

Probability and Statistics

Lecture 11.1: Conditional distribution

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Agenda

1. Discrete conditional distribution
2. Continuous conditional distribution
3. Conditional expectation
4. Law of total expectation

Discrete conditional distribution

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Diagram illustrating the relationship between the joint PDF of X and Y , the marginal distribution of X , and the conditional PDF of Y :

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









Labels and arrows:

- Joint PDF of X and Y (points to $p_{XY}(x, y)$)
- Marginal distribution of X (points to $p_X(x)$)
- Conditional PDF of Y (points to $p_{Y|X=x}(y)$)

Discrete conditional distribution

										
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Age (X)	7	1/10	2/10	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	2/10	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	3/10	1/10	0
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A quick check-in:
Marginal distributions?

Discrete conditional distribution





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	9	0	0	0	0	3/10	1/10
	10	0	0	0	0	0	4/10

Age (X)	7	3/10
	8	2/10
	9	4/10
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If age=9, what is the distribution across the height variable?

$$p_{Y|X=9}(y) = \mathbf{P}(Y = y | X = 9)$$

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Normalize

	9	0	0	0	0	3/4	1/4
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$$p_{Y|X=9}(y) = \mathbf{P}(Y = y | X = 9)$$

$$P(Y = 49 | X = 9) = \frac{\mathbf{P}(X = 9, Y = 49)}{P(X = 9)}$$

Row sum

$$\mathbf{P}(Y = 49 | X = 9) = \frac{3/10}{4/10} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Discrete conditional distribution

						
Die 1:	$1/6$	$1/6$	$1/6$	$1/6$	$1/6$	$1/6$
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Discrete conditional distribution



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Die 2: $1/6$ $1/6$ $1/6$ $1/6$ $1/6$ $1/6$

Y

X

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$
2	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$
3	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$
4	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$
5	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$	$1/36$
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X	1	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36
	2	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36
	3	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36
	4	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36
	5	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36
	6	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36

$$p_{Y|X=4}(y = 1) = \frac{p_{XY}(x = 4, y = 1)}{p_X(x = 4)}$$

Discrete conditional distribution



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	Y						Sum
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
X	1	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/6
	2	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/6
	3	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/6
	4	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/6
	5	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/6
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$$\begin{aligned}
 p_{Y|X=4}(y = 1) &= \frac{p_{XY}(x = 4, y = 1)}{p_X(x = 4)} \\
 &= \frac{1/36}{1/6} \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

Discrete conditional distribution

Consider we have the following joint PMF, where Y represents the year of the students and T represents the time each student responds

	$Y = 1$	$Y = 2$	$Y = 3$
$T = -1$.06	.01	.01
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$$P(Y = 3, T = 1)$$

Discrete conditional distribution

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Which is which?

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$$0.3 / (.06 + 0.29 + 0.3)$$

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Q2. What is the missing probability?

(B) $P(T = t|Y = y)$

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Conditional PDF of Y

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Joint PDF of X and Y

Marginal distribution of X

Continuous conditional distribution

Conditional PDF of Y

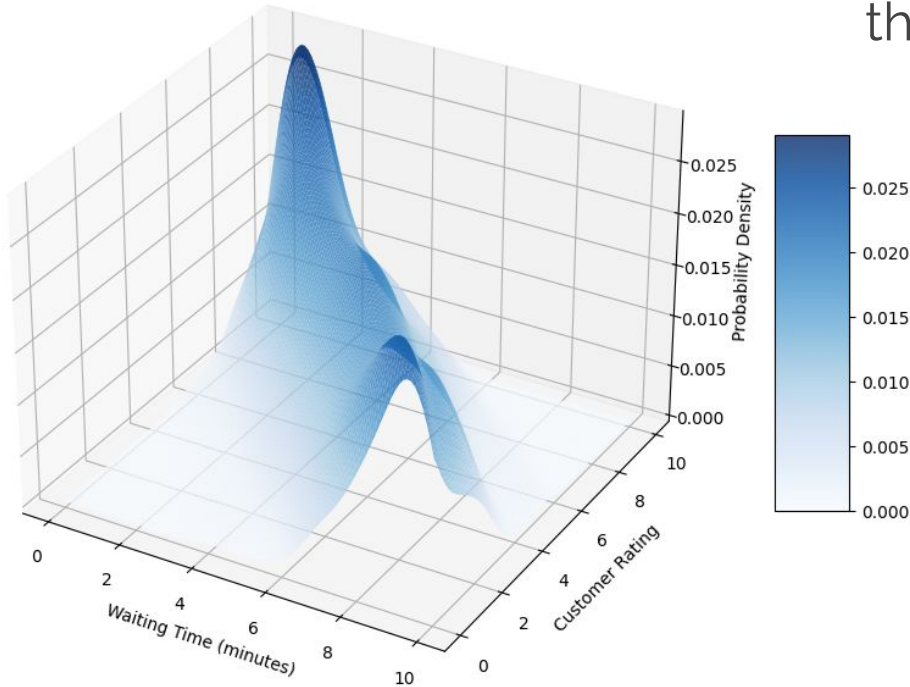
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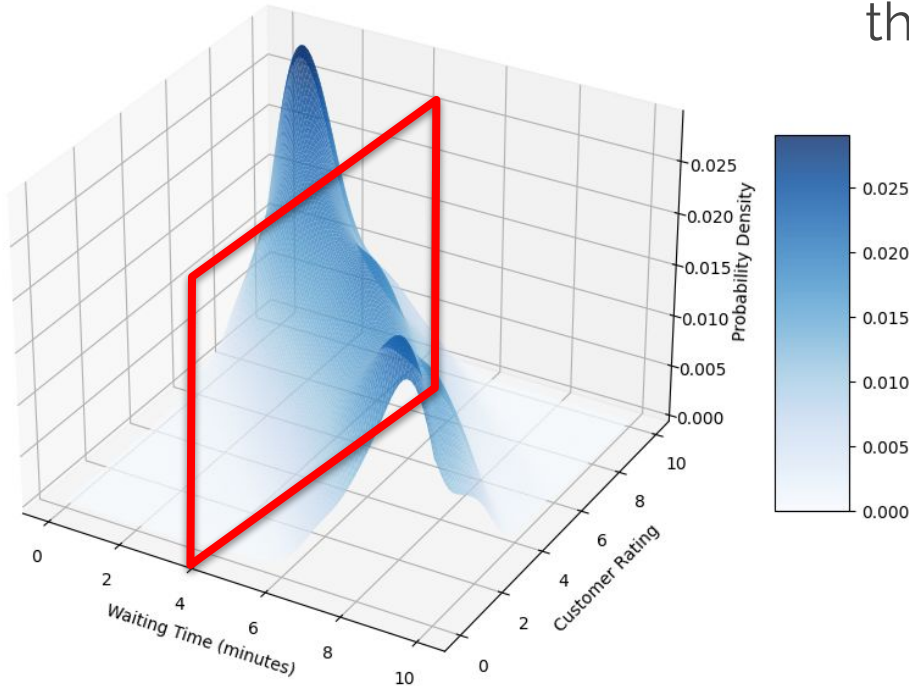
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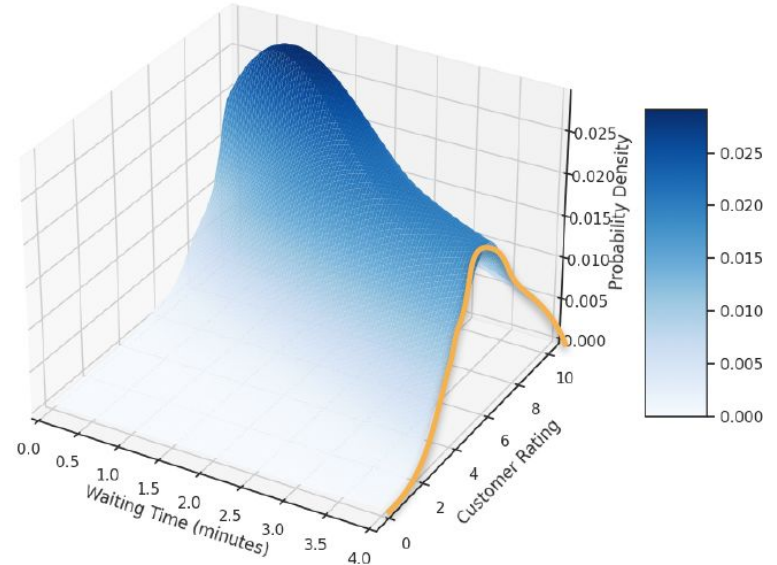
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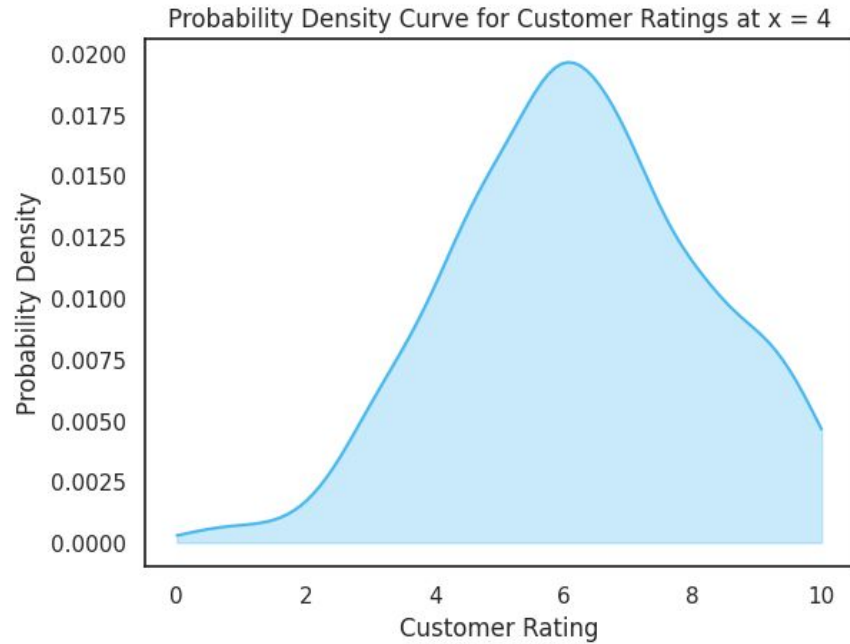
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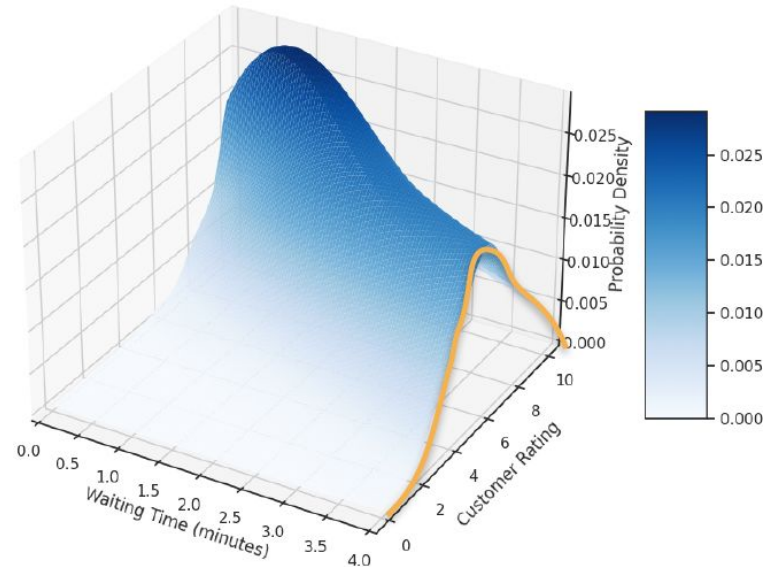
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Conditional expectation

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We are still summing over x and not y

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$$\begin{aligned} E[S|D_2 = 6] &= \sum_{x=7}^{12} xP(S = x|D_2 = 6) \\ &= \frac{1}{6}(7 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 11 + 12) = \frac{57}{6} = 9.5 \end{aligned}$$

Conditional expectation

More generally,

$$\mathbb{E}[X \mid Y = y] = \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} x \mathbb{P}(X = x \mid Y = y) = \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} x p_{X,Y}(x \mid y)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X) \mid Y = y] = \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} g(x) p_{X|Y}(x \mid y)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_{X|Y}(x \mid y) dx$$

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$$\begin{aligned} E[S|D_2 = 6] &= E[D_1 + 6|D_2 = 6] = \sum_{d_1} (d_1 + 6)P(D_1 = d_1|D_2 = 6) \\ &= \sum_{d_1} d_1 P(D_1 = d_1) + 6 \sum_{d_1} P(D_1 = d_1) \\ &= E[D_1] + 6 = 3.5 + 6 = 9.5 \end{aligned}$$

Law of total expectation

Recall the definition of LTE on discrete RV X with independent RVs H and T (head and tail of coin flipping)

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[X | H] \mathbb{P}(H) + \mathbb{E}[X | T] \mathbb{P}(T)$$

Then, If Y is discrete

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X)] = \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} \mathbb{E}[g(X) | Y = y] p_Y(y)$$

If Y is continuous

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[g(X) | Y = y] f_Y(y) dy$$

Law of total expectation

Proof)

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} \mathbb{E}[g(X) \mid Y = y] p_Y(y) &= \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} \left(\sum_{x \in \Omega_X} g(x) p_{X|Y}(x \mid y) \right) p_Y(y) && \text{def of conditional expectation} \\ &= \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} g(x) p_{X|Y}(x \mid y) p_Y(y) && \text{swap sums} \\ &= \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} g(x) \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} p_{X,Y}(x, y) && \text{def of conditional pmf} \\ &= \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} g(x) p_X(x) && \text{def of marginal pmf} \\ &= \mathbb{E}[g(X)] && \text{def of expectation}\end{aligned}$$

Law of total expectation

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$$E[Y|X = 1] = 3 \quad E[Y|X = 2] = E[5 + Y] \quad E[Y|X = 3] = E[7 + Y]$$

$$E[Y] = \frac{1}{3} (15 + 2E[Y])$$

$$E[Y] = 15$$

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$$\mathbb{P}(T = t \mid X = x) = (1 - x)^{t-1}x$$

Geometric RV!

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(T = t) &= \int_0^1 \mathbb{P}(T = t \mid X = x) f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (1 - x)^{t-1}x \cdot 1 dx = \dots = \frac{1}{t(t+1)}\end{aligned}$$

def of LTE

$$\mathbb{E}[T] = \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} t p_T(t) = \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} t \frac{1}{t(t+1)} = \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{t+1} = \infty$$

def of expectation