

Last class : Conditional distribution

Consider  $n+m$  trials having a common prob of success.

Prob of success chosen from  $Un[0,1]$

What is the cond. dist of success prob. given  
 $n+m$  trials resulted in  $n$  success?

$X$ : Probability of success in a trial

$$f_X(x) = 1 \quad 0 < x < 1$$

$$X \sim Unif[0,1]$$

$$X = x$$

$N$ : # of success in  $(n+m)$  trials

$$N | X=x \sim \text{Binomial}(n+m, x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X|N}(x|n) &= \frac{f_{X,N}(x,n)}{f_N(n)} \\ &= \frac{f_{X,N}(x,n)}{\int f_{X,N}(x,n) dx} \\ &= \frac{f_X(x) \underbrace{f_{N|x}(n|x)}_{\text{Binomial}(n+m, x)}}{\int f_X(x) f_{N|x}(n|x) dx} \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot \binom{n+m}{n} x^n (1-x)^m}{\int 1 \cdot \binom{n+m}{n} x^n (1-x)^m dx} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{x^n (1-x)^m}{\left[ \int_0^1 x^n (1-x)^m dx \right]} \Rightarrow \text{Beta}(n+1, m+1)$$

Beta function

$$\text{Beta}(n, m) = \int_0^1 x^{n-1} (1-x)^{m-1} dx$$

$$\text{Beta distribution } (\alpha, \beta) = \frac{x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}}{\text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)}$$

$$x/N \sim \text{Beta}(n+1, m+1) //$$

Exercise: Suppose a random variable  $X$  has an exponential distribution with parameter  $\theta$ . Given  $Y=y$ , the random variable  $X$  has a Poisson distribution with mean  $y$ . Find the conditional distribution of  $Y|X$ ? [Hint: Gamma distribution]



Conditional Expectation

$$\mathbb{E}[Y|X=x] = \begin{cases} \sum_y y P_{Y|X}(y|x) & \text{Discrete case} \\ \int y f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy & \text{Continuous case.} \end{cases}$$

Example:

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = e^{-x/y} \frac{e^{-y}}{y} \quad 0 < x < \infty, 0 < y < \infty$$

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = y e^{-x/y} \quad [\text{Exercise}]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X|y] = \int_0^{\infty} x \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$$

Exercise!

$$= y$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X|y=y] = y \cdot g(y)$$

$g(y)$        $g(Y)$   
                 ↳ function over a random variable

$$\mathbb{E}[X|y=y] \quad \mathbb{E}[X|Y]$$

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Conditional Expectation of  $X$  given  $Y$

Conditional Expectation.

$$\mathbb{E}[X|Y] = \sum_x x \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|Y)$$

Properties

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. \quad & \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|Y]] \quad (\text{discrete case}) \\
 & = \sum_y \mathbb{E}[X|Y] P_Y(y) \\
 & = \sum_y \sum_x x \cdot \underbrace{f_{X|Y}(x|y)}_{P_{X,Y}(x,y)} P_Y(y) \\
 & = \sum_y \sum_x x \cdot P_{X,Y}(x,y) \\
 & = \sum x \sum P_{X,Y}(x,y)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$x \quad y \quad \dots \quad \leftarrow \text{Marginalization} \\ = \sum_x x \cdot P_X(x) = E[X]$$

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

Iterated expectation / nested expectation -

Example: "Random Sum"

$X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots$  are iid random variables

$$X_i \sim F \\ Y = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} X_i \quad | \quad E[X_i] = \mu.$$

$N$ : another random variable taking values in the integer

$$E[Y] = E\left[\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} X_i\right]$$

$$E[Y] = E[E[Y|N]]$$

$$Y|N=n = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} X_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y|N=n] &= E\left[\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} X_i\right] \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} E[X_i] \\ &= n \cdot \mu \end{aligned}$$

$$E[Y|N] = \mu \cdot N$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[Y|N]] &= \mathbb{E}[Y] = \\ \hookrightarrow \mathbb{E}[\mu \cdot N] & \\ &= \mu \cdot \mathbb{E}[N] //\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}2. \text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[x|y]) & \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{E}[x|y])^2] - \underbrace{(\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[x|y]])^2}_{\mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{E}[x])^2]} \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{E}[x|y])^2] - (\mathbb{E}[x])^2\end{aligned}$$

Generalization of Property 1  
 Generalized iterated expectation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[g(x) h(x,y)] & \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\downarrow x} [g(x) \mathbb{E}[h(x,y)|x]]\end{aligned}$$

[Proof]

Exercise:  $U_1, U_2, \dots$  are iid  $U(0,1)$  random variables. Find  $\mathbb{E}[N]$

$$N = \min \left\{ n : \sum_{i=1}^n U_i > 1 \right\}$$

Conditional Variance

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

Example: Random Sum (Conditional Variance)

$$Y = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} X_i \quad X_i : \text{iid} \quad N : \text{r.v. (integer)}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[Y/N] = \mu \cdot N.$$

$$\text{Var}(Y/N=n)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[(Y - \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[Y|N=n]}_{} )^2 | N=n]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} X_i - \frac{n \cdot \mu}{n} \mu\right)^2 | N=n\right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\left[\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (X_i - \mu)\right]^2 | N=n\right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (X_i - \mu)^2 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \underbrace{(X_i - \mu)(X_j - \mu)}_{i \neq j} | N=n\right]$$

$$= \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathbb{E}[(X_i - \mu)^2]}_{\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2} + \sum_i \sum_{i \neq j} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[(X_i - \mu)(X_j - \mu)]}_{\mathbb{E}[X_i - \mu] \circ \mathbb{E}[X_j - \mu] \circ}$$

$$\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X_i - \mu]$$

$$\mu - \mu = 0$$

$$\underbrace{0}_0$$

$$\text{Var}(Y/N=n) = n \cdot \sigma^2$$

$$\text{Var}(Y/N) = \sigma^2 \cdot N$$

## Properties

$$\begin{aligned}1. \text{Var}(x/y) &= \mathbb{E}[(x - \mathbb{E}[x/y])^2 | y] \\&= \mathbb{E}[x^2 - 2x\mathbb{E}[x/y] + (\mathbb{E}[x/y])^2 | y] \\&= \mathbb{E}[x^2 | y] - \mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{E}[x/y])^2 | y]\end{aligned}$$

## 2. Law of Total Variance

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(x) &= \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(x/y)] \\&\quad + \underbrace{\text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[x/y])}_{\geq 0} \\ \Rightarrow \text{Var}(x) &\geq \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(x/y)] \\ \text{Var} &\Leftrightarrow \text{"Uncertainty"} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Prediction}\end{aligned}$$