

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 Ω (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 , 拒绝为 A_r . S_B 接受为 B_a , 拒绝为 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). $P(A_r, B_r) = P(B_r) \cdot P(A_r | B_r) = P(B_r) \cdot 0.7 = 0.35 \therefore P(B_r) = 0.5 = P(B_a)$

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

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

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

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 $i = 0, \dots, n$.

- Compute the conditional mean $E(Y|X = i)$ for a general $i \leq n$.
- 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 $p_X(i) = \text{Prob}(X = i)$.
- 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).
- Compute the marginal $p_Y(j) = \text{Prob}(Y = j)$ for $j = 0, \dots, n$.
- Write a matlab function to compute the mean $E(Y)$ of Y using p_Y for $n = 100$, and compare the result with (b).
- 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$E(g(X)Y) = E\left(g(X) \frac{X}{2}\right) = \sum_{x=0}^n \left(g(x) \frac{x}{2}\right) P(X=x)$$

$$= g(1) \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{n+1} + g(n) \frac{n}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n+1} \\ = \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{n}{n+1} = 1.$$

3. Conditional Density and Expectation

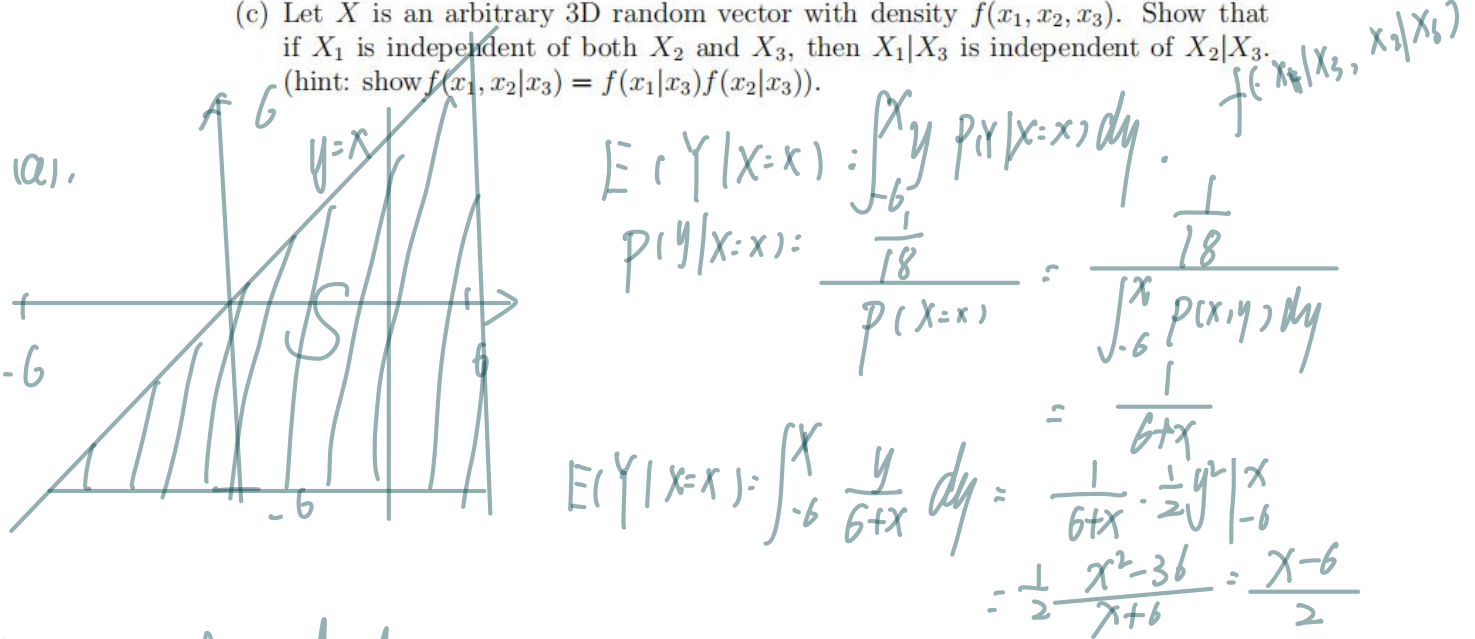
(a) Suppose that (X, Y) is uniformly distributed on the triangle $S = \{(x, y) : -6 < y < x < 6\}$. Find $E(Y|X = x)$.

(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 $f(x_1, x_2|x_3) = f(x_1|x_3)f(x_2|x_3)$).



(b). $E(X) = \int x f(x) dx$

$$f_X = \int_y f(x,y) dy = \int_0^2 \frac{1}{4}(2x+y) dy = \frac{1}{4} (2xy + \frac{1}{2}y^2) \Big|_0^2 = x + \frac{1}{2}, x \in [0,1]$$

$$E(X) = \int_0^1 x(x + \frac{1}{2}) dx = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{4}x^2 \Big|_0^1 = \frac{7}{12}$$

$$E(X|Y=\frac{1}{2}) = \int_0^1 x f(x|Y=\frac{1}{2}) dx$$

$$f(x|Y=\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{f(x, Y=\frac{1}{2})}{f(Y=\frac{1}{2})} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}(2x + \frac{1}{2})}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{4}{3}x + \frac{1}{3}$$

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

(c) $f(x_1, x_2|x_3) = f(x_2|x_3, x_1) f(x_1) = f(x_2|x_3|x_1) f(x_1|x_3)$

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

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

$$= f(x_1|x_3, x_2|x_3) = f(x_1|x_3) f(x_2|x_3)$$

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