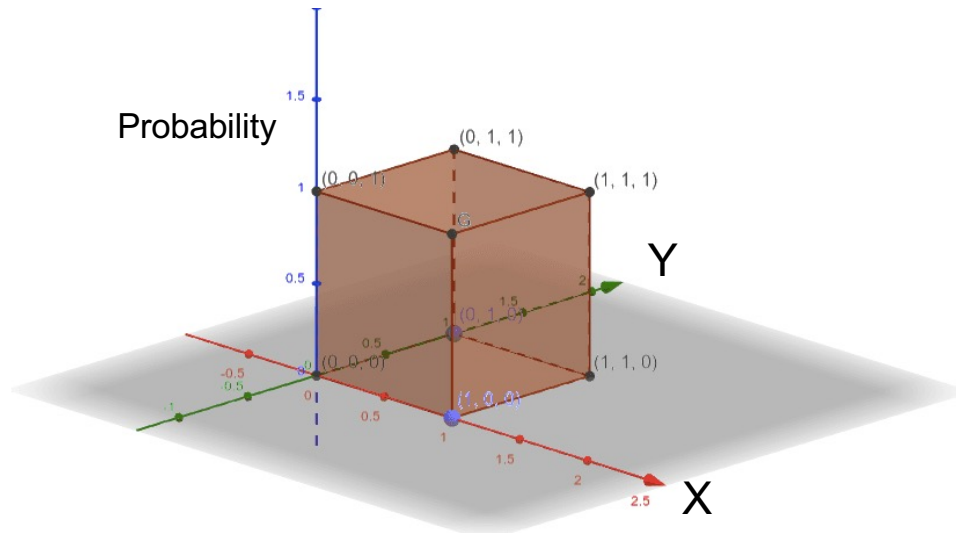


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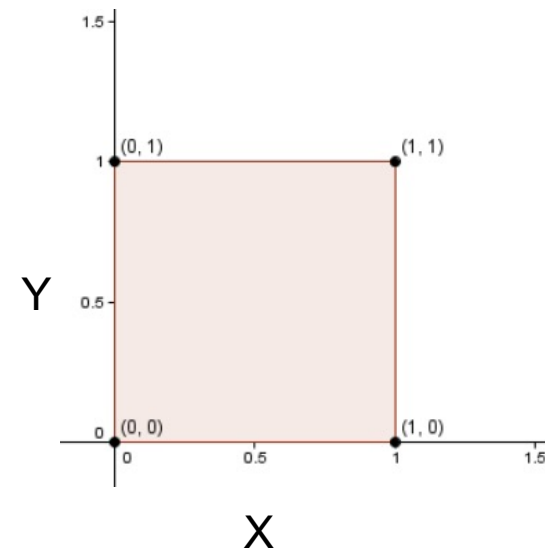
Example: Bivariate Uniform Distribution (X,Y)

```
def uniform2D():  
    return ( random(), random() )
```

PDF is a unit cube of volume 1.0:



But in the uniform case it can be viewed from ABOVE as a unit square:



# Joint Random Variables: Independence (Review!)

Again, we can easily define the notion of **independence**, using the expected definition; e.g., two random variables are independent if and only if

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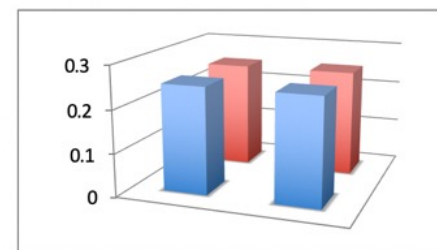
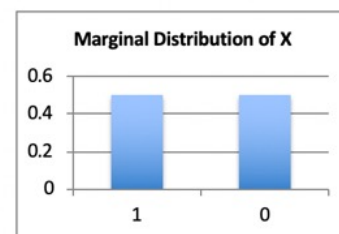
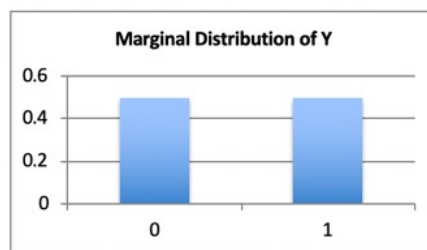
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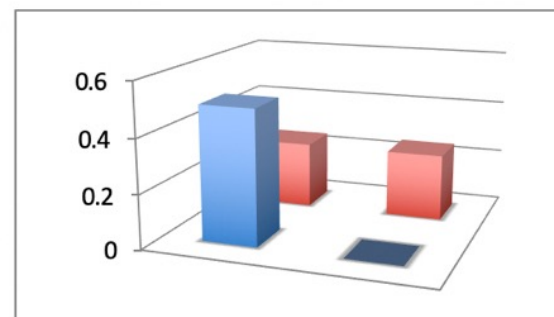
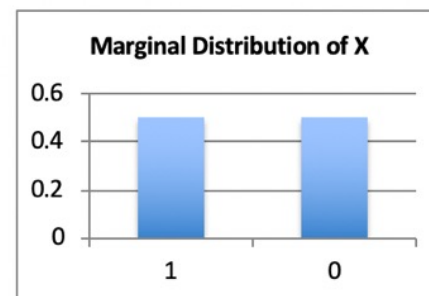
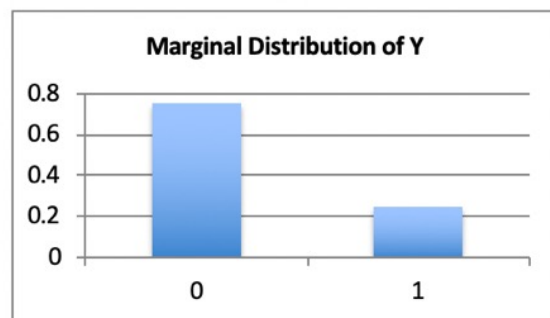
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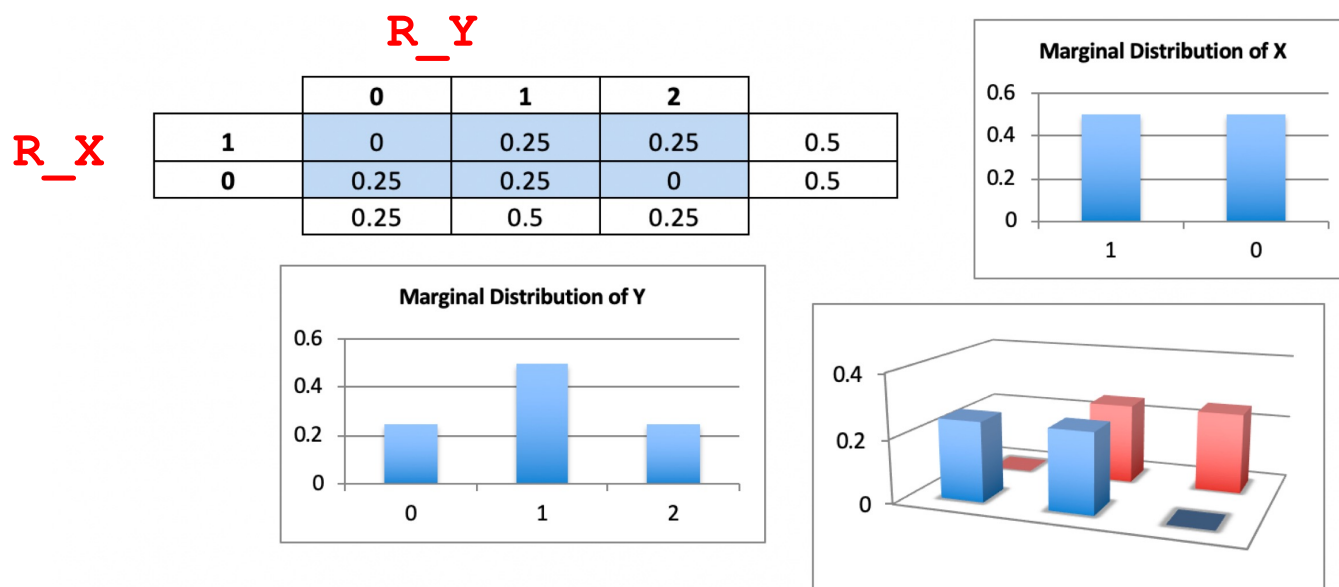
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		0	1	
X	1	0.25	0.25	0.5
	0	0.5	0	0.5
		0.75	0.25	



# Joint Random Variables as Multivariate Points

The standard way of presenting a Joint Random Variable is to specify the range of each marginal distribution and the probabilities of each tuple returned by the JRV:

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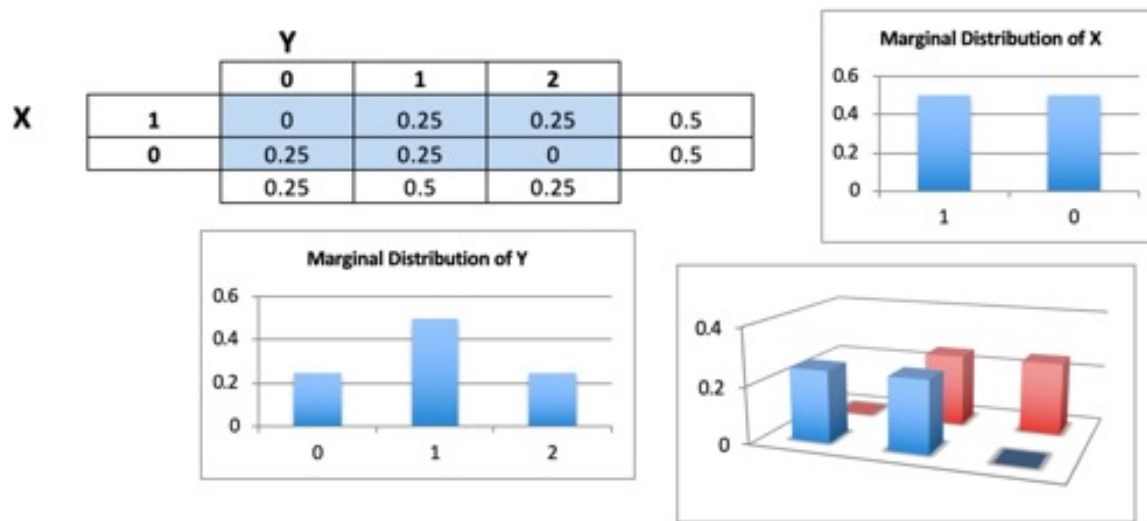


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However, when not all possible tuples are possible (there are 0's in the matrix), but those that are possible are equiprobable, then it may be simpler to simply list the tuples:



$$R_{X,Y} = \{ (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1), (1, 2) \}$$

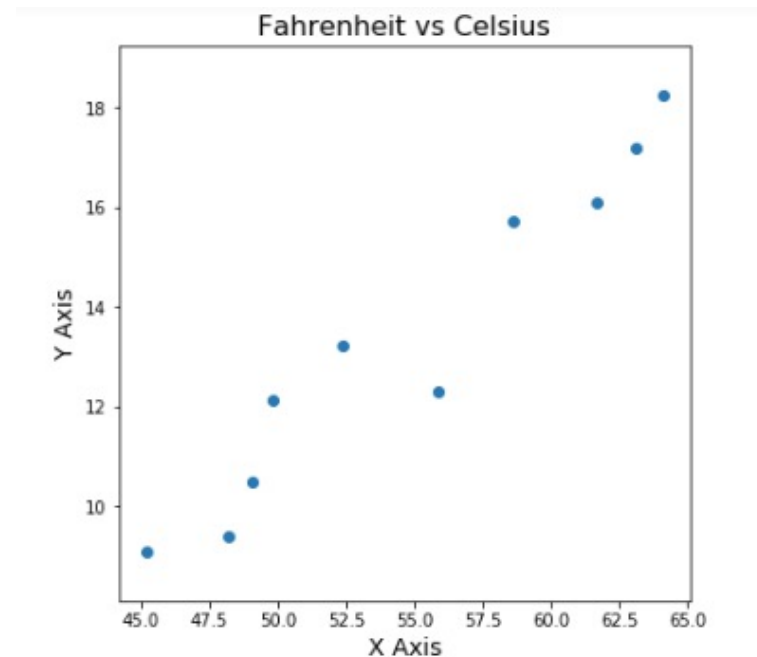
$$f_{X,Y} = \{ \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4} \}$$

# Joint Random Variables as Equiprobable Tuples

This is particularly true when thinking about sampling points from a large population, such as tuples of real numbers.

For example, suppose you have two thermometers, one showing Fahrenheit, and one showing Celsius, and you test them by taking 10 samples, yielding 10 pairs of floating-point numbers, which can be shown by a scatterplot:

```
[ (45.2, 9.1) ,  
  (48.2, 9.4) ,  
  (49.1, 10.5) ,  
  (49.8, 12.1) ,  
  (52.4, 13.2) ,  
  (55.9, 12.3) ,  
  (58.6, 15.7) ,  
  (61.7, 16.1) ,  
  (63.1, 17.1) ,  
  (64.1, 18.2) ]
```



```
X = [ 45.2, 48.2, 49.1, 49.8, 52.4, 55.9, 58.6, 61.7, 63.1, 64.1 ]  
Y = [ 9.1, 9.4, 10.5, 12.1, 13.2, 12.3, 15.7, 16.1, 17.1, 18.2 ]
```

# Joint Random Variables as Equiprobable Tuples

When the number of points is not too large, then we can represent the sampled points as a matrix, giving all the equiprobable tuples equal probability:

**Example:** Roll a single die.

$X$  = number showing on the die

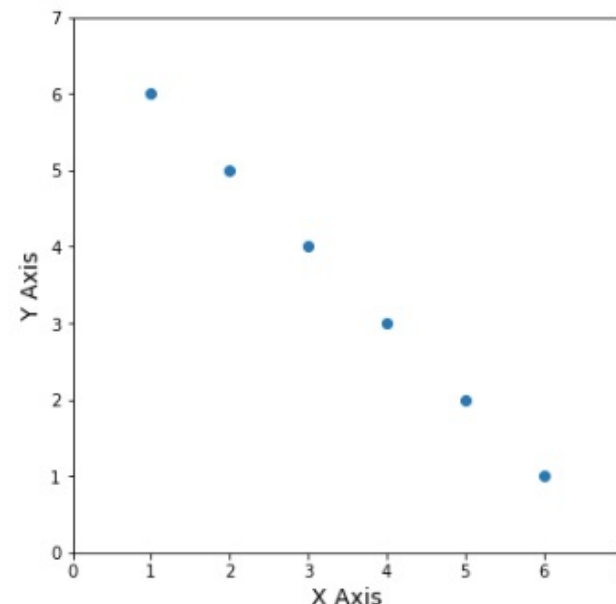
$Y = 7 - X$

**Sampling Version:**

$$R_{X,Y} = \{ (1, 6), (2, 5), (3, 4), (4, 3), (5, 2), (6, 1) \}$$

$$X = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6] \quad Y = [6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]$$

$$f_{X,Y} = \{ 1/6, 1/6, 1/6, 1/6, 1/6, 1/6 \}$$



**Matrix Version:**

$$R_{X,Y} = \{ (1,1), (1,2), \dots, (1,6), \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ (6,1), (6,2), \dots, (6,6) \}$$

		Y					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
X	1	0.1667	0	0	0	0	0
	2	0	0.1667	0	0	0	0
	3	0	0	0.1667	0	0	0
	4	0	0	0	0.1667	0	0
	5	0	0	0	0	0.1667	0
	6	0	0	0	0	0	0.1667



# Joint Random Variables as Equiprobable Tuples

The standard libraries for statistics will give you the option of specifying the PDF (as “weights”) or leaving it out, in which case the assumption is that it is equiprobable:

## numpy.average

`numpy.average(a, axis=None, weights=None, returned=False)`

[\[source\]](#)

Compute the weighted average along the specified axis.

Parameters: `a : array_like`

Array containing data to be averaged.

`axis : None or int or tuple of ints`

Axis or axes along which the average is computed. Over all of the elements of the array if `axis` is `None`, or over the elements of the specified axis (last to the first axis).

*New in version 1.7.0.*

If `axis` is a tuple of ints, average is taken over the tuple instead of a single axis.

`weights : array_like, optional`

An array of weights associated with the values in `a`. Each value in `a` contributes to the average according to its associated weight. The weights array can either be 1-D (in which case its length must be the size of `a` along the given axis) or of the same shape as `a`. If `weights=None`, then all data in `a` are assumed to have a weight equal to one.

```
1 import numpy as np
2
3 X = [1,2,3,4,5,6]
4
5 print( np.average(X) )           # Default is equiprobable
6
7 print( np.average(X,weights=[0.1,0.2,0.1,0.2,0.1,0.3]) )
8
9 print( np.average(X,weights=[1/6,1/6,1/6,1/6,1/6,1/6]) )

3.5
3.9
3.5000000000000004
```

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## numpy.cov

`numpy.cov(m, y=None, rowvar=True, bias=False, ddof=None, fweights=None, aweights=None)` [\[source\]](#)

Estimate a covariance matrix, given data and weights.

Covariance indicates the level to which two variables vary together. If we examine N-dimensional samples,  $X = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N]^T$ , then the covariance matrix element  $C_{ij}$  is the covariance of  $x_i$  and  $x_j$ . The element  $C_{ii}$  is the variance of  $x_i$ .

See the notes for an outline of the algorithm.

*fweights : array\_like, int, optional*

1-D array of integer frequency weights; the number of times each observation vector should be repeated.

*New in version 1.10.*

*fweights* = frequency counts, as in a histogram

*aweights : array\_like, optional*

1-D array of observation vector weights. These relative weights are typically large for observations considered “important” and smaller for observations considered less “important”. If `ddof=0` the array of weights can be used to assign probabilities to observation vectors.

*New in version 1.10.*

*aweights* = probabilities, as in a PDF

# Joint Random Variables as Equiprobable Tuples

The standard libraries for statistics will give you the option of specifying the PDF (as “weights”) or leaving it out, in which case the assumption is that it is equiprobable:

```
In [21]: 1 X = [1,2,3,4,5,6]
          2 Y = [6,5,4,3,2,1]
          3
          4 XX = [ X, X ]
          5 XY = [ X, Y ]
          6
          7 print(XX)
          8 print(XY)
          9 print()
         10
         11
         12 print( np.cov(XX,bias=True) )      # Default is equiprobable
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         14
         15 print( np.cov(XX,bias=True)[0][1] )      # Default is equiprobable
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         18 print( np.cov(XY,bias=True)[0][1] )      # Default is equiprobable
         19 print()
         20 # Weights same as frequency counts for (x1,y1), ....
         21
         22 print( np.cov(XY,bias=True,fweights=[10, 20, 10, 20, 10, 30])[0][1] )
         23 print()
         24
         25 # Weights same as PDF = probabilities for each member of X
         26 print( np.cov(XY,bias=True,aweights=[0.1,0.2,0.1,0.2,0.1,0.3])[0][1] )

[[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6], [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]]
[[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6], [6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]]

[[2.91666667, 2.91666667]
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2.9166666666666665

-2.9166666666666665

-3.09

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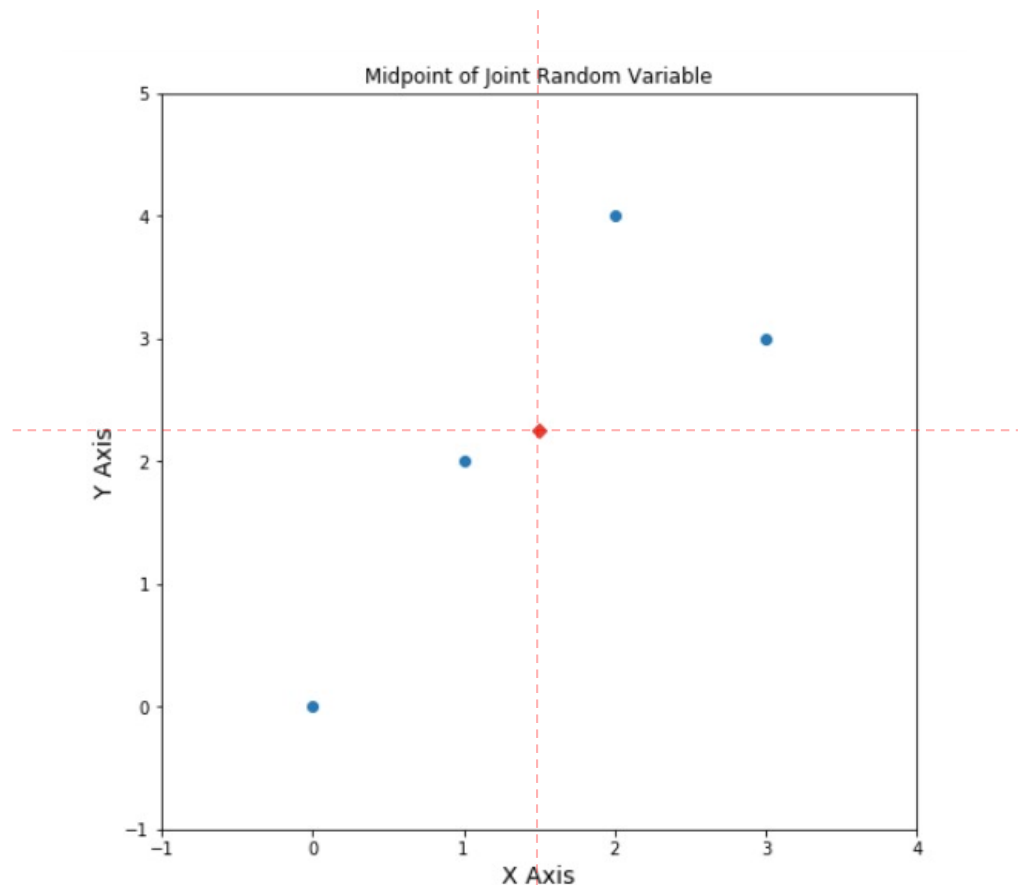
Example:

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$$XY = \begin{bmatrix} (0,0), \\ (1,2), \\ (2,4), \\ (3,3) \end{bmatrix}$$

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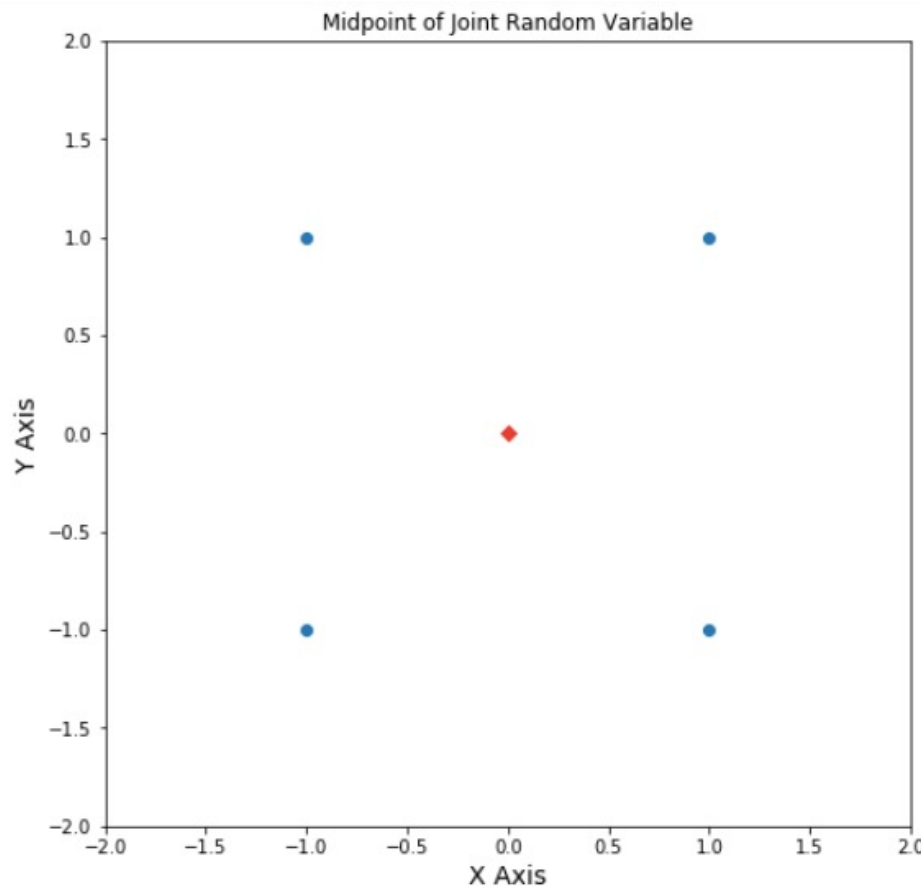


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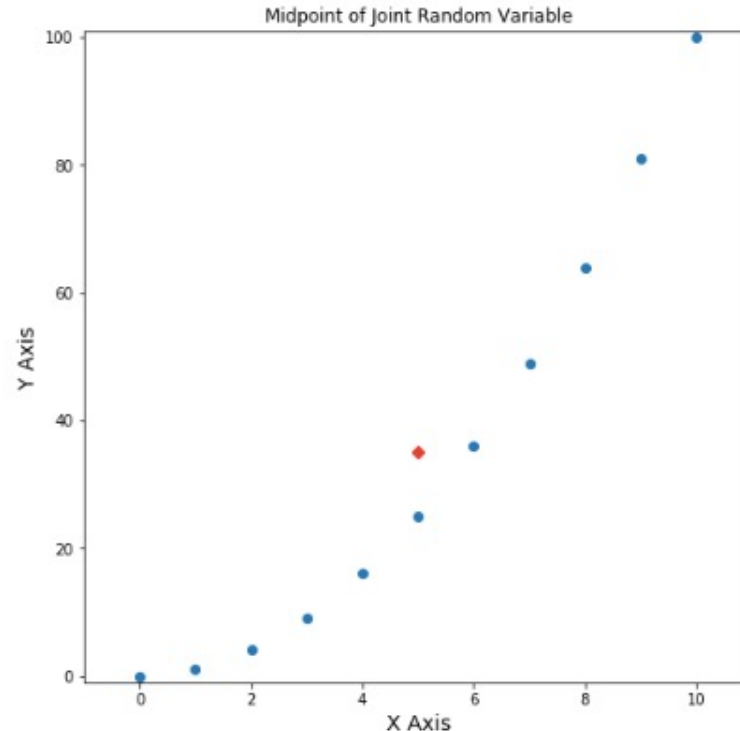
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Y = [0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100]
```

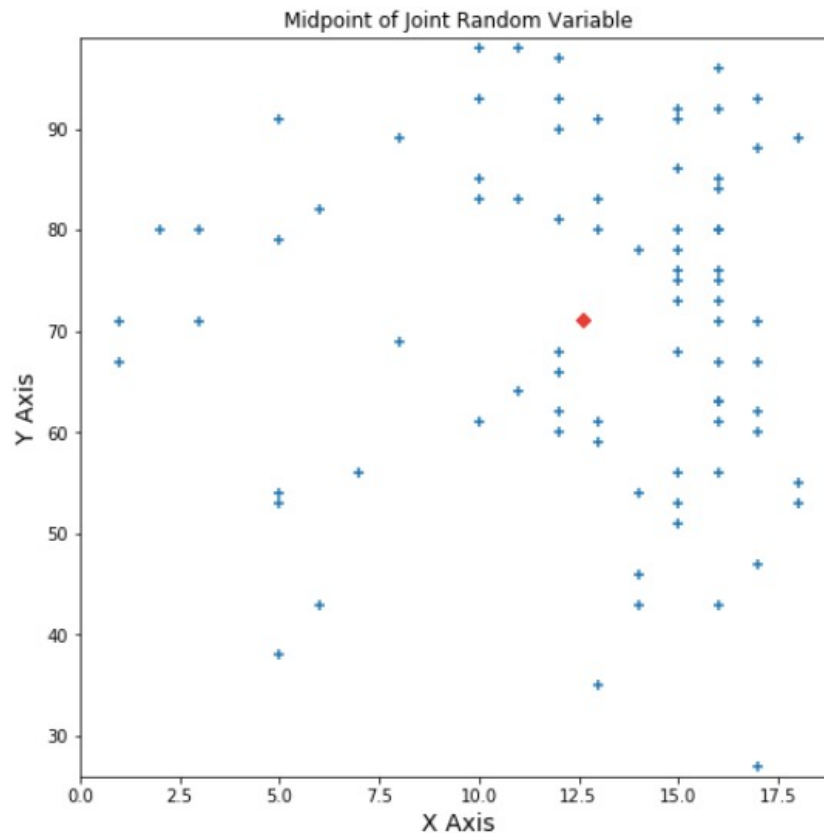


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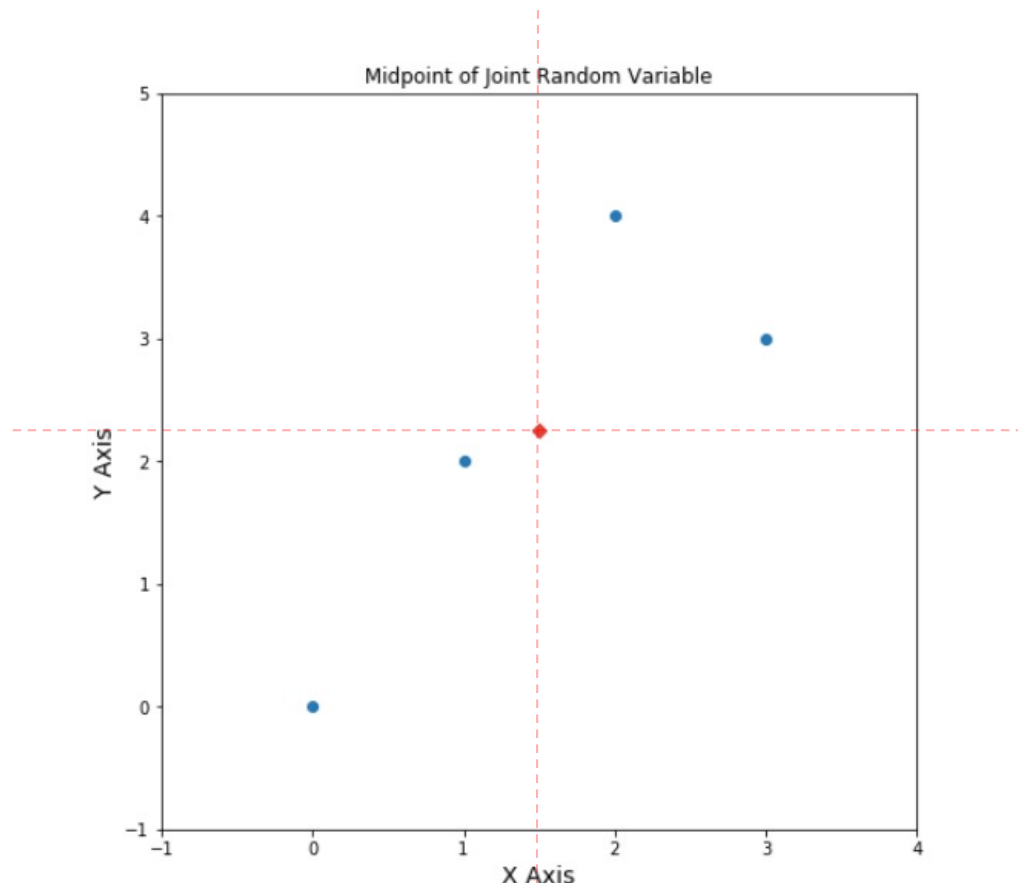
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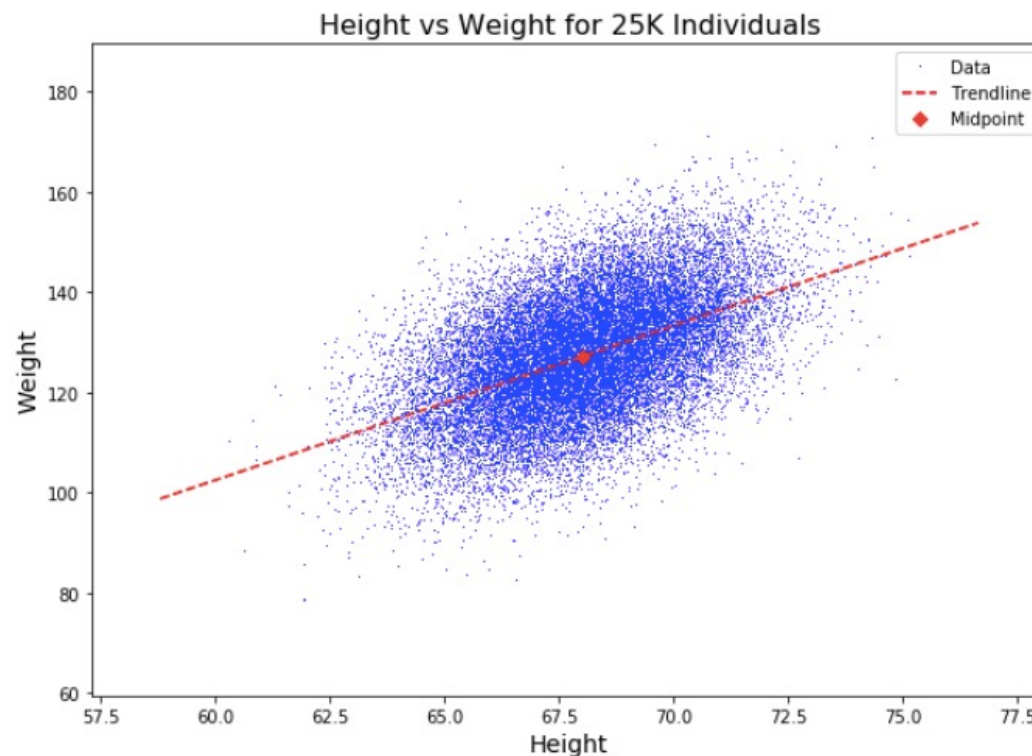


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# Joint Random Variables: Covariance

Recall: The Variance of  $X$  is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X) &= E[(X - \mu_X)^2] = E[(X - \mu_X) * (X - \mu_X)] \\ &= E(X^2) - \mu_X^2 = E(X * X) - \mu_X * \mu_X\end{aligned}$$

The **Covariance** of two JRVs  $X$  and  $Y$  is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E[(X - \mu_X) * (Y - \mu_Y)] \\ &= E(X * Y) - \mu_X * \mu_Y\end{aligned}$$

The Covariance of two JRVs  $X$  and  $Y$  has the same defects as the variance of a single RV:

- The units are the product of the units of  $X$  and  $Y$ : if  $X$  = height and  $Y$  = weight, then the units might be foot-pounds!
- The scale is hard to work with: What does a covariance of 123.445 foot-pounds mean?

# JRVs: Covariance and Correlation Coefficient

Therefore we **standardize** the covariance so it is unit-less and in the interval  $[-1 \text{ .. } 1]$ .

The **Correlation Coefficient** of X and Y is defined as:

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X * \sigma_Y} = \frac{E[(X - \mu_X) * (Y - \mu_Y)]}{\sigma_X * \sigma_Y} = E\left[\frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X} * \frac{Y - \mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right] = E[Z_X * Z_Y]$$

where  $Z_X$  and  $Z_Y$  are the standardized forms of X and Y.

To compute, it is best to use:

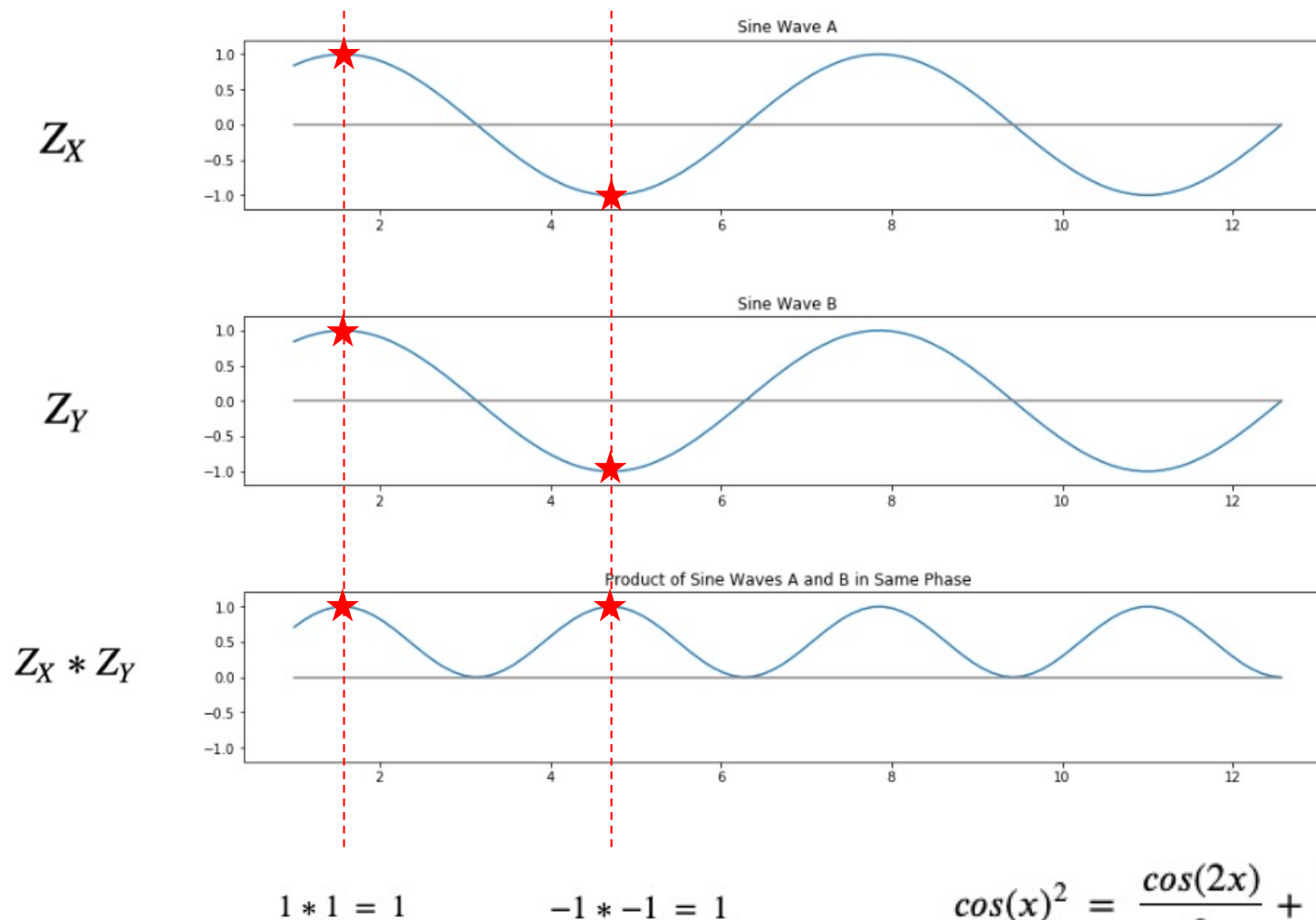
$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{E(X * Y) - \mu_X * \mu_Y}{\sigma_X * \sigma_Y}$$

# Joint Random Variables: Correlation Coefficient

Motivation for the Correlation Coefficient

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X,Y)}{\sigma_X * \sigma_Y} = E[Z_X * Z_Y]$$

Example: Two Sine Waves in Phase (Perfectly Correlated)



$$E[Z_X * Z_Y] > 0$$

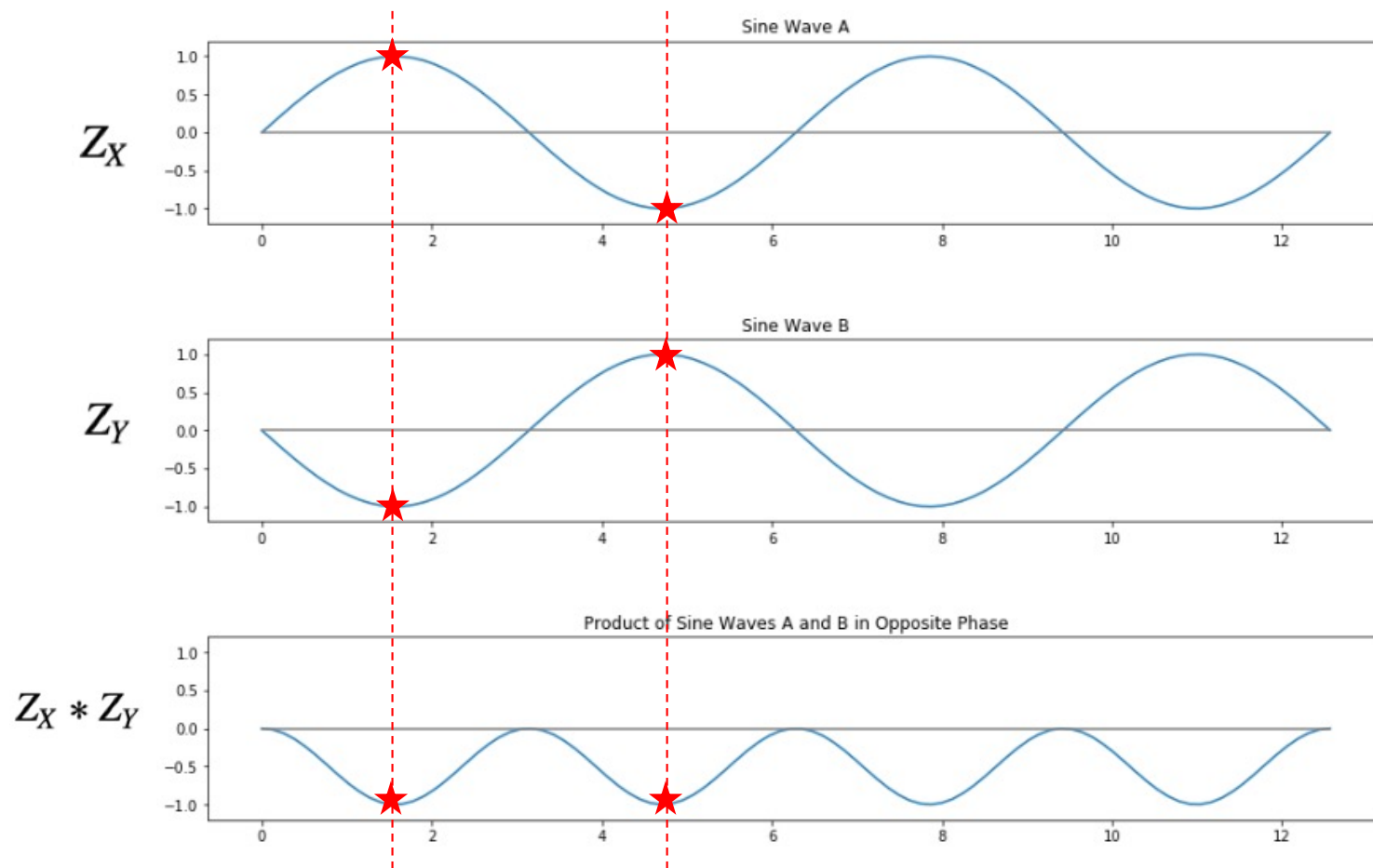
$$\cos(x)^2 = \frac{\cos(2x)}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X,Y)}{\sigma_X * \sigma_Y} = E[Z_X * Z_Y]$$

Example: Two Sine Waves 180° out of Phase (Perfectly Anti-Correlated)



$$1 * -1 = -1$$

$$-1 * 1 = -1$$

$$E[Z_X * Z_Y] < 0$$

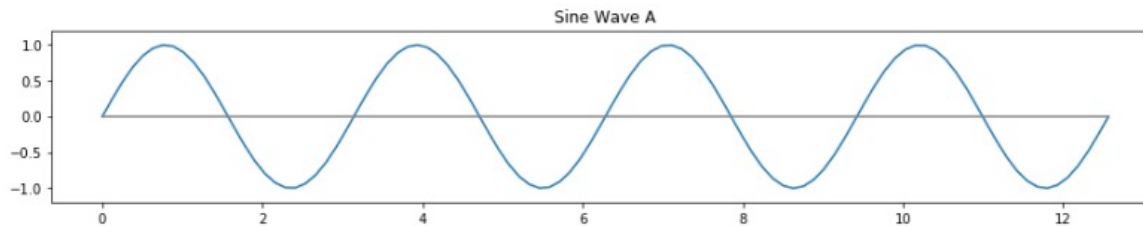
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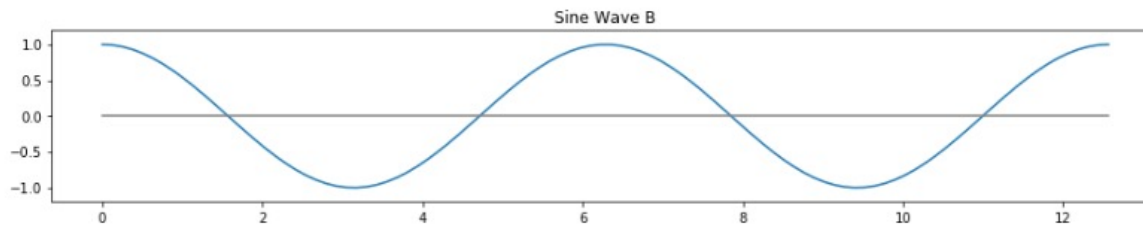
$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X,Y)}{\sigma_X * \sigma_Y} = E[Z_X * Z_Y]$$

Example: Two Random Sine Waves (No Correlation)

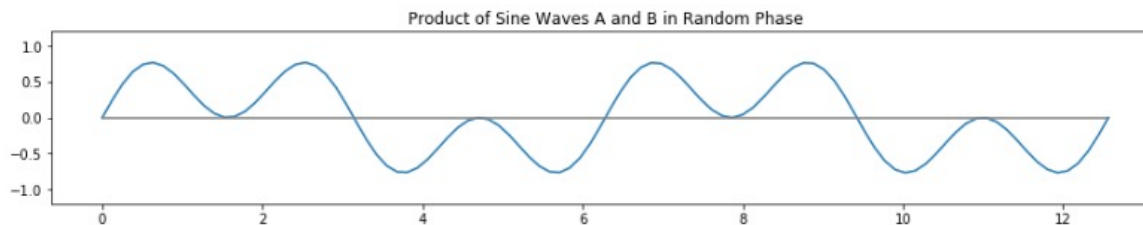
$Z_X$



$Z_Y$



$Z_X * Z_Y$

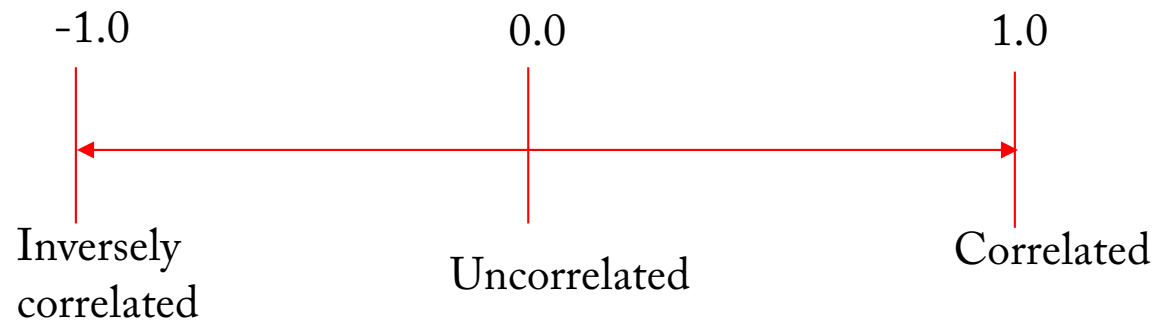


$$E[Z_X * Z_Y] = 0$$

# JRVs: Covariance and Correlation Coefficient

The range of the **Correlation Coefficient** of X and Y is from -1 to 1:

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{E(X * Y) - \mu_X * \mu_Y}{\sigma_X * \sigma_Y}$$



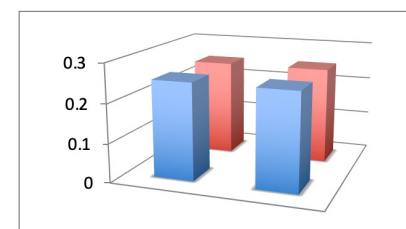
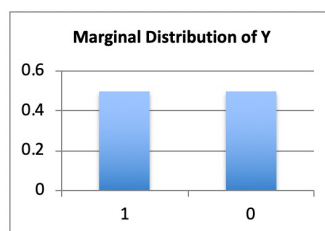
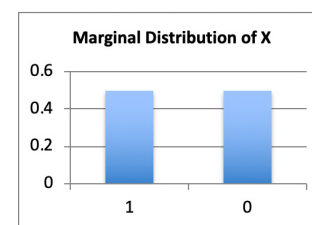
# Joint Random Variables

Example 1: Toss 2 coins;  $X$  = # heads on first,  $Y$  = # heads on second

## Joint Distribution for X and Y

Ex 1: toss 2 coins:  $X$  = # heads first,  $Y$  = # heads second

				Y		
				0	1	
X	$(x_i - \mu_X)^2 * p(x_i)$	$(x_i - \mu_X)$	$p(x_i, y_j)$	$(y_j - \mu_Y)^2 * p(y_j)$	$(y_j - \mu_Y)$	$y_j * p(y_j)$
	0.125	0.50	0.50	0.125	0.125	0.50
	0.125	-0.50	0.00	-0.50	0.50	0.25
			$x_i * p(x_i)$	0.00	0.50	
				0	1	
				0.25	0.25	0.50
				0.25	0.25	0.50
				0.5	0.5	1
						0.25
						$\sigma_X * \sigma_Y$



$X * Y$

	0	1
1	0 0.25	1 0.25
0	0 0.25	0 0.25

cov(X,Y): 0.00  
 $\rho(X,Y)$ : 0.00

$(x_i - \mu_X) * (y_j - \mu_Y) * p(x_i, y_j)$	
-0.0625	0.0625
0.0625	-0.0625

$$E(X * Y) = 0 * 0.25 + 1 * 0.25 + 0 * 0.25 + 0 * 0.25 = 0.25$$

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{Cov(X,Y)}{\sigma_X * \sigma_Y} = \frac{E(X * Y) - \mu_X * \mu_Y}{\sigma_X * \sigma_Y} = \frac{0.25 - 0.5 * 0.5}{0.5 * 0.5} = 0.0$$



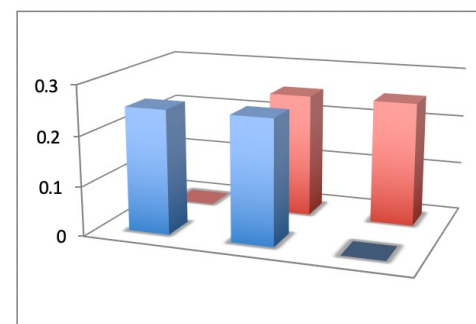
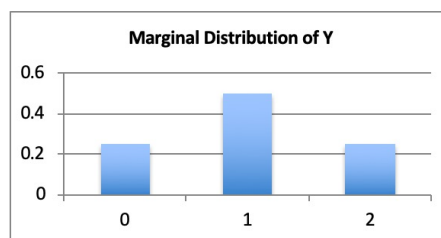
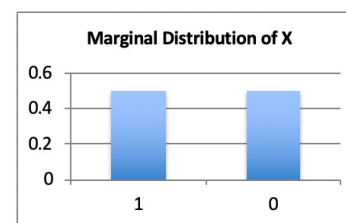
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# Joint Random Variables

Calculating the Covariance and Correlation Coefficient is best done with either a spreadsheet or Python:

Example: Toss 2 coins;  $X$  = # heads on first coin,  $Y$  = total # of heads

				Y			
							0.71 : $\sigma_Y$
							0.50 :var(X)
							1.00 : $\mu_Y$
							$p(x_i)$
X	$(x_i - \mu_X)^2 * p(x_i)$	$(x_i - \mu_X)$	$p(x_i, y_j)$				
			$x_i * p(x_i)$				
	0.125	0.50	0.50	1	0	0.25	0.25
	0.125	-0.50	0.00	0	0.25	0.25	0
var(X):	0.25		$\mu_X$ : 0.50	$p(y_j)$ :	0.25	0.5	0.25
$\sigma_X$ :	0.50						1



$X * Y$

cov(X,Y): 0.25  
 $\rho(X,Y)$ : 0.707

$(x_i - \mu_X) * (y_j - \mu_Y) * p(x_i, y_j)$		
0.0000	0.0000	0.1250
0.1250	0.0000	0.0000

	0	1	2
1	0 0.0	1 0.25	2 0.25
0	0 0.25	0 0.25	0 0.0

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_X * \sigma_Y} = \frac{E(X * Y) - \mu_X * \mu_Y}{\sigma_X * \sigma_Y} = \frac{0.75 - 0.5 * 1.0}{0.5 * 0.707} = \frac{0.25}{0.354} = 0.707$$

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$HH \Rightarrow (1,2)$   
 $HT \Rightarrow (1,1)$   
 $TH \Rightarrow (0,1)$   
 $TT \Rightarrow (0,0)$

$X = [1,1,0,0]$

$Y = [2,1,1,0]$

				Y			0.71	$\sigma_Y$
							0.50	$\text{var}(X)$
							1.00	$\mu_Y$
							p(x)	
X	$(x_i - \mu_X)^2 \cdot p(x_i)$	$(x_i - \mu_X)$	$p(x_i, y_j)$	0	1	2	0.5	
	0.125	0.50	0.50	0	0.25	0.25	0.5	
	0.125	-0.50	0.00	0.25	0.25	0	0.5	
var(X):	0.25			0.25	0.5	0.25	1	
$\sigma_X$ :	0.50						0.35	$\sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Y$