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This is the desired conclusion.

**Example 2.** Suppose  $(\xi, \eta) \sim N(\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, r)$ . Find out the necessary and sufficient condition for  $\xi, \eta$  to be independent.

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**Proof** Let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be two Borel sets. We want to prove

$$P(\xi \in B_1, \eta \in B_2) = P(\xi \in B_1)P(\eta \in B_2). \quad (*)$$

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If  $a \in B_1$ , then  $P(\xi \in B_1) = 1$  and

$$\begin{aligned} P(\xi \in B_1, \eta \in B_2) &= P(\eta \in B_2) - P(\xi \notin B_1, \eta \in B_2) \\ &= P(\eta \in B_2). \end{aligned}$$

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## 2.5 Conditional distributions

### I. Discrete random variables:

$$P(\xi = x_i, \eta = y_j) = p_{ij}, i, j = 1, 2, \dots.$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\eta = y_j | \xi = x_i) &= \frac{P(\eta = y_j, \xi = x_i)}{P(\xi = x_i)} \\ &= \frac{p_{ij}}{p_{i\cdot}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ . This is the conditional distribution of  $\eta$  conditioning on  $\xi = x_i$ .

**定义1** 称 $P(\eta = y_j | \xi = x_i)$ 为在 $\xi = x_i$ 的条件下 $\eta$ 的条件概率分布列, 简称为条件分布, 记为 $p_{\eta|\xi}(y_j | x_i)$ . 称

$$P(\eta \leq y | \xi = x_i) = \sum_{j: y_j \leq y} p_{\eta|\xi}(y_j | x_i)$$

为在 $\xi = x_i$ 的条件下 $\eta$ 的条件分布函数.

从条件分布的定义和 $\xi, \eta$ 的独立性的定义可知,  $\xi, \eta$ 独立的充分必要条件是对任何 $i, j \geq 1$  有

$$P(\eta = y_j | \xi = x_i) = P(\eta = y_j).$$

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**解** 对 $t \leq w$ , 事件 $\{S_n = t, S_{n+1} = w\}$ 意味着在 $w$ 次试验中, 第 $t, w$ 次出现“成功”, 在第1次到第 $t-1$ 次中出现 $n-1$ 次“成功”, 其余均出现“失败”. 所以

$$\begin{aligned} P(S_n = t, S_{n+1} = w) &= p \cdot p \cdot \binom{t-1}{n-1} p^{n-1} q^{w-(n+1)} \\ &= \binom{t-1}{n-1} p^{n+1} q^{w-(n+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

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$$P(S_{n+1} = w | S_n = t) = \frac{P(S_n = t, S_{n+1} = w)}{P(S_n = t)} = pq^{w-t-1}.$$

这意味着, 在  $S_n = t$  的条件下,  $S_{n+1} - S_n$  服从几何分布.

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这一条件分布不依赖于 $p$ .



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When  $p_{\xi}(x) > 0$ , conditioning on  $\xi = x$ , the density of  $\eta$  is

$$p_{\eta|\xi}(y|x) = \frac{p(x, y)}{p_{\xi}(x)}.$$

**定义2** 设随机向量 $(\xi, \eta)$ 有联合密度函数 $p(x, y)$ ,  $\xi$ 有边际密度函数 $p_\xi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x, y)dy$ . 若在 $x$ 处,  $p_\xi(x) > 0$ , 则称

$$P(\eta \leq y | \xi = x) = \int_{-\infty}^y \frac{p(x, v)}{p_\xi(x)} dv, \quad y \in \mathbf{R}$$

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同理, 若  $p_\eta(y) > 0$ , 则在  $\eta = y$  的条件下,  $\xi$  的密度函数为

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**Bayesian formula:**

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\xi|\eta}(x|y) &= \frac{p(x, y)}{p_{\eta}(y)} = \frac{p(x, y)}{\int p(u, y) du} \\ &= \frac{p_{\eta|\xi}(y|x)p_{\xi}(x)}{\int p_{\eta|\xi}(y|u)p_{\xi}(u) du}. \end{aligned}$$

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下面我们推导在  $\xi = x$  的条件下,  $\eta$  的条件密度. 为此, 我们不断把不含  $y$  的因子提出来, 用常数  $C_i$  表示. 最后的常数通过  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_{\eta|\xi}(y|x) dy = 1$  求得.

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\eta|\xi}(y|x) &= \frac{p(x, y)}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x, y) dy} = C_1 p(x, y) \\ &= C_2 \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-r^2)} \left[ \frac{(y-\mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} - 2r \frac{(x-\mu_1)(y-\mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} \right] \right\} \\ &= C_3 \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-r^2)} \left( \frac{y-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} - r \frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 \right\} \\ &= C_3 \exp \left\{ -\frac{\left[ y - \mu_2 - r \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} (x - \mu_1) \right]^2}{2\sigma_2^2(1-r^2)} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

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回顾正态分布的密度函数知 $p_{\eta|\xi}(y|x)$ 为正态密度函数

$$p_{\eta|\xi}(y|x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_2\sqrt{1-r^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\left[ y - \mu_2 - r \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} (x - \mu_1) \right]^2}{2\sigma_2^2(1-r^2)} \right\}. \quad (2)$$

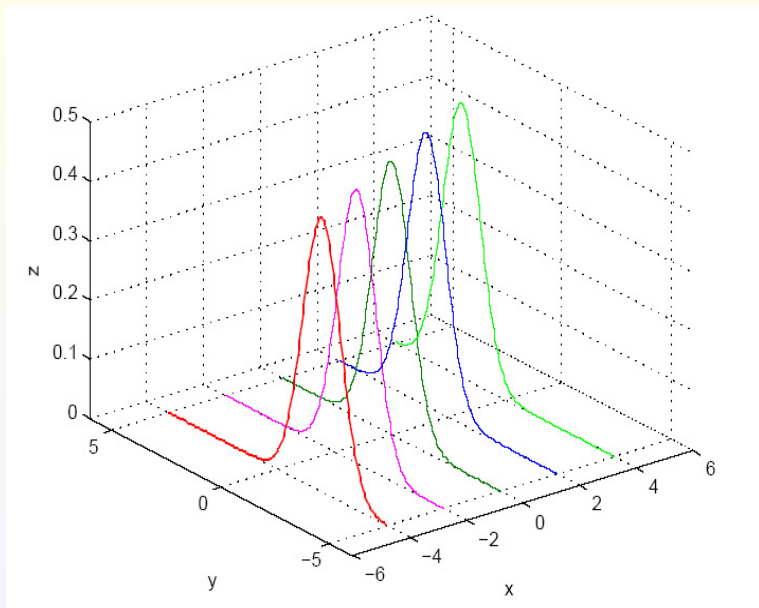
即在 $\xi = x$ 的条件下, 二维正态分布的条件分布是正态分布 $N(\mu_2 + r\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}(x - \mu_1), (1 - r^2)\sigma_2^2)$ , 记作

$$\eta|_{\xi=x} \sim N(\mu_2 + \frac{r\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}(x - \mu_1), (1 - r^2)\sigma_2^2),$$

其中第一个参数 $m = \mu_2 + r\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}(x - \mu_1)$ 是 $x$ 的线性函数, 第二个参数与 $x$ 无关.



## 2.5 Conditional distributions



### III. The general case:

In general, suppose that the joint distribution function of  $(\xi, \eta)$  is  $F(x, y)$ . If

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(\xi \leq x, \eta \in (y, y + \Delta y])}{P(\eta \in (y, y + \Delta y])} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x, y + \Delta y) - F(x, y)}{F_{\eta}(y + \Delta y) - F_{\eta}(y)} \end{aligned}$$

exists for any  $x$ , we call the limit function  $F_{\xi|\eta}(x|y)$  be the conditional distribution function of  $\xi$  for given  $\eta = y$ .

If there exists  $\{x_i\}$  such that

$$F_{\xi|\eta}(x|y) = \sum_{i:x_i \leq x} p_{\xi|\eta}(x_i|y), \quad x \in \mathbf{R},$$

then we call  $p_{\xi|\eta}(x_i|y)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , the conditional mass function (条件分布列). If  $F_{\xi|\eta}(x|y)$  can be represented as the form

$$F_{\xi|\eta}(x|y) = \int_{-\infty}^x p_{\xi|\eta}(v|y) dv, \quad x \in \mathbf{R},$$

then we call  $p_{\xi|\eta}(x|y)$  the conditional density function.

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**解**  $\Lambda$ 为连续型随机变量,  $X$ 为离散型随机变量.

对 $x = 0, 1, \dots$ , 有

$$P(X = x | \Lambda = \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda}.$$

这意味着

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将上式右边添加正则化常数因子使得其积分为1, 得

$$p_{\Lambda|\xi}(\lambda|x) = \frac{(a+1)^{x+b}}{\Gamma(x+b)} \lambda^{x+b-1} e^{-(a+1)\lambda}, \quad \lambda > 0.$$

即在 $X = x$ 的条件下,  $\Lambda$ 服从伽玛分布 $\Gamma(x+b, a+1)$ .

## IV. Multi-dimensional case:

Suppose that the joint distribution function of random vectors  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  is  $F(x, y)$ . If

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(\xi \leq x, \eta \in (y, y + \Delta y])}{P(\eta \in (y, y + \Delta y])} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x, y + \Delta y) - F(x, y)}{F_{\eta}(y + \Delta y) - F_{\eta}(y)} \end{aligned}$$

exists for any  $x$ , we call the limit function  $F_{\xi|\eta}(x|y)$  be the conditional distribution function of  $\xi$  for given  $\eta = y$ .

When  $(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\eta})$  is a continuous random vector with probability density function  $p(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y})$ , the conditional probability density function of  $\boldsymbol{\xi}$  for given  $\boldsymbol{\eta} = \boldsymbol{y}$  is

$$p_{\boldsymbol{\xi}|\boldsymbol{\eta}}(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{y}) = \frac{p(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y})}{p_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(\boldsymbol{y})} = \frac{p(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y})}{\int p(\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{y}) d\boldsymbol{u}},$$

if  $p_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(\boldsymbol{y}) > 0$ .

When  $(\xi, \eta)$  is a discrete random vector with probability mass function

$P(\xi = x_i, \eta = y_j) = p(x_i, y_j)$ , the conditional probability mass function of  $\xi$  for given  $\eta = y_j$  is

$$p_{\xi|\eta}(x_i|y_j) = \frac{p(x_i, y_j)}{p_{\eta}(y_j)} = \frac{P(\xi = x_i, \eta = y_j)}{P(\eta = y_j)},$$

if  $P(\eta = y_j) > 0$ .