

# 5) Conditional Expectation and Projection

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# Law of Iterated Expectation (Total Expectation)

$$E[E(Y|X)] = E[g(X)]$$

$$\sum_x g(x)P(X = x)$$

$$\sum_x [\sum_y yP(Y = y|X = x)]P(X = x)$$

$$\sum_y y \sum_x P(Y = y, X = x)$$

$$\sum_y yP(Y = y) = E(Y)$$

## Example: Law of Iterated Expectation

$$E[E(Y|X)] = E(Y)$$

$$E(Wage) = 10.9 \text{ and } E(Educ) = 11.5$$

$$E(Wage|Educ) = 4 + .6Educ$$

$$E[E(Wage|Educ)] = E[4 + .6Educ]$$

$$= E(4) + .6E(Educ)$$

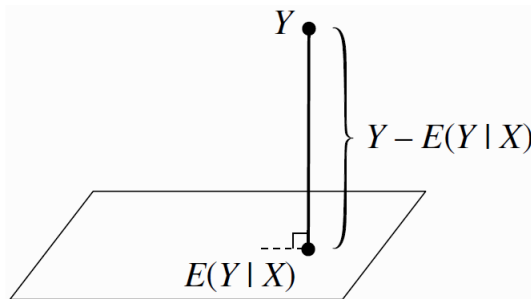
$$= 4 + .6 * 11.5 = 10.9$$

# Projection Interpretation

$$E[(Y - E(Y|X))h(X)]$$

$$E[h(X)Y] - E[h(X)E(Y|X)]$$

$$E[h(X)Y] - E[E(h(X)Y|X)] = 0$$



# Linear Regression: Assumptions

$$Y = \alpha + \beta X + \epsilon$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\epsilon) &= E[E(\epsilon|X)] \\ &= E(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\epsilon X) &= E[E(\epsilon X|X)] \\ &= E[XE(\epsilon|X)] \\ &= E(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$Y = \alpha + \beta X + \epsilon$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

$$= \text{Cov}(X, \alpha) + \beta \text{Cov}(X, X) + \text{Cov}(X, \epsilon)$$

$$= \beta \text{Var}(X)$$

$$\beta = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\text{Var}(X)}$$

# Conditional Variance

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(Y) &= E[Y - E(Y)]^2 \\ &= E\{Y^2 - 2YE(Y) + [E(Y)]^2\} \\ &= E(Y^2) - [E(Y)]^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(Y|X) &= E\{[Y - E(Y|X)]^2|X\} \\ &= E(Y^2|X) - [E(Y|X)]^2 \end{aligned}$$

# Law of Total Variance

$$g(X) = E(Y|X) \text{ and } E[g(X)] = E(Y)$$

$$E[\text{Var}(Y|X)]$$

$$= E[E(Y^2|X) - g(X)^2] = E(Y^2) - E[g(X)^2]$$

$$\text{Var}[E(Y|X)]$$

$$= E[g(X)^2] - [E(g(X))]^2 = E[g(X)^2] - [E(Y)]^2$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E[\text{Var}(Y|X)] + \text{Var}[E(Y|X)]$$



# Homoskedasticity vs Heteroskedasticity

$$Y = \alpha + \beta X + \epsilon$$

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

$$E(\epsilon^2|X) = \sigma^2$$

$$E(\epsilon^2|X) = \sigma^2(X)$$

## Conditional Independence Assumption (CIA)

$$E(\epsilon|x_1, x_2) = E(\epsilon|x_2)$$

$$E(W_J|C = 0) = 10 \text{ and } E(W_J|C = 1) = 20$$

$$E(W_G|C = 0) = 8 \text{ and } E(W_G|C = 1) = 12$$

$\frac{1}{2}$  of people is J, and other  $\frac{1}{2}$  is G

$$ACE = \$7$$

# Violation of CIA

$$P(C|H) = 3/4 \text{ and } P(C|L) = 1/4$$

$$P(H|J) = 3/4 \text{ and } P(H|G) = 1/4$$

$$P(C|J) = P(\frac{C}{H})P(\frac{H}{J}) + P(\frac{C}{L})P(\frac{L}{J}) = 62.5\%$$

$$P(C|G) = 37.5\%$$

	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$20	Mean
High-School	10	6	0	0	\$8.75
College	0	0	6	10	\$17.00

$$E(W|C) = 8.75 + 8.25C$$

# Conditioning on the Test Score

	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$20	Mean
High-School + High Test Score	1	3	0	0	\$9.50
College + High Test Score	0	0	3	9	\$18.00
High-School + Low Test Score	9	3	0	0	\$8.50
College + Low Test Score	0	0	3	1	\$14.00

$$E(W|C, H) = 8.5 + 1H + 5.5C + 3HC$$

$$E(C|H) = 18 - 9.5 = 8.5$$

$$E(C|L) = 14 - 8.5 = 5.5$$

$$ACE = \$7$$

# Selection Bias

	Potential		Causal		Job	
	Job		Wage		Avg Wage	
	Degree		Degree		Degree	
Type	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Always Blue	Blue	Blue	1K	1.5K	1.5K	1.5K
Blue White	Blue	White	2K	2.5K		3K
Always White	White	White	3K	3.5K	3K	