

Example: We have event $A = \{a \leq X \leq b\}$. Find the conditional CDF of X given A .

$$F_X(x|A) = P(X \leq x|A) = P(X \leq x | a \leq X \leq b) = \frac{P(\{X \leq x\} \cap \{a \leq X \leq b\})}{P(A)}$$

If $x < a$, then $F_X(x|A) = 0$.

$$\text{If } a \leq x \leq b, F_X(x|A) = \frac{P(a \leq x \leq b)}{P(A)} = \frac{F_X(x) - F_X(a)}{F_X(b) - F_X(a)}$$

$$\text{If } x > b, F_X(x|A) = 1$$
$$\text{Therefore, } F_X(x|A) = \begin{cases} 1 & x > b \\ \frac{F_X(x) - F_X(a)}{F_X(b) - F_X(a)} & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Total Probability Theorem

Assume we partition the sample space S into disjoint sets B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n .

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(X \leq x | B_i) P(B_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n F_X(x | B_i) P(B_i)$$

$$\text{And the PDF is } f_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_X(x | B_i) P(B_i)$$

Expected value and variance

For a continuous RV, $E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx$ and for some function $g(x)$, $E[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx$

$$\text{The variance is } \text{VAR}[X] = \sigma_x^2 = E[(X - E[X])^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - E[X])^2 f_X(x) dx = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 \geq 0$$

And we still have linearity of the expectation. Let a and b be arbitrary constants.

$$E[aX + b] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (ax + b) f_X(x) dx = a \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx + b \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = aE[X] + b$$

$$\text{In case of the variance, } \text{VAR}[aX + b] = E[(aX + b - E[aX + b])^2] = E[(aX + b - aE[X] - b)^2] = E[(aX - aE[X])^2] = E[a^2(X - E[X])^2] = a^2 \text{VAR}[X]$$