

Course 10

Joint Probability Distribution

• Discrete RV

- Joint pmf: $p(x, y) = P(X = x \text{ and } Y = y)$
- $p(x, y) \geq 0$
- $\sum_x \sum_y p(x, y) = 1$
- **Marginal pmf:**
 - $p_X(x) = \sum_{y:p(x,y)>0} p(x, y)$
 - $p_Y(y) = \sum_{x:p(x,y)>0} p(x, y)$

• Continuous RV

- Joint pmf $f(x, y) = \int_A \int f(x, y) dx dy$
- $f(x, y) \geq 0$
- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = 1$
- **Marginal pmf:**
 - $f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy, -\infty < x < \infty$
 - $f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx, -\infty < y < \infty$

• Independent RV

- $p(x, y) = p_X(x) \cdot p_Y(y)$, when X and Y are discrete
- $f(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$, when X and Y are continuous

More than two variable

- For discrete RV, $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n)$
- For continuous RV, $P(a_1 \leq X_1 \leq b_1, \dots, a_n \leq X_n \leq b_n) = \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \dots \int_{a_n}^{b_n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_n \dots dx_1$

Conditional Distributions

Let X and Y be two continuous rv's with joint pdf $f(x, y)$ and marginal X pdf $f_X(x)$. Then for any X value x for which $f_X(x) > 0$, the **conditional probability density function of Y given that $X = x$** is:

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)} \quad -\infty < y < \infty$$

If X and Y are discrete, then:

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{p(x, y)}{p_X(x)} \quad -\infty < y < \infty$$

is the conditional pmf of Y when $X = x$

Expected Value

Let X and Y be jointly distributed rv's with pmf $p(x, y)$ or pdf $f(x, y)$ according to whether the variables are discrete or continuous. Then the expected value of a function $h(X, Y)$, denoted by $E[h(X, Y)]$ or $\mu_{h(X, Y)}$, is given by:

$$E[h(X, Y)] = \begin{cases} \sum_X \sum_Y h(x, y) \cdot p(x, y) & \text{if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x, y) \cdot f(x, y) dx dy & \text{if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are continuous} \end{cases}$$

Covariance协方差

When two random variables X and Y are **not independent**, it is frequently of interest to assess **how strongly they are related to one another**.

The covariance between two rv's X and Y is:

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = \begin{cases} \sum_x \sum_y (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y) p(x, y) & X, Y \text{ discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y) f(x, y) dx dy & X, Y \text{ continuous} \end{cases}$$

$$\mu_X = \begin{cases} \sum xp_X(x) & X \text{ is discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xp_X(x)dx & X \text{ is continuous} \end{cases}$$

$$\mu_Y = \begin{cases} \sum yp_Y(y) & Y \text{ is discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} yp_Y(y)dy & Y \text{ is continuous} \end{cases}$$

- $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - \mu_X \cdot \mu_Y$

Correlation 标准化的协方差/相关性

The correlation coefficient of X and Y , denoted by $\text{Corr}(X, Y)$, $\rho_{X,Y}$, or just ρ , is defined by

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Y}$$

- It is a normalization of $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ (协方差的标准化)
- If a and c are either both positive or both negative, $\text{Corr}(aX + b, cY + d) = \text{Corr}(X, Y)$
- For any two rv's X and Y , $-1 \leq \text{Corr}(X, Y) \leq 1$.

Homework

Section 5.1 9, 12, 18, 19

Section 5.2 24, 26, 33, 35