

Properties of Expected Value

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- $E(c) = c$
- $E(I_A) = P(A)$
- $E[g(X)] = \sum_{\text{all } x} g(x) P(X = x)$
- $E(cX) = cE(X)$
- $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$
- $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$ if X and Y are independent.

Properties of Variance

- $\text{Var}(aX) = a^2 \text{Var}(X)$
- $\text{Var}(X + c) = \text{Var}(X)$
- $\text{Var}(c) = 0$
- $\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$
- $\text{Var}(aX + bY + c) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y) + 2ab \text{Cov}(X, Y)$
- $\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n c_i X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \text{Cov}(c_i X_i, c_j X_j)$
 $= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \text{Var}(X_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n c_i c_j \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$

Properties of Covariance

- $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Cov}(Y, X)$
- $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = E(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y$
- $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$ if X and Y are independent
- $\text{Cov}(X, c) = 0$
- $\text{Cov}(X, X) = \text{Var}(X)$
- $\text{Cov}(aX, bY) = ab \text{Cov}(X, Y)$
- $\text{Cov}(X + a, Y + b) = \text{Cov}(X, Y)$

Moments

Raw moment:

$$\mu'_n = E(X^n)$$

Central moment:

$$\mu_n = E[(X - \mu)^2]$$

Normalized / Standardized moment:

$$\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma^n}$$

Moment Generating Function - Properties

If X and Y are independent random variables then the moment generating function for the distribution of $X + Y$ is

$$M_{X+Y}(t) = E[e^{t(X+Y)}] = E[e^{tX} e^{tY}] = E[e^{tX}]E[e^{tY}] = M_X(t)M_Y(t)$$

Similarly, the moment generating function for S_n , the sum of iid random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is

$$M_{S_n}(t) = [M_{X_i}(t)]^n$$

Moment Generating Function

The moment generating function of a random variable X is defined for all real values of t by

$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}] = \begin{cases} \sum_x e^{tx} P(X = x) & \text{If } X \text{ is discrete} \\ \int_x e^{tx} P(X = x) dx & \text{If } X \text{ is continuous} \end{cases}$$

This is called the moment generating function because we can obtain the raw moments of X by successively differentiating $M_X(t)$ and evaluating at $t = 0$.

$$M_X(0) = E[e^{0}] = 1 = \mu'_0$$

$$M'_X(t) = \frac{d}{dt} E[e^{tX}] = E\left[\frac{d}{dt} e^{tX}\right] = E[Xe^{tX}]$$

$$M'_X(0) = E[Xe^{0}] = E[X] = \mu'_1$$

$$M''_X(t) = \frac{d}{dt} M'_X(t) = \frac{d}{dt} E[Xe^{tX}] = E\left[\frac{d}{dt} (Xe^{tX})\right] = E[X^2 e^{tX}]$$

$$M''_X(0) = E[X^2 e^{0}] = E[X^2] = \mu'_2$$

Cumulative Distribution Function

We have seen a variety of problems where we find $P(X \leq x)$ or $P(X > x)$ etc. The former is given a special name - the cumulative distribution function.

If X is discrete with probability mass function $f(x)$ then

$$P(X \leq x) = F(x) = \sum_{z=-\infty}^x f(z)$$

If X is continuous with probability density function $f(x)$ then

$$P(X \leq x) = F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(z) dz$$

CDF is defined for for all $-\infty < x < \infty$ and follows the following rules:

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$
- $x < y \Rightarrow F(x) < F(y)$

Probability Density Function

For a continuous probability distribution

$$P(X = x) = 0 \text{ for all } x$$

As such we define the probability density function to be

$$f_X(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} P(X \in [x, x + \epsilon]) / \epsilon$$

A pdf is defined for for all $-\infty < x < \infty$ and follows the following rules:

- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$
- $\int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt = F_X(x) \Leftrightarrow f_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x)$
- $f_X(x) \geq 0$ for all x

Some Quick Definitions

Monotonically increasing (increasing, non-decreasing) function:

$$x \leq y \implies f(x) \leq f(y)$$

Monotonically decreasing (decreasing, non-increasing) function:

$$x \leq y \implies f(x) \geq f(y)$$

Strictly increasing function:

$$x < y \implies f(x) < f(y)$$

Strictly decreasing function:

$$x < y \implies f(x) > f(y)$$

Hazard Rate

We define the hazard rate for a distribution function F with density f to be

$$\lambda(x) = \frac{f(x)}{1 - F(x)}$$

which we can use to uniquely identify a distribution

$$\int_0^x \lambda(t) dt = \int_0^x \frac{f(t)}{1 - F(t)} dt = \int_0^x \frac{\frac{d}{dt} F(t)}{1 - F(t)} dt$$

$$= -\log(1 - F(x)) + \log(1 - F(0))$$

$$\int_0^x \lambda(t) dt = -\log(1 - F(x))$$

$$1 - F(x) = \exp\left(-\int_0^x \lambda(t) dt\right)$$

$$F(x) = 1 - \exp\left(-\int_0^x \lambda(t) dt\right)$$

Change of Variables for Continuous RV

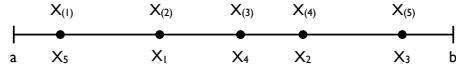
Let X be a random variable with density $f_X(x)$ on the range (a, b) and let $Y = g(X)$ which has the range $(g(a), g(b))$, if $g(x)$ is either strictly increasing or decreasing on (a, b) then

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \left| \frac{dy}{dx} \right|$$

Order Statistics

Let X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5 be iid random variables with a distribution F with a range of (a, b) . We can relabel these X 's such that their labels correspond to arranging them in increasing order so that

$$X_{(1)} \leq X_{(2)} \leq X_{(3)} \leq X_{(4)} \leq X_{(5)}$$



In the case where the distribution F is continuous we can make the stronger statement that

$$X_{(1)} < X_{(2)} < X_{(3)} < X_{(4)} < X_{(5)}$$

Since $P(X_i = X_j) = 0$ for all $i \neq j$ for continuous random variables.

Order Statistics, cont.

For X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n iid random variables $X_{(k)}$ is the k th smallest X , usually called the k th order statistic.

$X_{(1)}$ is therefore the smallest X and

$$X_{(1)} = \min(X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

Similarly, $X_{(n)}$ is the largest X and

$$X_{(n)} = \max(X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

Distributions of order statistics

For X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n iid continuous random variables with pdf f and cdf F then

$$f_{(1)}(x) = nf(x)(1 - F(x))^{n-1}$$

$$f_{(k)}(x) = nf(x) \binom{n-1}{k-1} F(x)^{k-1} (1 - F(x))^{n-k}$$

$$f_{(n)}(x) = nf(x)F(x)^{n-1}$$

$$F_{(1)}(x) = 1 - (1 - F(x))^n$$

$$F_{(n)}(x) = F(x)^n$$

Uniform Distribution

If X is a random variable with constant density on (a, b) then X is said to be Uniformly distributed on (a, b) , $X \sim \text{Unif}(a, b)$, then

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{if } a < x < b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & \text{if } a < x < b \\ 1 & \text{if } x > b \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = \frac{b+a}{2}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

Normal Distribution

If X is random variable with a normal distribution with a mean μ and variance σ^2 , $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{\sigma^2}}$$

$$F(x) = \Phi\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$E(X) = \mu$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$$

$$\text{Mode}(X) = \mu$$

Gamma Function

Based on the relationship for the n th raw moment, μ'_n , of an exponential distribution

$$E(X^n) = \frac{n!}{\lambda^n}$$

Let set $\lambda = 1$ and define an new value $\alpha = n + 1$

$$E(X^{\alpha-1}) = (\alpha - 1)!$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx = (\alpha - 1)!$$

$$\Gamma(\alpha) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx = (\alpha - 1)!$$

Using a tradition definition of the factorial it only makes sense when $n \in \mathbb{N}$ but we can use this new definition of the Gamma function $\Gamma(\alpha)$ for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$.

Commonly used with the Gamma, Beta, and negative binomial distribution to generalize a parameter to \mathbb{R}^+ .

Exponential Distribution

Let X be a random variable that reflects the time between events which occur continuously with a given rate λ , $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$

$$f(x|\lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$P(X \leq x) = F(x|\lambda) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$M_X(t) = \left(1 - \frac{t}{\lambda}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}\right)$$

$$E(X) = \lambda^{-1}$$

$$E(X^n) = \frac{n!}{\lambda^n}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \lambda^{-2}$$

$$\text{Median}(X) = \frac{\log 2}{\lambda}$$

Memoryless property - $P(X > s + t | X > s) = P(X > t)$
Minimum of Exponentials - $\min(X_1, \dots, X_n) \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n)$

Erlang Distribution

Let X reflect the time until the n th event occurs when the events occur according to a Poisson process with rate λ , $X \sim \text{Er}(n, \lambda)$

$$f(x|n, \lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda x} \lambda^n x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$

$$F(x|n, \lambda) = \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^j}{j!}$$

$$M_X(t) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}\right)^n$$

$$E(X) = n/\lambda$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = n/\lambda^2$$

Gamma Distribution

We can generalize the Erlang distribution by using the gamma function instead of the factorial function, thereby allowing for \mathbb{R}^+ values of n . Often the distribution is reparameterized such that $\theta = 1/\lambda$, $X \sim \text{Gamma}(n, \theta)$.

$$f(x|n, \theta) = \frac{e^{-x/\theta} x^{n-1}}{\theta^n \Gamma(n)}$$

$$F(x|n, \theta) = \frac{\int_0^x e^{-t/\theta} t^{n-1} dt}{\theta^n \Gamma(n)} = \frac{\gamma(n, x/\theta)}{\Gamma(n)}$$

$$M_X(t) = \left(\frac{1}{1 - \theta t} \right)^n$$

$$E(X) = n\theta$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = n\theta^2$$

Beta Distribution

If $X \sim \text{Beta}(r, s)$ then

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{B(r, s)} x^{r-1} (1-x)^{s-1}$$

$$F(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{B(r, s)} x^{r-1} (1-x)^{s-1} dx = \frac{B_x(r, s)}{B(r, s)}$$

$$B(r, s) = \int_0^1 x^{r-1} (1-x)^{s-1} dx = \frac{(r-1)!(s-1)!}{(r+s-1)!} = \frac{\Gamma(r)\Gamma(s)}{\Gamma(r+s)}$$

$$B_x(r, s) = \int_0^x x^{r-1} (1-x)^{s-1} dx$$

$$E(X) = \frac{r}{r+s}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{rs}{(r+s)^2(r+s+1)}$$

Joint Distributions - Example

Draw two socks at random, without replacement, from a drawer full of twelve colored socks:

6 black, 4 white, 2 purple

Let B be the number of Black socks, W the number of White socks drawn, then the distributions of B and W are given by:

	0	1	2
P(B=k)	$\frac{6}{12} \frac{5}{11} = \frac{15}{66}$	$2 \frac{6}{12} \frac{6}{11} = \frac{36}{66}$	$\frac{6}{12} \frac{5}{11} = \frac{15}{66}$
P(W=k)	$\frac{8}{12} \frac{7}{11} = \frac{28}{66}$	$2 \frac{4}{12} \frac{8}{11} = \frac{32}{66}$	$\frac{4}{12} \frac{3}{11} = \frac{6}{66}$

Note - $B \sim \text{HyperGeo}(12, 6, 2) = \frac{\binom{6}{k} \binom{6}{2-k}}{\binom{12}{2}}$ and $W \sim \text{HyperGeo}(12, 4, 2) = \frac{\binom{4}{k} \binom{8}{2-k}}{\binom{12}{2}}$

Joint Distributions - Example, cont.

Let B be the number of Black socks, W the number of White socks drawn, then the distributions of B and W are given by:

	W				
	0	1	2		
B	0	$\frac{1}{66}$	$\frac{8}{66}$	$\frac{6}{66}$	$\frac{15}{66}$
	1	$\frac{12}{66}$	$\frac{24}{66}$	0	$\frac{36}{66}$
	2	$\frac{15}{66}$	0	0	$\frac{15}{66}$
		$\frac{28}{66}$	$\frac{32}{66}$	$\frac{6}{66}$	$\frac{66}{66}$

$$P(B = b, W = w) = \frac{\binom{6}{b} \binom{4}{w} \binom{2}{2-b-w}}{\binom{12}{2}}$$

Marginal Distribution

Note that the column and row sums are the distributions of B and W respectively.

$$P(B = b) = P(B = b, W = 0) + P(B = b, W = 1) + P(B = b, W = 2)$$

$$P(W = w) = P(B = 0, W = w) + P(B = 1, W = w) + P(B = 2, W = w)$$

These are the *marginal* distributions of B and W . In general,

$$P(X = x) = \sum_y P(X = x, Y = y) = \sum_y P(X = x|Y = y)P(Y = y)$$

Expectation of Joint Distributions

$$E[g(X, Y)] = \sum_x \sum_y g(x, y)P(X = x, Y = y)$$

For example we can define $g(x, y) = x \cdot y$ then

$$\begin{aligned} E(BW) &= (0 \cdot 0 \cdot 1/66) + (0 \cdot 1 \cdot 8/66) + (0 \cdot 2 \cdot 6/66) \\ &\quad + (1 \cdot 0 \cdot 12/66) + (1 \cdot 1 \cdot 24/66) + (1 \cdot 2 \cdot 0/66) \\ &\quad + (2 \cdot 0 \cdot 15/66) + (2 \cdot 1 \cdot 0/66) + (1 \cdot 2 \cdot 0/66) \\ &= 24/66 = 4/11 \end{aligned}$$

Note that $E(BW) \neq E(B)E(W)$ since

$$\begin{aligned} E(B)E(W) &= (0 \cdot 15/66 + 1 \cdot 36/66 + 2 \cdot 15/66) \\ &\quad \times (0 \cdot 28/66 + 1 \cdot 32/66 + 2 \cdot 6/66) \\ &= 66/66 \times 44/66 = 2/3 \end{aligned}$$

This implies that B and W are not independent.

Conditional Distribution

Conditional distributions are defined as we have seen previously with

$$P(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{P(X = x, Y = y)}{P(Y = y)} = \frac{\text{joint pmf}}{\text{marginal pmf}}$$

Therefore the pmf for white socks given no black socks were drawn is

$$P(W = w|B = 0) = \frac{P(W = w, B = 0)}{P(B = 0)} = \begin{cases} \frac{1/66}{15/66} = \frac{1}{15} & \text{if } W = 0 \\ \frac{8/66}{15/66} = \frac{8}{15} & \text{if } W = 1 \\ \frac{6/66}{15/66} = \frac{6}{15} & \text{if } W = 2 \end{cases}$$

Independence

Remember that $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$ when X and Y are independent.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(B, W) &= E[(B - E[B])(W - E[W])] \\ &= E(BW) - E(B)E(W) \\ &= 4/11 - 2/3 = -10/33 = -0.30303 \end{aligned}$$

Expectation of Conditional Probability

Works like any other distribution

$$E(X|Y = y) = \sum_x xP(X = x|Y = y)$$

Therefore we can calculate things like conditional mean and variance,

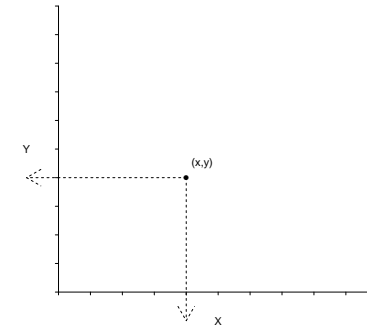
$$E(W|B = 0) = 0 \cdot 1/15 + 1 \cdot 8/15 + 2 \cdot 6/15 = 20/15 = 1.333$$

$$E(W^2|B = 0) = 0^2 \cdot 1/15 + 1^2 \cdot 8/15 + 2^2 \cdot 6/15 = 32/15 = 2.1333$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(W|B = 0) &= E(W^2|B = 0) - E(W|B = 0)^2 \\ &= 32/15 - (4/3)^2 = 16/45 = 0.3556 \end{aligned}$$

Joint CDF

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, y) &= P[X \leq x, Y \leq y] \\ &= P[(X, Y) \text{ lies south-west of the point } (x, y)] \end{aligned}$$



Joint CDF, cont.

The joint Cumulative distribution function follows the same rules as the univariate CDF,

Univariate definition:

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(z) dz$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$$

$$x \leq y \Rightarrow F(x) \leq F(y)$$

Bivariate definition:

$$F(x, y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y) = \int_{-\infty}^y \int_{-\infty}^x f(x, y) dx dy$$

$$\lim_{x, y \rightarrow -\infty} F(x, y) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x, y \rightarrow \infty} F(x, y) = 1$$

$$x \leq x', y \leq y' \Rightarrow F(x, y) \leq F(x', y')$$

Marginal Distributions

We can define marginal CDFs using the joint CDF by setting one of the values to infinity:

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, \infty) &= P(X \leq x, Y \leq \infty) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy dx \\ &= P(X \leq x) = F_X(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(\infty, y) &= P(X \leq \infty, Y \leq y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^y f(x, y) dx dy \\ &= P(Y \leq y) = F_Y(y) \end{aligned}$$

Joint pdf

Similar to the CDF the probability density function follows the same general rules in two dimensions,

Univariate definition:

$$f(x) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \quad f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

Bivariate definition:

$$f(x, y) \geq 0 \text{ for all } (x, y)$$

$$f(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F(x, y)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = 1$$

Marginal pdfs

Marginal pdfs are derived by integrating out one of the random variables.

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx$$

Previously we defined independence in terms of, X and Y are independent if and only if $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$.

An equivalent definition is, X and Y are independent if and only if $f(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$.

Probability and Expectation

Univariate definition:

$$P(X \in A) = \int_A f(x) dx$$

$$E[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \cdot f(x) dx$$

Bivariate definition:

$$P(X \in A, Y \in B) = \int_A \int_B f(x, y) dx dy$$

$$E[g(X, Y)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x, y) \cdot f(x, y) dx dy$$