

Chapter 4

Bivariate Distributions (二元分布)

Section 4.3 CONDITIONAL DISTRIBUTIONS

➤ Motivation

Let X and Y have the joint probability mass function $f(x, y) : D \rightarrow [0, 1]$.

The marginal *pmf* of X and Y are

$$f_X(x) : D_X \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ and } f_Y(y) : D_Y \rightarrow [0, 1].$$

$D_X = \{\text{all possible values of } X \text{ in } D\}$, $D_Y = \{\text{all possible values of } Y \text{ in } D\}$.

By definition,

$$f(x, y) = P(X = x, Y = y) \triangleq P(\{X = x, Y = y\}).$$

$$f_X(x) = P(X = x) \triangleq P(\{X = x\}) = \sum_{y \in D_Y} f(x, y).$$

$$f_Y(y) = P(Y = y) \triangleq P(\{Y = y\}) = \sum_{x \in D_X} f(x, y).$$

Let $A = \{X = x\}$, $B = \{Y = y\}$, $A \cap B = \{X = x\} \cap \{Y = y\} \triangleq \{X = x, Y = y\}$.

Then recall the conditional probability of event A given event B is

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} \text{ (under the assumption } f_Y(y) > 0 \text{)}.$$

Definition 4.3-1 [conditional probability mass function]

Conditional pmf of X given $Y=y$ is defined by

$$g(x|y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}, \quad \text{provided that } f_Y(y) > 0$$

Similarly, **conditional pmf of Y given that $X=x$** is defined

$$h(y|x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)}, \quad \text{provided that } f_X(x) > 0$$

Example 1: Let the joint *pmf* of X and Y be defined by

$$f(x, y) = \frac{x + y}{21}, \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \quad y = 1, 2.$$

We have shown

$$f_X(x) = \sum_{y \in D_Y} f(x, y) = \sum_{y=1}^2 \frac{x+y}{21} = \frac{2x+3}{21}, \quad x = 1, 2, 3.$$

$$f_Y(y) = \sum_{x \in D_X} f(x, y) = \sum_{x=1}^3 \frac{x+y}{21} = \frac{y+2}{7}, \quad y = 1, 2.$$

Then the conditional *pmf* of X given $Y = y$ is

$$g(x|y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} = \left(\frac{x+y}{21} \right) / \left(\frac{y+2}{7} \right) = \frac{x+y}{3(y+2)}, \quad x = 1, 2, 3 \quad y = 1, 2.$$

and the conditional *pmf* of Y given $X = x$ is

$$h(y|x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)} = \left(\frac{x+y}{21} \right) / \left(\frac{2x+3}{21} \right) = \frac{x+y}{2x+3}, \quad x = 1, 2, 3 \quad y = 1, 2.$$

➤ Conditional *pmf* is a well-defined *pmf*

① $h(y|x) \geq 0.$

$f(x, y) = 0$ if $(x, y) \notin D.$

②
$$\sum_{y \in D_Y} h(y|x) = \sum_{y \in D_Y} \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)} = \frac{\sum_{y \in D_Y} f(x, y)}{f_X(x)} = \frac{f_X(x)}{f_X(x)} = 1.$$

➤ Conditional mean and conditional variance

Let $u(Y)$ be a function of Y . Then the **conditional expectation** of $u(Y)$ is given by

$$E(u(Y)|X = x) = \sum_{y \in D_Y} u(y)h(y|x).$$

When $u(Y) = Y,$

$$E(Y|X = x) = \sum_{y \in D_Y} yh(y|x).$$

Conditional mean

When $u(Y) = [Y - E(Y|X = x)]^2,$

$$Var(Y|X = x) \triangleq E \left\{ [Y - E(Y|X = x)]^2 | X = x \right\} = \sum_{y \in D_Y} [y - E(Y|X = x)]^2 h(y|x).$$

Conditional variance

Example 1 (c.n.t.)

$$E(Y|X = 3) = \sum_{y \in D_Y} yh(y|3) = \sum_{y=1}^2 y \cdot \frac{y+3}{9} = \frac{14}{9}.$$

$$Var(Y|X = 3) = \sum_{y \in D_Y} [y - E(Y|X = 3)]^2 h(y|3) = \sum_{y=1}^2 \left(y - \frac{14}{9} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{y+3}{9} = \frac{20}{81}.$$

Section 4.4 Bivariate Distribution of **continuous** type

□ Idea: (bivariate) **discrete** RV \rightarrow (bivariate) **continuous** RV

Definition 4.4-1 [**joint probability density function (joint pdf)**]

Let X and Y be two **continuous** RVs. The function $f(x, y): D \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ is called the **joint probability density function (joint pdf)** of X if:

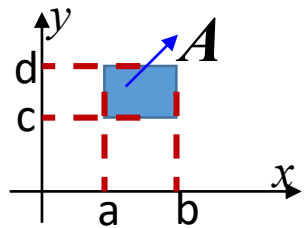
① $f(x, y) \geq 0; \quad (x, y) \in D.$

② $\iint_D f(x, y) dx dy = 1;$

③ $P[(X, Y) \in A] \triangleq P(\{(x, y) \in A\}) = \iint_A f(x, y) dx dy, \quad A \subseteq D.$

Motivation: The outcome is a tuple of 2 scalars whose range are intervals or union of intervals

Remark :



• Very often, we extend the definition domain of $f(x, y)$ from D to $R \times R$ by letting $f(x, y) = 0$ for $(x, y) \notin D$ and thus $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = 1.$

• In this course, we only consider a special space A in the ③ of the definition: A is **rectangular** with its line segments parallel to the coordinate axis.

In this case, $A = \{(x, y) | a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d\}$. Then the double integral becomes

$$P((x, y) \in A) = \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx.$$

Remark3 : Joint pdf can be seen as an extension of joint pmf by extending the 'summation' to 'integral'.

□ mass → density

□ pmf → pdf

□ joint pmf → joint pdf

□ marginal pmf → marginal pdf

□ conditional pmf → conditional pdf

summation → integral

Mean

Variance

Covariance

Correlation

Definition 4.4-2 [Marginal pdf]

The **marginal probability density function** of X or Y is defined by

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) dy : D_X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$$

$x \in D_X = \{\text{all possible values of } x \text{ in } D\}.$

$f_X(x) : R \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ by letting $f_X(x) = 0$ for $x \notin D_X$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) dx : D_Y \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$$

$y \in D_Y = \{\text{all possible values of } y \text{ in } D\}.$

$f_Y(y) : R \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ by letting $f_Y(y) = 0$ for $y \notin D_Y$

Definition 4.4-3 [Mathematical expectation]

Let $u(X, Y)$ be a function of X and Y whose marginal pdf is given by $f(x, y)$. Thus the mathematical expectation of $u(X, Y)$ is defined by

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

➤ When $u(X, Y) = X$,

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x f(x, y) dx dy = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x f_X(x) dx.$$

➤ When $u(X, Y) = (X - E(X))^2$,

$$Var(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (X - E(X))^2 f(x, y) dx dy = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (X - E(X))^2 f_X(x) dx.$$

Example 1 (Page 155)

Let X and Y have the joint pdf $f(x, y) = \frac{4}{3}(1 - xy)$ with $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$.

Compute $f_X(x)$, $f_Y(y)$, $E(X)$ and $Var(X)$.

Solution:

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) dy = \int_0^1 \frac{4}{3}(1 - xy) dy = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{4}{3}(x) \left(\frac{1}{2} y^2 \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{4}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} x \right)$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{4}{3}(1 - xy) dx = \frac{4}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} y \right) \quad \leftarrow \text{Due to the symmetry.}$$

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x f_X(x) dx = \int_0^1 x \frac{4}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} x \right) dx = \frac{4}{3} \left[\frac{1}{2} x^2 \Big|_0^1 - \frac{1}{6} x^3 \Big|_0^1 \right] = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$Var(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[x - E(X) \right]^2 f_X(x) dx = \int_0^1 \left(x - \frac{4}{9} \right)^2 \frac{4}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} x \right) dx = \frac{13}{162}.$$

You should verify the details by yourself!

Quiz

Let X and Y have the joint pdf $f(x, y) = \frac{3}{2} x^2 (1 - |y|)$ with $-1 < x < 1$, $-1 < y < 1$.

$A = \{(x, y) \mid 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < x\}$. Compute $E(X)$ and $P(A)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{3}{2} x^2 (1 - |y|) dy = \int_0^1 \frac{3}{2} x^2 (1 - y) dy + \int_{-1}^0 \frac{3}{2} x^2 (1 + y) dy \\ &= \frac{3}{2} x^2 \left[y - \frac{1}{2} y^2 \right]_0^1 + \frac{3}{2} x^2 \left[y + \frac{1}{2} y^2 \right]_{-1}^0 = \frac{3}{2} x^2 \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} x^2 \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2} x^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X) = \int_{-1}^1 x f_X(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{3}{2} x^3 dx = \left[\frac{3}{8} x^4 \right]_{-1}^1 = 0.$$

We have two ways to compute $P(A)$:

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= \iint_A f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^1 \int_0^x \frac{3}{2} x^2 (1 - |y|) dy dx = \int_0^1 \int_0^x \frac{3}{2} x^2 (1 - y) dy dx = \int_0^1 \left[\frac{3}{2} x^2 \left(y - \frac{1}{2} y^2 \right) \right]_0^x dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left(\frac{3}{2} x^3 - \frac{3}{4} x^4 \right) dx = \left[\frac{3}{8} x^4 - \frac{3}{20} x^5 \right]_0^1 = \frac{9}{40}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= \iint_A f(x, y) dy dx = \int_0^1 \int_y^1 \frac{3}{2} x^2 (1 - |y|) dx dy = \int_0^1 \left[\frac{x^3}{2} (1 - |y|) \right]_y^1 dy = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{y^3}{2} \right) (1 - |y|) dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \left[\frac{y^4}{2} - \frac{y^3}{2} - \frac{y}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right] dy = \left[\frac{y^5}{10} - \frac{y^4}{8} - \frac{y^2}{4} + \frac{1}{2} y \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{9}{40}. \end{aligned}$$

Definition 4.4-4 [independent Continuous Variables]

Two continuous variables X and Y are **independent** if and only if,

$$f(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y), \quad x \in D_X, y \in D_Y$$

Otherwise, X and Y are said to be **dependent**.

Example 1 (Revisited)

Since $f(x, y) = \frac{4}{3}(1 - xy) \neq \left[\frac{4}{3}(1 - \frac{1}{2}x) \right] \left[\frac{4}{3}(1 - \frac{1}{2}y) \right] = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$, X and Y are *dependent*.

Definition 4.4-5 [Covariance and correlation coefficient]

The **covariance** of X and Y is given by

$$Cov(X, Y) = E[(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))] = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y),$$

$$\text{where } E(XY) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xyf(x, y)dx dy$$

The correlation coefficient is defined as

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{Var(X)}\sqrt{Var(Y)}}.$$

Definition 4.4-6 [conditional probability density function]

Let X and Y have the joint pdf $f(x, y)$ and marginal pdfs are $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$. Then the **conditional pdf**, **mean**, and **variance** of Y , given that $X=x$, are

$$h(y|x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)} \text{ for } f_X(x) > 0,$$

$$E(Y|X = x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} yh(y|x)dy,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(Y|X = x) &= E\left[\left(Y - E(Y|X = x)\right)^2 \mid X = x\right] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (y - E(Y|X = x))^2 h(y|x)dy \\ &= E(Y^2|X = x) - \left[E(Y|X = x)\right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

Example 2 (Page 160)

Let X and Y be continuous RV s that have

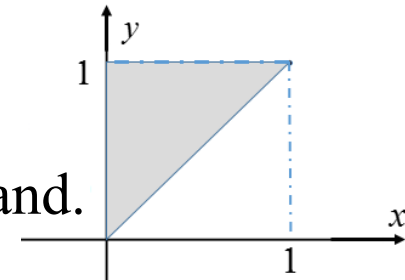
$$f(x, y) = 2, 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1,$$

Question:

- (a) Sketch the support of X and Y .
- (b) Compute the marginal pmfs $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$.
- (c) Compute the conditional pdf, conditional mean, conditional variance of Y , given $X = x$.
- (d) Compute $P\left(\frac{3}{4} \leq Y \leq \frac{7}{8} \mid X = \frac{1}{4}\right)$.

Example 2 (c.n.t.)

Solution:



(a) The graph for the support of X and Y is listed righthand.

$$(b) \quad f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) dy = \int_x^1 f(x, y) dy = 2(1-x) \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) dx = \int_0^y f(x, y) dx = 2y \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1.$$

$$(c) \quad h(y|x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)} = \frac{2}{2(1-x)} = \frac{1}{1-x}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1.$$

$$E(Y|X = x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} yh(y|x)dy = \int_x^1 y \frac{1}{1-x} dy = \frac{1}{1-x} \left[\frac{1}{2} y^2 \right]_x^1 = \frac{1}{2}(x+1).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(Y|X = x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [y - E(Y|X = x)]^2 h(y|x) dy \\ &= \int_x^1 \left[y - \frac{1}{2}(x+1) \right]^2 \frac{1}{1-x} dy = \frac{1}{1-x} \left[y - \frac{1}{2}(1+x) \right]^3 \Big|_x^1 = \frac{(1-x)^2}{12}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(d) \quad P\left(\frac{3}{4} \leq Y \leq \frac{7}{8} \mid X = \frac{1}{4}\right) = \int_{3/4}^{7/8} h\left(y \mid \frac{1}{4}\right) dy = \int_{3/4}^{7/8} \frac{1}{1-1/4} dy = \frac{1}{8} \times \frac{4}{3} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

Section 4.5 Bivariate Normal Distribution

Definition 4.5-1 [Bivariate Normal]

Let X and Y be two continuous RVs and have the joint pdf

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}q(x, y)\right]$$

where $q(x, y) = \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \left[\left(\frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right)^2 - 2\rho\left(\frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right)\left(\frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right) + \left(\frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right)^2 \right] \geq 0$

$\mu_X = E(X)$, $\mu_Y = E(Y)$, $\sigma_X = \sqrt{Var(X)}$, $\sigma_Y = \sqrt{Var(Y)}$, ρ is the **correlation coefficient**.

Then X and Y are said to be **bivariate normal distributed**.

➤ Property:

Given that $Y = y$ is normal distribution, The probability distribution of X with **mean**

$\mu_X + \frac{\sigma_X}{\sigma_Y} \rho(y - \mu_Y)$ and **variance** $(1 - \rho^2)\sigma_X^2$ is given by

$$X|Y = y \sim N\left(\mu_X + \frac{\sigma_X}{\sigma_Y} \rho(y - \mu_Y), (1 - \rho^2)\sigma_X^2\right).$$

Similarly, $Y|X = x \sim N\left(\mu_Y + \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} \rho(x - \mu_X), (1 - \rho^2)\sigma_Y^2\right).$

Example 1 (Page 165)

Observe a group of college students, Let X and Y denote the grade points in high school and the first year in college have a bivariate normal distribution with parameters

$$\mu_X = 2.9 \quad \mu_Y = 2.4 \quad \sigma_X = 0.4 \quad \sigma_Y = 0.5 \quad \rho = 0.8$$

Compute $P(2.1 < Y < 3.3)$ and $P(2.1 < Y < 3.3 | X = 3.2)$

Solution :

$$P(2.1 < Y < 3.3) = P\left(\frac{2.1 - 2.4}{0.5} < \frac{Y - 2.4}{0.5} < \frac{3.3 - 2.4}{0.5}\right) = \Phi(1.8) - \Phi(-0.6) = 0.69$$

Note that $Y | X = x \sim N\left(\mu_Y + \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} \rho(x - \mu_X), (1 - \rho^2)\sigma_Y^2\right)$,

when $X = 3.2$, $Y | X = 3.2 \sim N(2.7, 0.09)$,

$$\begin{aligned} P(2.1 < Y < 3.3 | X = 3.2) &= P\left(\frac{2.1 - 2.7}{\sqrt{0.09}} < \frac{Y - 2.7}{\sqrt{0.09}} < \frac{3.3 - 2.7}{\sqrt{0.09}}\right) \\ &= \Phi(2) - \Phi(-2) = 0.95. \end{aligned}$$

➤ Geometrical interpretation

Let $z = f(x, y)$ and draw it in $x - y - z$ 3-dimension coordinate system.

$$\textcircled{1} z = f(x_0, y) = f_X(x_0)h(y|x_0)$$

→ intersection of the surface $z = f(x, y)$ with planes parallel to yz -plate.

$$\textcircled{2} z = f(x, y_0) = f_Y(y_0)h(x|y_0) = f_Y(y_0)h(x|y_0)$$

→ intersection of the surface $z = f(x, y)$ with planes parallel to xz -plate

They are all bell-shaped, in other words, they have the shape of normal distribution pdf.

$$\textcircled{3} \text{ let } z_0 > 0 \text{ and } z_0 < \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}$$

Then the intersection of the surface $z = f(x, y)$ with the plate $z = z_0$

which is parallel to xy -plate is

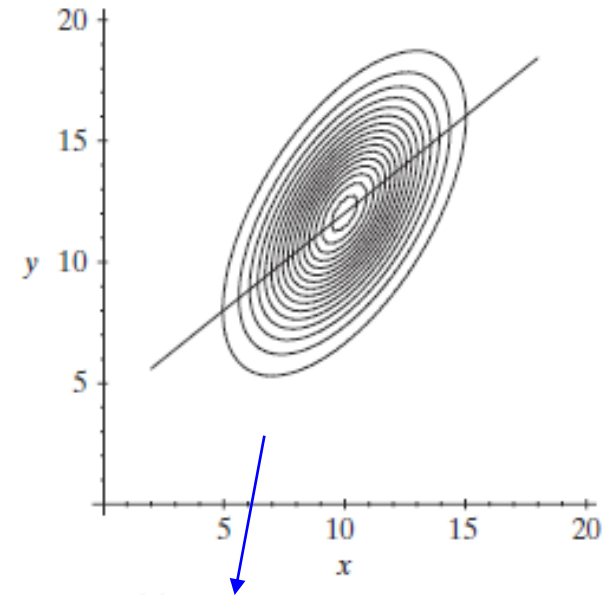
$$\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}q(x, y)\right] = z_0 2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\rho^2} \quad \rightarrow \textit{ellipse}$$

Taking logarithm yields

$$\left(\frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right)^2 - 2\rho\left(\frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right)\left(\frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right) + \left(\frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right)^2 = -2(1-\rho^2)\ln(z_0 2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\rho^2})$$

➤ Geometrical interpretation (c.n.t.)

For different z_0 , we can draw the ellipse on the xy plane - Level curves or contours.



Contours for bivariate normal

Theorem 4.5-1

If X and Y have a bivariate normal distribution with correlation coefficient ρ , then X and Y are independent if and only if $\rho = 0$.