

# Probability and Random Processes (15B11MA301)

## Lecture- 10



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# Independent Random Variables

Let  $(X, Y)$  be two dimensional random variable with joint probability function  $f_{(X,Y)}(x, y) = P[X = x, Y = y]$ . Then  $(X, Y)$  is said to be independent if

$$f_{(X,Y)}(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$$

*Note: If  $X, Y$  are independent, then*

a)  $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = f_X(x),$

b)  $f_{Y|X}(y|x) = f_Y(y),$

**Example 1:** Let X,Y have following joint probability distribution,  $f_{(X,Y)}(x, y)$  .Show that X,Y are independent.

	X=2	X= 4
Y=1	0.10	0.15
Y=3	0.20	0.30
Y=5	0.10	0.15

**Solution:**

Y \ X	2	4	$P(Y = y)$
1	0.10	0.15	0.25
3	0.20	0.30	0.50
5	0.10	0.15	0.25
$P(X = x)$	0.40	0.60	1

From the above table we can see that

$$f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) = P(X=x) \cdot P(Y=y) = f_{(X,Y)}(x, y) \text{ for each pair of values } (x, y).$$

e.g for Pair (2,1), we have  $f_{(X,Y)}(2,1) = 0.10$  and  $P(X=2)=0.40$  and  $P(Y=1)=0.25$

$$f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) = P(X=x) \cdot P(Y=y) = 0.25 * 0.40 = 0.10 = f_{(X,Y)}(x, y)$$

**Example 2:** If X,Y have the joint PDF

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

Check whether X and Y are independent or not.

**Solution:** The marginal density function of X is given by

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y)dy = \int_0^1 (x+y)dy = x + \frac{1}{2}, \quad 0 < x < 1$$

The marginal density function of Y is given by

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

Now,

$$f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) = (x + 1/2)(y + 1/2) \neq f(x,y)$$

Ans: X and Y are not independent.

# Conditional Mean and Variance

If  $(X,Y)$  is a two-dimensional random variable, then the mean or expectation of  $(X,Y)$  is defined as follows

- **Case 1:** when  $X,Y$  are discrete random variables, then

$$E(X) = \sum_{x_i} x_i \cdot P(X = x_i)$$

$$E(Y) = \sum_{y_j} y_j \cdot P(Y = y_j)$$

$$E(X/Y) = \sum_{x_i} x_i \cdot P(X = x_i / Y = y_j)$$

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$$E(XY) = \sum_{x_i} \sum_{y_j} x_i y_j P(X = x_i, Y = y_j)$$

**Case 2:** When X,Y are continuous random variables, then

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$E(Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f(y) dy$$

### Conditional Expected Values

$$E(X/Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x/y) dx$$

$$E(Y/X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f(y/x) dy$$



$$E(XY) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xyf(x, y) dx dy$$

**Conditional Variance:** If  $(X, Y)$  is a two-dimensional random variable, then the conditional variance of  $(X, Y)$  is

$$\text{Var}(Y/X) = E(Y^2/X) - [E(Y/X)]^2$$

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**Notes:** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent random variables, then

$$E(X/Y) = E(X)$$

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**Example 1:** The joint distribution of X and Y is given by

$$f(x, y) = \frac{x+y}{21}, \quad x=1,2,3, \quad y=1,2$$

Find the marginal distributions of X and Y. Find the mean of X and Y also.

**Solution:**

$X \backslash Y$	1	2	$P(X = x_i)$	
1	$\frac{2}{21}$	$\frac{3}{21}$	$\frac{5}{21}$	$P(X = 1)$
2	$\frac{3}{21}$	$\frac{4}{21}$	$\frac{7}{21}$	$P(X = 2)$
3	$\frac{4}{21}$	$\frac{5}{21}$	$\frac{9}{21}$	$P(X = 3)$
$P(Y = y_j)$	$\frac{9}{21}$	$\frac{12}{21}$	1	
	$P(Y = 1)$	$P(Y = 2)$		

The marginal distributions of  $X$  are

$$P(X = 1) = \frac{5}{21}, P(X = 2) = \frac{7}{21}, P(X = 3) = \frac{9}{21}$$

The marginal distributions of  $Y$  are

$$P(Y = 1) = \frac{9}{21}, P(Y = 2) = \frac{12}{21}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_{x=1}^3 xP(X = x) = 1P(X = 1) + 2P(X = 2) + 3P(X = 3) \\ &= \frac{5}{21} + \frac{14}{21} + \frac{27}{21} = \frac{46}{21} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y) &= \sum_{y=1}^2 yP(Y = y) = 1P(Y = 1) + 2P(Y = 2) \\ &= \frac{9}{21} + \frac{24}{21} = \frac{33}{21} = \frac{11}{7} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2:** The joint PDF of (X,Y) is given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 24xy, & 0 < x, 0 < y, x + y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the conditional mean and variance of Y given X.

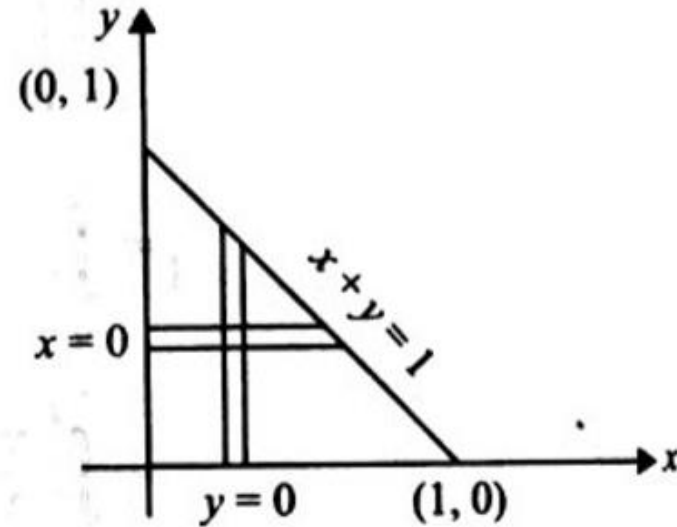
**Solution:**

Given:  $f(x, y) = 24xy, \quad x > 0, y > 0, x + y \leq 1$

$$\therefore f_X(x) = \int_0^{1-x} 24xy \, dy = 24x \int_0^{1-x} y \, dy,$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 24x \left[ \frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^{1-x} = 24x \frac{(1-x)^2}{2} \\ &= 12x (1-x)^2, \quad 0 < x < 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(y/x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)} = \frac{2y}{(1-x)^2}, \quad 0 < y < 1-x$$



$$E(Y/X) = \int_0^{1-x} y f(y/x) dy$$

$$= \int_0^{1-x} \frac{2y^2}{(1-x)^2} dy = \frac{2}{(1-x)^2} \left[ \frac{y^3}{3} \right]_0^{1-x} = \frac{2}{3}(1-x), \quad x > 0$$

$$E(Y^2/X = x) = \int_0^{1-x} y^2 f(y/x) dy$$

$$= \int_0^{1-x} y^2 \frac{2y}{(1-x)^2} dy = \frac{2}{(1-x)^2} \left[ \frac{y^4}{4} \right]_0^{1-x} = \frac{1}{2}(1-x)^2, \quad x > 0$$

$$\text{Var}(Y/X) = E(Y^2/X) - [E(Y/X)]^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(1-x)^2 - \frac{4}{9}(1-x)^2 = \frac{1}{18}(1-x)^2, \quad x > 0$$

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