



## Chapter 3. Vectors of Random Variables

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such that  $p_{ij} \geq 0 \forall i, j$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m p_{ij} = 1$ .

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- The joint probability distribution of two-dimensional discrete random variable  $(X, Y)$  is also given by the following table:

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$x_1$	$p_{11}$	$p_{12}$	$\dots$	$p_{1j}$	$\dots$	$p_{1m}$
$x_2$	$p_{21}$	$p_{22}$	$\dots$	$p_{2j}$	$\dots$	$p_{2m}$
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$\cdot$	$\cdot$	$\cdot$	$\dots$	$\cdot$	$\dots$	$\cdot$
$x_i$	$p_{i1}$	$p_{i2}$	$\dots$	$p_{ij}$	$\dots$	$p_{im}$
$\cdot$	$\cdot$	$\cdot$	$\dots$	$\cdot$	$\dots$	$\cdot$
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$\cdot$	$\cdot$	$\cdot$	$\dots$	$\cdot$	$\dots$	$\cdot$
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- For  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ :  $P[(X, Y) \in D] = \int \int_D f(x, y) dx dy$ .

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$Y$	$y_1$	$y_2$	$\dots$	$y_j$	$\dots$	$y_m$
$P$	$p_{\cdot 1}$	$p_{\cdot 2}$	$\dots$	$p_{\cdot j}$	$\dots$	$p_{\cdot m}$

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- The conditional probability distribution of  $X$  given that  $Y = y_j$  is defined by:

$X Y = y_j$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$\dots$	$x_i$	$\dots$	$x_n$
$P$	$p_{1j}/p_{\cdot j}$	$p_{2j}/p_{\cdot j}$	$\dots$	$p_{ij}/p_{\cdot j}$	$\dots$	$p_{nj}/p_{\cdot j}$

since

$$P(X = x_i | Y = y_j) = \frac{P(X = x_i, Y = y_j)}{P(Y = y_j)} = \frac{p_{ij}}{p_{\cdot j}}, i = 1, \dots, n$$

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$Y X = x_i$	$y_1$	$y_2$	$\dots$	$y_j$	$\dots$	$y_m$
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# Independence

## Definitions 4.8:

- Let  $(X, Y)$  be a two-dimensional discrete random variable with the joint pmf  $f(x, y)$ .  $X$  and  $Y$  are called independent if and only if:

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$$f(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$

for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

# Examples

## Example 4.1:

Let  $X$  be the number of accidents per day and  $Y$  be the number of injured or dead people per day at a small town. We observed  $X$  and  $Y$  during a period of 100 days and obtained the following data:

$X \backslash Y$	0	1	2	3
0	8	0	0	0
1	22	9	1	0
2	20	10	3	1
3	8	5	2	1
4	4	3	2	1

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- Find the joint probability distribution of  $(X, Y)$ .
- Find the marginal probability distribution of  $X$  and of  $Y$ .
- Find the conditional probability distribution of  $X$  given that  $Y = 2$ .
- Find the conditional probability distribution of  $Y$  given that  $X = 2$ .
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The joint probability distribution of  $(X, Y)$  is the following table:

$X \setminus Y$	0	1	2	3
0	0.08	0	0	0
1	0.22	0.09	0.01	0
2	0.2	0.1	0.03	0.01
3	0.08	0.05	0.02	0.01
4	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.01

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To find the marginal probability distributions of  $X$  and of  $Y$ , we add the probabilities by rows and by columns:

$X \setminus Y$	0	1	2	3	$P(x_i)$
0	0.08	0	0	0	0.08
1	0.22	0.09	0.01	0	0.32
2	0.2	0.1	0.03	0.01	0.34
3	0.08	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.16
4	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.1
$P(y_j)$	0.62	0.27	0.08	0.03	1

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- The conditional probability distribution of  $X$  given that  $Y = 2$  is the following table:

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$P$	0	1/8	3/8	2/8	2/8



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- Since  $0.08 = P(X = 0, Y = 0) \neq P(X = 0)P(Y = 0) = 0.08 * 0.62 = 0.0496$  then  $X$  and  $Y$  are not independent.

# Examples

## Example 4.2:

Suppose that the two-dimensional continuous random variable  $(X, Y)$  has the following joint pdf:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} Cxy & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 4; 1 \leq y \leq 5, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Find the normalizing constant  $C$ .
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- Then

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{96}xy & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 4; 1 \leq y \leq 5, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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- If  $y \in [1, 5]$  then  $f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^0 0 dx + \int_0^4 \frac{1}{96} xy dx + \int_4^{+\infty} 0 dx = \frac{1}{12} y$ .

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# Examples

## Example 4.3:

Let  $X$  be the number of accidents per day and  $Y$  be the number of injured or dead people per day at a small town. We observed  $X$  and  $Y$  during a period of 100 days and obtained the following data:

$X \setminus Y$	0	1	2	3
0	8	0	0	0
1	22	9	1	0
2	20	10	3	1
3	8	5	2	1
4	4	3	2	1

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Are  $X$  and  $Y$  related?

- Since  $\rho(X, Y) = 0.823 \neq 0$  then  $X$  and  $Y$  are related and since  $\rho(X, Y) = 0.823$  is close to 1, then  $X$  and  $Y$  have a strong positive linear relationship.

# Examples

## Example 4.4:

Suppose that the two-dimensional continuous random variable  $(X, Y)$  has the following joint pdf:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{96}xy & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 4; 1 \leq y \leq 5, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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- Since  $\rho = 0$  then  $X$  and  $Y$  are not related.