

Solution to Practice Questions

- covariance or $Cov(X, Y)$ or $\sigma_{X, Y} = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$
** Please be noted that the expression in your note is wrong. The term $E[(X - \mu_X)E(Y - \mu_Y)]$ should actually be $E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$. Apologies for the typo.

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{X, Y} &= E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] \\ &= E(XY - X\mu_Y - \mu_X Y + \mu_X \mu_Y) \\ &= E(XY) - \mu_Y E(X) - \mu_X E(Y) + \mu_X \mu_Y \\ &= E(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y - \mu_X \mu_Y + \mu_X \mu_Y \\ &= E(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y.\end{aligned}$$

- Show that $MSE(W) = Var(W) + [Bias(W)]^2$

from

$$\begin{aligned}MSE(W) &= E[(W - \theta)^2] \\ &= E(W^2 - 2W\theta + \theta^2) \\ &= E(W^2) - 2\theta E(W) + \theta^2\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

We know that $Var(W) = E(W^2) - [E(W)]^2$.

Thus, from (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}MSE(W) &= Var(W) + [E(W)]^2 - 2\theta E(W) + \theta^2 \\ &= Var(W) + [E(W) - \theta]^2 \\ &= Var(W) + [Bias(W)]^2.\end{aligned}$$