

Homework 1

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Homework Description

Read Chapters 1 and 2 in the Hoff book. Then, do the following exercises in Hoff (p. 225-226): 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5 You must turn in your solutions as a pdf file here on Canvas. Use the Submit Assignment button on the top right. If your solutions are on paper, please scan them to pdf using a scanner or a scanner app on your phone. Please do not take a regular photo, as this can result in very large file sizes. Make sure that everything is legible. Please note that late homework will not be accepted and will result in a score of zero. To avoid late submissions due to technical issues, we recommend turning in your homework the night before the due date.

- Deadline: Sep. 8 by 12:01pm

Problem 2.1

Marginal and conditional probability: The social mobility data from Section 2.5 gives a joint probability distribution on $(Y_1, Y_2) = (\text{fathers's occupation}, \text{son's occupation})$

Table 1: The social mobility data (Hoff 2009, 580:24)

| father's occupation | son's occupation | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|-------|--------------|
| | farm | operatives | craftsmen | sales | professional |
| farm | 0.018 | 0.035 | 0.031 | 0.008 | 0.018 |
| operatives | 0.002 | 0.112 | 0.064 | 0.032 | 0.069 |
| craftsman | 0.001 | 0.066 | 0.094 | 0.032 | 0.084 |
| sales | 0.001 | 0.018 | 0.019 | 0.010 | 0.051 |
| professional | 0.001 | 0.029 | 0.032 | 0.043 | 0.130 |

(a) The marginal probability distribution of a father's occupation

According to Table 1, let \mathbb{Y}_1 and \mathbb{Y}_2 be sets of father's and son's occupations:

$$\mathbb{Y}_1 = \mathbb{Y}_2 = \{\text{farm, operatives, craftsmen, sales, professional}\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(Y_1 = \text{farm}) &= \sum_{y_2 \in \mathbb{Y}_2} Pr(Y_1 = \text{farm} \cap Y_2 = y_2) \\ &= Pr(Y_1 = \text{farm} \cap Y_2 = \text{farm}) + Pr(Y_1 = \text{farm} \cap Y_2 = \text{operatives}) \\ &\quad + Pr(Y_1 = \text{farm} \cap Y_2 = \text{craftsmen}) + Pr(Y_1 = \text{farm} \cap Y_2 = \text{sales}) \\ &\quad + Pr(Y_1 = \text{farm} \cap Y_2 = \text{professional}) \\ &= 0.018 + 0.035 + 0.031 + 0.008 + 0.018 \\ &= 0.11 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(Y_1 = \text{operatives}) &= \sum_{y_2 \in \mathbb{Y}_2} Pr(Y_1 = \text{operatives} \cap Y_2 = y_2) \\ &= Pr(Y_1 = \text{operatives} \cap Y_2 = \text{farm}) + Pr(Y_1 = \text{operatives} \cap Y_2 = \text{operatives}) \\ &\quad + Pr(Y_1 = \text{operatives} \cap Y_2 = \text{craftsmen}) + Pr(Y_1 = \text{operatives} \cap Y_2 = \text{sales}) \\ &\quad + Pr(Y_1 = \text{operatives} \cap Y_2 = \text{professional}) \\ &= 0.002 + 0.112 + 0.064 + 0.032 + 0.069 \\ &= 0.279 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(Y_1 = \text{craftsman}) &= \sum_{y_2 \in \mathbb{Y}_2} Pr(Y_1 = \text{craftsman} \cap Y_2 = y_2) \\ &= Pr(Y_1 = \text{craftsman} \cap Y_2 = \text{farm}) + Pr(Y_1 = \text{craftsman} \cap Y_2 = \text{operatives}) \\ &\quad + Pr(Y_1 = \text{craftsman} \cap Y_2 = \text{craftsmen}) + Pr(Y_1 = \text{craftsman} \cap Y_2 = \text{sales}) \\ &\quad + Pr(Y_1 = \text{craftsman} \cap Y_2 = \text{professional}) \\ &= 0.001 + 0.066 + 0.094 + 0.032 + 0.084 \\ &= 0.277 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(Y_1 = \text{sales}) &= \sum_{y_2 \in \mathbb{Y}_2} Pr(Y_1 = \text{sales} \cap Y_2 = y_2) \\ &= Pr(Y_1 = \text{sales} \cap Y_2 = \text{farm}) + Pr(Y_1 = \text{sales} \cap Y_2 = \text{operatives}) \\ &\quad + Pr(Y_1 = \text{sales} \cap Y_2 = \text{craftsmen}) + Pr(Y_1 = \text{sales} \cap Y_2 = \text{sales}) \\ &\quad + Pr(Y_1 = \text{sales} \cap Y_2 = \text{professional}) \\ &= 0.001 + 0.018 + 0.019 + 0.010 + 0.051 \\ &= 0.099 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Pr(Y_1 = \text{professional}) &= \sum_{y_2 \in \mathbb{Y}_2} Pr(Y_1 = \text{professional} \cap Y_2 = y_2) \\
&= Pr(Y_1 = \text{professional} \cap Y_2 = \text{farm}) + Pr(Y_1 = \text{professional} \cap Y_2 = \text{operatives}) \\
&\quad + Pr(Y_1 = \text{professional} \cap Y_2 = \text{craftsmen}) + Pr(Y_1 = \text{professional} \cap Y_2 = \text{sales}) \\
&\quad + Pr(Y_1 = \text{professional} \cap Y_2 = \text{professional}) \\
&= 0.001 + 0.029 + 0.032 + 0.043 + 0.130 \\
&= 0.235
\end{aligned}$$

Table 2: Marginal probability of father's occupation

| marginal probability | value |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| $p(Y_1 = \text{farm})$ | 0.11 |
| $p(Y_1 = \text{operatives})$ | 0.279 |
| $p(Y_1 = \text{craftsmen})$ | 0.277 |
| $p(Y_1 = \text{sales})$ | 0.099 |
| $p(Y_1 = \text{professional})$ | 0.235 |
| <i>SUM</i> | 1.0 |

Table 2 shows that the sum of marginal probability is 1.

(b) The marginal probability distribution of a son's occupation

$$\begin{aligned}
Pr(Y_2 = \text{farm}) &= \sum_{y_1 \in \mathbb{Y}_1} Pr(Y_2 = \text{farm} \cap Y_1 = y_1) \\
&= Pr(Y_2 = \text{farm} \cap Y_1 = \text{farm}) + Pr(Y_2 = \text{farm} \cap Y_1 = \text{operatives}) \\
&\quad + Pr(Y_2 = \text{farm} \cap Y_1 = \text{craftsmen}) + Pr(Y_2 = \text{farm} \cap Y_1 = \text{sales}) \\
&\quad + Pr(Y_2 = \text{farm} \cap Y_1 = \text{professional}) \\
&= 0.018 + 0.002 + 0.001 + 0.001 + 0.001 \\
&= 0.023
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Pr(Y_2 = \text{operatives}) &= \sum_{y_1 \in \mathbb{Y}_1} Pr(Y_2 = \text{operatives} \cap Y_1 = y_1) \\
&= Pr(Y_2 = \text{operatives} \cap Y_1 = \text{farm}) + Pr(Y_2 = \text{operatives} \cap Y_1 = \text{operatives}) \\
&\quad + Pr(Y_2 = \text{operatives} \cap Y_1 = \text{craftsmen}) + Pr(Y_2 = \text{operatives} \cap Y_1 = \text{sales}) \\
&\quad + Pr(Y_2 = \text{operatives} \cap Y_1 = \text{professional}) \\
&= 0.035 + 0.112 + 0.066 + 0.018 + 0.029 \\
&= 0.26
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Pr(Y_2 = \text{craftsmen}) &= \sum_{y_1 \in \mathbb{Y}_1} Pr(Y_2 = \text{craftsmen} \cap Y_1 = y_1) \\
&= Pr(Y_2 = \text{craftsmen} \cap Y_1 = \text{farm}) + Pr(Y_2 = \text{craftsmen} \cap Y_1 = \text{operatives}) \\
&\quad + Pr(Y_2 = \text{craftsmen} \cap Y_1 = \text{craftsmen}) + Pr(Y_2 = \text{craftsmen} \cap Y_1 = \text{sales}) \\
&\quad + Pr(Y_2 = \text{craftsmen} \cap Y_1 = \text{professional}) \\
&= 0.031 + 0.064 + 0.094 + 0.019 + 0.032 \\
&= 0.24
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Pr(Y_2 = \text{sales}) &= \sum_{y_1 \in \mathbb{Y}_1} Pr(Y_2 = \text{sales} \cap Y_1 = y_1) \\
&= Pr(Y_2 = \text{sales} \cap Y_1 = \text{farm}) + Pr(Y_2 = \text{sales} \cap Y_1 = \text{operatives}) \\
&\quad + Pr(Y_2 = \text{sales} \cap Y_1 = \text{craftsmen}) + Pr(Y_2 = \text{sales} \cap Y_1 = \text{sales}) \\
&\quad + Pr(Y_2 = \text{sales} \cap Y_1 = \text{professional}) \\
&= 0.008 + 0.032 + 0.032 + 0.010 + 0.043 \\
&= 0.125
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Pr(Y_2 = \text{professional}) &= \sum_{y_1 \in \mathbb{Y}_1} Pr(Y_2 = \text{professional} \cap Y_1 = y_1) \\
&= Pr(Y_2 = \text{professional} \cap Y_1 = \text{farm}) + Pr(Y_2 = \text{professional} \cap Y_1 = \text{operatives}) \\
&\quad + Pr(Y_2 = \text{professional} \cap Y_1 = \text{craftsmen}) + Pr(Y_2 = \text{professional} \cap Y_1 = \text{sales}) \\
&\quad + Pr(Y_2 = \text{professional} \cap Y_1 = \text{professional}) \\
&= 0.018 + 0.069 + 0.084 + 0.051 + 0.130 \\
&= 0.352
\end{aligned}$$

Table 3: Marginal probability of son's occupation

| marginal probability | value |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| $p(Y_2 = \text{farm})$ | 0.023 |
| $p(Y_2 = \text{operatives})$ | 0.26 |
| $p(Y_2 = \text{craftsmen})$ | 0.24 |
| $p(Y_2 = \text{sales})$ | 0.125 |
| $p(Y_2 = \text{professional})$ | 0.352 |
| SUM | 1.0 |

Table 3 shows that the sum of marginal probability is 1.

(c) The conditional distribution of a son's occupation, given that the father is a farmer;

The conditional distribution of a son's occupation can be expressed as $p(y_2|y_1 = \text{farmer})$.

$$p(y_2 = *|y_1 = \text{farmer}) = \frac{p(y_1 = \text{farm} \cap y_2 = *)}{p(y_1 = \text{farm})}$$

where $* \in \mathbb{Y}_2$. As described in Table 2, $p(y_1 = \text{farm}) = 0.11$. Use Table 1 to calculate the distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} p(y_2 = \text{farm}|y_1 = \text{farm}) &= \frac{0.018}{0.11} \approx 0.16 \\ p(y_2 = \text{operatives}|y_1 = \text{farm}) &= \frac{0.035}{0.11} \approx 0.32 \\ p(y_2 = \text{craftsman}|y_1 = \text{farm}) &= \frac{0.031}{0.11} \approx 0.28 \\ p(y_2 = \text{sales}|y_1 = \text{farm}) &= \frac{0.008}{0.11} \approx 0.072 \\ p(y_2 = \text{professional}|y_1 = \text{farm}) &= \frac{0.018}{0.11} \approx 0.16 \end{aligned}$$

(d) The conditional distribution of a father's occupation, given that the son is a farmer.

$$p(y_1 = *|y_2 = \text{farm}) = \frac{p(y_1 = * \cap y_2 = \text{farm})}{p(y_2 = \text{farm})}$$

According to Table 3, $p(y_2 = \text{farm}) = 0.023$. Use Table 1 to calculate the distribution:

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y_1 = \text{farm} | y_2 = \text{farm}) &= \frac{0.018}{0.023} \approx 0.78 \\
p(y_1 = \text{operatives} | y_2 = \text{farm}) &= \frac{0.002}{0.023} \approx 0.09 \\
p(y_1 = \text{craftsman} | y_2 = \text{farm}) &= \frac{0.001}{0.023} \approx 0.04 \\
p(y_1 = \text{sales} | y_2 = \text{farm}) &= \frac{0.001}{0.023} \approx 0.04 \\
p(y_1 = \text{professional} | y_2 = \text{farm}) &= \frac{0.001}{0.023} \approx 0.04
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.2

Expectations and variances: Let Y_1 and Y_2 be two independent random variables, such that $E[Y_i] = \mu_i$ and $Var[Y_i] = \sigma_i^2$. Using the definition of expectation and variance, computing the following quantities, where a_1 and a_2 are given constants.

(a) $E[a_1 Y_1 + a_2 Y_2], Var[a_1 Y_1 + a_2 Y_2]$

Because Y_1 and Y_2 are independent:

$$E[Y_1 Y_2] = E[Y_1] E[Y_2]$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
E[a_1 Y_1 + a_2 Y_2] &= E[a_1 Y_1] + E[a_2 Y_2] \\
&= a_1 E[Y_1] + a_2 E[Y_2] \\
&= \underline{a_1 \mu_1 + a_2 \mu_2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Var[a_1 Y_1 + a_2 Y_2] &= E[(a_1 Y_1 + a_2 Y_2) - E[a_1 Y_1 + a_2 Y_2]]^2 \\
&= E[(a_1 Y_1 + a_2 Y_2)^2] - E[a_1 Y_1 + a_2 Y_2]^2 \\
&= E[a_1^2 Y_1^2 + 2a_1 a_2 Y_1 Y_2 + a_2^2 Y_2^2] - (a_1 \mu_1 + a_2 \mu_2)^2 \\
&= a_1^2 \sigma_1^2 + 2a_1 a_2 \underbrace{\mu_1 \mu_2}_{E[Y_1 Y_2] = E[Y_1] E[Y_2]} + a_2^2 \sigma_2^2 - (a_1 \mu_1 + a_2 \mu_2)^2 \\
&= a_1^2 \sigma_1^2 + 2a_1 a_2 \mu_1 \mu_2 + a_2^2 \sigma_2^2 - (a_1^2 \mu_1^2 + 2a_1 a_2 \mu_1 \mu_2 + a_2^2 \mu_2^2) \\
&= \underline{a_1^2 (\sigma_1^2 - \mu_1^2) + a_2^2 (\sigma_2^2 - \mu_2^2)}
\end{aligned}$$

(b) $E[a_1Y_1 - a_2Y_2], \text{Var}[a_1Y_1 - a_2Y_2]$

$$\begin{aligned} E[a_1Y_1 - a_2Y_2] &= E[a_1Y_1] - E[a_2Y_2] \\ &= a_1E[Y_1] - a_2E[Y_2] \\ &= \underline{a_1\mu_1 - a_2\mu_2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[a_1Y_1 - a_2Y_2] &= E[(a_1Y_1 - a_2Y_2) - E[a_1Y_1 - a_2Y_2]]^2 \\ &= E[(a_1Y_1 - a_2Y_2)^2] - E[a_1Y_1 - a_2Y_2]^2 \\ &= E[a_1^2Y_1^2 - 2a_1a_2Y_1Y_2 + a_2^2Y_2^2] - (a_1\mu_1 - a_2\mu_2)^2 \\ &= a_1^2\sigma_1^2 - 2a_1a_2 \underbrace{\mu_1\mu_2}_{E[Y_1Y_2]=E[Y_1]E[Y_2]} + a_2^2\sigma_2^2 - (a_1\mu_1 - a_2\mu_2)^2 \\ &= a_1^2\sigma_1^2 + 2a_1a_2\mu_1\mu_2 + a_2^2\sigma_2^2 - (a_1^2\mu_1^2 - 2a_1a_2\mu_1\mu_2 + a_2^2\mu_2^2) \\ &= \underline{a_1^2(\sigma_1^2 - \mu_1^2) + a_2^2(\sigma_2^2 - \mu_2^2) + 4a_1a_2\mu_1\mu_2} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.3

Full conditionals: Let X, Y, Z be random variables with joint density (discrete or continuous) $p(x, y, z) \propto f(x, z)g(y, z)h(z)$. Show that

(a) $p(x|y, z) \propto f(x, z)$ **i.e. $p(x|y, z)$ is a function of x and z ;**

Let $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ constants

$$\begin{aligned} p(x|y, z) &= \frac{p(x, y, z)}{p(y, z)} \\ &= \frac{c \cdot f(x, z)g(y, z)h(z)}{p(y, z)} = \frac{c \cdot f(x, z)g(y, z)h(z)}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} p(x, y, z)dx} \\ &= \frac{c \cdot f(x, z)g(y, z)h(z)}{d \cdot \int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x, z)g(y, z)h(z)dx} \\ &= \frac{c \cdot f(x, z)g(y, z)h(z)}{d \cdot g(y, z)h(z) \int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x, z)dx} \\ &= \frac{c \cdot f(x, z)}{d \cdot \int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x, z)dx} \\ &\propto \frac{f(x, z)}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x, z)dx} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $p(x|y, z)$ is a function of $f(x, z)$.

(b) $p(y|x, z) \propto g(y, z)$ i.e. $p(y|x, z)$ is a function of y and z ;

Let $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ constants

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(y|x, z) &= \frac{p(x, y, z)}{p(x, z)} \\
 &= \frac{p(x, y, z)}{\int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} p(x, y, z) dy} \\
 &= \frac{c \cdot f(x, z) g(y, z) h(z)}{d \cdot \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} f(x, z) g(y, z) h(z) dy} \\
 &= \frac{c \cdot f(x, z) g(y, z) h(z)}{d \cdot f(x, z) h(z) \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} g(y, z) dy} \\
 &\propto \frac{f(y, z)}{\int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} g(y, z) dy}
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) X and Y are conditionally independent given Z .

Let $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ constant,

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(x|z) &= \frac{p(x, z)}{p(z)} \\
 &= \frac{\int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} p(x, y, z) dy}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} p(x, y, z) dy dx} \\
 &= \frac{\int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} f(x, z) g(y, z) h(z) dy}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} p(x, y, z) dy dx} \\
 &= \frac{f(x, z) h(z) \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} g(y, z) dy}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} p(x, y, z) dy dx} \\
 &= \frac{f(x, z) \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} g(y, z) dy}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} f(x, z) g(y, z) dy dx}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y|z) &= \frac{p(y, z)}{p(z)} \\
&= \frac{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} p(x, y, z) dx}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} p(x, y, z) dy dx} \\
&= \frac{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x, z) g(y, z) h(z) dx}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} p(x, y, z) dy dx} \\
&= \frac{g(y, z) h(z) \int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x, z) dx}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} p(x, y, z) dy dx} \\
&= \frac{g(y, z) \int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x, z) dx}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} f(x, z) g(y, z) dy dx} \\
\\
p(x|z)p(y|z) &= \frac{f(x, z) \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} g(y, z) dy}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} f(x, z) g(y, z) dy dx} \cdot \frac{g(y, z) \int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x, z) dx}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} f(x, z) g(y, z) dy dx} \\
&= \frac{f(x, z) g(y, z)}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} f(x, z) g(y, z) dy dx} \\
\\
p(x, y|z) &= \frac{p(x, y, z)}{p(z)} \\
&= \frac{f(x, z) g(y, z) h(z)}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} p(x, y, z) dy dx} \\
&= \frac{f(x, z) g(y, z) h(z)}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} f(x, z) g(y, z) h(z) dy dx} \\
&= \frac{f(x, z) g(y, z) h(z)}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x, z) h(z) \left[\int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} g(y, z) dy \right] dx} \\
&= \frac{f(x, z) g(y, z) h(z)}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x, z) h(z) dx \cdot \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} g(y, z) dy} \\
&= \frac{f(x, z)}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x, z) dx} \frac{g(y, z)}{\int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} g(y, z) dy} \\
&= \frac{f(x, z) g(y, z)}{\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \int_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} f(x, z) g(y, z) dy dx} \\
&= \underline{p(x|z)p(y|z)}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $p(x, y|z) = p(x|z)p(y|z)$ that means $p(x, y|z)$ is conditionally independent given z .

Problem 2.5

Urns: Suppose urn H is filled with 40% green balls and 60% red balls, and urn T is filled with 60% green balls and 40% red balls. Someone will flip a coin and then select a ball from urn H or urn T depending on whether the coin lands heads or tails, respectively. Let X be 1 or 0 if the coin lands heads or tails, and let Y be 1 or 0 if the ball is green or red.

Table 4: Probability of choosing a certain ball in a given urn.

| | Green | Red |
|-------------------------|-------|-----|
| H (chosen if head[1]) | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| T (chosen if tail[0]) | 0.6 | 0.4 |

Table 5: Event coding

| | 1 | 0 |
|-----|-------|------|
| X | Head | Tail |
| Y | Green | Red |

(a) Write out the joint distribution of X and Y in a table.

Suppose the coin is fair,

$$p(X = 0 \cap Y = 0) = p(X = 0)p(Y = 0|X = 0) = 0.5 \cdot 0.4 = 0.2$$

$$p(X = 0 \cap Y = 1) = p(X = 0)p(Y = 1|X = 0) = 0.5 \cdot 0.6 = 0.3$$

$$p(X = 1 \cap Y = 0) = p(X = 1)p(Y = 0|X = 1) = 0.5 \cdot 0.6 = 0.3$$

$$p(X = 1 \cap Y = 1) = p(X = 1)p(Y = 1|X = 1) = 0.5 \cdot 0.4 = 0.2$$

(b) Find $E[Y]$. What is the probability that the ball is green?

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[Y] &= \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} p(Y = y)y \\
 &= p(Y = 1) \cdot 1 \\
 &= \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} p(Y = 1|X = x)p(X = x) \\
 &= p(Y = 1|X = 0)p(X = 0) + p(Y = 1|X = 1)p(X = 1) \\
 &= 0.6 \cdot 0.5 + 0.4 \cdot 0.5 \\
 &= 0.3 + 0.2 \\
 &= 0.5
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Find $Var[Y|X = 0]$, $Var[Y|X = 1]$ and $Var[Y]$. Thinking of variance as measuring uncertainty, explain intuitively why one of these variances is larger than others.

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[Y|X = 0] &= \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} P_{Y|X=0}(Y = y|X = 0)y \\
 &= P_{Y|X=0}(Y = 1|X = 0) \cdot 1 \\
 &= 0.6
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[(Y|X = 0)^2] &= \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} P_{Y|X=0}(Y = y|X = 0)y^2 \\
 &= P_{Y|X=0}(Y = 1|X = 0) \cdot 1 \\
 &= 0.6
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[Y|X = 1] &= \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} P_{Y|X=1}(Y = y|X = 1)y \\
 &= P_{Y|X=1}(Y = 1|X = 1) \cdot 1 \\
 &= 0.4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[(Y|X = 1)^2] &= \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} P_{Y|X=1}(Y = y|X = 1)y^2 \\
 &= P_{Y|X=1}(Y = 1|X = 1) \cdot 1 \\
 &= 0.4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E[Y^2] &= \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} P(Y = y)y^2 \\
&= P(Y = 1) \cdot 1^2 \\
&= P(Y = 1 \cap X = 1) + P(Y = 1 \cap X = 0) \\
&= 0.2 + 0.3 = 0.5
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$Var[Y|X = 0] = E[(Y|X = 0)^2] - E[Y|X = 0]^2 = 0.6 - 0.6^2 = \underline{0.24}$$

$$Var[Y|X = 1] = E[(Y|X = 1)^2] - E[Y|X = 1]^2 = 0.4 - 0.4^2 = \underline{0.24}$$

$$Var[Y] = E[Y^2] - E[Y]^2 = 0.5 - 0.5^2 = \underline{0.25}$$

Explanation

$Var[Y]$ is larger than $Var[Y|X = 0]$ and $Var[Y|X = 1]$ because Y can be more determined by the information of X . With known X , the distribution of Y is set, and less uncertain with single confirmed distribution.

(d) Suppose you see that the ball is green. What is the probability that the coin turned up tails?

$$\begin{aligned}
p(X = 0|Y = 1) &= \frac{p(X = 0 \cap Y = 1)}{p(Y = 1)} \\
&= \frac{p(X = 0 \cap Y = 1)}{p(Y = 1|X = 0)p(X = 0) + p(Y = 1|X = 1)p(X = 1)} \\
&= \frac{0.5 \cdot 0.6}{0.6 \cdot 0.5 + 0.4 \cdot 0.5} \\
&= \frac{0.3}{0.3 + 0.2} \\
&= \frac{0.3}{0.5} \\
&= \underline{0.6}
\end{aligned}$$

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