

3.17 Three fair coins are tossed. Let X denote the number of heads on the first two coins, and Y denote the number of tails on the last two coins.

(a) Find the joint distribution of X and Y .

(b) Find the condition distribution of Y given that $X = 1$.

Solution: (a)

$X \backslash Y$	0	1	2
0	0	$\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{2}$
1	$\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{2}$
2	$\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{2}$	0

$$(b) P(X=1) = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(Y=0|X=1) = \frac{P(Y=0, X=1)}{P(X=1)} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(Y=1|X=1) = \frac{P(Y=1, X=1)}{P(X=1)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(Y=2|X=1) = \frac{P(Y=2, X=1)}{P(X=1)} = \frac{1}{4}$$

3.18 Suppose that two standard, fair dice are rolled and the sequence of scores (X_1, X_2) is recorded. Let $U = \min\{X_1, X_2\}$ and $V = \max\{X_1, X_2\}$ denote the minimum and maximum scores, respectively.

(a) Find the conditional density of U given $V = v$ for each $v \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

(b) Find the conditional density of V given $U = u$ for each $u \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

Solution: (a) when $v=1$

$$P(U=u|V=1) = \begin{cases} 1, & u=1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

when $v=2$

$$P(U=u|V=2) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & u=1, 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

when $v=3$

$$P(U=u|V=3) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3}, & u=1, 2, 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

when $v=4$

$$P(U=u|V=4) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}, & u=1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

when $v=5$

$$P(U=u|V=5) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5}, & u=1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

when $v=6$

$$P(U=u|V=6) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6}, & u=1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(b) when $u=1$

$$P(V=v|U=1) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6}, & v=1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

when $u=2$

$$P(V=v|U=2) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5}, & v=2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

when $u=3$

$$P(V=v|U=3) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}, & v=3, 4, 5, 6 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

when $u=4$

$$P(V=v|U=4) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3}, & v=4, 5, 6 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

when $u=5$

$$P(V=v|U=5) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & v=5, 6 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

when $u=6$

$$P(V=v|U=6) = \begin{cases} 1, & v=6 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

3.20 Suppose that N has the Poisson distribution with parameter 1, and given $N = n$, Y has the binomial distribution with parameters n and p .

- Find the joint probability density function of (N, Y) .
- Find the probability density function of Y .
- Find the conditional probability density function of N given $Y = k$.

Solution: (a) $P(N=n, Y=k) = P(N=n) \cdot P(Y=k | N=n)$

$$P(N=n) = \frac{1}{n!} e^{-1}$$

$$P(Y=k | N=n) = C_n^k p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$P(N=n, Y=k) = \frac{e^{-1}}{n!} C_n^k p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$(b) P(Y=k) = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} P(N=n, Y=k) = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-1}}{n!} C_n^k p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$(c) P(N=n | Y=k) = \frac{P(N=n, Y=k)}{P(Y=k)} = \frac{\frac{e^{-1}}{n!} C_n^k p^k (1-p)^{n-k}}{\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-1}}{n!} C_n^k p^k (1-p)^{n-k}} = \frac{\frac{1}{n!} C_n^k (1-p)^{n-k}}{\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} C_n^k (1-p)^{n-k}}$$

3.21 Suppose that the joint density of X and Y is

$$f(x, y) = \frac{12}{5} x(2-x-y) \quad \text{for } 0 < x < 1 \text{ and } 0 < y < 1$$

and zero otherwise.

- Find the conditional probability density function $f_{X|Y}(x|y)$ for $0 < y < 1$.
- Determine the probability $P(X > 1/2 | Y = 1/3)$.

Solution: (a) $f_X(y) = \int_0^1 \frac{12}{5} x(2-x-y) dx = \frac{6}{5} - \frac{3}{5}y, 0 < y < 1$

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(y)} = \frac{\frac{12}{5} x(2-x-y)}{\frac{6}{5} - \frac{3}{5}y} = \frac{6x(2-x-y)}{4-3y}$$

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \begin{cases} \frac{6x(2-x-y)}{4-3y}, & 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$(b) P(X > \frac{1}{2} | Y = \frac{1}{3}) = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 2x(2-x-\frac{1}{3}) dx = \frac{2}{3}$$

3.23 Suppose that (X, Y) has probability density function

$$f(x, y) = 15x^2y \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1.$$

- Find the conditional density of X given $Y = y$.
- Find the conditional density of Y given $X = x$.
- Are X and Y independent?

Solution: (a) $f_Y(y) = \int_0^y 15x^2y \, dx = 5x^3y \Big|_0^y = 5y^4, 0 \leq y \leq 1$

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} = \begin{cases} \frac{3x^2}{y^3}, & 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(b) $f_X(x) = \int_x^1 5x^2y \, dy = \frac{5}{2}x^2(1-x^2), 0 \leq x \leq 1$

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_X(x)} = \begin{cases} \frac{2y}{1-x^2}, & 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(c) $f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) = 5y^4 \times \frac{5}{2}x^2(1-x^2) \neq f(x,y)$

$\therefore X$ and Y are not independent.

3.25 Suppose that X is uniformly distributed in the interval $(0,1)$, and that given $X = x$, Y is uniformly distributed in the interval $(0,x)$.

(a) Find the joint density of (X,Y) .

(b) Find the probability density function of Y .

(c) Find the conditional probability density function of X given $Y = y$ for $y \in (0,1)$.

Solution: (a) $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ $f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x}, & 0 < y < x \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$f(x,y) = f(x) \cdot f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x}, & 0 < y < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(b) $f(y) = \int_y^1 \frac{1}{x} \, dx = -\ln y, 0 < y < 1$

(c) $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{x \ln y}, & 0 < y < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

3.26 Suppose that (X,Y) has probability density function

$$f(x,y) = \frac{1}{12\pi} e^{-\left(\frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{y^2}{18}\right)}, \quad (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

(a) Find the conditional density function of X given $Y = y$.

(b) Find the conditional density function of Y given $X = x$.

(c) Are X and Y independent?

Solution: (a) $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{12\pi} e^{-\left(\frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{y^2}{18}\right)} \, dy = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{8}}, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$f_{Y|X}(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}}, \quad (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$(b) f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dy = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_X(x)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}}, \quad (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$(c) f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-(x^2+y^2)} = f(x,y)$$

They are independent.

3.27 Suppose that a box has 12 balls labeled 1, 2, ..., 12. Two independent repetitions are made of the experiment of selecting a ball at random from the box. Let X denote the numbers on the balls selected. Compute the probability function of X .

Solution:

X	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
P	$\frac{1}{144}$	$\frac{2}{144}$	$\frac{3}{144}$	$\frac{4}{144}$	$\frac{5}{144}$	$\frac{6}{144}$	$\frac{7}{144}$	$\frac{8}{144}$	$\frac{9}{144}$	$\frac{10}{144}$	$\frac{11}{144}$	$\frac{12}{144}$	$\frac{11}{144}$	$\frac{10}{144}$	$\frac{9}{144}$	$\frac{8}{144}$	$\frac{7}{144}$	$\frac{6}{144}$	$\frac{5}{144}$	$\frac{4}{144}$	$\frac{3}{144}$	$\frac{2}{144}$	$\frac{1}{144}$

3.28 Let X be geometrically distributed random variable having parameter p . Let $Y = X$ if $X > M$ and let $Y = M$ if $X \leq M$; that is, $Y = \min\{X, M\}$. Compute the probability function of Y .

Solution: $P(X=k) = (1-p)^{k-1} \cdot p$
 when $Y=k, k < M$
 $P(Y=k) = P(X=k) = (1-p)^{k-1} \cdot p$
 when $Y=M$
 $P(Y=M) = P(X \geq M) = \sum_{k=M}^{\infty} (1-p)^{k-1} p = (1-p)^{M-1}$

3.36 Suppose that X and Y are independent Poisson random variables such that $Var(X) + Var(Y) = 5$. Evaluate $P(X+Y < 2)$.

Solution: $Var(X) = \lambda_1$
 $Var(Y) = \lambda_2$
 $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 5$
 $X+Y \sim P(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \Rightarrow X+Y \sim P(5)$
 $P(X+Y < 2) = P(X+Y=0) + P(X+Y=1) = e^{-5} \frac{5^0}{0!} + e^{-5} \frac{5^1}{1!} = 6e^{-5}$

Example 3.3.3 A store has a certain goods. Let X be the number of customers entering this store in a specified period of time. Suppose that $X \sim P(\lambda)$ and the probability of the event that each customer purchases the certain goods is p . If customs are independent, then find the probability function of the number of customers who purchase the certain goods.

Solution: Y is the number of customers who purchase the certain goods.

$$P(X=m) = \frac{\lambda^m}{m!} e^{-\lambda}, m=0,1,2,\dots$$

$$P(Y=k|X=m) = C_m^k p^k (1-p)^{m-k}, k=0,1,2,\dots,m$$

$$P(Y=k) = \sum_{m=k}^{\infty} P(X=m) P(Y=k|X=m) = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda p}, k=0,1,2,\dots$$

Example 3.3.4 Given

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} k & \text{for } 0 < x < y < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Determine $f_{X|Y}(x|y)$ and $f_{Y|X}(y|x)$.

Solution: $\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x,y) dx dy = \int_0^1 \int_0^y k dx dy = \frac{k}{2} = 1$

$$k=2$$

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dy = \int_x^1 2 dy = 2(1-x), 0 < x < 1$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dx = \int_0^y 2 dx = 2y, 0 < y < 1$$

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{y}, & 0 < x < y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_X(x)} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-x}, & 0 < x < y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Example 3.3.5 Given

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{16}(4-2x-y) & \text{for } x > 0, y > 0, 2x+y < 4, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(a) Determine $f_{Y|X}(y|x)$.

(b) Determine the value of $P(Y \geq 2 | X \leq 1/2)$.

(c) Determine the value of $P(Y \geq 2 | X = 1/2)$.

Solution: (a) $0 < x < 2, f_X(x) = \int_0^{4-2x} \frac{3}{16}(4-2x-y) dy = \frac{3}{8}(2-x)^2$

$$x \leq 0 \text{ or } x \geq 1, f_X(x) = 0.$$

$$0 < x < 2, f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_X(x)} = \begin{cases} \frac{4-2x-y}{2(2-x)^2}, & 0 < y < 4-2x \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$(b) P(Y \geq 2 | X \leq \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} dx \int_2^{4-2x} \frac{3}{16}(4-2x-y) dy}{\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{3}{8}(2-x)^2 dx} = \frac{7}{64}$$

$$(c) P(Y \geq 2 | X = \frac{1}{2}) = \int_2^{4-1} \frac{2(4-y)}{9} dy = \frac{1}{9}$$

Example 3.4.3 Let X and Y be independent geometric variables with common probability function

$$p(k) = p(1-p)^{k-1}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Determine the probability function of $X + Y$.

Solution: $X + Y = n \Rightarrow X = k, Y = n - k$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X + Y = n) &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} P(X = k, Y = n - k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} P(X = k) P(Y = n - k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} p(1-p)^{k-1} p(1-p)^{n-k-1} \\ &= (n-1)p^2(1-p)^{n-2} \quad n = 2, 3, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Example 3.4.4 Assume X and Y are independent, and $X \sim B(n_1, p)$, $Y \sim B(n_2, p)$. Prove $X + Y \sim B(n_1 + n_2, p)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution: } P(X + Y = k) &= \sum_{k_1=0}^k P(X = k_1) P(Y = k - k_1) \\ &= \sum_{k_1=0}^k \binom{n_1}{k_1} p^{k_1} (1-p)^{n_1-k_1} \cdot \binom{n_2}{k-k_1} p^{k-k_1} (1-p)^{n_2-k+k_1} \\ &= p^k (1-p)^{n_1+n_2-k} \sum_{k_1=0}^k \binom{n_1}{k_1} \binom{n_2}{k-k_1} \\ &= \binom{n_1+n_2}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n_1+n_2-k}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n_1+n_2 \end{aligned}$$

Example 3.4.5 Assume X and Y are independent, and $X \sim P(\lambda)$, $Y \sim P(\mu)$. Prove $X + Y \sim P(\lambda + \mu)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution: } P(X + Y = n) &= \sum_{k=0}^n P(X = k, Y = n - k) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n P(X = k) P(Y = n - k) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} \\ &= e^{-(\lambda+\mu)} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\lambda^k \mu^{n-k}}{k! (n-k)!} \\ &= \frac{e^{-(\lambda+\mu)}}{n!} (\lambda + \mu)^n, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$