

From end of last lecture

Conditional expectation

X random variable, F event

$E[X|F]$ in discrete case:

definition $\rightarrow \sum_x x P(X=x|F) = \frac{\sum_x x P(X=x, F)}{P(F)}$

Recall: if F_1, F_2 are mutually exclusive \downarrow , $F_1 \cup F_2 = S$

then $P(A) = P(A|F_1)P(F_1) + P(A|F_2)P(F_2)$

Similarly, can extend this to expected values:

$$E[X] = \sum_x x P(X=x) = \sum_x x [P(X=x|F_1)P(F_1) + P(X=x|F_2)P(F_2)]$$
$$= \sum_x x P(X=x|F_1)P(F_1) + \sum_x x P(X=x|F_2)P(F_2)$$

$$E[X] = E[X|F_1]P(F_1) + E[X|F_2]P(F_2)$$

Interesting particular case: Y another random variable

Can condition on values of Y :

$$E[X] = \sum_y E[X|Y=y] P(Y=y)$$



$E[X|Y]$ is a random variable depend on Y

$$E[X] = E[E[X|Y]]$$

↑ as a fun of Y .

↑ main fact of conditional expectation.

Example

Random # of shoppers came into a store, each spends a random amt of money.

X_i - money spent by shopper i .

X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots

M = total money N = # of shoppers.

$$E[M] = E[E[M|N]]$$

$$E[M|N=n] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i]$$

$$E[M] = \sum_n E[M|N=n] P(N=n) = n\mu$$

$$= \sum_n (n\mu) P(N=n) = \mu \sum_n n P(N=n) \\ = \mu E[N]$$

Continuous variables & conditional expectation

$$E[X|Y=y] = \sum_x P(X=x|Y=y) = \sum_x x \frac{P_{X,Y}(x,y)}{P_Y(y)}$$

$$P(X=x) = P_X(x) \quad P(Y=y) = P_Y(y)$$

$$P_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{P_{X,Y}(x,y)}{P_Y(y)}$$

Similarly if X, Y are continuous,

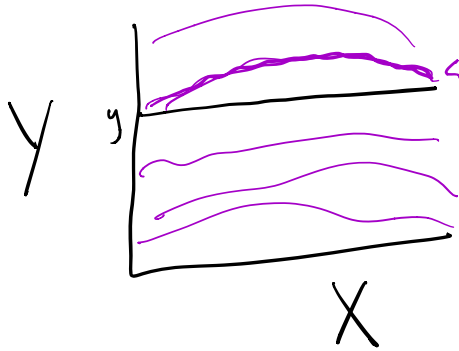
$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

$$\text{and } E[X|Y=y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$$

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

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

area under graph at
 $Y=y$



example $f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-x/y} e^{-y}}{y} & x,y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

$$E[X|Y=y]$$

bottom $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-x/y} e^{-y}}{y} dx = \frac{e^{-y}}{y} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x/y} dx$
 $= \frac{e^{-y}}{y} \left[-y e^{-x/y} \right]_0^{\infty} = e^{-y}$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx = -x e^{-x} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} dx$$

$$u = x$$

$$du = dx$$

$$dv = e^{-x}$$

$$v = -e^{-x}$$

$$= -x e^{-x} \Big|_0^{\infty} - e^{-x} \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$= 1$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -x e^{-x/y} + y \\ -y \\ y \end{array} \right\} \quad ?$$

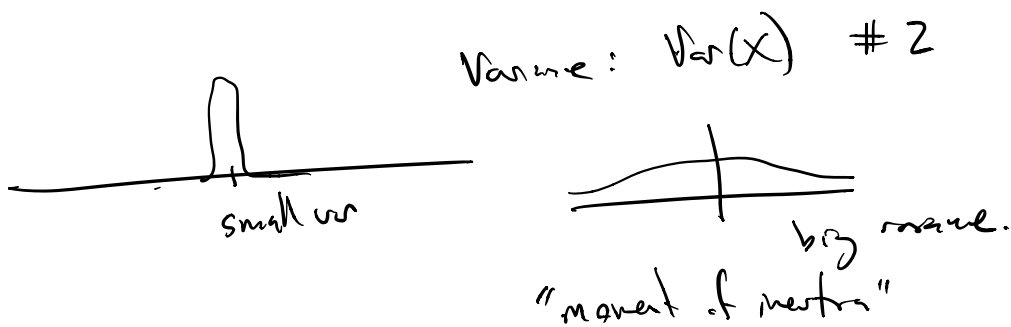
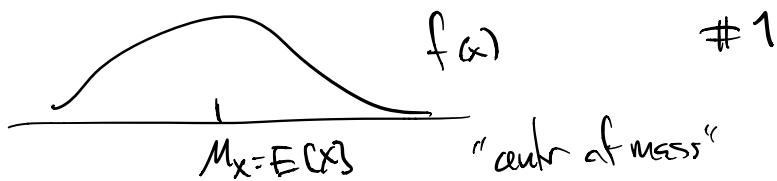
Moments

$$X \rightsquigarrow E[X] = \mu_X$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \text{Var}(X) = E[(X - \mu_X)^2]$$

$$= E[X^2] - E[X]^2$$

What is the "meaning" of expected vals of powers of a random variable?



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Problem given events E_1, E_2, \dots

def'd indicator variables I_1, I_2, \dots

$$I_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } E_i^c \\ 1 & \text{if } E_i \end{cases}$$

$$X = \sum I_i$$

counts how many happen.

Alternatively, could count how many pairs of this happen

$$\sum_{i < j} \underbrace{I_i I_j}_{\text{indicator for } E_i E_j}$$