

(Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) Conditioning

$$B \in \mathcal{B}, P_X(B) = P[\{X \in B\}]$$

$$\{\{X \in B\} : B \in \mathcal{B}\}$$

A collection of subsets of $\{\omega \in \Omega : \omega \in X^{-1}(B)\}$

$$\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \in B\}$$

subset of the sample space

Consider you tossed three coins 10 50, 50 50, 100 50

$$\Omega = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, THH, TTH, THT, HTT, TTT\}$$

Define X by $X(\omega)$: the values of those coins that land heads up are added up.

Q: What is the expected value of X given that two coins have landed heads up?

$$B = \{\omega : X(\omega) \in B\}$$

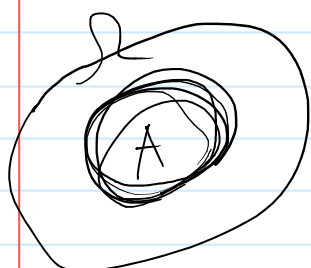
$$B = \{HHT, HTH, THH\}$$

$$X(HHT) = 60$$

$$X(HTH) = 110$$

$$X(THH) = 150$$

$$P(\{X=60\} \cap B)$$



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$$X(THH) = 150$$

$$P(\{X=60\} \cap B)$$

$$\neq \underbrace{P(B)}$$

$$E[X|B] := X(HHT) \underbrace{P[\{X=60\} | B]}$$

$$+ X(HTH) \underbrace{P[\{X=110\} | B]}$$

$$+ X(THH) \underbrace{P[\{X=150\} | B]}$$

$$= \frac{1}{P(B)} (X(HHT)P(\{HHT\}) \\ + X(HTH)P(\{HTH\}) \\ + X(THH)P(\{THH\}))$$

$$= \frac{1}{P(B)} \sum_{x \in X(B)} x f_x(x)$$

$$\underline{\underline{\frac{1}{P(B)} \int_{X(B)} x f_x(x) dx}}$$

Now, consider another random variable Y defined by $Y(\omega)$

: the sum of the values of 10 and

50 when they show heads

heads

Then, $Y(\omega) = \begin{cases} 0 & \omega \in \{TTH, TTT\} \\ 10 & \\ 50 & \\ 60 & \end{cases}$

$$\{Y=0\} = \{TTH, TTT\}$$

$$\{Y=10\} = \{HTT, HTH\}$$

$$\{Y=50\} = \{ \}$$

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$$E[X | \{Y=0\}] = a$$

$$E[X | \{Y=10\}] = b$$

$$E[X | \{Y=50\}] = c$$

$$E[X | \{Y=60\}] = d$$

$$E[X|Y](\omega) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } Y(\omega)=0 \\ b & \text{if } Y(\omega)=10 \\ c & \text{if } Y(\omega)=50 \\ d & \text{if } Y(\omega)=60 \end{cases}$$

Conditional expectation of X given Y .

$$E[X|Y] = \phi(Y)$$

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if X and Y are discrete

random variables

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

where

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \begin{cases} \frac{f_{XY}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}, & f_Y(y) > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= \int x f_{X|Y}(x|y) dy$$

if X and Y are absolutely continuous

$$B \in \mathcal{R}$$

$$X(\omega) = \mathbb{1}_B(\omega)$$

indicator function

$$E[X|Y] = E[\mathbb{1}_B | Y]$$

$$:= P[B | Y]$$

conditional probability of B given Y

$$P(B) = E[\mathbb{1}_B]$$

$$= 1 \times P(B) + 0 \times P(B^c)$$

If X and Y are discrete,

$$P[\{X=x\} | Y=y] = f_{X|Y}(x|y)$$

If X and Y are absolutely continuous

$$P[\underline{\{Y \in C\}} | X=x] = \int_C \underline{f_{Y|X}(y|x)} dy$$

In practice conditioning is useful in computing probability and expectation

① Computing expectation by conditioning

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

② Computing probability by conditioning

$$P(E) = \sum_y P(E|Y=y) \text{ if } Y \text{ is discrete}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(E|Y=y) f_Y(y) dy$$

if Y is continuous

$$P[X_1 > X_2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{P[\{X_1 > x_2\} | X_2 = x_2]}_{f_{X_2}(x_2) dx_2}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P[\{X_1 > \underline{x_2} \mid X_2 = x_2\}] f_{X_2}(x_2) dx_2$$