

THEOREM 5.8 Let $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ and $X_1, \dots, X_m$ be random variables with $E(Y_i) = \mu_i$ and $E(X_j) = \xi_j$. Define

$$U_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i Y_i \quad U_2 = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j X_j$$

for constants $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_m$. Then the following hold:

(a) $E(U_1) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu_i$.

(b) $V(U_1) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 V(Y_i) + 2 \sum_{i < j} a_i a_j \text{Cov}(Y_i, Y_j)$ where the double sum is over all pairs (i, j) with $i < j$.

(c) $\text{Cov}(U_1, U_2) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_i b_j \text{Cov}(Y_i, X_j)$.