

## Joint Probability Distribution

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### Summarise

1.  $D = \{(x, y) : x \in D_x, y \in D_y\}$  the set of all possible values of rv.
2. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two **drv's** on sample space  $S$ . The probability that  $X = x$  and  $Y = y$  is denoted by

$$p(x, y) = P(X = x, Y = y)$$

3.  $p(x, y)$  is called joint pmf if

- $0 \leq p(x, y) \leq 1$ .
- $\sum_{(x,y) \in D} p(x, y) = 1$ .
- $P[(X, Y) \in A] = \sum_{(x,y) \in A} p(x, y)$ , where  $A \subset D$

4. marginal pmf denoted by  $p_X(x)$  is given by

$$P_X(x) = \sum_{y \in D_y} p(x, y) \text{ for each possible values } x \text{ and}$$

$$P_Y(y) = \sum_{x \in D_x} p(x, y) \text{ for each possible value } y$$

5. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two **crv's**. The joint pdf of function  $f(x, y)$  satisfying  $f(x, y) \geq 0$  and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = 1.$$

Then for any (measurable) set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $P((X, Y) \in A) = \int_A f(x, y) dx dy$ .

In particular, if  $A = \{(x, y) : a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d\}$ , then

$$P((X, Y) \in A) = P(a \leq X \leq b, c \leq Y \leq d) = \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dx dy$$

6. The marginal pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy \text{ for } -\infty < x < \infty \text{ and}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx \text{ for } -\infty < y < \infty$$

Two rv  $X$  and  $Y$  are said to be **independent** if for every pair of  $x$  and  $y$  values

$p(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y)$   $X, Y$  are **drv** and

$f(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$   $X, Y$  are **crv**

Otherwise  $X$  and  $Y$  are said to be **dependent**

7. • If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are all **drv** the joint pmf of the variables is the function  $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n)$
- If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are all **crv** the joint pdf of the variables is the function  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  such that for any  $n$  intervals  $[a_1, b_1], \dots, [a_n, b_n]$ ,
- $$P(a_1 \leq X_1 \leq b_1, \dots, a_n \leq X_n \leq b_n) = \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \dots \int_{a_n}^{b_n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_n \dots dx_1$$
8. The random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are said to be **independent** if for every subset  $X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_n}$  of the variable (each pair, each triple, and so on), the joint pmf or pdf of the subset is equal to the product of the marginal pmf's or pdf's .
9.  $X, Y$  are **crv** then the conditional probability density function of  $Y$  given that  $X = x$  is

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)}, -\infty < y < \infty$$

For  $X, Y$  are **drv** just replace pdf's by pmf's

10. The expected value is defined by

$$\mu_X = E[h(x, y)] = \begin{cases} \sum \sum h(x, y)p(x, y), & X, Y \text{ are discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x, y)f(x, y)dx dy, & X, Y \text{ are continuous} \end{cases}$$

11. The Covariance between two rv's  $X$  and  $Y$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] \\ &= \begin{cases} \sum \sum (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y)p(x, y), & X, Y \text{ are discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y)f(x, y)dx dy, & X, Y \text{ are continuous} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1**  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y$

12. The correlation coefficient of  $X$  and  $Y$ , denoted by  $\text{Corr}(X, Y)$ ,  $\rho_{X,Y}$  or  $\rho$  is defined by

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Y}$$

**Theorem 2**

- if  $a$  and  $c$  are either both positive or both negative,  $\text{Corr}(aX+b, cY+d) = \text{Corr}(X, Y)$
- For any two rv's  $X$  and  $Y$ ,  $-1 \leq \text{Corr}(X, Y) \leq 1$ .
- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  $\rho = 0$
- $\rho = 1$  or  $-1$  iff  $Y = aX + b$  for some numbers  $a$  and  $b$  with  $a \neq 0$

13. The rv's  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are said to form a (simple) random sample of size  $n$  if

- The  $X_i$ 's are independent random variable.
- Every  $X_i$  has the same probability distribution .

14. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from distribution with mean values  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$  and let

$$\bar{X} = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \text{ (sample mean),}$$

Then

- $E(\bar{X}) = \mu_{\bar{X}} = \mu$
- $V(\bar{X}) = \sigma_{\bar{X}}^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$  and  $\sigma_{\bar{X}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$

In addition , with  $T_0 = X_1 + \dots + X_n$  (The sample total).  
 $E(T_0) = n\mu, V(T_0) = n\sigma^2$  and  $\sigma_{T_0} = \sqrt{n}\sigma$

15. The Central Limit Theorem

Theorem 4 if  $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then  $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$

16. Theorem 5 ( The Cental Limit Theorem(CLT))

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a distribution mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then if  $n$  is sufficiently large ,  $\bar{X}$  has approximately a normal distribution with  $\mu_{\bar{X}} = \mu$  and  $\sigma_{\bar{X}}^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$  and  $T_0$  also has approximately a normal distribution with  $\mu_{T_0} = n\mu, \sigma_{T_0}^2 = n\sigma^2$ , The larger the value of  $n$  , the better the approximation

**Rule of Thumb:** If  $n > 30$  , the CLT can be applied.

17. Given a collection of  $n$  random variable  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  and  $n$  numerical constant  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  the rv

$$Y = a_1X_1 + \dots + a_nX_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_iX_i \text{ is called the linear combination of the } X_i\text{'s}$$

Theorem 6 Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  have mean values  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n$  respectively and variance  $\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2$  respectively

- Whether or not the  $X_i$ 's are independent.

$$E(a_1X_1 + \dots + a_nX_n) = a_1E(X_1) + \dots + a_nE(X_n)$$

- if  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent,

$$V(a_1X_1 + \dots + a_nX_n) = a_1^2V(X_1) + \dots + a_n^2V(X_n)$$

$$\sigma_{a_1X_1 + \dots + a_nX_n} = \sqrt{a_1^2\sigma_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2\sigma_n^2}$$

- For any  $X_1, \dots, X_n$

$$V(a_1X_1 + \dots + a_nX_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$$