

## tf.contrib.distributions.ConditionalDistribution

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Inherits From: `Distribution`

Defined in `tensorflow/contrib/distributions/python/ops/conditional_distribution.py`.

Distribution that supports intrinsic parameters (local latents).

Subclasses of this distribution may have additional keyword arguments passed to their sample-based methods (i.e. `sample`, `log_prob`, etc.).

## Properties

### `allow_nan_stats`

Python `bool` describing behavior when a stat is undefined.

Stats return +/- infinity when it makes sense. E.g., the variance of a Cauchy distribution is infinity. However, sometimes the statistic is undefined, e.g., if a distribution's pdf does not achieve a maximum within the support of the distribution, the mode is undefined. If the mean is undefined, then by definition the variance is undefined. E.g. the mean for Student's T for  $df = 1$  is undefined (no clear way to say it is either + or - infinity), so the variance =  $E[(X - \text{mean})^2]$  is also undefined.

Returns:

- `allow_nan_stats`: Python `bool`.

### `batch_shape`

Shape of a single sample from a single event index as a `TensorShape`.

May be partially defined or unknown.

The batch dimensions are indexes into independent, non-identical parameterizations of this distribution.

Returns:

- `batch_shape`: `TensorShape`, possibly unknown.

## dtype

The `DType` of `Tensor` s handled by this `Distribution` .

## event\_shape

Shape of a single sample from a single batch as a `TensorShape` .

May be partially defined or unknown.

Returns:

- `event_shape` : `TensorShape` , possibly unknown.

## name

Name prepended to all ops created by this `Distribution` .

## parameters

Dictionary of parameters used to instantiate this `Distribution` .

## reparameterization\_type

Describes how samples from the distribution are reparameterized.

Currently this is one of the static instances `distributions.FULLY_REPARAMETERIZED` or `distributions.NOT_REPARAMETERIZED` .

Returns:

An instance of `ReparameterizationType` .

## validate\_args

Python `bool` indicating possibly expensive checks are enabled.

## Methods

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### `__init__`

```
__init__(
    dtype,
    reparameterization_type,
    validate_args,
    allow_nan_stats,
    parameters=None,
    graph_parents=None,
    name=None
)
```

Constructs the `Distribution` .

This is a private method for subclass use.

Args:

- `dtype` : The type of the event samples. `None` implies no type-enforcement.
- `reparameterization_type` : Instance of `ReparameterizationType` . If `distributions.FULLY_REPARAMETERIZED` , this `Distribution` can be reparameterized in terms of some standard distribution with a function whose Jacobian is constant for the support of the standard distribution. If `distributions.NOT_REPARAMETERIZED` , then no such reparameterization is available.
- `validate_args` : Python `bool` , default `False` . When `True` distribution parameters are checked for validity despite possibly degrading runtime performance. When `False` invalid inputs may silently render incorrect outputs.
- `allow_nan_stats` : Python `bool` , default `True` . When `True` , statistics (e.g., mean, mode, variance) use the value "NaN" to indicate the result is undefined. When `False` , an exception is raised if one or more of the statistic's batch members are undefined.
- `parameters` : Python `dict` of parameters used to instantiate this `Distribution` .
- `graph_parents` : Python `list` of graph prerequisites of this `Distribution` .
- `name` : Python `str` name prefixed to Ops created by this class. Default: subclass name.

Raises:

- `ValueError` : if any member of `graph_parents` is `None` or not a `Tensor` .

## batch\_shape\_tensor

```
batch_shape_tensor(name='batch_shape_tensor')
```

Shape of a single sample from a single event index as a 1-D `Tensor` .

The batch dimensions are indexes into independent, non-identical parameterizations of this distribution.

Args:

- `name` : name to give to the op

Returns:

- `batch_shape` : `Tensor` .

## cdf

```
cdf(  
    *args,  
    **kwargs  
)
```

kwargs:

- `**condition_kwargs` : Named arguments forwarded to subclass implementation.

## copy

```
copy(**override_parameters_kwargs)
```

Creates a deep copy of the distribution.

★ **Note:** the copy distribution may continue to depend on the original initialization arguments.

Args:

- `**override_parameters_kwargs`: String/value dictionary of initialization arguments to override with new values.

Returns:

- `distribution`: A new instance of `type(self)` initialized from the union of `self.parameters` and `override_parameters_kwargs`, i.e., `dict(self.parameters, **override_parameters_kwargs)`.

## covariance

```
covariance(name='covariance')
```

Covariance.

Covariance is (possibly) defined only for non-scalar-event distributions.

For example, for a length-`k`, vector-valued distribution, it is calculated as,

$$\text{Cov}[i, j] = \text{Covariance}(X_i, X_j) = E[(X_i - E[X_i]) (X_j - E[X_j])]$$

where `Cov` is a (batch of) `k x k` matrix,  $0 \leq (i, j) < k$ , and `E` denotes expectation.

Alternatively, for non-vector, multivariate distributions (e.g., matrix-valued, Wishart), `Covariance` shall return a (batch of) matrices under some vectorization of the events, i.e.,

$$\text{Cov}[i, j] = \text{Covariance}(\text{Vec}(X)_i, \text{Vec}(X)_j) = [\text{as above}]$$

where `Cov` is a (batch of) `k' x k'` matrices,  $0 \leq (i, j) < k' = \text{reduce\_prod}(\text{event\_shape})$ , and `Vec` is some function mapping indices of this distribution's event dimensions to indices of a length-`k'` vector.

Args:

- `name`: The name to give this op.

Returns:

- `covariance`: Floating-point `Tensor` with shape `[B1, ..., Bn, k', k']` where the first `n` dimensions are batch coordinates and `k' = reduce_prod(self.event_shape)`.

## entropy

```
entropy(name='entropy')
```

Shannon entropy in nats.

## event\_shape\_tensor

```
event_shape_tensor(name='event_shape_tensor')
```

Shape of a single sample from a single batch as a 1-D int32 **Tensor** .

Args:

- `name` : name to give to the op

Returns:

- `event_shape` : **Tensor** .

## is\_scalar\_batch

```
is_scalar_batch(name='is_scalar_batch')
```

Indicates that `batch_shape == []` .

Args:

- `name` : The name to give this op.

Returns:

- `is_scalar_batch` : **bool** scalar **Tensor** .

## is\_scalar\_event

```
is_scalar_event(name='is_scalar_event')
```

Indicates that `event_shape == []` .

Args:

- `name` : The name to give this op.

Returns:

- `is_scalar_event` : **bool** scalar **Tensor** .

## log\_cdf

```
log_cdf(  
    *args,  
    **kwargs  
)
```

kwargs:

- `**condition_kwargs` : Named arguments forwarded to subclass implementation.

## log\_prob

```
log_prob(  
    *args,  
    **kwargs  
)
```

**kwargs:**

- `**condition_kwargs` : Named arguments forwarded to subclass implementation.

## log\_survival\_function

```
log_survival_function(  
    *args,  
    **kwargs  
)
```

**kwargs:**

- `**condition_kwargs` : Named arguments forwarded to subclass implementation.

## mean

```
mean(name='mean')
```

Mean.

## mode

```
mode(name='mode')
```

Mode.

## param\_shapes

```
param_shapes(  
    cls,  
    sample_shape,  
    name='DistributionParamShapes'  
)
```

Shapes of parameters given the desired shape of a call to `sample()`.

This is a class method that describes what key/value arguments are required to instantiate the given `Distribution` so that a particular shape is returned for that instance's call to `sample()`.

Subclasses should override class method `_param_shapes`.

Args:

- `sample_shape` : `Tensor` or python list/tuple. Desired shape of a call to `sample()` .
- `name` : name to prepend ops with.

Returns:

`dict` of parameter name to `Tensor` shapes.

## `param_static_shapes`

```
param_static_shapes(
    cls,
    sample_shape
)
```

param\_shapes with static (i.e. `TensorShape`) shapes.

This is a class method that describes what key/value arguments are required to instantiate the given `Distribution` so that a particular shape is returned for that instance's call to `sample()` . Assumes that the sample's shape is known statically.

Subclasses should override class method `_param_shapes` to return constant-valued tensors when constant values are fed.

Args:

- `sample_shape` : `TensorShape` or python list/tuple. Desired shape of a call to `sample()` .

Returns:

`dict` of parameter name to `TensorShape` .

Raises:

- `ValueError` : if `sample_shape` is a `TensorShape` and is not fully defined.

## `prob`

```
prob(
    *args,
    **kwargs
)
```

kwargs:

- `**condition_kwargs` : Named arguments forwarded to subclass implementation.

## `quantile`

```
quantile(
    value,
    name='quantile'
)
```

Quantile function. Aka "inverse cdf" or "percent point function".

Given random variable  $X$  and  $p$  in  $[0, 1]$ , the **quantile** is:

```
quantile(p) := x such that  $P[X \leq x] = p$ 
```

Args:

- **value**: **float** or **double Tensor**.
- **name**: The name to give this op.

Returns:

- **quantile**: a **Tensor** of shape **sample\_shape(x) + self.batch\_shape** with values of type **self.dtype**.

## sample

```
sample(  
    *args,  
    **kwargs  
)
```

kwargs:

- **\*\*condition\_kwargs**: Named arguments forwarded to subclass implementation.

## stddev

```
stddev(name='stddev')
```

Standard deviation.

Standard deviation is defined as,

```
stddev =  $E[(X - E[X])**2]**0.5$ 
```

where  $X$  is the random variable associated with this distribution,  $E$  denotes expectation, and **stddev.shape = batch\_shape + event\_shape**.

Args:

- **name**: The name to give this op.

Returns:

- **stddev**: Floating-point **Tensor** with shape identical to **batch\_shape + event\_shape**, i.e., the same shape as **self.mean()**.

## survival\_function

```
survival_function(  
    *args,  
    **kwargs  
)
```



## kwargs:

- `**condition_kwargs`: Named arguments forwarded to subclass implementation.

## variance

```
variance(name='variance')
```

Variance.

Variance is defined as,

$$\text{Var} = E[(X - E[X])**2]$$

where `X` is the random variable associated with this distribution, `E` denotes expectation, and `Var.shape = batch_shape + event_shape`.

## Args:

- `name`: The name to give this op.

## Returns:

- `variance`: Floating-point `Tensor` with shape identical to `batch_shape + event_shape`, i.e., the same shape as `self.mean()`.

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