

Section__06

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1 Joint Probability Distribution

1. X and Y are Discrete Random Variables

- Joint pmf
 - $f(x, y) \rightarrow P(X = x_i, Y = y_j)$
 - $\sum_x \sum_y f(x, y) = 1$
- Marginal pmf
 - $f(x) = \sum_y f(x, y)$
 - $f(y) = \sum_x f(x, y)$
- Conditional pmf
 - $f(x|y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f(y)}$
 - $f(y|x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f(x)}$
- Mean
 - $E[X] = \sum x f(x) = \sum x f(x, y)$
 - $E[Y] = \sum y f(y) = \sum y f(x, y)$
 - $E[XY] = \sum xy f(x, y)$
- Variance
 - $V(x) = \sum x^2 f(x, y) - \mu_x^2$
 - $V(y) = \sum y^2 f(x, y) - \mu_y^2$
- Independence $\rightarrow f(x, y) = f(x)f(y)$

2. X and Y are Continuous Random Variables

- Joint pdf
 - $f(x, y)$
 - $\int_x \int_y f(x, y) = 1$
- Marginal pdf
 - $f(x) = \int_y f(x, y)$
 - $f(y) = \int_x f(x, y)$
- Conditional pmf
 - $f(x|y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f(y)}$
 - $f(y|x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f(x)}$
- Mean
 - $E[X] = \int x f(x) dx = \int_x \int_y x f(x, y) dy dx$
 - $E[Y] = \int y f(y) dy = \int_y \int_x y f(x, y) dx dy$
 - $E[XY] = \int_x \int_y xy f(x, y) dy dx$
- Variance

- $V(x) = \int_x x^2 f(x) dx - \mu_x^2$
- $V(y) = \int_y y^2 f(y) dy - \mu_y^2$
- Independence $\rightarrow f(x, y) = f(x)f(y)$

1.1 Examples

1.1.1 Example 1

Show that the following function satisfies the properties of a joint probability mass function

x	y	$f(x, y)$
1	1	$\frac{1}{4}$
1.5	2	$\frac{1}{8}$
1.5	3	$\frac{1}{4}$
2.5	4	$\frac{1}{4}$
3	5	$\frac{1}{8}$

Determine the following:

- (a) $P(X < 2.5, Y < 3)$
- (b) $P(X < 2.5)$
- (c) $P(Y < 3)$
- (d) $P(X > 1.8, Y > 4.7)$
- (e) $E(X)$, $E(Y)$, $V(X)$, and $V(Y)$.
- (f) Marginal probability distribution of X
- (g) Conditional probability distribution of Y given that $X = 1.5$
- (h) Conditional probability distribution of X given that $Y = 2$
- (i) $E(Y|X = 1.5)$
- (j) Are X and Y independent?

1.1.2 Example 2

A manufacturing company employs two devices to inspect output for quality control purposes. The first device is able to accurately detect 99.3% of the defective items it receives, whereas the second is able to do so in 99.7% of the cases. Assume that four defective items are produced and sent out for inspection. Let X and Y denote the number of items that will be identified as defective by inspecting devices 1 and 2, respectively. Assume that the devices are independent. Determine:

- (a) $f_{X,Y}(x, y)$
- (b) $f_x(X)$
- (c) $E(X)$
- (d) $f_{Y|2}(y)$

- (e) $E(Y|X = 2)$
- (f) $V(Y|X = 2)$
- (g) Are X and Y independent?

1.1.3 Example 3

Determine the value of c such that the function

$$f(x, y) = cxy$$

for $0 < x < 3$ and $0 < y < 3$

satisfies the properties of a joint probability density function.

Determine the following:

- (a) $P(X < 2, Y < 3)$
- (b) $P(X < 2.5)$
- (c) $P(1 < Y < 2.5)$
- (d) $P(X > 1.8, 1 < Y < 2.5)$
- (e) $E(X)$
- (f) $P(X < 0, Y < 4)$
- (g) Marginal probability distribution of X
- (h) Conditional probability distribution of Y given $X = 1.5$
- (i) $E(Y|X = 1.5)$
- (j) $P(Y < 2|X = 1.5)$
- (k) Conditional probability distribution of X given $Y = 2$

1.1.4 Example 4

Two methods of measuring surface smoothness are used to evaluate a paper product. The measurements are recorded as deviations from the nominal surface smoothness in coded units. The joint probability distribution of the two measurements is a uniform distribution over the region $0 < x < 4$, $0 < y$ and $x - 1 < y < x + 1$. That is

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = c$$

for x and y in the region.

Determine the value for c such that $f_{XY}(x, y)$ is a joint probability density function.

Determine the following:

- (a) $P(X < 0.5, Y < 0.5)$

- (b) $P(X < 0.5)$
- (c) $E(X)$
- (d) $E(Y)$
- (e) Marginal probability distribution of X
- (f) Conditional probability distribution of Y given $X = 1$
- (g) $E(Y|X = 1)$
- (h) $P(Y < 0.5|X = 1)$

2 Covariance

$$\text{Cov}(x, y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y] = E[XY] - \mu_x\mu_y$$

Correlation

$$\rho_{xy} = \frac{\text{Cov}(x, y)}{\sqrt{V(x) + V(y)}} = \frac{\text{Cov}(x, y)}{\sigma_x\sigma_y}$$

2.1 Examples

2.1.1 Example 5

Determine the covariance and correlation for the following joint probability distribution

x	1	1	2	4
y	3	4	5	6
$f(x, y)$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8}$

2.1.2 Example 6

Determine the value for c and the covariance and correlation for the joint probability mass function

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = c(x + y)$$

for $x = 1, 2, 3$

and $y = 1, 2, 3$

2.1.3 Example 7

Determine the covariance and correlation for the joint probability density function

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = e^{-x-y}$$

over the range

$0 < x$ and $0 < y$.