

Conditional Expectation Facts (cont)

If A_1, \dots, A_n from a partition of the sample space and $P(A_i) > 0$ for all i , then

$$E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) E(X \mid A_i),$$

and additionally,

$$E(X \mid B) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i \mid B) E(X \mid A_i \cap B).$$

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$$E(X) = \sum_y p_Y(y) E(X \mid Y = y).$$

A Proof

Example 2.16

Messages transmitted by a computer in Boston through a data network are destined for New York with probability 0.5 and, for Chicago with probability 0.3, and for San Francisco with probability 0.2. The transit time, X , of a message is random. The mean is 0.05 seconds if it is destined for New York, 0.1 seconds if it is destined for Chicago, and 0.3 seconds if it is destined for San Francisco.

Determine $E(X)$.

Example 2.16 (cont)

Example 2.17 Mean and Variance of the Geometric

Let $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$. Determine $E(X)$ and $\text{var}(X)$.

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