

# Marginals

The marginal PMF's  $p_X$  and  $p_Y$  can be obtained from the joint PMF as follows:

$$p_X(x) = \sum_y p_{XY}(x, y) \text{ and } p_Y(y) = \sum_x p_{XY}(x, y).$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} p_X(x) &= \mathbb{P}\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) = x\} \\ &= \mathbb{P}\left\{\bigcup_y \{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) = x, Y(\omega) = y\}\right\} \\ &= \sum_y \mathbb{P}\{\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) = x, Y(\omega) = y\}\} \end{aligned}$$

# Independence

- ▶ Back with the running example of coin and dice.
- ▶ Write down  $p_{XY}(x, y)$  and  $F_{XY}(x, y)$ .
- ▶ Notice that  $p_{XY}(1, i) = p_X(1)p_Y(i)$  and  $F_{XY}(1, i) = F_X(1)F_Y(i)$ .
- ▶ In general, if  $p_{XY}(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y)$  and  $F_{XY}(x, y) = F_X(x)F_Y(y)$  we say  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.

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- ▶ How does this relate to  $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A)\mathbb{P}(B)$ ?
- ▶  $A = \{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \leq x\}$  and  $B = \{\omega \in \Omega : Y(\omega) \leq y\}$ .
- ▶  $F_{XY}(x, y) := \mathbb{P}\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \leq x \text{ and } Y(\omega) \leq y\} = \mathbb{P}(A \cap B)$ .

# $E[XY]$

- ▶  $E[X] = \sum_x xp_X(x)$  and  $E[Y] = \sum_y yp_Y(y)$
- ▶  $E[X] = \sum_x \sum_y xp_{XY}(x, y)$  and  $E[Y] = \sum_x \sum_y yp_{XY}(x, y)$
- ▶ How do we define  $E[XY]$ ?
- ▶ You want to search over all values  $X \times Y$  can take ( $\{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$ ) and weight it by the corresponding probabilities.
- ▶  $E[XY] = \sum_x \sum_y xyp_{XY}(x, y) = 1.75 = E[X]E[Y]$ .

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent,  $E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$ .

# Example where $X$ and $Y$ are Dependent

- ▶ Now consider rolling a dice.
- ▶  $X = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if outcome is odd} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  and  $Y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if outcome is even} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ .
- ▶ What is  $p_X(x)$ ,  $p_Y(y)$ ,  $p_{XY}(x, y)$  and  $F_{XY}(x, y)$ ?
- ▶ What is  $E[XY]$ ?

# Consistency conditions

- ▶  $\sum_{x,y} p_{XY}(x,y) = 1.$
- ▶  $F_{XY}(\infty, \infty) = 1.$
- ▶  $F_{XY}(-\infty, -\infty) = 0.$
- ▶  $F_{XY}(-\infty, \infty) = 0.$
- ▶  $F_{XY}(\infty, -\infty) = 0$
- ▶  $F_{XY}(x, \infty) = F_X(x)$  (marginal CDF)
- ▶  $F_{XY}(\infty, y) = F_Y(y)$  (marginal CDF)

# Multiple continuous random variables

- ▶ Pick a number uniformly at random from a unit square centered at  $(.5, .5)$ .
- ▶ Random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  represent the respective  $x$  and  $y$  coordinate of the point chosen.
- ▶  $F_{X,Y}(x, y)$  denotes the probability that the point chosen lies below and to left of point  $(x, y)$ .
- ▶ In this example,  $F_{X,Y}(x, y) = xy$ .
- ▶ Now visualize  $F_{X,Y}(x + h, y) - F_{X,Y}(x, y)$ . This is the probability that the point chosen lies in the thin strip below  $y$  and between  $x$  and  $x + h$ .

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- ▶ Visualize  $F_{X,Y}(x+h,y) - F_{X,Y}(x,y)$ . This is the probability that the point chosen lies in the thin strip below  $y$  and between  $x$  and  $x+h$ .
- ▶  $\frac{\partial F_{XY}(x,y)}{\partial x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F_{X,Y}(x+h,y) - F_{X,Y}(x,y)}{h}$ .
- ▶ This is the rate of change of the joint CDF  $F_{XY}(x,y)$  in the  $x$  direction.



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- ▶  $\frac{\partial F_{XY}(x,y)}{\partial y} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F_{X,Y}(x,y+h) - F_{X,Y}(x,y)}{h}$  denotes the rate of change of the joint CDF in the  $y$  direction.
- ▶  $f_{X,Y}(x,y) := \frac{\partial^2 F_{XY}(x,y)}{\partial x \partial y}$  represents the joint probability density function.
- ▶  $f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$  denotes the probability that  $(X, Y)$  are in a rectangle of area  $dx dy$  around  $(x, y)$ .
- ▶ In this example,  $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = 1$ .
- ▶  $F_{XY}(x,y) := \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f_{XY}(s,t) ds dt$ .

# Summary for Continuous random variable

- ▶  $f_{XY}(x, y)$  denotes the joint pdf for  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- ▶  $F_{XY}(x, y) := \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f_{XY}(s, t) ds dt$ .  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) := \frac{\partial^2 F_{XY}(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y}$ .

The marginal pdf's  $f_X$  and  $f_Y$  can be obtained from the joint PDF as follows:

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dy \text{ and } f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dx$$

Two random variables,  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if the following is true:

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y), F_{XY}(x, y) = F_X(x)F_Y(y) \text{ and } E[XY] = E[X]E[Y].$$

- ▶ Rules similar for more than 2 random variables.