

Last class : Conditional distribution

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

Prob of success chosen from $U \sim [0,1]$

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

X : Probability of success in a trial

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

$$X \sim \text{Unif}[0,1]$$

$$X = x$$

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

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

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

$$= x^n (1-x)^m$$

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

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 θ . 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

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

Example:

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

$$f_{X|Y}(x/y) = \frac{1}{y} e^{-x/y} \quad [\text{Exercise}]$$

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

Exercise!

$$= y$$

$$E[X|Y=y] = y \cdot g(y)$$

$g(y)$

$g(Y)$

↳ function over a random variable

Another random variable

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

$$E[X|Y]$$



Conditional Expectation of X given Y

Conditional Expectation.

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

Properties

1. $E[E[X|Y]]$ (Discrete case)

$$= \sum_y E[X|Y] P_Y(y)$$

$$= \sum_y \sum_x x \cdot \underbrace{P_{X|Y}(x|y)}_{P_{X,Y}(x,y)} P_Y(y)$$

$$= \sum_y \sum_x x \cdot P_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

$$= \sum_x x \sum_y P_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \quad \quad \quad x \quad \quad y \quad \quad \leftarrow \text{Marginalization} \rightarrow \\
 & = \sum_x x \cdot P_X(x) = E[X]
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Iterated expectation / Nested expectation.

Example: "Random Sum"

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

$$X_i \sim F$$

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

N : another random variable taking values in the integer

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \text{Var}(E[X/Y]) &= E[(E[X/Y])^2] - (E[E[X/Y]])^2 \\ &= E[(E[X/Y])^2] - (E[X])^2 \end{aligned} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Var}(x) \\ = E[x^2] \\ - (E[x])^2 \end{array} \right]$$

Generalization of Property 1

Generalized iterated expectation

$$E[g(x) h(x, y)]$$

$$= E[g(x) \underset{x}{E[h(x, y) | x]}]$$

[Proof]

Exercise: U_1, U_2, \dots are iid $U(0,1)$ random

(Ross textbook) variables. Find $E[N]$

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

Conditional Variance

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

Example: Random Sum (Conditional Variance)

$$Y = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} X_i \quad \begin{array}{l} X_i : \text{i.i.d} \\ N : \text{r.v (integers)} \end{array}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \mathbb{E}[\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (X_i - \mu)^2 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ i \neq j}}^{n-1} (X_i - \mu)(X_j - \mu) / N=n]$$

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

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

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbb{E}[(X_i - \mu)] = 0 \\ \mathbb{E}[(X_j - \mu)] = 0 \\ \downarrow \\ \mathbb{E}[X_i - \mu] = \mu - \mu = 0 \end{array}$$

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

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

Properties

$$1. \text{Var}(X/Y) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X/Y])^2 | Y]$$

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

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

2. Law of Total Variance

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(X/Y)] + \underbrace{\text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[X/Y])}_{\geq 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(X) \geq \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(X/Y)]$$

$\text{Var} \Leftrightarrow$ "Uncertainty" \rightsquigarrow Prediction.