

Conditional expectation

1 Conditional distribution

1. Suppose that $p(x, y, z)$, the joint probability mass function of (X, Y, Z) is

$$\begin{array}{ll} p(1, 1, 1) = \frac{1}{8} & p(2, 1, 1) = \frac{1}{4} \\ p(1, 1, 2) = \frac{1}{8} & p(2, 1, 2) = \frac{3}{16} \\ p(1, 2, 1) = \frac{1}{16} & p(2, 2, 1) = 0 \\ p(1, 2, 2) = 0 & p(2, 2, 2) = \frac{1}{16} \end{array}$$

$$E(X|Y = 2, Z = 1)$$

2. An unbiased die is successively rolled. Let X and Y denote, respectively, the number of rolls necessary to obtain a six and a five. Find
- (a) $E[X]$
 - (b) $E[X|Y = 1]$
 - (c) $E[X|Y = 5]$.
3. If X and Y are independent Poisson random variables with respective means λ_1 and λ_2 , calculate the conditional expected value of X given that $X + Y = n$.
4. Suppose the joint density of X and Y is given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 6xy(2 - x - y) & \text{if } 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Compute the conditional expectation $E(X|Y = y)$, where $0 < y < 1$.

5. Suppose the joint density of X and Y is given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 4y(x - y)e^{-x-y} & \text{if } 0 < x < \infty, 0 \leq y \leq x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Compute $E(X|Y = y)$ and deduce $E(X|Y)$.

6. Let (X_1, X_2) be bivariate normal distributed with $\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 12 \\ 12 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$.

- (a) Find the conditional distribution of $X_2|X_1 = 3$.
 - (b) Find $E(X_2|X_1 = 3)$
 - (c) Find formula of $E(X_2|X_1 = x_1)$ and then deduce $E(X_2|X_1)$.
7. You visit a random number N of stores and in the i th store, you spend a random amount of money X_i . Let

$$T = X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_N$$

be the total amount of money that you spend. We assume that N is a positive integer random variable with a given PMF, and that the X_i are random variables with the same mean $E[X]$ and variance $\text{var}(X)$. Furthermore, we assume that N and all the X_i are independent. Show that

$$E[T] = E[X]E[N]$$

and

$$\text{var}(T) = \text{var}(X)E[N] + (E[X])^2\text{var}(N)$$