

1. **Probabilistic modeling of uncertainties:** Two outstanding students  $S_A$  and  $S_B$  are deciding whether to accept the offer for the SUSTech PhD program.

- (a) Suppose you believe (i)  $S_A$  and  $S_B$  make decisions independently; (ii) the chance that  $S_A$  accepts the offer is 0.8; (iii) the chance  $S_B$  accepts the offer is 0.6. Please construct a probability space to represent your uncertain belief, namely, find the sample space  $\Omega$  (all the possible outcomes) and the probability mass function (probability mass for each outcome) so that the above three conditions are satisfied.
- (b) Now assume the two students are good friends, you know that (i) if  $S_B$  accepts the offer, then  $S_A$  will for sure accept the offer; (ii) if  $S_B$  does not accept the offer, then  $S_A$  only has 30% chance to accept the offer (also implies there is 70% chance  $S_A$  will not accept the offer given the fact that  $S_B$  does not accept the offer); (iii) the chance that neither of them accepts the offer is 35%. Please construct a probability space to represent your uncertain knowledge in this case.

(a). 设.  $S_A$ 接受为  $A_a$ , 不接受为  $A_r$ .  $S_B$ 接受为  $B_a$ , 不接受为  $B_r$ .  
 Sample space  $\Omega = \{(A_a, B_a), (A_r, B_a), (A_a, B_r), (A_r, B_r)\}$ .

$$P(A_a, B_a) = 0.48. \quad P(A_r, B_a) = 0.12 \quad P(A_a, B_r) = 0.32 \quad P(A_r, B_r) = 0.08.$$

$$(b). \quad P(A_r, B_r) = P(B_r) \cdot P(A_r | B_r) = P(B_r) \cdot 0.7 = 0.35 \quad \therefore P(B_r) = 0.5 = P(B_a)$$

$$P(A_a, B_r) = P(B_r) \cdot P(A_a | B_r) = 0.5 \cdot 0.3 = 0.15$$

$$P(A_a, B_a) = P(B_a) \cdot P(A_a | B_a) = 0.5$$

$$P(A_r, B_a) = 0.$$

2. **Conditional Probability and Expectation:** Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are discrete random variables.  $X$  is uniformly distributed on the set  $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ , while  $Y$  is conditionally uniform on 0 through  $i$  given  $X = i$ , for each  $i = 0, \dots, n$ .

- (a) Compute the conditional mean  $E(Y|X = i)$  for a general  $i \leq n$ .
- (b) Compute  $E(Y)$  by conditioning on the values of  $X$ , namely, using the formula  $E(Y) = \sum_{i=0}^n E(Y|X = i)p_X(i)$ , where  $p_X(i) = \text{Prob}(X = i)$ .
- (c) Find the joint probability mass function (pmf)  $p(i, j) \text{ Prob}(X = i, Y = j)$ , for  $i = 0, \dots, n$  and  $j = 0, \dots, n$ . (hint: for some pair  $(i, j)$  the joint pmf is zero. Make sure you clearly identify those).
- (d) Compute the marginal  $p_Y(j) = \text{Prob}(Y = j)$  for  $j = 0, \dots, n$ .
- (e) Write a matlab function to compute the mean  $E(Y)$  of  $Y$  using  $p_Y$  for  $n = 100$ , and compare the result with (b).
- (f) Assume  $n \geq 1$ . Let  $g(X) = 2$ , if  $X = 1$  or  $n$ , and  $g(X) = 0$  otherwise. Compute  $E(g(X)Y)$  through conditional expectation.

$$(a). \quad E(Y|X=i) = \sum_{j=0}^i j \cdot P(Y=j|X=i) = \sum_{j=0}^i j \cdot \frac{1}{i+1} \cdot \frac{1}{i+1} \cdot \frac{(i+0)(i+1)}{2} = \frac{i}{2}.$$

$$(b). \quad E(Y) = \sum_{i=0}^n E(Y|X=i) p_X(i) = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{i}{2} \frac{1}{n+1} = \frac{1}{2(n+1)} \cdot \frac{(0+n)n+1}{2} = \frac{n}{4}.$$

$$(c). \quad p(i,j) = \text{Prob}(X=i, Y=j) = \text{prob}(Y=j|X=i) \cdot \text{Prob}(X=i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{i+1} & \frac{1}{n+1}, j \in [0, i] \\ 0 & \text{others.} \end{cases}$$

$$(d). \quad p_{Y|j} = \text{prob}(Y=j) = \sum_{i:j} p(i,j) = \sum_{i:j} \left( \frac{1}{i+1} \frac{1}{n+1} \right) = \frac{1}{n+1} \left( \frac{1}{j+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1} \right), j \in [0, n]$$

$$(e). \quad E(Y) = \sum_{j=0}^n \left[ \sum_{i:j} \left( \frac{1}{i+1} \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \right] \cdot j = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{j=0}^n j \left( \sum_{i:j} \frac{1}{i+1} \right).$$

$$\text{for } n=100. \quad E(Y) = \frac{1}{101} \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{100} j \left( \sum_{i:j} \frac{1}{i+1} \right) = 25.000.$$

$$(f). \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & x=1 \text{ or } n \\ 0, & \text{others.} \end{cases}$$

$$E(g(X)Y) = E(E(g(x)Y|X))$$

$$E(g(x)Y|X) = g(x) E(Y|X) = g(x) \frac{X}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(g(x)Y) &= E(g(x) \frac{X}{2}) = \sum_{x=0}^n (g(x) \frac{x}{2}) P(X=x) \\ &= g(1) \frac{1}{n+1} + g(n) \frac{n}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{n}{n+1} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Conditional Density and Expectation

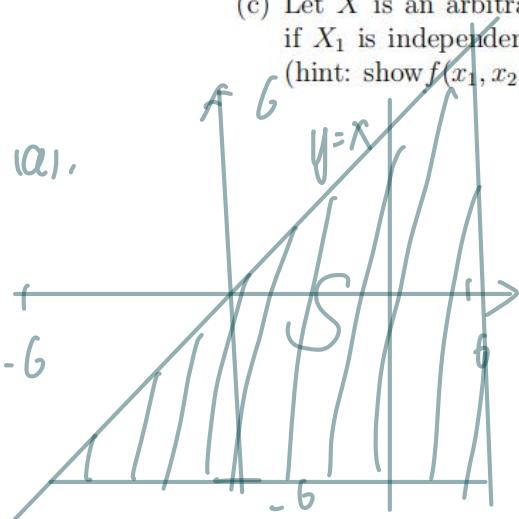
- (a) Suppose that  $(X, Y)$  is uniformly distributed on the triangle  $S = \{(x, y) : -6 < y < x < 6\}$ . Find  $E(Y|X = x)$ .

- (b) Let  $(X, Y)$  be two random variables with joint density function:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}(2x + y) & x \in [0, 1], y \in [0, 2] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find  $E(X)$  and  $E(X|Y = 1/2)$ .

- (c) Let  $X$  is an arbitrary 3D random vector with density  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ . Show that if  $X_1$  is independent of both  $X_2$  and  $X_3$ , then  $X_1|X_3$  is independent of  $X_2|X_3$ .  
 (hint: show  $f(x_1, x_2|x_3) = f(x_1|x_3)f(x_2|x_3)$ ).



$$\begin{aligned} E(Y|X=x) &= \int_{-6}^x y p(y|X=x) dy \\ p(y|X=x) &= \frac{1}{18} \\ E(Y|X=x) &= \int_{-6}^x \frac{y}{6+x} dy = \frac{1}{6+x} \cdot \frac{1}{2} y^2 \Big|_{-6}^x \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2 - 36}{x+6} = \frac{x-6}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b). E(X) &= \int_0^1 x f(x) dx \\ f(x) &= \int_0^2 f(x,y) dy = \int_0^2 \frac{1}{4}(2x+y) dy = \frac{1}{4} (2xy + \frac{1}{2}y^2) \Big|_0^2 = x + \frac{1}{2}, x \in [0,1] \\ E(X) &= \int_0^1 x(x + \frac{1}{2}) dx = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{4}x^2 \Big|_0^1 = \frac{7}{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X|Y=\frac{1}{2}) &= \int_0^1 X f(x|Y=\frac{1}{2}) dx \\ f(x|Y=\frac{1}{2}) &= \frac{f(x, \frac{1}{2})}{f(Y=\frac{1}{2})} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}(2x+\frac{1}{2})}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{4}{3}x + \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X|Y=\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 4x^2 + x dx = \frac{1}{3} (\frac{4}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^2) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{11}{18}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) f(x_1, x_2|x_3) &= f(x_2|x_3|x_1) f(x_1) = f(x_2|x_3|x_1) f(x_1|x_3) \\ &= \frac{f(x_1|x_2|x_3) f(x_2|x_3)}{f(x_1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{f(x_1|x_3) | f(x_2|x_3)}{\int f(x_1|x_3)} f(x_1|x_3)$$
$$= f(x_1|x_3, x_2|x_3) = f(x_1|x_3) f(x_2|x_3)$$

$\therefore$  得证.