Math 262 Reading Guide

Section 4.2

Read Section 4.2 and answer the following questions. Hand in this worksheet at the next class.

1. How is **expected value** defined for jointly distributed random variables?

2. What does linearity of expectation mean for jointly distributed random variables?

3. If X and Y are independent and $h(X,Y) = g_1(X) \cdot g_2(Y)$, what can you say about E[h(X,Y)]?

4. What is the definition of the **covariance** between two random variables X and Y?

5. What is the covariance shortcut formula?

6. How does the correlation coefficient of X and Y relate to Cov(X, Y)?