

Random Variables $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$ are independent iff:

$$f_{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = f_{\mathbf{X}_1}(x_1)f_{\mathbf{X}_2}(x_2)\dots f_{\mathbf{X}_n}(x_n) \quad (1)$$

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To find the CDF of \mathbf{X} :

$$F_{\mathbf{X}_1}(x_1) = \int_{x_n} \dots \int_{x_2} \int_{x_1} f_{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n$$

Example 1.

For \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} to be independent: $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}}(x, y) = \mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{X}}(x)\mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{Y}}(y)$

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Y \ X	0	1	$p_{\mathbf{Y}}$
0	0.1	0.2	0.3
1	0.3	0.4	0.7
$p_{\mathbf{X}}$	0.4	0.6	

Y \ X	0	1	$p_{\mathbf{Y}}$
0	0.12	0.18	0.3
1	0.28	0.42	0.7
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0.1 Conditional CDF, PDF and PMF

Conditional pdf of \mathbf{Y} given $\mathbf{X} = x$ is

$$f_{\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}}(y|x) = \frac{f_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}}(x, y)}{f_{\mathbf{X}}(x)} \quad (3)$$

Conditional pmf of \mathbf{Y} given $\mathbf{X} = x$ is

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}}(y|x) = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}}(x, y)}{\mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{X}}(x)} \quad (4)$$

$P_{X|Y}$

Y \ X	0	1
0	1/3	2/3
1	3/7	4/7

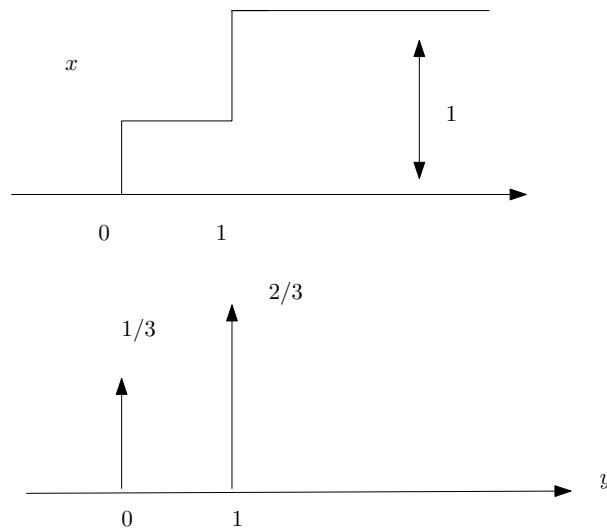
$P_{Y|X}$

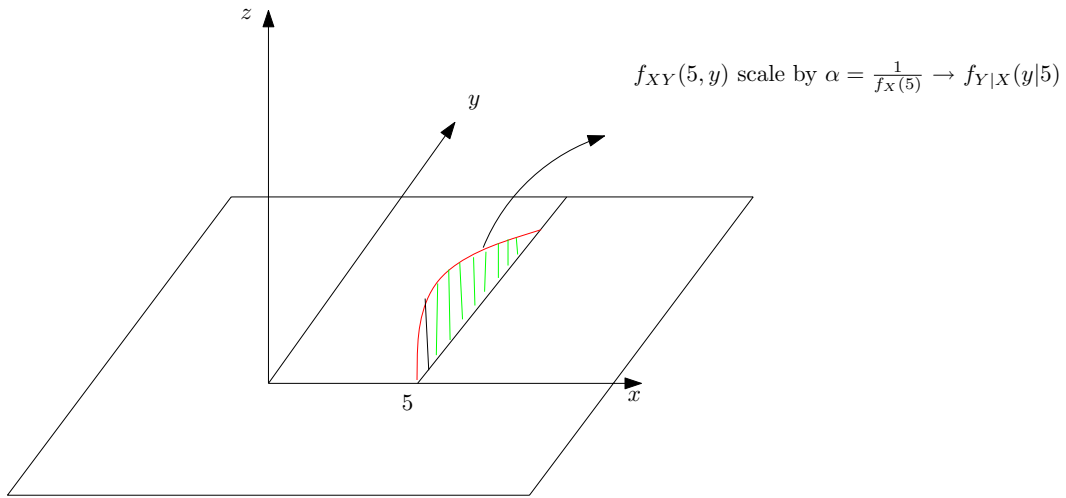
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Recall: $\mathcal{P}(A|B) = \frac{\mathcal{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathcal{P}(B)}$. From the previous example

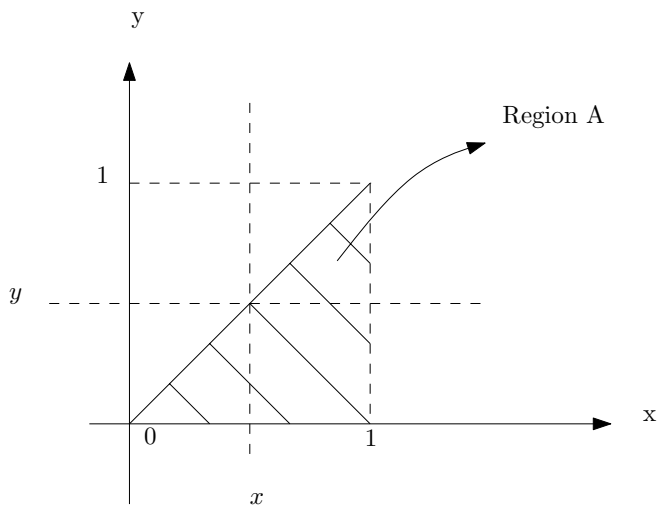
Conditional CDF of **Y** given **X**=x is

$$F_{Y|X} = \int_{-\infty}^y f_{Y|X}(\alpha|x) d\alpha \quad (5)$$

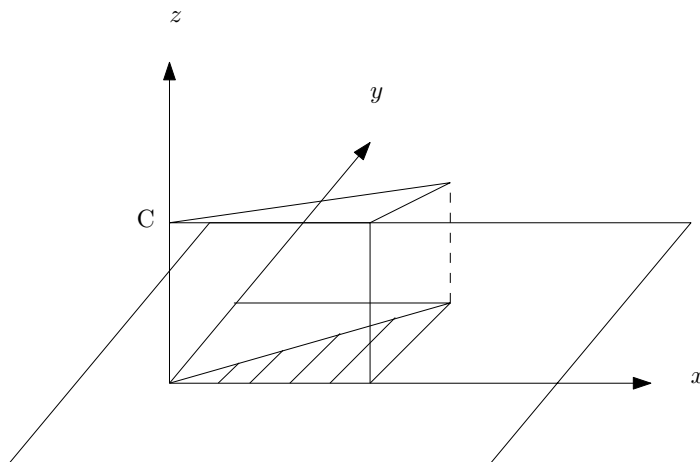




Example 2.



Pick a point from region A at random where each point is drawn equally likely. Find f_{XY} , f_X , $f_{Y|X}$, f_Y .



Clearly

$$f_{\mathbf{XY}}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & , (x, y) \notin A \\ C & , (x, y) \in A \end{cases}$$

for some C.

C needs to be such that: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{\mathbf{XY}}(x, y) dx dy = 1 \Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{1/2} = 2$.

$$f_{\mathbf{XY}}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & , (x, y) \notin A \\ 2 & , (x, y) \in A \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{\mathbf{XY}}(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^1 f_{\mathbf{XY}}(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^x 2 dy \\ &= 2x \quad \text{for } x \in [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

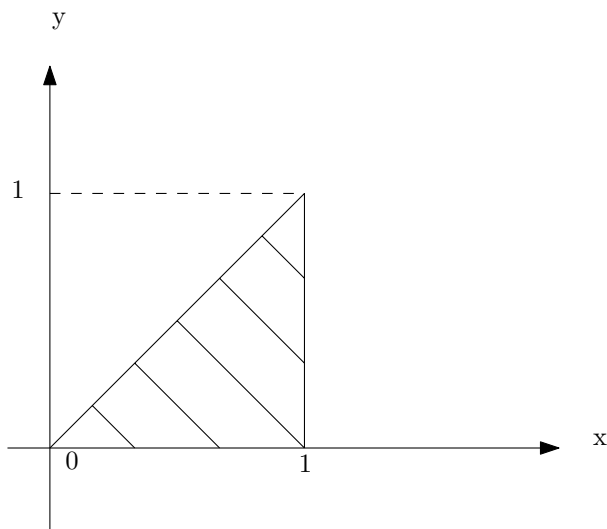
$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) = 0 \quad \text{for } x \notin [0, 1]$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}}(x|y) &= \frac{f_{\mathbf{XY}}(x, y)}{f_{\mathbf{X}}(x)} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{2}{2x} = \frac{1}{x} & , x \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & , x \notin [0, 1] \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{\mathbf{XY}}(x, y) dx \\ &= \begin{cases} \int_y^1 2 dy & , y \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & , y \notin [0, 1] \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 2 - 2y & , y \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & , y \notin [0, 1] \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Example 3.

Pick a number \mathbf{X} in $[0, 1]$ equally likely. Then, pick a number \mathbf{Y} in $[0, \mathbf{X}]$ equally likely. Find $f_{\mathbf{XY}}(x, y)$, $f_{\mathbf{X}}(x)$, $f_{\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}}(y|x)$, and $f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y)$.



$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & , x \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & , x \notin [0, 1] \end{cases}$$

$$f_{\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & , x \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & , x \notin [0, 1] \end{cases}$$

$$f_{\mathbf{XY}}(x, y) = f_{\mathbf{X}}(x)f_{\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}}$$

If $x \in [0, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{XY}}(x, y) &= f_{\mathbf{X}}(x)f_{\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}} \\ &= \begin{cases} 1 \cdot \frac{1}{x} & , (x, y) \in A \\ 0 & , (x, y) \notin A \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

If $x \notin [0, 1]$ $f_{\mathbf{XY}}(x, y) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{\mathbf{XY}}(x, y)dx \\ &= \begin{cases} \int_y^1 \frac{1}{x} dx & , y \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & , y \notin [0, 1] \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} -\ln(y) & , y \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & , y \notin [0, 1] \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

0.2 Conditional Expectation

$$\mathcal{E}[\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X} = x] := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_{\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}}(y|x) dy =$$

It follows that $\mathcal{E}[\mathbf{Y}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}[\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X} = x] f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}[\mathbf{Y}] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y) dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}}(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) f_{\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}}(y|x) dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_{\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}}(y|x) dy \right] dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}[\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X} = x] f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

In Example 2 $\mathcal{E}[\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X} = x] = \frac{x}{2}$, $\mathcal{E}[\mathbf{Y}] = \int_0^1 f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{x}{2} \cdot 2x dx = \frac{1}{3}$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}[\mathbf{Y}] &= \int_0^1 \frac{x}{2} \cdot f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{x}{2} \cdot 1 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

If \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} are independent, $\mathcal{E}[\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X} = x]$ does not depend on x , i.e. a constant