

§ 1. A First course.

§ 1.1. Conditional Expectation.

Given a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_0, P)$, a σ -field $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{F}_0$ and a r.v. $X \in \mathcal{F}_0$ with $E|X| < \infty$.

Def 1.1. We define the conditional expectation of X given \mathcal{F} , $(E[X|\mathcal{F}])$ to be any r.v. Y s.t.

- (i). $Y \in \mathcal{F}$, i.e. \mathcal{F} measurable
- (ii). $\int_A Y dP = \int_A X dP$, $\forall A \in \mathcal{F}$.

Rmk: Any Y satisfying (i) and (ii) is said to be a version of $E[X|\mathcal{F}]$, i.e. the representative element of the equivalence class in the a.e. sense.

Example 1.2. Given $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_0, P)$, let $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \dots, \Omega_n$ is a finite partition of Ω into disjoint sets and $P(\Omega_i) > 0$ ($i=1, 2, \dots, n$). let $\mathcal{F} = \sigma(\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \dots, \Omega_n)$, then

$$E[X|\mathcal{F}] = \frac{\int_{\Omega_i} X dP}{P(\Omega_i)} \quad \text{on } \Omega_i.$$

A degenerate but important special case is $\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$, the trivial σ -field. In this case, $E[X|\mathcal{F}] = EX$.

To start the existence of C.E., we recall ν is said to be absolutely continuous w.r.t μ ($\nu \ll \mu$) if $\mu(A) = 0$ implies $\nu(A) = 0$. Radon-Nikodym Theorem. Let μ and ν be σ -finite measure on (Ω, \mathcal{F}) . If $\nu \ll \mu$, there is a function $f \in \mathcal{F}$ s.t. for all $A \in \mathcal{F}$.

$$\int_A f d\mu = \nu(A).$$

Proof. See Appendix A.4. in. «Probability: Theory and Examples»
— Durrett.



Let $\mu = \mathbb{P}$ and

$$\nu(A) = \int_A X d\mathbb{P}, \quad X \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Since $\mathbb{E}|X| < \infty$, ν is a measure, and $\nu \ll \mu$.

R-N thm implies $\frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \in \mathcal{F}$ and

$$\int_A X d\mathbb{P} = \nu(A) = \int_A \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} d\mathbb{P}.$$

Thm 1.3. Assume $\mathbb{E}|X|, \mathbb{E}|Y| < \infty$, $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}$.

(a). $\mathbb{E}[aX + Y | \mathcal{F}] = a \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}] + \mathbb{E}[Y | \mathcal{F}]$ a.s.

(b). If $X \leq Y$, $\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}] \leq \mathbb{E}[Y | \mathcal{F}]$ a.s.

(c). If X is \mathcal{F} -measurable, then $\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}] = X$ a.s.

(d). If $X \in \mathcal{F}$ and $\mathbb{E}|XY| < \infty$, $\mathbb{E}[XY | \mathcal{F}] = X \mathbb{E}[Y | \mathcal{F}]$.

(e). If X is independent of \mathcal{F} , $\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}] = \mathbb{E}[X]$.

(f). If $\mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}_2$ then

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}_1] | \mathcal{F}_2] = \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}_1]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}_2] | \mathcal{F}_1] = \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}_1].$$

Proof. See <<Durrett>> or <<Evans>>

Thm 1.4. Suppose $\mathbb{E}X^2 < \infty$. $\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}]$ is the variable $Y \in \mathcal{F}$ that minimizes the "error" $\mathbb{E}|X - Y|^2$.

Proof. See <<Durrett>>

$$L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_0)$$

Thm 1.5. If $X_n \geq 0$, and $\mathbb{E}X < \infty$, $X_n \uparrow X$.

then $\mathbb{E}[X_n | \mathcal{F}] \uparrow \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}]$.

it provides a basiral approximation producer,

take Thm 1.3 (d) for example.

we only need to check. X is simple function, (w.o.l.g $X \geq 0$).

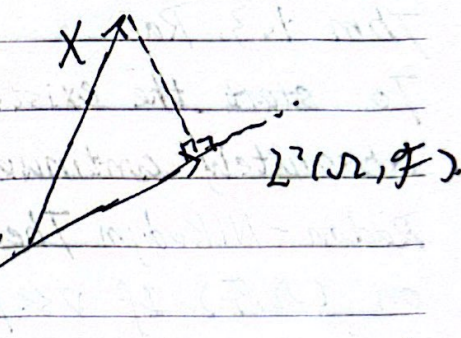
then take $X_n \uparrow X$ where X_n is simple function.

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n Y | \mathcal{F}] = X_n \mathbb{E}[Y | \mathcal{F}] \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X Y | \mathcal{F}] = X \mathbb{E}[Y | \mathcal{F}], \quad \text{a.e.}$$

and this prop is the important ingredient in the proof of thm 1.5.

$$\text{since } \mathbb{E}[Y(X - \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}])] = 0 \quad \forall Y \in \mathcal{F}.$$

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Another view.

$\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{F}_0$, and $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ is a closed subspace of $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_0, \mathbb{P})$. we can define a projection mapping i from $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_0, \mathbb{P})$ to $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$. For $X \in \mathcal{F}_0$, $i(X) \in \mathcal{F}$, and

$$\mathbb{E}[(X - i(X))Y] = 0, \quad \forall Y \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}).$$

$$\text{hence } \int_A X d\mathbb{P} = \int_A i(X) d\mathbb{P}, \quad i(X) = \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}].$$

while $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ is dense in $L^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ and i is a continuous map, hence i can be extended to $L^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_0, \mathbb{P})$ and the corresponding properties hold on but to be checked.

Thm 4.6. If φ is convex and $\mathbb{E}|X|, \mathbb{E}|\varphi(X)| < \infty$,

$$\varphi(\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{F}]) \leq \mathbb{E}[\varphi(X) | \mathcal{F}].$$

Proof. see <<Durrett>> thm 4.1.10.

§ 1.2. Martingale and Brownian Motion

Def 1.1. Let \mathcal{F}_n be a filtration, i.e. an increasing sequence of σ -field. If $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ satisfies

$$(i). \mathbb{E}|X_n| < \infty \quad (ii). X_n \in \mathcal{F}_n \quad (iii). \mathbb{E}[X_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] = X_n \quad \forall n.$$

$\{X_n\}$ is said to be a martingale, if "=" is replaced by ">" or "<", $\{X_n\}$ is said to be submartingale or supermartingale.

Similarly, for a stochastic process $\{X_t\}_{t \geq 0}$, $\mathcal{F}_t := \sigma\{X_s, 0 \leq s \leq t\}$. $\{X_t\}$ is a continuous martingale if $\mathbb{E}[X_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = X_s \quad (t > s)$.



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Def 1.8 A real-stochastic process $B(\cdot)$ is called: Brownian motion (or Wiener process) if.

(i). $B(0) = 0$ a.s.

(ii). $B(t) - B(s) \sim N(0, t-s) \quad \forall t \geq s \geq 0$

(iii). $\forall 0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n$, the r.v. $W(t_1), W(t_2) - W(t_1), \dots, W(t_n) - W(t_{n-1})$ are independent.

(iv). for a.e. $\omega \in \Omega$, the sample path $t \mapsto W(t, \omega)$ is continuous.

Rmk: the construction of B.M. can be found in <<Evans>>

Def 1.9 We say f is ^{uniformly} Hölder continuous with exponent $r > 0$ if there exists a constant K s.t.

$$|f(t) - f(s)| \leq K|t - s|^r \quad \forall s, t \in [0, T]$$

Thm 1.10 For a.e. $\omega \in \Omega$, $T > 0$, the sample path $t \mapsto B(t, \omega)$ is uniformly Hölder continuous on $[0, T]$ for each $0 < r < \frac{1}{2}$, which implies the path is a.s. continuous, however a.e. nowhere differentiable.

Proof. see <<Evans>>

Example 1.11. Check B.M. is a Martingale and $\mathbb{E}[B_s B_t] = s \wedge t$.

W.D.L.G. let $t > s$. $\mathbb{E}[B_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = \mathbb{E}[B_s + B_t - B_s | \mathcal{F}_s]$

$$= B_s + \mathbb{E}[B_t - B_s | \mathcal{F}_s] = B_s.$$

$$\mathbb{E}[B_s B_t] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[B_s B_t | \mathcal{F}_s]] = \mathbb{E}[B_s \mathbb{E}[B_t | \mathcal{F}_s]] = \mathbb{E}[B_s B_s] = s = s \wedge t.$$



Prop 1.12. Suppose $P^n = \{a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = b\}$

and the mesh of $P^n \rightarrow 0$ ($n \rightarrow +\infty$), then

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i})^2 \xrightarrow{L^2(\mathcal{N})} b-a$$

Proof.

Notice that if $X \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$: $\text{var}(X^2) = E[X^4] - \sigma^4 = 2\sigma^4$

$$X_i = (B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i})^2 - (t_{i+1} - t_i)$$

$$E\left[\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i})^2 - (b-a)\right]^2 = E\left[\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} [(B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i})^2 - (t_{i+1} - t_i)]^2\right]$$

$$= E\left[\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} X_i^2\right] = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} E[X_i^2]$$

(for $i > j$, $E[X_i X_j] = E[E[X_i X_j | \mathcal{F}_j]] = E[X_j E[X_i | \mathcal{F}_j]] = 0$)

$$2HS = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2(t_{i+1} - t_i)^2 \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2\|P\| (t_{i+1} - t_i) = 2(b-a)\|P\| \rightarrow 0$$

Rmk: this assertion partly justifies $dW \approx (dt)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

§ 1.3. Itô integral

Def 1.13. A process is said to be progressively measurable if for $\forall t > 0$, the mapping:

$$(W, s) \mapsto X_s(W)$$

defined on $\Omega \times [0, t]$ is measurable for the σ -field $\mathcal{F}_t \otimes \mathcal{B}([0, t])$

Rmk: Specially, a right or left continuous adapted process is progressively measurable.

Def 1.14. We denote by $\mathcal{L}^2(0, T)$ the space of P. measurable

s.p. $G(\cdot)$ st. $E\left(\int_0^T G^2 dt\right) < \infty$, denote $L^2(\mathcal{N})$, $E|X|^2 < \infty$.

correspondingly $\mathcal{L}'(0, T)$.

Def 1.15. A process $G \in \mathcal{L}^2(0, T)$ is called a step process if

$$G(t, \omega) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} e_i(\omega) \mathbb{1}_{(t_i, t_{i+1}]}(t) + e_0(\omega) \mathbb{1}_{\{0\}}(t), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

where $e_i \in \mathcal{F}_{t_i}$, $\mathcal{F}_{t_i} = \sigma(B_s, 0 \leq s \leq t_i)$.

we define Itô integral for step process

$$\int_0^T G(t, \omega) dB_t = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} e_i(\omega) (B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i})$$

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Lemma 1.16. (Itô Isometry for a simple process.)

For simple process $G(t, \omega)$, we have.

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T G(t, \omega) dB_t \right]^2 = \mathbb{E} \int_0^T |G(t, \omega)|^2 dt.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} e_i(\omega) (B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i}) \right]^2 = \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} e_i^2(\omega) (B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i})^2 \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \mathbb{E} \left[(B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i})^2 e_i^2(\omega) \right] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{E} \left[(B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i})^2 \middle| \mathcal{F}_{t_i} \right] e_i^2(\omega) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \mathbb{E} [e_i^2 (t_{i+1} - t_i)] = \mathbb{E} \int_0^T |G(t, \omega)|^2 dt.$$

Lemma 1.17. If $G \in \mathcal{L}^2(0, T)$, there exists a sequence of bounded step processes $G^n \in \mathcal{L}^2(0, T)$, s.t.

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^T |G(t, \omega) - G^n(t, \omega)|^2 dt \right) \rightarrow 0.$$

Also we define a isometry map i from the dense subspace of $\mathcal{L}^2(0, T)$ to $L^2(\Omega)$, for $\forall G \in \mathcal{L}^2(0, T)$.

define $\int_0^T G(t, \omega) dB_t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T G^n(t, \omega) dB_t$ in $L^2(\Omega)$.

Thm 1.18. For $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $\forall G, H \in \mathcal{L}^2(0, T)$, we have.

$$(i). \int_0^T aG + bH dB_t = a \int_0^T G dB_t + b \int_0^T H dB_t$$

$$(ii). \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^T G(t, \omega) dB_t \right) = 0$$

$$(iii). \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^T G dB_t \right)^2 = \mathbb{E} \int_0^T G^2(t, \omega) dt.$$

$$(iv). \int_0^t G(t, \omega) dB_t \text{ is a martingale.}$$

