

Review of Topics — Multiple Random Variables

1. For a pair of discrete random variables X and Y :

- conditional pmf

$$P_Y(y_j|x_k) = \frac{P_{X,Y}(x_k, y_j)}{P_X(x_k)}, \quad P_X(x_k) > 0$$

- $P[Y \text{ in } A|X = x_k] = \sum_{y_j \text{ in } A} P_Y(y_j|x_k)$
- X and Y are independent \iff

$$P_Y(y_j|x_k) = P_Y(y_j).$$

2. For a pair of continuous random variables X and Y :

- conditional CDF

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y|x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} P_Y(y|x < X \leq x+h) \\ &= \frac{\int_{-\infty}^y f_{X,Y}(x, t) dt}{f_X(x)} \end{aligned}$$

- conditional PDF

$$f_Y(y|x) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_X(x)}, \quad f_X(x) > 0$$

- $P[Y \text{ in } A|X = x] = \int_{y \text{ in } A} f_Y(y|x) dy$
- X and Y are independent \iff

$$\begin{aligned} &F_Y(y|x) = F_Y(y) \\ \text{or} &f_Y(y|x) = f_Y(y). \end{aligned}$$

3. Theorem on Total Probabilities

- Interpretation:

To find $P[Y \text{ in } A]$, we first find $P[Y \text{ in } A|X = x]$, then average over x .

- X discrete, Y discrete or continuous

$$P[Y \text{ in } A] = \sum_{\text{all } x_k} P[Y \text{ in } A|X = x_k]P_X(x_k)$$

- X continuous, Y discrete or continuous

$$P[Y \text{ in } A] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P[Y \text{ in } A|X]f_X(x) dx.$$

4. Conditional Expectation of Y

- $E[Y|x] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y|x) dy$, X and Y are continuous
- $E[Y|x_i] = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} y_j P_X(y_j|x_i)$, X and Y are discrete.

5. Properties of Conditional Expectation

- $E[Y] = E[E[Y|X]]$
- $E[g(Y)] = E[E[g(Y)|X]]$.

6. Expectation of $Z = g(X, Y)$

$$E[Z] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x, y) f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy$$

$$E[Z] = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} g(x_i, y_j) P_{X,Y}(x_i, y_j)$$

- $E[X + Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$
- $E[g(X)h(Y)] = E[g(X)] \cdot E[h(Y)]$ if X and Y are independent.

7. Covariance of X and Y

$$\begin{aligned} \text{COV}[X, Y] &= E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])] \\ &= E[XY] - E[X]E[Y] \end{aligned}$$

8. Correlation coefficient of X and Y

$$\rho_{XY} = \frac{\text{COV}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

- $-1 \leq \rho_{XY} \leq 1$
- X and Y are independent $\Rightarrow \text{COV}[X, Y] = 0 \Rightarrow \rho_{X,Y} = 0$ (uncorrelated)
- Zero correlation does not imply independence.

9. CDF and PDF of $Z = g(X, Y)$

- General approach

$$\begin{aligned} F_Z(z) &= P[Z \leq z] = P[g(X, Y) \leq z] \\ &= \iint_{g(x,y) \leq z} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy \\ f_Z(z) &= \frac{d}{dz} F_Z(z). \end{aligned}$$

- Using conditional PDF of Z

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Z(z|y) f_Y(y) dy.$$