

**EX:** Given  $X \sim u(0, 1)$ , (i.e.,  $X$  is uniformly distributed from 0 to 1), and  $Y = 5X + 1$ , find the following values:

- a)  $\mu_Y$ .
- b)  $\sigma_{XY}$ .

**SOL'N:** a) The mean of  $Y$  is given by a standard formula:

$$\mu_{Y=aX+b} = a\mu_X + b$$

Substituting values given in the problem, we have the following result:

$$\mu_{Y=5X+1} = 5\mu_X + 1$$

The mean value of  $X$  is  $1/2$  since it has a uniform distribution on  $(0, 1)$ .

Making this substitution gives our answer:

$$\mu_Y = 5 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 1 = \frac{7}{2}$$

b) The covariance,  $\sigma_{XY}$ , is defined in terms of  $E(XY)$ :

$$\sigma_{XY} = E(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y$$

If we substitute  $Y = 5X + 1$ , we are left with only expected values involving  $x$ :

$$\sigma_{XY} = E(X(5X + 1)) - \mu_X \mu_{5X+1} = E(5X^2 + X) - \mu_X \mu_{5X+1}$$

Using the result from (a), the second term simplifies as follows:

$$\mu_X \mu_{5X+1} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{7}{2} = \frac{7}{4}$$

The first term becomes a sum:

$$E(5X^2 + X) = 5E(X^2) + E(X) = 5E(X^2) + \frac{1}{2}$$

To find the expected value of  $X^2$ , we consider the variance of  $X$ . For a uniform distribution on  $(0, 1)$ , the variance is  $1/12$ .

$$\sigma_X^2 = \frac{1}{12} = E(X^2) - \mu_X^2 = E(X^2) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

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Solving for  $E(X^2)$ , we have the following:

$$E(X^2) = \sigma_X^2 + \mu_X^2 = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Substituting this result in our earlier equation, we have the information needed to complete the calculation of covariance:

$$E(5X^2 + X) = 5E(X^2) + E(X) = 5 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2}$$

and

$$\sigma_{XY} = E(X(5X + 1)) - \mu_X \mu_{5X+1} = \frac{13}{6} - \frac{7}{4} = \frac{26 - 21}{12} = \frac{5}{12}$$