

CSE 312

# Foundations of Computing II

Lecture 19: Joint Distributions

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## Stream Model – Problem Setup

**Input:** sequence (aka. “stream”) of  $N$  elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$  from a known universe  $U$  (e.g., 8-byte integers).

**Goal:** perform a computation on the input, in a single left to right pass, where:

- Elements processed in real time
- Can’t store the full data  $\Rightarrow$  use minimal amount of storage while maintaining working “summary”

## Today: Counting distinct elements

32, 12, 14, 32, 7, 12, 32, 7, 32, 12, 4

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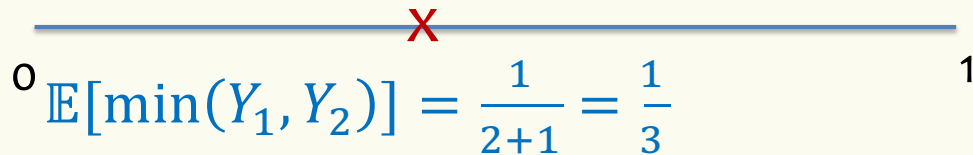
## Detour – Min of I.I.D. Uniforms

If  $Y_1, \dots, Y_m \sim \text{Unif}(0,1)$  (iid) where do we expect the points to end up?

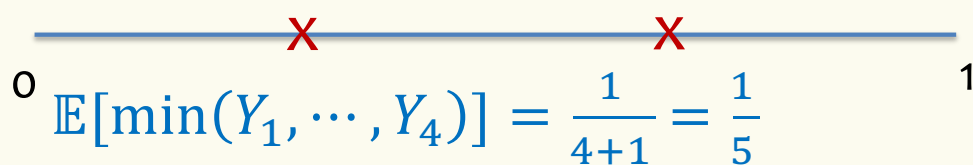
In general,  $\mathbb{E}[\min(Y_1, \dots, Y_m)] = \frac{1}{m+1}$

$$\mathbb{E}[\min(Y_1)] = \frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

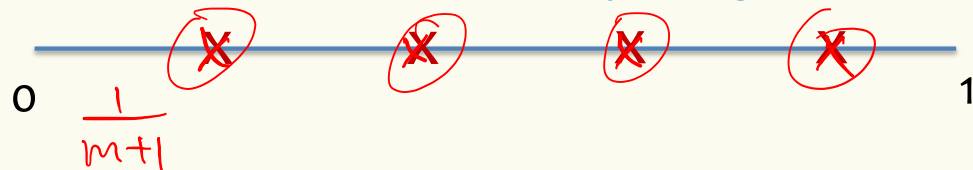
$m = 1$



$m = 2$



$m = 4$



## Distinct Elements – Hashing into $[0, 1]$

$$x_1 \quad x_2 \\ h(x_1) \quad h(x_2)$$

Hash function  $h: U \rightarrow [0,1]$

Assumption: For all  $x \in U$ ,  $h(x) \sim \text{Unif}(0,1)$  and mutually independent

$$x_1 = 5$$

$$h(5)$$

$$x_2 = 2$$

$$h(2)$$

$$x_3 = 27$$

$$h(27)$$

$$x_4 = 35$$

$$h(35)$$

$$x_5 = 4$$

$$h(4)$$

5 distinct elements

→ 5 i.i.d. RVs  $h(x_1), \dots, h(x_5) \sim \text{Unif}(0,1)$

$$\rightarrow \underline{\underline{\mathbb{E}[\min\{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_5)\}]}} = \frac{1}{\overbrace{5+1}^1} = \frac{1}{6}$$

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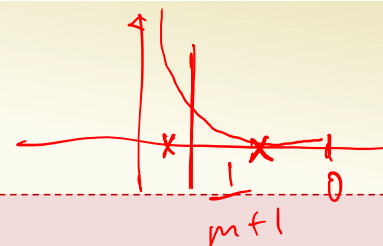
$$h(4)$$

4 distinct elements

$\Rightarrow$  4 i.i.d. RVs  $h(x_1), h(x_2), h(x_3), h(x_5) \sim \text{Unif}(0,1)$  and  $h(x_1) = h(x_4)$

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[\min\{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_5)\}] = \mathbb{E}[\min\{h(x_1), h(x_2), h(x_3), h(x_5)\}] = \frac{1}{4+1}$

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$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$  contains  $m$  distinct elements

$h(x_1), h(x_2), \dots, h(x_N)$  contains  $m$  i.i.d. rvs  $\sim \text{Unif}(0,1)$

and  $N - m$  repeats

$$\mathbb{E}[\min\{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_N)\}] = \frac{1}{m+1} \iff m = \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}[\min\{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_N)\}] - 1}$$

## The MinHash Algorithm – Idea

$$m = \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}[\min\{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_N)\}] - 1}$$

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1. Compute  $\text{val} = \min\{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_N)\}$
2. Assume that  $\text{val} \approx \mathbb{E}[\min\{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_N)\}]$
3. Output  $\text{round}\left(\frac{1}{\text{val}} - 1\right)$





## The MinHash Algorithm – Implementation

Algorithm **MinHash**( $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$ )

$val \leftarrow \infty$

**for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $N$  **do**

$val \leftarrow \min\{val, h(x_i)\}$

**return**  $\text{round}\left(\frac{1}{val} - 1\right)$

Memory cost = just remember  $val$   
(with sufficient precision)

## MinHash Example

Stream: 13, 25, 19, 25, 19, 19

Hashes: 0.51, 0.26, 0.79, 0.26, 0.79, 0.79

**What does  
MinHash return?**

Round.  $\left( \frac{1}{\underline{0.26} - 1} \right)$   
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- a. 1
- b. 3
- c. 5
- d. No idea

## MinHash Example II

Stream: 11, 34, 89, 11, 89, 23

Hashes: 0.5, 0.21, 0.94, 0.5, 0.94, 0.1

Output is  $\frac{1}{0.1} - 1 = 9$

Clearly, not a very good answer!

Not unlikely:  $P(h(x) < 0.1) = 0.1$

## The MinHash Algorithm – Problem

Algorithm **MinHash**( $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$ )

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for  $i = 1$  to  $N$  do

$\text{val} \leftarrow \min\{\text{val}, h(x_i)\}$

return  $\text{round}\left(\frac{1}{\text{val}} - 1\right)$

$\text{val} = \min\{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_N)\}$

$\mathbb{E}[\text{val}] = \frac{1}{m+1}$



But,  $\text{val}$  is not  $\mathbb{E}[\text{val}]$ !  
How far is  $\text{val}$  from  $\mathbb{E}[\text{val}]$ ?

$\text{Var}(\text{val}) \approx \frac{1}{(m+1)^2}$

## How can we reduce the variance?

$$\min_x h = \min(h(x_1) \cdot h(x_2) \dots h(x_N))$$

Idea: Repetition to reduce variance!

Use  $k$  independent hash functions  $h^1, h^2, \dots, h^k$

Algorithm **MinHash**( $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$ )

$val_1, \dots, val_k \leftarrow \infty$

for  $i = 1$  to  $N$  do

$val_1 \leftarrow \min\{val_1, h^1(x_i)\}, \dots, val_k \leftarrow \min\{val_k, h^k(x_i)\}$

$val \leftarrow \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k val_i$

return round  $\left(\frac{1}{val} - 1\right)$

$$E[val] = E[val_i] = \frac{1}{m+1}$$

$$Var(val) = \frac{1}{k} \frac{1}{(m+1)^2}$$

$var(val_i)$



## MinHash and Estimating # of Distinct Elements in Practice

- MinHash in practice:
  - One also stores the element that has the minimum hash value for each of the  $k$  hash functions
    - Then, just given separate MinHashes for sets  $A$  and  $B$ , can also estimate
      - what fraction of  $A \cup B$  is in  $A \cap B$ ; i.e., how similar  $A$  and  $B$  are
- Another randomized data structure for distinct elements in practice:
  - HyperLoglog - even more space efficient but doesn't have the set combination properties of MinHash

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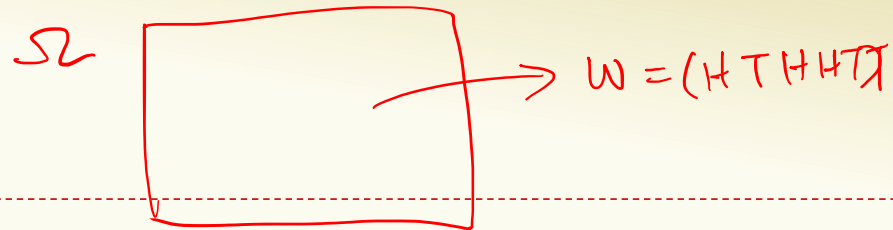
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## Why joint distributions?

- Given all of its user's ratings for different movies, and any preferences you have expressed, Netflix wants to recommend a new movie for you.
- Given a large amount of medical data correlating symptoms and personal history with diseases, predict what is ailing a person with a particular medical history and set of symptoms.
- Given current traffic, pedestrian locations, weather, lights, etc. decide whether a self-driving car should slow down or come to a stop



## Review Cartesian Product



**Definition.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. The **Cartesian product** of  $A$  and  $B$  is denoted

$$\underline{A \times B} = \{(\underline{a}, \underline{b}) : \underline{a} \in A, \underline{b} \in B\}$$

**Example.**

$$\{1,2,3\} \times \{4,5\} = \{(1,4), (1,5), (2,4), (2,5), (3,4), (3,5)\}$$

If  $A$  and  $B$  are finite sets, then  $|A \times B| = |A| \cdot |B|$ .

The sets don't need to be finite! You can have  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  (often denoted  $\mathbb{R}^2$ )

## Joint PMFs and Joint Range

$$\Omega = A \times B$$

$$P: \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

**Definition.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be discrete random variables. The **Joint PMF** of  $X$  and  $Y$  is

$$p_{X,Y}(a, b) = P(X = a, Y = b)$$

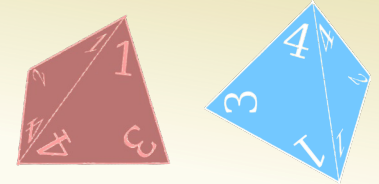
**Definition.** The **joint range** of  $p_{X,Y}$  is

$$\Omega_{X,Y} = \{(c, d) : p_{X,Y}(c, d) > 0\} \subseteq \Omega_X \times \Omega_Y$$

Note that

$$\sum_{(s,t) \in \Omega_{X,Y}} p_{X,Y}(s, t) = 1$$

## Example – Weird Dice



Suppose I roll two fair 4-sided die independently. Let  $X$  be the value of the first die, and  $Y$  be the value of the second die.

$$\Omega_X = \{1,2,3,4\} \text{ and } \Omega_Y = \{1,2,3,4\}$$

In this problem, the joint PMF is if

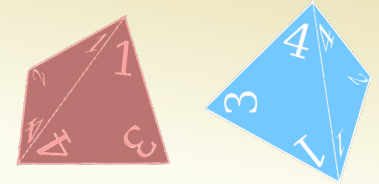
$$p_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{16} & \text{if } x,y \in \Omega_{X,Y} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$x \setminus y$	1	2	3	4
1	1/16	1/16	1/16	1/16
2	1/16	1/16	1/16	1/16
3	1/16	1/16	1/16	1/16
4	1/16	1/16	1/16	1/16

and the joint range is (since all combinations have non-zero probability)

$$\Omega_{X,Y} = \underline{\Omega_X \times \Omega_Y}$$

## Example – Weirder Dice



Suppose I roll two fair 4-sided die independently. Let  $X$  be the value of the first die, and  $Y$  be the value of the second die. Let  $U = \min(X, Y)$  and  $W = \max(X, Y)$

$$\Omega_U = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \text{ and } \Omega_W = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$\Omega_{U,W} = \{(u, w) \in \Omega_U \times \Omega_W : u \leq w\} \neq \Omega_U \times \Omega_W$$

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What is  $p_{U,W}(1, 3) = P(U = 1, W = 3)$ ?

a.  $1/16$

b.  $2/16$

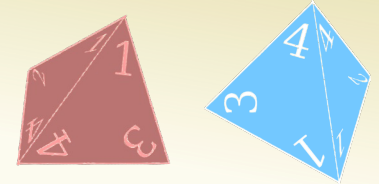
c.  $1/2$

d. Not sure

$$(1, 3) \quad \frac{2}{16}$$
$$(3, 1) \quad \frac{1}{16}$$

u \ w	1	2	3	4
1				
2				
3				
4				

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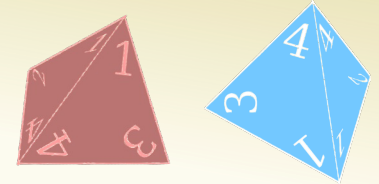
The joint PMF  $p_{U,W}(u, w) = P(U = u, W = w)$  is

$$p_{U,W}(u, w) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{16} & \text{if } (u, w) \in \Omega_U \times \Omega_W \text{ where } w > u \\ \frac{1}{16} & \text{if } (u, w) \in \Omega_U \times \Omega_W \text{ where } w = u \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$(j, i) \quad (i', j')$   
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Suppose we didn't know how to compute  $P(U = u)$  directly. Can we figure it out if we know  $p_{U,W}(u, w)$ ?

Just apply LTP over the possible values of  $W$ :

$$p_U(1) = 7/16$$

$$p_U(2) = 5/16$$

$$p_U(3) = 3/16$$

$$p_U(4) = 1/16$$

$$\frac{\phi(u=2)}{4} > \sum_{i=1}^4 p(u=2, w=i)$$

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## Marginal PMF

**Definition.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be discrete random variables and  $p_{X,Y}(a, b)$  their joint PMF. The **marginal PMF** of  $X$

$$p_X(\underline{a}) = \sum_{b \in \Omega_Y} p_{X,Y}(\underline{a}, \underline{b})$$

Similarly,  $p_Y(b) = \sum_{a \in \Omega_X} p_{X,Y}(a, b)$

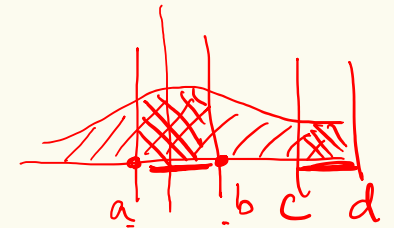
## Continuous distributions on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$

$$(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$$

**Definition.** The joint probability density function (PDF) of continuous random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  is a function  $f_{X,Y}$  defined on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  such that

- $f_{X,Y}(x, y) \geq 0$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$
- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy = 1$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx$$



for  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  the probability that  $(X, Y) \in A$  is  $\iint_A f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy$

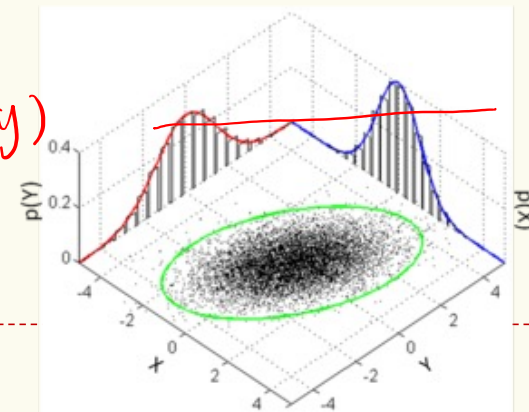
$x \in (a, b)$   
 $y \in (c, d)$

The **(marginal) PDFs**  $f_X$  and  $f_Y$  are given by

$$- f_X(x^*) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x^*, y) dy = \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} P_{X,Y}(x^*, y)$$

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

$$A = \{(x, y) : x = x^*, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$





## Independence and joint distributions

**Definition.** Discrete random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are **independent** iff

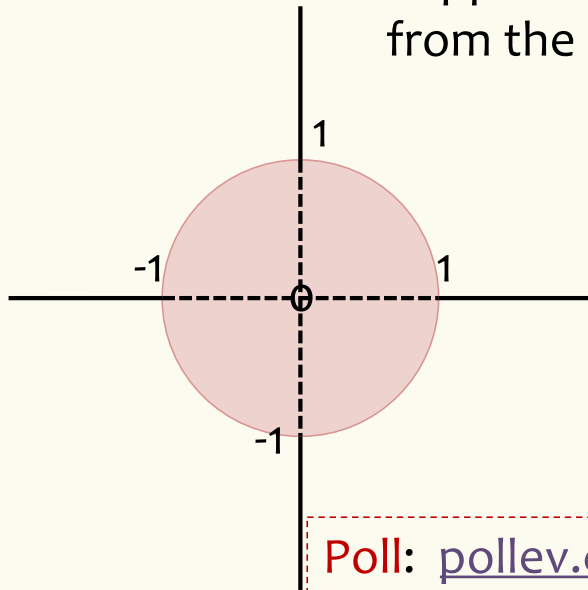
- $p_{X,Y}(x, y) = p_X(x) \cdot p_Y(y)$  for all  $x \in \Omega_X, y \in \Omega_Y$

**Definition.** Continuous random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are **independent** iff

- $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

## Example – Uniform distribution on a unit disk

Suppose that a pair of random variables  $(X, Y)$  is chosen uniformly from the set of real points  $(x, y)$  such that  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$



This is a disk of radius 1 which has area  $\pi$

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi} & \text{if } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent?

- a. Yes
- b. No

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \frac{1}{\pi} dy \\ &= 2\sqrt{1-x^2}/\pi \end{aligned}$$

## Joint Expectation

**Definition.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be discrete random variables and  $p_{X,Y}(a, b)$  their joint PMF. The **expectation** of some function  $g(x, y)$  with inputs  $X$  and  $Y$

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X, Y)] = \sum_{a \in \Omega_X} \sum_{b \in \Omega_Y} g(a, b) \cdot p_{X,Y}(a, b)$$

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## Conditional Expectation

**Definition.** Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable then the **conditional expectation** of  $X$  given event  $A$  is

$$\mathbb{E}[X | A] = \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} x \cdot P(X = x | A)$$

Notes:

- Can be phrased as a “random variable version”

$$\mathbb{E}[X | Y = y]$$

- Linearity of expectation still applies here

$$\mathbb{E}[aX + bY + c | A] = a \mathbb{E}[X | A] + b \mathbb{E}[Y | A] + c$$

## Law of Total Expectation

**Law of Total Expectation (event version).** Let  $X$  be a random variable and let events  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  partition the sample space. Then,

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X | A_i] \cdot P(A_i)$$

**Law of Total Expectation (random variable version).** Let  $X$  be a random variable and  $Y$  be a discrete random variable. Then,

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} \mathbb{E}[X | Y = y] \cdot P(Y = y)$$

## Proof of Law of Total Expectation

Follows from Law of Total Probability and manipulating sums

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[X] &= \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} x \cdot P(X = x) \\ &= \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} x \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n P(X = x | A_i) \cdot P(A_i) && \text{(by LTP)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} x \cdot P(X = x | A_i) && \text{(change order of sums)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) \cdot \mathbb{E}[X | A_i] && \text{(def of cond. expect.)}\end{aligned}$$

## Example – Flipping a Random Number of Coins

Suppose someone gave us  $Y \sim \text{Poi}(5)$  fair coins and we wanted to compute the expected number of heads  $X$  from flipping those coins.

By the Law of Total Expectation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[X] &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X | Y = i] \cdot P(Y = i) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{i}{2} \cdot P(Y = i) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i \cdot P(Y = i) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 5 = 2.5\end{aligned}$$



## Example – Computer Failures

Suppose your computer operates in a sequence of steps, and that at each step  $i$  your computer will fail with probability  $p$  (independently of other steps).

Let  $X$  be the number of steps it takes your computer to fail.

What is  $\mathbb{E}[X]$ ?

Let  $Y$  be the indicator random variable for the event of failure in step 1

Then by LTE, 
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[X] &= \mathbb{E}[X | Y = 1] \cdot P(Y = 1) + \mathbb{E}[X | Y = 0] \cdot P(Y = 0) \\ &= 1 \cdot p + \mathbb{E}[X | Y = 0] \cdot (1 - p) \\ &= p + (1 + \mathbb{E}[X]) \cdot (1 - p)\end{aligned}$$

since if  $Y = 0$  experiment starting at step 2 looks like original experiment

Solving we get  $\mathbb{E}[X] = 1/p$

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## Conditional Expectation again...

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$$\mathbb{E}[X | A] = \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} x \cdot P(X = x | A)$$

Therefore for  $X$  and  $Y$  discrete random variables, the conditional expectation of  $X$  given  $Y = y$  is

$$\mathbb{E}[X | Y = y] = \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} x \cdot P(X = x | Y = y) = \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} x \cdot p_{X|Y}(x|y)$$

where we **define**  $p_{X|Y}(x|y) = P(X = x | Y = y) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x, y)}{p_Y(y)}$

## Conditional Expectation – Discrete & Continuous

**Discrete:** Conditional PMF: 
$$p_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x, y)}{p_Y(y)}$$

Conditional Expectation: 
$$\mathbb{E}[X | Y = y] = \sum_{x \in \Omega_X} x \cdot p_{X|Y}(x|y)$$

**Continuous:** Conditional PDF: 
$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

Conditional Expectation: 
$$\mathbb{E}[X | Y = y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$$

## Law of Total Expectation - continuous

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**Law of Total Expectation (random variable version).** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be continuous random variables. Then,

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X | Y = y] \cdot f_Y(y) \, dy$$

## Using LTE for Continuous RVs

PDF for  $Exp(\lambda)$  is  $\begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$   
Expectation is  $1/\lambda$

Suppose that we first choose  $Y \sim Exp(1/2)$  and then choose  $X \sim Exp(Y)$ . What is  $\mathbb{E}[X]$ ?

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = y e^{-x/y}$$

$y$  is fixed here

$$\mathbb{E}[X | Y = y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot y e^{-x/y} dx = y$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X | Y = y] f_Y(y) dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y \cdot 2 e^{-y/2} dy = 2$$

## Reference Sheet (with continuous RVs)

	Discrete	Continuous
<b>Joint PMF/PDF</b>	$p_{X,Y}(x, y) = P(X = x, Y = y)$	$f_{X,Y}(x, y) \neq P(X = x, Y = y)$
<b>Joint CDF</b>	$F_{X,Y}(x, y) = \sum_{t \leq x} \sum_{s \leq y} p_{X,Y}(t, s)$	$F_{X,Y}(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f_{X,Y}(t, s) ds dt$
<b>Normalization</b>	$\sum_x \sum_y p_{X,Y}(x, y) = 1$	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy = 1$
<b>Marginal PMF/PDF</b>	$p_X(x) = \sum_y p_{X,Y}(x, y)$	$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy$
<b>Expectation</b>	$E[g(X, Y)] = \sum_x \sum_y g(x, y) p_{X,Y}(x, y)$	$E[g(X, Y)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x, y) f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy$
<b>Conditional PMF/PDF</b>	$p_{X Y}(x   y) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x, y)}{p_Y(y)}$	$f_{X Y}(x   y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}$
<b>Conditional Expectation</b>	$E[X   Y = y] = \sum_x x p_{X Y}(x   y)$	$E[X   Y = y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X Y}(x   y) dx$
<b>Independence</b>	$\forall x, y, p_{X,Y}(x, y) = p_X(x) p_Y(y)$	$\forall x, y, f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$

## Brain Break





# Agenda

- Joint Distributions
  - Cartesian Products
  - Joint PMFs and Joint Range
  - Marginal Distribution
- Conditional Expectation and Law of Total Expectation
- Conditional expectation and LTE for continuous RVs
- Covariance ◀

## Covariance: How correlated are $X$ and $Y$ ?

Recall that if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent,  $\mathbb{E}[XY] = \mathbb{E}[X] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y]$

**Definition:** The **covariance** of random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ ,  
$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mathbb{E}[X] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y]$$

Unlike variance, covariance can be positive or negative. It has value  $0$  if the random variables are independent.

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mathbb{E}[X] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y]$$

## Two Covariance examples:

Suppose  $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$

If random variable  $Y = X$  then

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2 = \text{Var}(X) = p(1 - p)$$

If random variable  $Z = -X$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X, Z) &= \mathbb{E}[XZ] - \mathbb{E}[X] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Z] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[-X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X] \cdot \mathbb{E}[-X] \\ &= -\mathbb{E}[X^2] + \mathbb{E}[X]^2 = -\text{Var}(X) = -p(1 - p) \end{aligned}$$