

## Variance of the Sum of R.V.'s

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$$\text{Var}(X_1 + X_2) = \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2) + 2\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)$$

where  $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = \rho_{12}\sigma_1\sigma_2$        $\sigma_1^2 = \text{Var}(X_1)$ ,  $\sigma_2^2 = \text{Var}(X_2)$ , and  $\rho_{12}$  is corr. coeff.

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) &= E[(X_1 - \mu_1)(X_2 - \mu_2)] = E[X_1X_2] - \mu_1\mu_2 \\ &= \iint x_1x_2f(x_1, x_2)dA - \mu_1\mu_2 \quad (f(x_1, x_2) \text{ is joint probability density function})\end{aligned}$$

In general,

$$\text{Var}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) + 2\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$$