

#### Lecture 5: Random Variable, Part III

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## Derived Distribution: Y = g(X)



- Given the PDF of X, What is the PDF of Y = g(X)?
- Wait! Didn't we cover this topic? No. We covered just  $\mathbb{E}[g(X)]$ .
- Examples: Y = X, Y = X + 1,  $Y = X^2$ , etc.
- What are easy or difficult cases?
- Easy cases
  - Discrete
  - Linear: Y = aX + b

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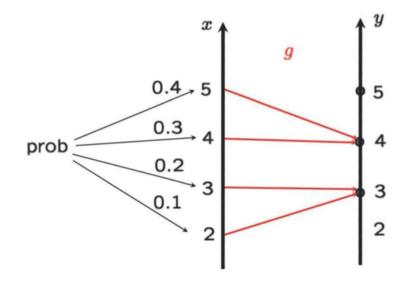
#### Discrete Case



• Take all values of x such that g(x) = y, i.e.,

$$p_Y(y) = \mathbb{P}(g(X) = y)$$
$$= \sum_{x:g(x)=y} p_X(x)$$

$$p_Y(3) = p_X(2) + p_X(3) = 0.1 + 0.2 = 0.3$$
  
 $p_Y(4) = p_X(4) + p_X(5) = 0.3 + 0.4 = 0.7$ 



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## Linear: Y = aX + b, $a \neq 0$ , X: Continuous



If 
$$a > 0$$
,  $F_Y(y) = \mathbb{P}(aX + b \le y) = \mathbb{P}(X \le \frac{y - b}{a}) = F_X(\frac{y - b}{a})$ 

$$\to f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{a} f_X\left(\frac{y - b}{a}\right)$$
If  $a < 0$ ,  $F_Y(y) = \mathbb{P}(aX + b \le y) = \mathbb{P}(X \ge \frac{y - b}{a}) = 1 - F_X(\frac{y - b}{a})$ 

$$\to f_Y(y) = -\frac{1}{a} f_X\left(\frac{y - b}{a}\right)$$

Therefore,

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{|a|} f_X\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right)$$

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## Linear: Y = aX + b, when X is exponential



$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & \text{if } x \ge 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda}{|a|} e^{-\lambda(y-b)/a}, & \text{if } (y-b)/a \ge 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• If b=0 and a>0, Y is exponential with parameter  $\frac{\lambda}{a}$ , but generally not.

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## Linear: Y = aX + b, when X is normal



• Remember? Linear transformation preserves normality. Time to prove.

If 
$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$
, then for  $a \neq 0$  and  $b, Y = aX + b \sim \mathcal{N}(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$ .

Proof.

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{|a|} f_X\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right) = \frac{1}{|a|} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{y-b}{a} - \mu\right)^2 / 2\sigma^2\right\}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}|a|\sigma} \exp\left\{-\frac{(y-b-a\mu)^2}{2a^2\sigma^2}\right\}$$

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## Generally, Y = g(X), X: Continuous



Step 1. Find the CDF of Y:

$$F_Y(y) = \mathbb{P}(Y \le y) = \mathbb{P}(g(X) \le y)$$

Step 2. Differentiate:  $f_Y(y) = \frac{dF_Y}{dy}(y)$ 

Ex1. 
$$Y = X^2$$
.

$$F_Y(y) = \mathbb{P}(X^2 \le y) = \mathbb{P}(-\sqrt{y} \le X \le \sqrt{y})$$
  
=  $F_X(\sqrt{y}) - F_X(-\sqrt{y})$ 

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} f_X(\sqrt{y}) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} f_X(-\sqrt{y}), \quad y \ge 0$$

Ex2.  $X \sim \mathcal{U}[0,1]$ .  $Y = \sqrt{X}$ .

$$F_Y(y) = \mathbb{P}(\sqrt{X} \le y) = \mathbb{P}(X \le y^2) = y^2$$
  
 $f_Y(y) = 2y, \quad 0 \le y \le 1$ 

Ex3.  $X \sim \mathcal{U}[0, 2]$ .  $Y = X^3$ .

$$F_Y(y) = \mathbb{P}(X^3 \le y) = \mathbb{P}(X \le \sqrt[3]{y}) = \frac{1}{2}y^{1/3}$$
  
 $f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{6}y^{-2/3}, \quad 0 \le y \le 8$ 

When Y = g(X) is monotonic, a general formula can be drawn (see the textbook at pp 207)

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## Functions of multiple rvs: Z = g(X, Y) (1)



Basically, follow two-step approach: (i) CDF and (ii) differentiate.

Ex1. 
$$X, Y \sim \mathcal{U}[0, 1]$$
, and  $X \perp \!\!\!\perp Y$ .  $Z = \max(X, Y)$ .

\* 
$$\mathbb{P}(X \le z) = \mathbb{P}(Y \le z) = z, \ z \in [0,1].$$

$$F_Z(z) = \mathbb{P}(\max(X, Y) \le z) = \mathbb{P}(X \le z, Y \le z)$$
  
=  $\mathbb{P}(X \le z)\mathbb{P}(Y \le z) = z^2$  (from  $X \perp \!\!\! \perp Y$ )

$$f_Z(z) = \begin{cases} 2z, & \text{if } 0 \le z \le 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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# Functions of multiple rvs: Z = g(X, Y) (2)



Basically, follow two step approach: (i) CDF and (ii) differentiate.

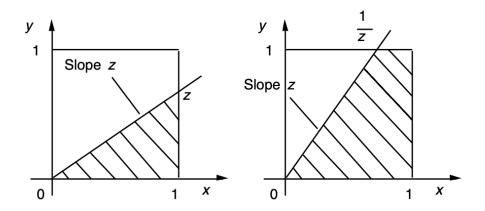
Ex2. 
$$X, Y \sim \mathcal{U}[0, 1]$$
, and  $X \perp \!\!\!\perp Y$ .  $Z = Y/X$ .

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$$F_Z(z) = \mathbb{P}(Y/X \le z)$$
 $= egin{cases} z/2, & 0 \le z \le 1 \ 1 - 1/2z, & z > 1 \ 0, & ext{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

$$f_Z(z) = egin{cases} 1/2, & 0 \leq z \leq 1 \ 1/(2z^2), & z > 1 \ 0, & ext{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Depending on the value of z, two cases need to be considered separately.



(Note) Sometimes, the problem is tricky, which requires careful case-by-case handing. :-)

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## Functions of multiple rvs: Z = X + Y, $X \perp \!\!\!\perp Y$ (1)



- Sum of two independent rvs
- A very basic case with many applications
- Assume that  $X, Y \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$p_{Z}(z) = \mathbb{P}(X + Y = z) = \sum_{\{(x,y): x+y=z\}} \mathbb{P}(X = x, Y = y) = \sum_{x} \mathbb{P}(X = x, Y = z - x)$$
$$= \sum_{x} \mathbb{P}(X = x) \mathbb{P}(Y = z - x) = \sum_{x} p_{X}(x) p_{Y}(z - x)$$

•  $p_Z(z)$  is called convolution of the PMFs of X and Y.

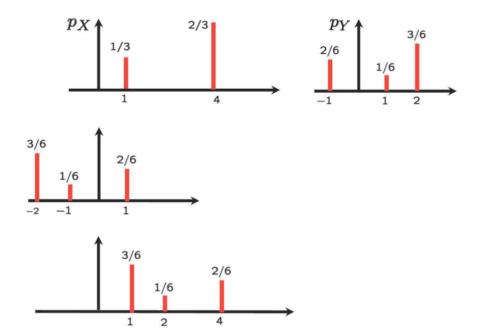
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## Functions of multiple rvs: Z = X + Y, $X \perp \!\!\!\perp Y$ (2)



- Convolution:  $p_Z(z) = \sum_x p_X(x)p_Y(z-x)$
- Interpretation for a given z:
  - (i) Flip (horizontally) the PMF of Y  $(p_Y(-x))$
  - (ii) Put it underneath the PMF of X
  - (iii) Right-shift the flipped PMF by z  $(p_Y(-x+z))$

#### Example. z = 3



## Y = X + Y, $X \perp \!\!\!\perp Y$ : Continuous



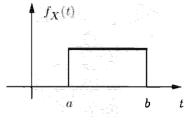
Same logic as the discrete case

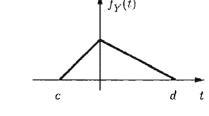
$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(z - x) dx$$

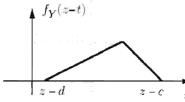
Youtube animation for convolution:

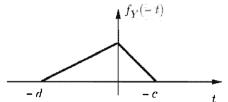
https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=C1N55M1VD2o

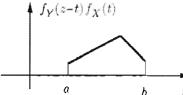
For a fixed z,









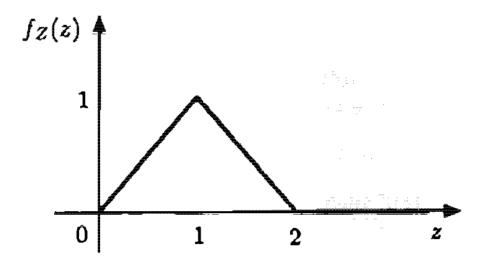


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## Example



• Example.  $X, Y \sim \mathcal{U}[0,1]$  and  $X \perp \!\!\! \perp Y$ . What is the PDF of Z = X + Y? Draw the PDF of Z.



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# Convolution in Image Processing



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQm6ZP1F6ms

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# $\overline{Y=X+Y,\,X\,\perp\!\!\!\perp\,Y},\,\mathsf{Normal}\;(1)$



- Very special, but useful case
  - X and Y are normal.

#### Sum of two independent normal rvs

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2)$$
 and  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2)$  Then,  $X + Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_x + \mu_y, \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2)$ 

- Why normal rvs are used to model the sum of random noises.
- Extension. The sum of finitely many independent normals is also normal.

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## $Y = X + Y, X \perp \!\!\!\perp Y$ , Normal (2)



$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(z - x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_x} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x - \mu_x)^2}{2\sigma_x^2}\right\} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_y} \exp\left\{-\frac{(z - x - \mu_y)^2}{2\sigma_y^2}\right\} dx$$

• The details of integration is a little bit tedious. :-)

$$f_Z(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(\sigma_X^2 + \sigma_y^2)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(z - \mu_x - \mu_y)^2}{2(\sigma_X^2 + \sigma_y^2)}\right\}$$

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#### Making a Metric of Dependence Degree



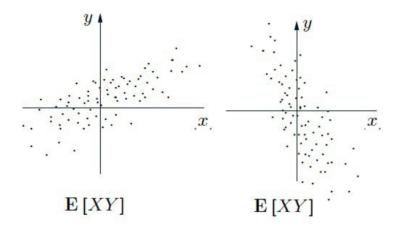
- Goal: Given two rvs X and Y, assign some number that quantifies the degree of their dependence.
  - feeling/weather, university ranking/annual salary,
- Requirements
  - R1. Increases (resp. decreases) as they become more (resp. less) dependent. 0 when they are independent.
  - **R2.** Shows the 'direction' of dependence by + and -
  - R3. Always bounded by some numbers (i.e., dimensionless metric). For example, [-1,1]
- Good engineers: Good at making good metrics
  - Metric of how our society is economically polarized
  - Cybermetrics in MLB (Major League Baseball):
     http://m.mlb.com/glossary/advanced-stats

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## OK. Let's Design!



- Simple case:  $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu_X = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mu_Y = 0$
- Dependent: Positive (If  $X \uparrow$ ,  $Y \uparrow$ ) or Negative (If  $X \uparrow$ ,  $Y \downarrow$ )
- What about  $\mathbb{E}[XY]$ ? Seems good.
  - $\circ \ \mathbb{E}[XY] = \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y] = 0 \text{ when } X \perp \!\!\!\perp Y$
  - More data points (thus increases) when xy > 0 (both positive or negative)
  - $|\mathbb{E}[XY]|$  also quantifies the amount of spread.



 ${f (Q)}$  What about  $\mathbb{E}[X+Y]$ ?

 When they are positively dependent, but have negative values?

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## What If $\mu_X \neq 0, \mu_Y \neq 0$ ?



• Solution: Centering.  $X \to X - \mu_X$  and  $Y \to Y - \mu_Y$ 

#### Covariance

$$\operatorname{\mathsf{cov}}(X,Y) = \mathbb{E}ig[(X - \mathbb{E}[X]) \cdot (Y - \mathbb{E}[Y])ig]$$

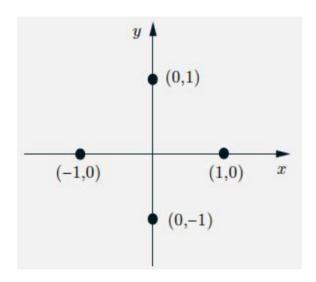
- After some algebra,  $cov(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[XY] \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$
- $X \perp \!\!\!\perp Y \Longrightarrow \operatorname{cov}(X,Y) = 0$
- $cov(X, Y) = 0 \Longrightarrow X \perp \!\!\!\perp Y$ ? NO.
- When cov(X, Y) = 0, we say that X and Y are uncorrelated.

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# Example: cov(X, Y) = 0, but not independent



- $p_{X,Y}(1,0) = p_{X,Y}(0,1) = p_{X,Y}(-1,0) = p_{X,Y}(0,-1) = 1/4.$
- $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[Y] = 0$ , and  $\mathbb{E}[XY] = 0$ . So, cov(X, Y) = 0
- Are they independent? No, because if X=1, then we should have Y=0.



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### Some Properties



$$cov(X,X) = var(X)$$

$$cov(aX + b, Y) = \mathbb{E}[(aX + b)Y] - \mathbb{E}[aX + b]\mathbb{E}[Y] = a \cdot cov(X, Y)$$

$$cov(X, Y + Z) = \mathbb{E}[X(Y + Z)] - \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y + Z] = cov(X, Y) + cov(X, Z)$$

$$var[X + Y] = \mathbb{E}[(X + Y)^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X + Y])^2 = var[X] + var[Y] + 2cov(X, Y)$$

$$\operatorname{var}\Bigl[\sum X_i\Bigr] = \sum \operatorname{var}[X_i] + \sum_{i \neq j} \operatorname{cov}(X_i, X_j)$$

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#### Example: The hat problem in Lecture 3. Remember?



- n people throw their hats in a box and then pick one at random
- X: number of people with their own hat
- (Q) var[X]
- Key step 1. Define a rv  $X_i = 1$  if i selects own hat and 0 otherwise. Then,  $X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$ .
- Key step 2. Are  $X_i$ s are independent?
- $X_i \sim \text{Bern}(1/n)$ . Thus,  $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 1/n$  and  $\text{var}[X_i] = \frac{1}{n}(1 \frac{1}{n})$

 $\circ$  For  $i \neq j$ ,

$$cov(X_{i}, X_{j}) = \mathbb{E}[X_{i}X_{j}] - \mathbb{E}[X_{i}]\mathbb{E}[X_{j}]$$

$$= \mathbb{P}(X_{i} = 1 \text{ and } X_{j} = 1) - \frac{1}{n^{2}}$$

$$= \mathbb{P}(X_{i} = 1)\mathbb{P}(X_{j} = 1|X_{i} = 1) - \frac{1}{n^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n^{2}} = \frac{1}{n^{2}(n-1)}$$

$$var[X] = var\left[\sum X_i\right]$$

$$= \sum var[X_i] + \sum_{i \neq j} cov(X_i, X_j)$$

$$= n\frac{1}{n}(1 - \frac{1}{n}) + n(n - 1)\frac{1}{n^2(n - 1)} = 1$$

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### Bounding the metric: Correlation Coefficient



- Reqs. R1 and R2 are satisfied.
  - R3. Always bounded by some numbers (dimensionless metric)
- How? Normalization, but by what?

#### Correlation Coefficient

$$\rho(X,Y) = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{(X - \mu_X)}{\sigma_X} \cdot \frac{(Y - \mu_Y)}{\sigma_Y}\right] = \frac{\text{cov}(X,Y)}{\sqrt{\text{var}[X]\text{var}[Y]}}$$

- Theorem.
  - 1.  $-1 \le \rho \le 1$  (proof at the next slide)
  - 2.  $|\rho| = 1 \Leftrightarrow X \mu_X = c(Y \mu_Y)$  for some constant c (c > 0 when  $\rho = 1$  and c < 0 when  $\rho = -1$ ). In other words, linear relation, meaning VERY related.

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#### 1. $-1 \le \rho \le 1$



- Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. For any rvs X and Y,  $(\mathbb{E}(XY))^2 \leq \mathbb{E}(X^2)\mathbb{E}(Y^2)$
- Proof of  $-1 \le \rho \le 1$ :

Let 
$$\tilde{X} = X - \mathbb{E}(X)$$
 and  $\tilde{Y} = Y - \mathbb{E}(Y)$ . Then,  $\left(\rho(X,Y)\right)^2 = \frac{\left(\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}\tilde{Y}]\right)^2}{\mathbb{E}(\tilde{X}^2)\mathbb{E}(\tilde{Y}^2)} \leq 1$ 

Proof of CSI: For any constant a,

$$0 \leq \mathbb{E}\left[\left(X - aY\right)^2\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[X^2 - 2aXY + a^2Y^2\right] = \mathbb{E}(X^2) - 2a\mathbb{E}(XY) + a^2\mathbb{E}(Y^2)$$

Now, choose  $a = \frac{\mathbb{E}(XY)}{\mathbb{E}(Y^2)}$ . Then,

$$\mathbb{E}(X^2) - 2\frac{\mathbb{E}(XY)}{\mathbb{E}(Y^2)}\mathbb{E}(XY) + \frac{(\mathbb{E}[XY])^2}{(\mathbb{E}[Y^2])^2}\mathbb{E}(Y^2) = \mathbb{E}(X^2) - \frac{(\mathbb{E}[XY])^2}{\mathbb{E}(Y^2)} \geq 0$$

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# 2. $|\rho| = 1 \Leftrightarrow X - \mu_X = c(Y - \mu_Y)$



 $(\Rightarrow)$  Suppose that  $|\rho|=1$ . In the proof of CSI,

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\tilde{X} - \frac{\mathbb{E}(\tilde{X}\tilde{Y})}{\mathbb{E}(\tilde{Y}^2)}\tilde{Y}\right)^2\right] = \mathbb{E}(\tilde{X}^2) - \frac{(\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}\tilde{Y}])^2}{\mathbb{E}(\tilde{Y}^2)} = \mathbb{E}(\tilde{X}^2)(1 - \rho^2) = 0$$

$$\tilde{X} - \frac{\mathbb{E}(\tilde{X}\tilde{Y})}{\mathbb{E}(\tilde{Y}^2)}Y = 0 \leftrightarrow \tilde{X} = \frac{\mathbb{E}(\tilde{X}\tilde{Y})}{\mathbb{E}(\tilde{Y}^2)}\tilde{Y} = \rho\sqrt{\frac{\mathbb{E}(\tilde{X}^2)}{\mathbb{E}(\tilde{Y}^2)}}\tilde{Y}$$

 $(\Leftarrow)$  If  $\tilde{Y} = c\tilde{X}$ , then

$$\rho(X,Y) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(\tilde{X}c\tilde{X})}{\sqrt{\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^2]\mathbb{E}[(c\tilde{X})^2]}} = \frac{c}{|c|}$$

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### A Special Random Variable



• Consider a rv Y, such that

$$Y = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{w.p. } 1/4 \\ 1, & \text{w.p. } 1/4 \\ 2, & \text{w.p. } 1/2 \end{cases}$$

• If  $h(y) = y^2$ , then a new rv h(Y) is:

$$h(Y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{w.p. } 1/4 \\ 1, & \text{w.p. } 1/4 \\ 4, & \text{w.p. } 1/2 \end{cases}$$

 Consider other rv X, which, we assume, has:

$$g(y) = \mathbb{E}[X|Y = y] = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{if } y = 0 \\ 8, & \text{if } y = 1 \\ 9, & \text{if } y = 2 \end{cases}$$

• Then, a rv g(Y) is:

$$g(Y) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{w.p. } 1/4 \\ 8, & \text{w.p. } 1/4 \\ 9, & \text{w.p. } 1/2 \end{cases}$$

- The rv g(Y) looks special, so let's give a fancy notation to it.
- What about?  $X_{exp}(Y)$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[X_Y]$ ,  $\mathbb{E}_X[Y]$ ?

## Conditional Expectation $\mathbb{E}[X|Y]$



#### Conditional Expectation

A random variable  $g(Y) = \boxed{\mathbb{E}[X|Y]}$ , called conditional expectation of X given Y takes the value  $g(y) = \mathbb{E}[X|Y = y]$ , if Y happens to take the value y.

- A function of Y
- A random variable
- Thus, having a distribution, expectation, variance, all the things that a random variable has.
- Often confusing because of the notation.

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# Expectation of $\mathbb{E}[X|Y]$



#### **Expectation of Conditional Expectation**

$$\mathbb{E}\Big[\mathbb{E}[X|Y]\Big] = \mathbb{E}[X],$$
 Law of iterated expectations

#### Proof.

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}[X|Y]\right] = \sum_{y} \mathbb{E}[X|Y = y]p_{Y}(y)$$
$$= \mathbb{E}[X]$$

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### Examples and Meaning



- Stick of length /
- Uniformly break at point Y, and break what is left uniformly at point X.
- $\mathbb{E}[X|Y = y] = y/2$
- $\mathbb{E}[X|Y] = Y/2$
- $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|Y]] = \mathbb{E}[Y/2] = \frac{1}{2}\frac{I}{2} = I/4$

- Forecasts on sales: calculating expected value, given any available information
- X : February sales
- Forecast in the beg. of the year:  $\mathbb{E}[X]$
- End of Jan. new information Y = y (Jan. sales) Revised forecast:  $\mathbb{E}[X|Y = y]$ Revised forecast  $\neq \mathbb{E}[X]$
- Law of iterated expectations  $\mathbb{E}[\text{revised forecast}] = \text{original one}$

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## Example: Averaging Quiz Scores by Section



- A class: n students, student i's quiz score: x<sub>i</sub>
- Average quiz score:  $m = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$
- Students: partitioned into sections  $A_1, \ldots, A_k$  and  $n_s$ : number of students in section s
- average score in section  $s = m_s = \frac{1}{n_s} \sum_{i \in A_s} x_i$
- whole average: (i) taking the average  $m_s$  of each section and (ii) forming a weighted average

$$\sum_{s=1}^{k} \frac{n_s}{n} m_s = \sum_{s=1}^{k} \frac{n_s}{n} \frac{1}{n_s} \sum_{i \in A_s} x_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i = m$$

- Understanding from  $\mathbb{E}\Big[\mathbb{E}[X|Y]\Big] = \mathbb{E}[X]$
- X: score of a randomly chosen student, Y: section of a student  $(\in \{1, ..., k\})$

$$m = \mathbb{E}(X) = \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}[X|Y]\right]$$

$$= \sum_{s=1}^{k} \mathbb{E}(X|Y=s)\mathbb{P}(Y=s)$$

$$= \sum_{s=1}^{k} \left(\frac{1}{n_s} \sum_{i \in A_s} x_i\right) \frac{n_s}{n} = \sum_{s=1}^{k} m_s \frac{n_s}{n}$$

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## Roadmap



- (1) Derived distribution of Y = g(X) or Z = g(X, Y)
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- (3) Covariance: Degree of dependence between two rvs
- (4) Correlation coefficient
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- (6) Conditional variance and law of total variance
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## Conditional Variance var[X|Y]



$$var[X] = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2]$$

$$g(y) = var[X|Y = y] = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X|Y = y])^2|Y = y]$$

$$g(Y) = var[X|Y] = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X|Y])^2|Y]$$

#### **Conditional Variance**

A random variable g(Y) = var[X|Y] and called conditional variance of X given Y, takes the value g(y) = var[X|Y = y], if Y happens to take the value y.

- A function of Y
- A random variable
- Thus, having a distribution, expectation, variance, all the things that a random variable has

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# Expectation and Variance of $\mathbb{E}[X|Y]$ and var[X|Y]



	$\mathbb{E}[X Y]$	var[X Y]
Expectation	$\mathbb{E}\Big[\mathbb{E}(X Y)\Big]$	$\mathbb{E}\Big[var(X Y)\Big]$
Variance	$\left[\mathbb{E}(X Y) ight]$	var[var(X Y)]

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#### Law of Total Variance



#### Law of total variance (LTV)

$$var[X] = \mathbb{E}\left[var(X|Y)\right] + var[\mathbb{E}(X|Y)]$$

#### Proof.

$$\operatorname{var}(X|Y) = \mathbb{E}[X^{2}|Y] - (\mathbb{E}[X|Y])^{2}$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\operatorname{var}(X|Y)\right] = \mathbb{E}[X^{2}] - \mathbb{E}\left[(\mathbb{E}[X|Y])^{2}\right]$$
(1)

$$\operatorname{var}\left[\mathbb{E}(X|Y)\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\mathbb{E}[X|Y]\right)^{2}\right] - \left(\mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}(X|Y)\right]\right)^{2} = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\mathbb{E}[X|Y]\right)^{2}\right] - \left(\mathbb{E}[X]\right)^{2} \tag{2}$$

$$(1) + (2) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] + (\mathbb{E}[X])^2 = \text{var}[X]$$

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## Example: Averarging Quiz Scores by Section



- Same setting as that in page 36
- X: score of a randomly chosen student, Y: section of a student  $(\in \{1, ..., k\})$
- Let's intuitively understand:  $var[X] = \mathbb{E}\Big[var(X|Y)\Big] + var[\mathbb{E}(X|Y)]$
- $\mathbb{E}[\operatorname{var}(X|Y)] = \sum_{k=1}^{s} \mathbb{P}(Y=s)\operatorname{var}(X|Y=s) = \sum_{k=1}^{s} \frac{n_s}{n}\operatorname{var}(X|Y=s)$ 
  - Weighted average of the section variances
  - average score variability within individual sections
- $var[\mathbb{E}(X|Y)]$ : variability of the average of the differenct sections
  - $\mathbb{E}(X|Y=s)$ : average score in section s
  - variability between sections

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## Example: Stick-breaking



- Stick of length I
- Uniformly break at point Y, and break what is left uniformly at point X.
- Question. var(X)?
- LTV:  $var[X] = \mathbb{E}\left[var(X|Y)\right] + var[\mathbb{E}(X|Y)]$
- Fact. If a rv  $X \sim \mathcal{U}[0, \theta]$ , then  $\text{var}(X) = \frac{\theta^2}{12}$
- Since  $X \sim \mathcal{U}[0, Y]$ ,  $var(X|Y) = \frac{Y^2}{12} \to \mathbb{E}[var[X|Y]] = \frac{1}{12} \int_0^I \frac{1}{I} y^2 dy = \frac{I^2}{36}$
- $\mathbb{E}(X|Y) = Y/2 \to \text{var}(\mathbb{E}[X|Y]) = \frac{1}{4}\text{var}[Y] = \frac{1}{4}\frac{I^2}{12} = \frac{I^2}{48}$
- $\operatorname{var}(X) = \frac{I^2}{36} + \frac{I^2}{48} = \frac{7I^2}{144}$

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#### Sum of a random number of rvs



- N : number of stores visited (random)
- $X_i$ : money spent in store i, independent of other  $X_j$  and N,  $X_i$ s are identically distributed with  $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = \mu$
- $Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots X_N$ . What are  $\mathbb{E}[Y]$  and var[Y]?
- $\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[Y|N]] = \mathbb{E}[N\mathbb{E}[X_i]] = \mathbb{E}[N]\mathbb{E}[X_i] = \mu\mathbb{E}[N]$
- $\operatorname{var}[Y] = \mathbb{E}\left[\operatorname{var}(Y|N)\right] + \operatorname{var}\left[\mathbb{E}(Y|N)\right] = \mathbb{E}[N]\operatorname{var}[X_i] + \mu^2\operatorname{var}[N]$   $\operatorname{var}(\mathbb{E}[Y|N]) = \operatorname{var}(N\mu) = \mu^2\operatorname{var}[N]$   $\operatorname{var}[Y|N] = N\operatorname{var}[X_i]$   $\mathbb{E}[\operatorname{var}(Y|N)] = \mathbb{E}[N\operatorname{var}[X_i]] = \mathbb{E}[N]\operatorname{var}[X_i]$

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# Questions?

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### Review Questions



- 1) What are the key steps to get the derived distributions of Y = g(X) or Z = g(X, Y)?
- 2) How can we compute the distribution of Z + X + Y when X and Y are independent?
- 3) What are covariance and correlation coefficient? Why do we need them?
- 4) Please explain the concepts of conditional expectation and conditional variance.

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