#### Economics 103 – Statistics for Economists

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Lecture # 10

# Discrete RVs - Part III

#### Overview

#### So Far

Consider one RV at a time.

### Today

Consider relationships between two RVs.

#### Definition of Joint PMF

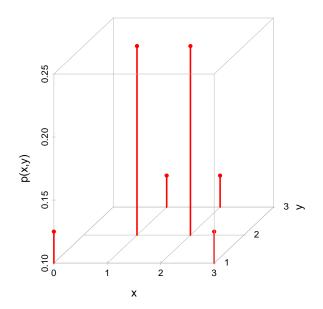
Let X and Y be discrete random variables. The joint probability mass function  $p_{XY}(x,y)$  gives the probability of each pair of realizations (x,y) in the support:

$$p_{XY}(x,y) = P(X = x \cap Y = y)$$

## Example: Joint PMF in Tabular Form

			Y	
		1	2	3
	0	1/8	0	0
V	1	0	1/4	1/8
Χ	2	0	1/4	1/8
	3	1/8	0	0

### Plot of Joint PMF





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$$p_{XY}(1,2) = P(X = 1 \cap Y = 2) = \frac{1}{4}$$

# What is $p_{XY}(2,1)$ ?



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$$p_{XY}(2,1) = P(X = 2 \cap Y = 1) = 0$$

### Properties of Joint PMF

- 1.  $0 \le p_{XY}(x, y) \le 1$  for any pair (x, y)
- 2. The sum of  $p_{XY}(x, y)$  over all pairs (x, y) in the support is 1:

$$\sum_{x}\sum_{y}p(x,y)=1$$

# Does this satisfy the properties of a joint pmf?



$$(A = YES, B = NO)$$

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- 1.  $p(x,y) \ge 0$  for all pairs (x,y)
- 2.  $\sum_{x} \sum_{y} p(x,y) = 1/8 + 1/4 + 1/8 + 1/4 + 1/8 + 1/8 = 1$

### Joint versus Marginal PMFs

#### Joint PMF

$$p_{XY}(x,y) = P(X = x \cap Y = y)$$

#### Marginal PMFs

$$p_X(x) = P(X = x)$$

$$p_Y(y) = P(Y = y)$$

You can't calculate a joint pmf from marginals alone but you *can* calculate marginals from the joint!

### Marginals from Joint

$$p_X(x) = \sum_{\text{all } y} p_{XY}(x, y)$$

$$p_Y(y) = \sum_{\mathsf{all} \ x} p_{XY}(x, y)$$

#### Why?

$$p_Y(y) = P(Y = y) = P\left(\bigcup_{\text{all } x} \{X = x \cap Y = y\}\right)$$
$$= \sum_{\text{all } x} P(X = x \cap Y = y) = \sum_{\text{all } x} p_{XY}(x, y)$$

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	0	1/8	0	0	1/8
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			Y		
		1	2	3	
	0	1/8	0	0	1/8
	1	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
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	3	1/8	0	0	

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			Y		
		1	2	3	
	0	1/8	0	0	1/8
X	1	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
^	2	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
	3	1/8	0	0	1/8
					1

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		1/4			

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		1	2	3	
X	0	1/8	0	0	
	1	0	1/4	1/8	
^	2	0	1/4	1/8	
	3	1/8	0	0	
		1/4	1/2		

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$$\rho_Y(2) = 0 + 1/4 + 1/4 + 0 = 1/2$$



			Y		
		1	2	3	
	0	1/8	0	0	
X	1	0	1/4	1/8	
^	2	0	1/4	1/8	
	3	1/8	0	0	
		1/4	1/2	1/4	1

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#### Definition of Conditional PMF

How does the distribution of y change with x?

$$p_{Y|X}(y|x) = P(Y = y|X = x)$$

# Which of these is the formula for $p_{Y|X}(y|x)$ ?



You can figure this out from what you already know about probability, using the definition  $p_{Y|X}(y|x) = P(Y = y|X = x)$ 

- (a)  $p_X(x)/p_Y(y)$
- (b)  $p_{XY}(x, y)/p_X(x)$
- (c)  $p_X(x)p_{XY}(x,y)$
- (d)  $p_{XY}(x,y)/p_Y(y)$
- (e)  $p_{Y}(y)/p_{X}(x)$

### Conditional PMF from Joint and Marginal

$$p_{Y|X}(y|x) = P(Y = y|X = x) = \frac{P(Y = y \cap X = x)}{P(X = x)} = \frac{p_{XY}(x, y)}{p_X(x)}$$

Hence,

$$p_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{p_{XY}(x,y)}{p_X(x)}$$

and similarly,

$$p_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{p_{XY}(x,y)}{p_Y(y)}$$

			Y		
		1	2	3	
	0	1/8	0	0	1/8
_	1	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
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	3	1/8	0	0	1/8

$$p_{Y|X}(1|2) =$$

			Y		
		1	2	3	
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$$p_{Y|X}(1|2) = \frac{p_{XY}(2,1)}{p_X(2)} =$$

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		1	2	3	
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$$p_{Y|X}(1|2) = \frac{p_{XY}(2,1)}{p_X(2)} = \frac{0}{3/8} = 0$$

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		1	2	3	
	0	1/8	0	0	1/8
~	1	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
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$$p_{Y|X}(3|2) = \frac{p_{XY}(2,3)}{p_X(2)} = \frac{1/8}{3/8} = \frac{1}{3}$$



			Y		
		1	2	3	
	0	1/8	0	0	
X	1	0	1/4	1/8	
^	2	0	1/4	1/8	
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	1	0	1/4	1/8	
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$$p_{X|Y}(3|2) = \frac{p_{XY}(3,2)}{p_{Y}(2)} = \frac{0}{1/2} = 0$$

### Independent RVs

#### Definition

We say that two discrete RVs are independent if and only if their joint pmf equals the product of their marginal pmfs:

$$p_{XY}(x,y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y)$$

for all pairs (x, y) in the support.

#### In Terms of Conditional PMF

From the previous slide, it follows that an equivalent definition of independence is that both conditional pmfs equal the corresponding marginal pmfs:  $p_{Y|X}(y|x) = p_Y(y)$  and  $p_{X|Y}(x|y) = p_X(x)$  for all (x,y) in the support.



$$(A = YES, B = NO)$$

			Y		
		1	2	3	
· ·	0	1/8	0	0	1/8
	1	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
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$$p_{XY}(2,1) = 0$$



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	1	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
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	3	1/8	0	0	1/8
		1/4	1/2	1/4	

$$p_{XY}(2,1) = 0$$

$$p_X(2) \times p_Y(1) =$$



$$(A = YES, B = NO)$$

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		1	2	3	
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	1	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
X	2	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
	3	1/8	0	0	1/8
		1/4	1/2	1/4	

$$p_{XY}(2,1) = 0$$
  
 $p_X(2) \times p_Y(1) = (3/8) \times (1/4) \neq 0$ 

Therefore X and Y are *not* independent.

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Calculating 
$$E[Y|X=x]$$

Take the mean of the conditional pmf of Y given X = x.

### Conditional Expectation: E[Y|X=2]

			Y		
		1	2	3	
	0	1/8	0	0	1/8
X	1	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
^	2	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
	3	1/8	0	0	1/8
		1/4	1/2	1/4	

We showed above that the conditional pmf of Y|X=2 is:

$$p_{Y|X}(1|2) = 0$$
  $p_{Y|X}(2|2) = 2/3$   $p_{Y|X}(3|2) = 1/3$ 

Hence

$$E[Y|X=2] = 2 \times 2/3 + 3 \times 1/3 = 7/3$$

## Conditional Expectation: E[Y|X=0]

			Y		
		1	2	3	
· ·	0	1/8	0	0	1/8
	1	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
X	2	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
	3	1/8	0	0	1/8
		1/4	1/2	1/4	

The conditional pmf of Y|X=0 is

$$p_{Y|X}(1|0) = 1$$
  $p_{Y|X}(2|0) = 0$   $p_{Y|X}(3|0) = 0$ 

Hence E[Y|X=0]=1

## Calculate E[Y|X=3]

			Y		
		1	2	3	
· ·	0	1/8	0	0	1/8
	1	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
X	2	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
	3	1/8	0	0	1/8
		1/4	1/2	1/4	

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$$p_{Y|X}(1|3) = 1$$
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Hence E[Y|X = 3] = 1

# Calculate E[Y|X=1]



			Y		
		1	2	3	
	0	1/8	0	0	1/8
X	1	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
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	3	1/8	0	0	1/8
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	3	1/8	0	0	1/8
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$$p_{Y|X}(1|1) = 0$$
  $p_{Y|X}(2|1) = 2/3$   $p_{Y|X}(3|1) = 1/3$ 

Hence

$$E[Y|X=1] = 2 \times 2/3 + 3 \times 1/3 = 7/3$$

### E[Y|X] is a Random Variable

In this particular example we have seen that:

$$E[Y|X] = \begin{cases} 1 & X = 0 \\ 7/3 & X = 1 \\ 7/3 & X = 2 \\ 1 & X = 3 \end{cases}$$

But from above we know the marginal distribution of X:

$$P(X = 0) = 1/8$$
  $P(X = 1) = 3/8$   
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Therefore, E[Y|X] is a RV that takes on the value 1 with probability 1/4 and the value 7/3 with probability 3/4.

### The Law of Iterated Expectations

Since E[Y|X] is a random variable, we can ask what its expectation is. It turns out that, for any RVs X and Y

$$E[E[Y|X]] = E[Y]$$

and this is called the Law of Iterated Expectations. I've posted a proof HERE for those who want are interested.

This will be helpful in Econ 104...

### Marginal pmf of Y

$$P(Y = 1) = 1/4$$

$$P(Y = 2) = 1/2$$

$$P(Y=3) = 1/4$$

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 $P(Y = 3) = 1/4$ 

$$E[Y] = 1 \times 1/4 + 2 \times 1/2 + 3 \times 1/4$$
  
= 2

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= 2

## E[Y|X]

$$E[Y|X] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w/ prob. } 1/4 \\ 7/3 & \text{w/ prob. } 3/4 \end{cases}$$

$$E[E[Y|X]] = 1 \times 1/4 + 7/3 \times 3/4$$
  
= 2

### Expectation of Function of Two Discrete RVs

$$E[g(X,Y)] = \sum_{x} \sum_{y} g(x,y) p_{XY}(x,y)$$

### Some Extremely Important Examples

Same For Continuous Random Variables

Let 
$$\mu_X = E[X], \mu_Y = E[Y]$$

#### Covariance

$$\sigma_{XY} = Cov(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$$

#### Correlation

$$\rho_{XY} = Corr(X, Y) = \frac{\sigma_{XY}}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

### Shortcut Formula for Covariance

Much easier for calculating:

$$Cov(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$$

We'll talk more about this in an upcoming lecture...

			Y		
		1	2	3	
	0	1/8	0	0	1/8
\ \	1	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
X	2	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
	3	1/8	0	0	1/8
		1/4	1/2	1/4	

$$E[X] = 3/8 + 2 \times 3/8 + 3 \times 1/8 = 3/2$$

$$E[Y] = 1/4 + 2 \times 1/2 + 3 \times 1/4 = 2$$

			Y		
		1	2	3	
	0	1/8	0	0	1/8
X	1	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
^	2	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
	3	1/8	0	0	1/8
		1/4	1/2	1/4	

$$E[X] = 3/8 + 2 \times 3/8 + 3 \times 1/8 = 3/2$$

$$E[Y] = 1/4 + 2 \times 1/2 + 3 \times 1/4 = 2$$

$$E[XY] = 1/4 \times (2+4) + 1/8 \times (3+6+3)$$

$$= 3$$

			Y		
		1	2	3	
х	0	1/8	0	0	1/8
	1	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
	2	0	1/4	1/8	3/8
	3	1/8	0	0	1/8
		1/4	1/2	1/4	

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Hence, zero covariance (correlation) does *not* imply independence!

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