Important Announcements and Notes (Sep 19)

- Outcome vs. event
- Typo in general formula for marginal distribution

$X \in \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$

outcome = 3 $\qquad$ $X = 3$

event = $\{4,5,6\}$

$\mathbb{P}(\{4,5,6\}) = \mathbb{P}(X \in \{4,5,6\})$

Important Announcements and Notes (Sep 17)

- The probability distribution $\mathbb{P}$ is the thing you really care about (inputs are events)
  - You should think of the pmf and pdf (inputs are outcomes) as functions that help you calculate $\mathbb{P}$

- Countable set: A set with cardinality that is finite or countably infinite
- Uncountable set: A set with cardinality that is uncountably infinite
- No more discrete or continuous outcome space
- Review discrete and continuous r.v.
- A r.v. does not need to take values in $\mathbb{R}$

Motivation

Supervised Learning: Learning from a randomly sampled batch of labeled data

Dataset (tuple of tuples)

$\vec{x}_i = (x_{i,1}, \ldots, x_{i,d})^T$

$D = ((\vec{x}_1, y_1), (\vec{x}_2, y_2), \ldots, (\vec{x}_n, y_n))$

$D \in (\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y})^n$

$(\vec{X}_i, Y_i) \sim \mathbb{P}_{\vec{X},Y}$ independent for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$

D n feature-label pairs

$\mathcal{X}$ set of features

$\mathcal{Y}$ set of labels/targets

Ex: $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^2$, $\mathcal{Y} = \mathbb{R}$

Learner (function)

Predictor = Model = Hypothesis (function)

$f : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$

f a function from features to labels

Ex $f(x) = 2x + 1$, $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}$

$\mathcal{A} : (\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y})^n \to \{f \mid f : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}\}$

$\mathcal{A}$ a function from datasets to predictors

Ex: $\mathcal{A}(D) = f$ where $f : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} y_i & \text{if } x = x_i \text{ for some } i \in \{1, \ldots, n\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Probability

Note: Humans have a bad intuition when it comes to randomness
-Thinking Fast and Slow by: Daniel Kahneman

- Random variables
- Calculating probabilities using pmf and pdf
- Multivariate random variables
  - Conditional and marginal probabilities
- Representing random features, labels, and datasets
- Functions of random variables
- Expectation and variance

Warning: If some things seem informal, it is likely because we would need tools from Measure Theory, which we will not cover in this course.

Experiment: A process that generates an uncertain outcome

Ex: flipping a coin, rolling a dice

Outcome Space/Set: The set of all outcomes from the experiment

Ex: $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}$ (0: Heads, 1: Tails) flipping a coin

$\mathcal{X} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ rolling a dice

$[0, 900]$ amount of a chemical in a wine

$\mathbb{R}$ measurement error

~~Discrete Outcome space:~~ finite or countably infinite

~~Ex: $\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{X}, \mathbb{N}$~~

~~Continuous Outcome space:~~ uncountably infinite

~~Ex: $[0, 900], \mathbb{R}$~~

Event: A subset of the outcome space (imprecise)

Ex: Outcome space: $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}$

Events: $\{0\}, \{1\}, \{0, 1\} = \mathcal{Y}, \emptyset$

Ex: Outcome space: $\mathcal{X} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

Events: $\emptyset, \mathcal{X}, \{1\}, \{1, 3, 5\}, \{2, 4, 6\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \ldots$

Ex: Outcome space: $[0, 900]$

Events: $\emptyset, [0, 900], [0, 4], [1, 2] \cup [7, 30], \ldots$

Probability Distribution: A function $\mathbb{P}$ defining the likelihood of each event (and satisfying certain properties)

$\mathbb{P}$: event space/set $\to [0, 1]$

Think of this as a set containing all the events

A complicated set (σ-algebra) that we will not define

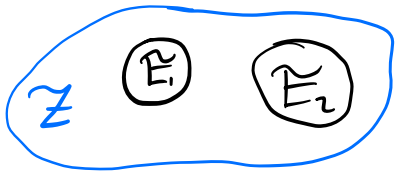
Properties: (imprecise)

Outcome space: $\mathcal{Z}$

1. $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{Z}) = 1$

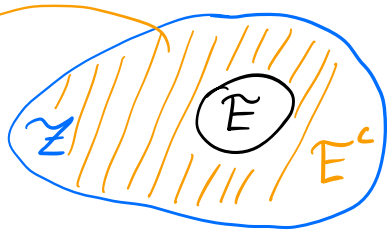
2. If $\mathcal{E}_1 \subset \mathcal{Z}$, $\mathcal{E}_2 \subset \mathcal{Z}$ and $\mathcal{E}_1 \cap \mathcal{E}_2 = \emptyset$, then

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}_1 \cup \mathcal{E}_2) = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}_1) + \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}_2)$$



Ex: (of property 2.)

Events: $\mathcal{E}$, $\mathcal{E}^c$



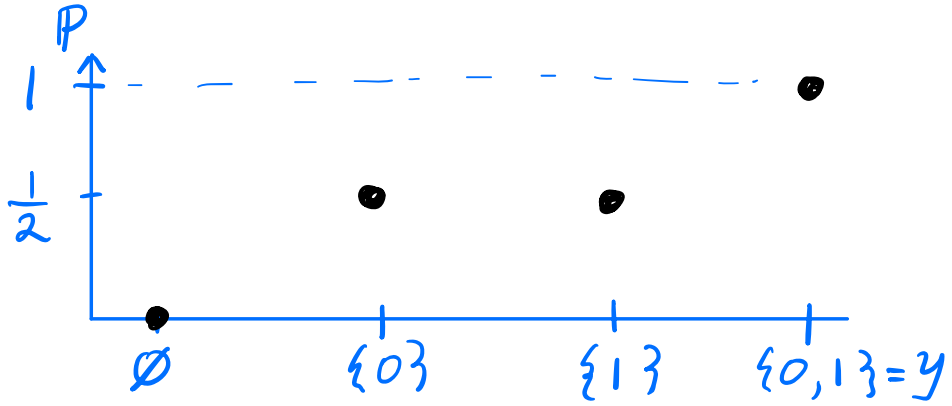
$\mathcal{E} \cap \mathcal{E}^c = \emptyset$, $\mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{E}^c = \mathcal{Z}$

$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{E}^c) = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}) + \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}^c)$

$= \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{Z}) = 1$ rearranging: $\boxed{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}^c)}$

Ex: Outcome space: $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}$

$\mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = 0$, $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{Y}) = 1$, $\mathbb{P}(\{0\}) = \frac{1}{2}$, $\mathbb{P}(\{1\}) = \frac{1}{2}$

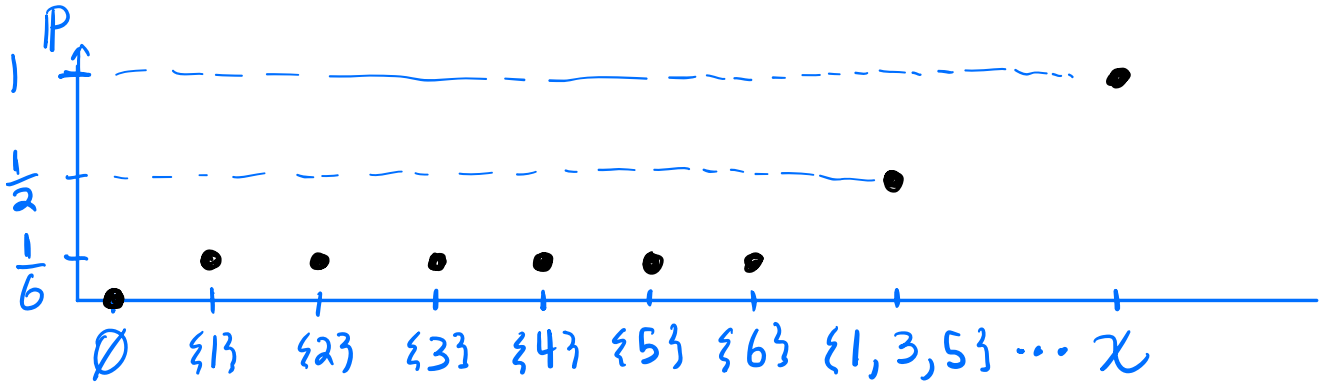


Ex: Outcome space: $\mathcal{X} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$\mathbb{P}(\{1\}) = \mathbb{P}(\{2\}) = \cdots = \mathbb{P}(\{6\}) = \frac{1}{6}$

$\mathbb{P}(\{1, 3, 5\}) = \mathbb{P}(\{1\}) + \mathbb{P}(\{3\}) + \mathbb{P}(\{5\}) = \frac{1}{2}$

$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{X}) = 1$



Random Variables

Random Variable (r.v.): (imprecise) A variable that takes a value based on the outcome of an experiment, and is associated with a probability distribution. ~~The value is always in $\mathbb{R}$~~

Ex: $X \in \mathcal{X} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ with $\mathbb{P}$ from prev. example

$Y \in \mathcal{Y} \in \{0, 1\}$ with $\mathbb{P}$ from prev. example

~~$Z \in \{H, T\}$ is not a r.v. since $H \notin \mathbb{R}, T \notin \mathbb{R}$~~

A random variable is actually a function (satisfying certain properties) from one outcome space to another outcome space. Ex $X(T) = 0, X(H) = 1$.

It will not be necessary to know this for this course

Probability Distributions with r.v.

Ex: Outcome space: $\mathcal{X}$ r.v.: $X \in \mathcal{X}$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{1,3,5\}) \overset{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{P}(X \in \{1,3,5\})$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{4,5,6\}) = \mathbb{P}(X \in \{4,5,6\}) = \mathbb{P}(X \geq 4)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{4\}) = \mathbb{P}(X \in \{4\}) = \mathbb{P}(X = 4)$$

Notation: $Z \sim \mathbb{P}$ "Z is sampled according to distribution $\mathbb{P}$"

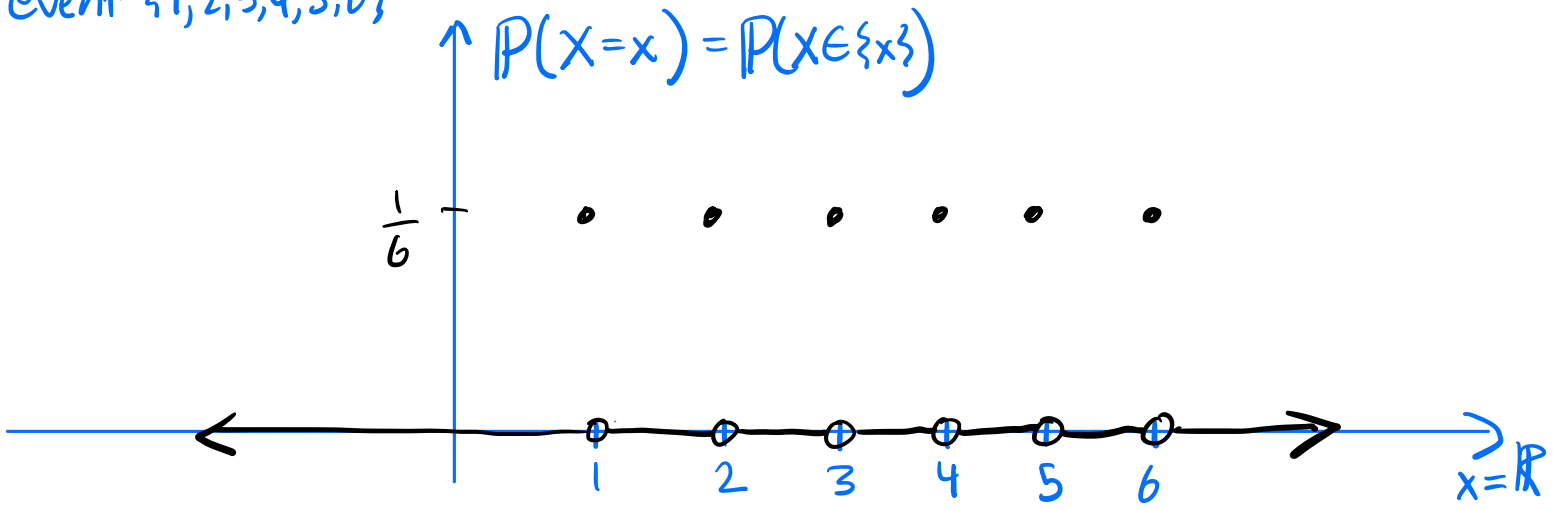
Discrete r.v.: A r.v. that takes values from:

- A countable outcome space, or
- an uncountable outcome space, but there is a countable event that has probability 1

Ex: $Y \in \mathcal{Y} = \{0,1\}$, $X \in \mathcal{X} = \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$, $Z \in \mathbb{N}$

Ex: $X \in \mathbb{R}$ where $\mathbb{P}(X=1) = \cdots = \mathbb{P}(X=6) = \frac{1}{6}$

Probability 1 for countable event $\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$ so $\mathbb{P}(X \in \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}) = 1$ and $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}) = 0$



Note: You can always take a r.v. defined on a countable outcome space and define it on a larger uncountable outcome space by setting the probability of the event containing all the new outcomes to zero

Continuous r.v.: A r.v. that takes values from:

- an uncountable outcome space and the probability of any single outcome is zero

Ex: $Z \in [0, 900]$ and $\mathbb{P}(Z = z) = \mathbb{P}(Z \in \{z\}) = 0$ for all $z \in [0, 900]$

but $\mathbb{P}(Z \in [0, 900]) = 1$

Ex: $Z \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbb{P}(Z = z) = \mathbb{P}(Z = \{z\}) = 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{R}$

but $\mathbb{P}(Z \in \mathbb{R}) = 1$

Calculating Probabilities

Motivation: It is hard to define the values of a probability distribution $\mathbb{P}$ for all the events

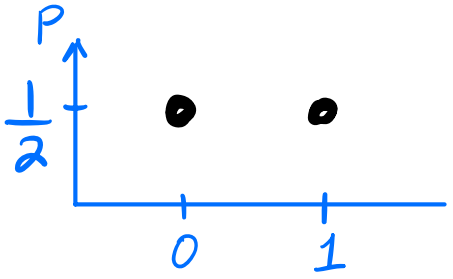
Probability Mass Function (pmf): A function $p : \mathcal{Z} \to [0, 1]$ where $\mathcal{Z}$ is a discrete outcome space and $\sum_{z \in \mathcal{Z}} p(z) = 1$.

The probability of an event $E \subset \mathcal{Z}$ is:

$$\mathbb{P}(Z \in E) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{z \in E} p(z) \quad \text{where } z \in \mathcal{Z}$$

Ex: Outcome space: $\mathcal{Y}$

$p(0) = \frac{1}{2}, p(1) = \frac{1}{2}$



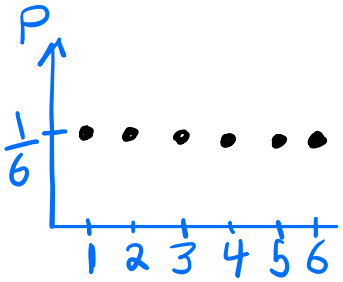
$$\mathbb{P}(Y \in \{0,1\}) = \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} p(y) = p(0) + p(1) = 1$$

$$\mathbb{P}(Y=0) = \mathbb{P}(Y=1) = \mathbb{P}(Y \in \{1\}) = \sum_{y \in \{1\}} p(y) = p(1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(Y \in \emptyset) = \sum_{y \in \emptyset} p(y) = 0$$

Ex: Outcome space: $\mathcal{X}$

$p(1) = p(2) = \ldots = p(6) = \frac{1}{6}$



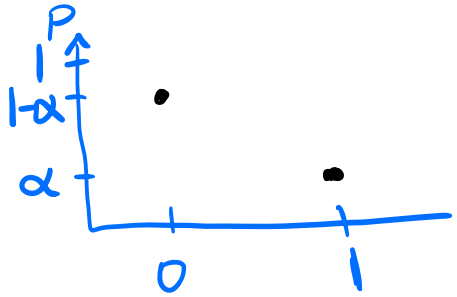
$$\mathbb{P}(X \in \{1,3,5\}) = \sum_{x \in \{1,3,5\}} p(x) = p(1) + p(3) + p(5) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Discrete Probability Distributions with special names:

Bernoulli distribution (parameter: $\alpha \in [0,1]$):

Outcome space: $\{0,1\}$

pmf: $p(1) = \alpha, p(0) = 1 - \alpha$



Distribution $\mathbb{P}$ = Bernoulli(α)

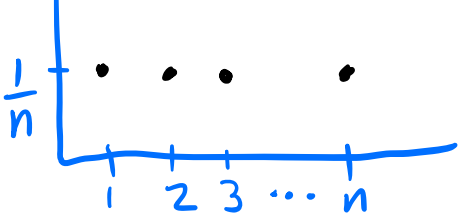
$\mathbb{P}(Z=1) = \mathbb{P}(Z \in \{1\}) = p(1) = \alpha$ $Z \in \{0,1\}$ is a "Bernoulli r.v."

Discrete Uniform Distribution (parameter: n):

Outcome space: $\{1,2,\ldots,n\}$

p

pmf: $p(1) = p(2) = \dots = p(n) = \frac{1}{n}$



Distribution $\mathbb{P}$ = Uniform(n)

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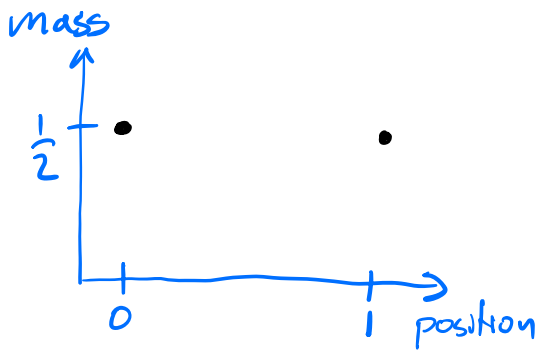
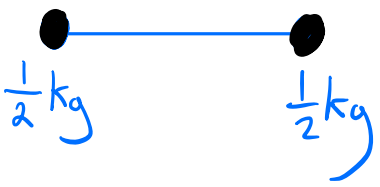
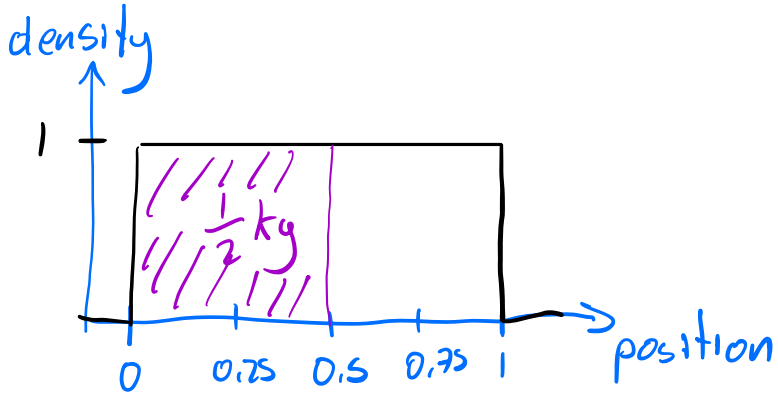
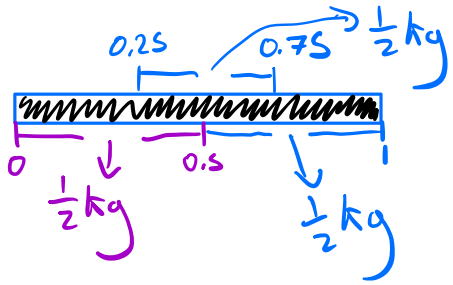








Probability Density Function (pdf): a function $p : \mathcal{Z} \to [0, \infty]$ where $\mathcal{Z}$ is an uncountable outcome space and $\int_{\mathcal{Z}} p(z)dz = 1$

The probability of an event $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{Z}$ is:

$$\mathbb{P}(Z \in \mathcal{E}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{\mathcal{E}} p(z)dz$$

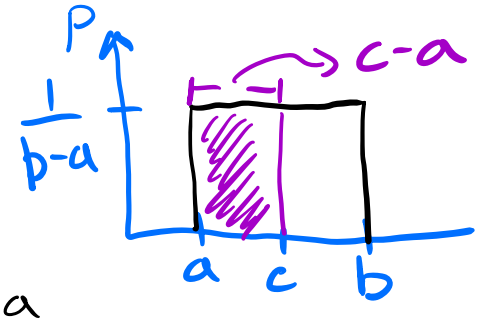
$$\mathbb{P}(Z = z) = \mathbb{P}(Z \in \{z\}) = 0 \quad \text{where } z \in \mathcal{Z}$$

Continuous Probability Distributions with special names:

Continuous Uniform Distribution (parameters: $a \in \mathbb{R}, b \in \mathbb{R}$):

Outcome space: $[a, b]$

pdf: $p(z) = \frac{1}{b-a}$



Distribution $\mathbb{P}$ = Uniform(a, b)

$$\mathbb{P}(a \leq Z \leq c) = \mathbb{P}(Z \in [a, c]) = \int_a^c p(z)\,dz = \frac{c-a}{b-a}$$

where $a \leq c \leq b$

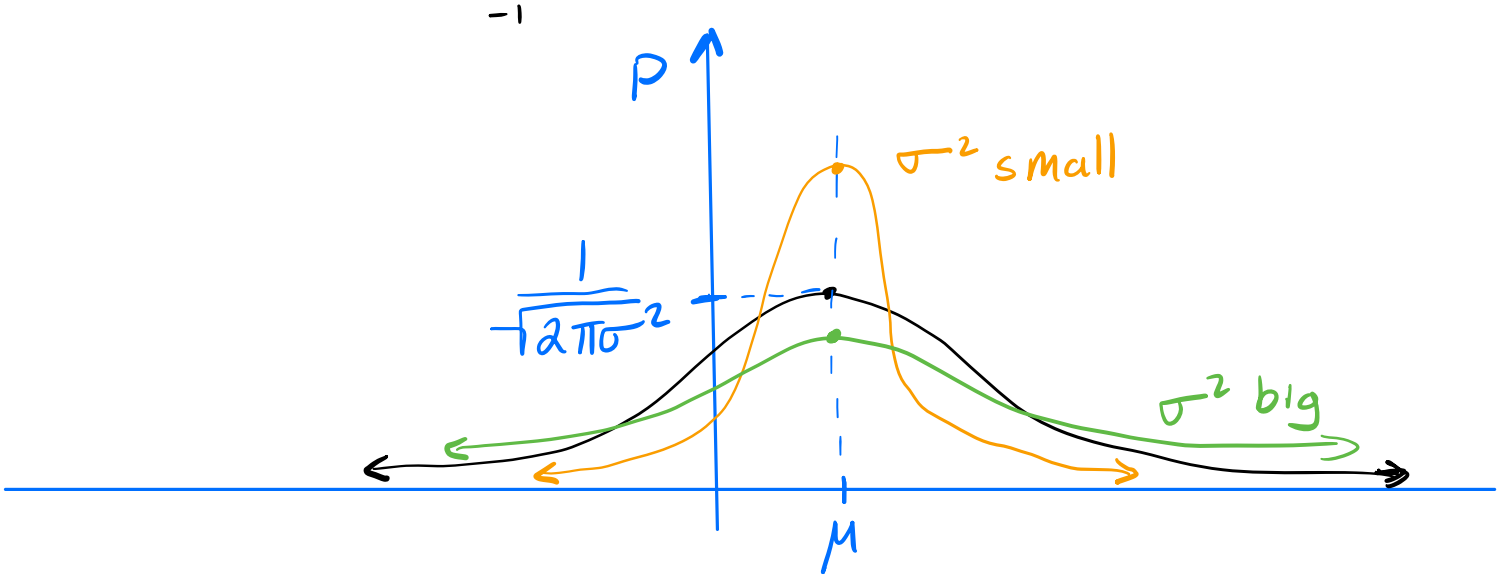
Gaussian/Normal Distribution (parameters: $\mu \in \mathbb{R}, \sigma^2 > 0$):

Outcome space: $\mathbb{R}$

pdf: $p(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(z-\mu)^2\right)$

Distribution $\mathbb{P} = \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ = Gaussian(μ, σ^2)

Ex $\mathbb{P}(-1 \leq Z \leq 1) = \int_{-1}^{1} p(z)\,dz$

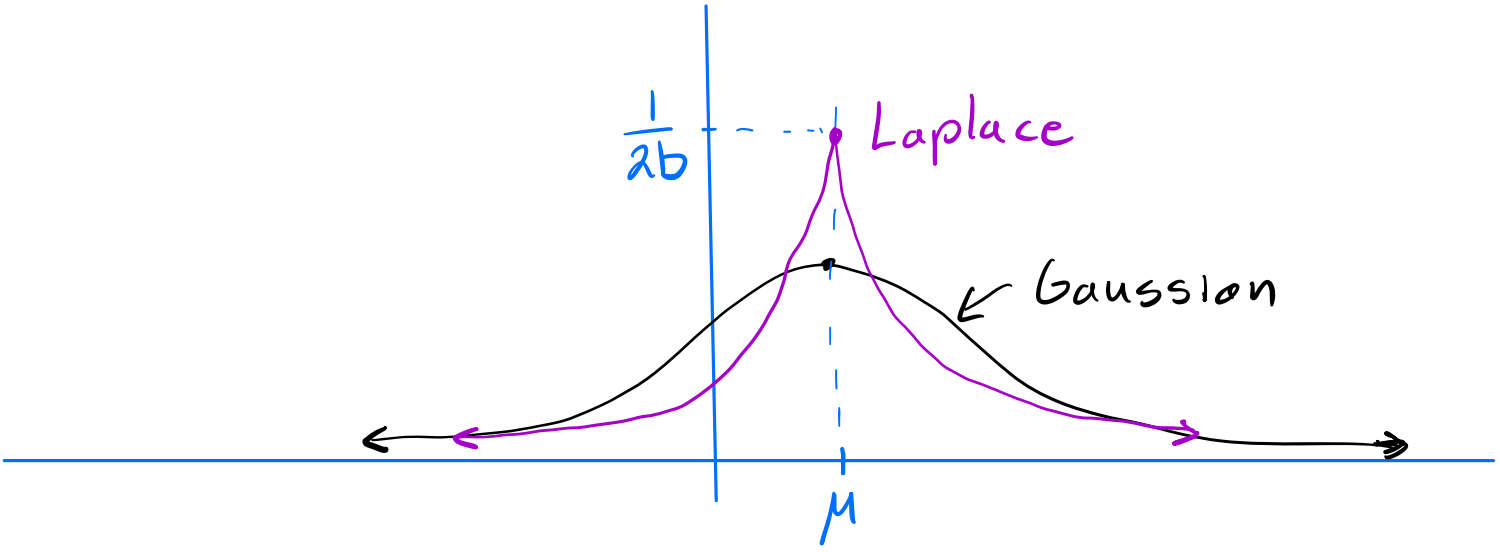


Laplace Distribution (parameters: $\mu \in \mathbb{R}, b > 0$):

Outcome space: $\mathbb{R}$

pdf: $p(z) = \frac{1}{2b} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{b}|x-\mu|\right)$

Distribution $\mathbb{P} = \text{Laplace}(\mu, b)$



Multivariate Random Variables

Motivation: To be able to talk about the probability of different types of events at the same time

Ex: The probability of getting heads and rolling a 3

The probability of a wine containg 2.5mg of one chemical and 4mg of another chemical

The probability of a house having 4 rooms and 2 washrooms and being less than 10min from a university

The probability of being young and having arthritis

Multivariate Random Variable: A tuple of more than one random variable

Ex: (Flipping 2 coins)

Outcome space: $\mathcal{X} = \{0,1\} \times \{0,1\} = \{(0,0),(0,1),(1,0),(1,1)\}$ (0 = Heads)

r.v.: $X = (X_1, X_2) \in \mathcal{X}$

(Collecting the info of one house (ex: # of rooms, age))

Outcome space: $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{N} \times [0,\infty)$ ($\mathbb{N}$: # of rooms, $[0,\infty)$: age)

r.v.: $X = (X_1, X_2) \in \mathcal{X}$

(Collecting the info of one house and its price)

Outcome space: $\mathcal{Z} = (\mathbb{N} \times [0,\infty)) \times [0,\infty)$ ($\mathbb{N}$: # of rooms, $[0,\infty)$: age, $[0,\infty)$: Price)

r.v.: $Z = (X, Y)$

$= ((X_1, X_2), Y)$

Calculating Joint Probabilities

Ex: (If you have arthritis and if you are young or old)

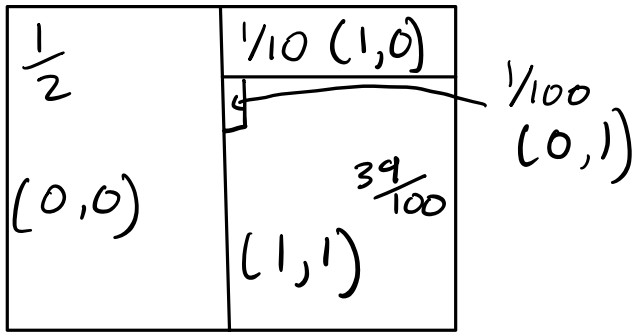
Outcome space: $\mathcal{Z} = \{0,1\} \times \{0,1\}$ (0 = Old, 1 = Young; 0 = Arthritis, 1 = No arthritis)

r.v.: $Z = (X, Y) \in \mathcal{Z}$

pmf: $p: \mathcal{Z} \to [0,1]$ $\quad \mathcal{Z} = \{(0,0),(0,1),(1,0),(1,1)\}$

Not based on real data:
$p((0,0)) = p(0,0) = \frac{1}{2}$, $p(0,1) = \frac{1}{100}$
$p(1,0) = \frac{1}{10}$, $p(1,1) = \frac{39}{100}$

X \ Y	0	1
0	1/2	1/100
1	1/10	39/100



$$\sum_{z \in \mathcal{Z}} p(z) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(x,y) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{100} + \frac{1}{10} + \frac{39}{100} = 1$$

What is the probability of being young (i.e. $X=0$)?

$\mathcal{E} = \{(0,0),(0,1)\} = \{0\} \times \{0,1\} \subset \mathcal{Z}$

$$\mathbb{P}(X=0, Y \in \{0,1\}) = \mathbb{P}(Z \in \mathcal{E}) = \sum_{z \in \mathcal{E}} p(z)$$
$$= \sum_{x \in \{0\}} \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} p(x,y)$$
$$= p(0,0) + p(0,1)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{100} = \frac{51}{100}$$

Marginal Distribution: The distribution over a subset of random variables

Ex: Continuing with the arthritis example

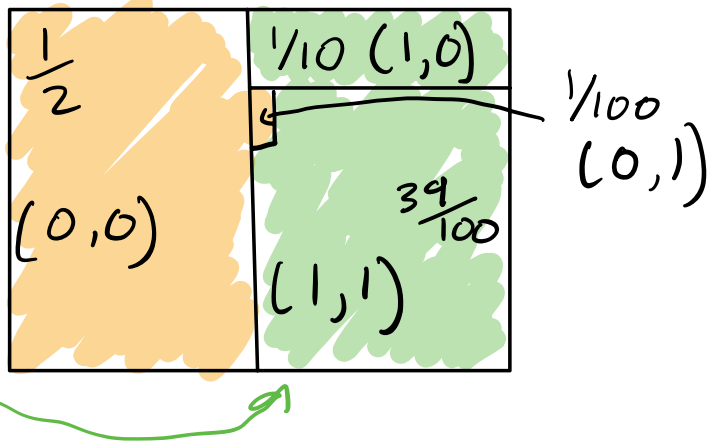
Marginal Distribution: $\mathbb{P}_X(X \in \tilde{E}_X)$ where $\tilde{E}_X \in \mathcal{X}$

Marginal pmf: $p_X : \mathcal{X} \to [0,1]$, $p_X(x) = \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(x,y)$

$\mathbb{P}(X \in \{0\})$

$$\mathbb{P}_X(X=0) = p_X(0) = \sum_{x \in \{0\}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(0,y) = \frac{51}{100}$$

$$\mathbb{P}_X(X=1) = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{39}{100} = \frac{49}{100}$$



Discrete r.v. $X_1, \ldots, X_d$

$X = (X_1, \ldots, X_d) \in \mathcal{X}_1 \times \cdots \times \mathcal{X}_d = \mathcal{X}$, $p : \mathcal{X} \to [0,1]$

$p_{X_i} : \mathcal{X}_i \to [0,1]$, $i \in \{1, \ldots, d\}$

Marginal pmf:

$$p_{X_i}(x_i) \overset{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{x_1 \in \mathcal{X}_1} \cdots \sum_{x_{i-1} \in \mathcal{X}_{i-1}} \sum_{x_{i+1} \in \mathcal{X}_{i+1}} \cdots \sum_{x_d \in \mathcal{X}_d} p(x_1, \ldots, \underset{\downarrow}{x_i}, \ldots, x_d)$$

$$\mathbb{P}_{X_i}(X_i \in \tilde{E}_i) = \sum_{x_i \in \tilde{E}_i} p_{X_i}(x_i) \quad \text{where } \tilde{E}_i \subset \mathcal{X}_i$$

Continuous r.v. $X_1, \ldots, X_d$

$X = (X_1, \ldots, X_d) \in \mathcal{X}_1 \times \cdots \times \mathcal{X}_d = \mathcal{X}$, $p : \mathcal{X} \to [0, \infty)$

$p_{X_i} : \mathcal{X}_i \to [0, \infty)$, $i \in \{1, \ldots, d\}$

Marginal pdf: $$p_{X_i}(x_i) = \int_{x_1} \cdots \int_{x_{i-1}} \int_{x_{i+1}} \cdots \int_{x_d} p(x_1, \ldots, x_d)\, dx_1 \cdots dx_{i-1}\, dx_{i+1}\, dx_d$$

Distribution: $$P_{X_i}(X_i \in \tilde{E}_i) = \int_{\tilde{E}_i} p_{X_i}(x_i)\, dx_i \quad \text{where } \tilde{E}_i \subset \mathcal{X}_i$$

Conditional Distribution: Probability of a r.v. given info about another r.v.

Ex: Probability that I have arthritis given I am young

Let r.v. $= Y \in \mathcal{Y}, X \in \mathcal{X}$

Discrete Y for any $x \in \mathcal{X}$ that $p_X(x) \neq 0$

$p_{Y|X=x} : \mathcal{Y} \to [0, 1]$, $\quad p_{Y|X=x}(y) = p_{Y|X}(y|x)$

conditional pmf: $$p_{Y|X}(y|x) \overset{\text{def}}{=} \frac{p(y, x)}{p_X(x)} \quad \text{implies} \quad \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p_{Y|X}(y|x) = 1$$

Distribution: $$P_{Y|X}(Y \in \tilde{E}_Y | X = x) \overset{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{y \in \tilde{E}_Y} p_{Y|X}(y|x) \quad \text{where } \tilde{E}_Y \subset \mathcal{Y}$$

Continuous Y for any $x \in \mathcal{X}$ that $p_X(x) \neq 0$

$p_{Y|X=x} : \mathcal{Y} \to [0, \infty)$, $\quad p_{Y|X=x}(y) = p_{Y|X}(y|x)$

conditional pdf: $p_{Y|X}(y|x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{p(y,x)}{p_X(x)}$ implies $\int_y p_{Y|X}(y|x)\,dy = 1$

Distribution: $\mathbb{P}_{Y|X}(Y \in E \mid X = x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_E p_{Y|X}(y|x)\,dy$ where $E_Y \subset \mathcal{Y}$

Product Rule: $p(x,y) = p(x|y)p(y) = p(y|x)p(x)$

More generally:

$$p(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_d) = p(x_d | x_1, \ldots, x_{d-1}) \cdots p(x_3|x_1,x_2)\,p(x_2|x_1)\,p(x_1)$$

Bayes' Rule: $p(x|y) = \frac{p(y|x)p(x)}{p(y)}$

Note: Sometimes the subscripts are not used for marginal and conditional distributions when it is clear from the context

$$p(x,y) = p_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

$$p(x) = p_X(x)$$

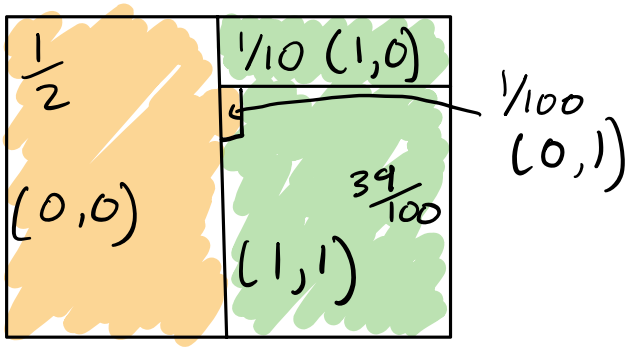
$$p(y|x) = p_{Y|X}(y|x)$$

Ex: Probability that I have arthritis given I am young

$$\mathbb{P}(Y=1 \mid X=0) = \sum_{y \in \{1\}} p_{Y|X}(y|0)$$

Arthritis young

$= P_{Y|X}(1|0)$

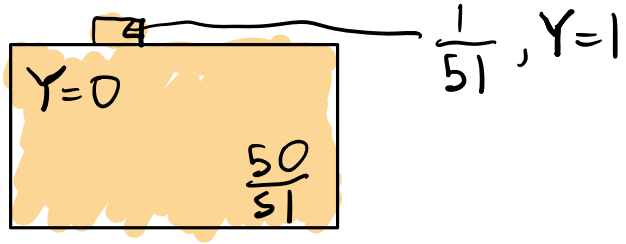


$= \frac{p(0,1)}{p_X(0)}$

$= \frac{p(0,1)}{p(0,1)+p(0,0)}$

↓ condition on being young

$= \frac{1/100}{1/100 + 1/2}$



$= \frac{1/100}{51/100} = \frac{1}{51}$

Ex: Probability of being young given I have arthritis

$P(X=0|Y=1) = p_{X|Y}(0|1)$

Bayes' Rule → $= \frac{p_{Y|X}(1|0)\,p(0)}{p_Y(1)}$

$= \frac{\frac{1}{51}\,\frac{51}{100}}{40/100} = \frac{1}{40}$

Independence: Changing the value of one r.v. doesn't affect the probability of another r.v.

r.v. X, Y are independent if: $p(x,y) = p_X(x)\,p_Y(y)$

Since $p(x,y) = p(x|y)p(y) = p(x)p(y|x) = p(x)p(y)$

independence implies: $p(x|y) = p(x)$, $p(y|x) = p(y)$

More generally:

$X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_d$ are independent if: $p(x_1, \ldots, x_d) = p(x_1) \cdots p(x_d)$

Similarly for distributions:

r.v. X, Y are independent if: $\mathbb{P}(X \in E_X, Y \in E_Y) = \mathbb{P}(X \in E_X)\,\mathbb{P}(Y \in E_Y)$

Ex: X, Y are <u>not</u> independent for Arthritis ex

$$p(0,1) = \frac{1}{100} \neq p_X(0)\,p_Y(1) = \frac{51}{100}\,\frac{40}{100} = 0.204$$

Ex: $X_1, X_2 \in \{0,1\}$ are flips of two different fair coins

$$p(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{for all } x_1 \in \mathcal{X}_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{X}_2$$

$$p_{X_1}(x_1)\,p_{X_2}(x_2) = \frac{1}{2}\,\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

X_1 \ X_2	H	T
H	1/4	1/4
T	1/4	1/4

What happens when $Z=(X,Y)$ with Y discrete and X continuous?

$p: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \to ?$ pmf or pdf? Ans: neither

Instead we will write $p(x,y)$ in terms of a marginal pdf for X and a conditional pmf for $Y|X$

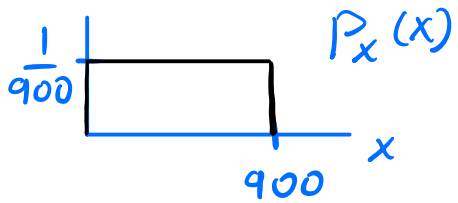
$$p(x,y) = p_X(x)\, p_{Y|X}(y|x)$$ ← product rule

where $p_{Y|X=x}: \mathcal{Y} \to [0,1]$ is a pmf

$p_X(x): \mathcal{X} \to [0,\infty)$ is a pdf

Ex: $X \in \mathcal{X} = [0,900]$, $Y \in \mathcal{Y} \in \{0,1\}$ ← Barolo

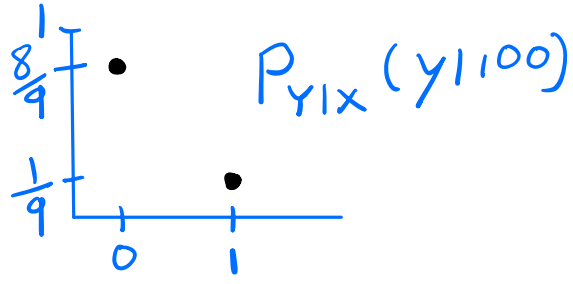
pdf: $p_X = \text{Uniform}(0,900) = \frac{1}{900}$



$p_{Y|X=x} = \text{Bernoilli}\left(\frac{x}{900}\right)$

pmf: $p_{Y|X}(y|x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{900} & \text{if } y=1 \\ 1-\frac{x}{900} & \text{if } y=0 \end{cases}$

Defn of Bernoilli$\left(\frac{x}{900}\right)$



$$P(X \in [0,50], Y=1) = \int_0^{50} \left(\sum_{y \in \{1\}} p(y,x) \right) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{50} \left(\sum_{y \in \{1\}} p_{Y|X}(y|x)\, p_X(x) \right) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{50} p_{Y|X}(1|x)\, p_X(x)\, dx$$

$$= \int_0^{50} \frac{x}{900} \frac{1}{900}\, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{810000} \frac{x^2}{2}\Big|_0^{50}$$

$$= \frac{1}{810000} \frac{2500}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{648} \qquad 0.154\%$$

Representing Random Features, Labels, and Datasets

Random variables:

$D = (Z_1, Z_2, \ldots, Z_n) \in \mathcal{Z}_1 \times \cdots \times \mathcal{Z}_n = \mathcal{Z}^n$ since $\mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{Z}_1 = \cdots = \mathcal{Z}_n$

$Z_i = (\vec{X}_i, Y_i) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{Z}$ each Z_i is a feature-label pair

$\vec{X}_i = (X_{i,1}, \ldots, X_{i,d})^T \in \mathbb{R}^d = \mathcal{X}$ $\vec{X}_i$ is a feature vector

Distributions:

$\mathbb{P}_D$: distribution for D, $\mathbb{P}_{Z_i}$: marginal distribution for Z_i

assumptions:

1. $(\vec{X}_i, Y_i) = Z_i$ are indendent for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$
2. $\mathbb{P}_{Z_1} = \mathbb{P}_{Z_2} = \cdots = \mathbb{P}_{Z_n} = \mathbb{P}_Z$ all Z_i have the same distribution

"$(\vec{X}_i, Y_i)$ are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d)"

$$\mathbb{P}_D(Z_1 \in E_1, \ldots, Z_n \in E_n) = \mathbb{P}_{Z_1}(Z_1 \in E_1) \cdots \mathbb{P}_{Z_n}(Z_n \in E_n) \quad \text{(1.)}$$

$$= \mathbb{P}_Z(Z_1 \in E_1) \cdots \mathbb{P}_Z(Z_n \in E_n) \quad \text{(2.)}$$

Equivalently:

$D = ((\vec{X}_1, Y_1), \ldots, (\vec{X}_n, Y_n)) \in (\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y})^n$

where $(\vec{X}_i, Y_i) \sim \mathbb{P}_{\vec{X},Y}$ are idependent for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$

("sampled/distributed according to")

D contains n independent samples of $(\vec{X}_i, Y_i)$ "feature-label" pairs all coming from the same distribution $P_{\vec{X},Y}$

Functions of Random Variables

A function of a r.v. is a r.v.

Ex: (X is a fair six-sided dice)

$X \in \{1,2,3,4,5,6\} = \mathcal{X}$ with $p(x) = \frac{1}{6}$

$f(X) = X^2 \in \underbrace{\{1^2, 2^2, 3^2, 4^2, 5^2, 6^2\}}_{\text{outcome space for } f(X)} = \mathcal{Y}$ is a r.v.

Notice $f: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$

Sometimes we give the r.v. a new symbol

$Y = f(X) = X^2$

$p_Y(y) = p_{f(X)}(y) = \frac{1}{6}$ where $y \in \{1, 2^2, 3^2, 4^2, 5^2, 6^2\}$

In this case $p_Y(x^2) = p(x)$ where $x \in \mathcal{X}$

ex: $p_Y(9) = p_Y(3^2) = p(3) = \frac{1}{6}$

Ex: (X is the payout from a slot machine)

$X \in [-10, 10]$ with $p(x) = \frac{1}{20}$, $\mathbb{P}$ = Uniform $(-10, 10)$

$Y = f(X) = X^2 \in [0, 100] = \mathcal{Y}$

$p_Y(y) = \frac{1}{20\sqrt{y}}$ much more complicated

In general p_Y is complicated and we will not need to know how to calculate it

The Predictor and Learner are functions of r.v.

Ex: (Predictor)

$\vec{X} = (X_1, X_2)^T \in \mathbb{R}^2 = \mathcal{X}$ with $\mathbb{P}_{\vec{X}}$

predictor: $f: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ where $\mathcal{Y} = \mathbb{R}$

$f(\vec{X}) = 3 + 6X_1 + 2.5X_2$ is a r.v. with values in $\mathcal{Y}$

and has some distribution $\mathbb{P}_{f(\vec{X})}$

Ex: (Learner)

$D = ((\vec{X}_1, Y_1), \ldots, (\vec{X}_n, Y_n)) \in (\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y})^n$ with $\mathbb{P}_D$

Learner: $\mathcal{A} : (\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y})^n \Rightarrow \{f \mid f : \mathcal{X} \Rightarrow \mathcal{Y}\} = \mathcal{F}$

$\mathcal{A}(D) = f$ is a r.v. with values in $\mathcal{F}$

example

and has some distribution $\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{A}(D)}$

if $D = ((7, 6), (12, 2.5))$ where $n = 2$, $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}$, $\mathcal{Y} = \mathbb{R}$

then f_D can be $f(x) = 2.5 + 6x$

This means we can talk about things like:

- What is the probability the Predictor $f(\vec{x})$ outputs some value y
- What is the probability the Learner $\mathcal{A}(D)$ outputs some predictor f

Expectation and Variance

Expected Value of a r.v.: average value of the r.v. if you sample from its distribution infinitely many times.

The r.v. must take values in $\mathbb{R}$.

It is not always the value we expect to see most frequently (that is the mode)

$X \in \mathcal{X}$ is a r.v. with pmf or pdf p

$$\mathbb{E}[X] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x\, p(x) & \text{if } X \text{ is discrete} \\ \int_{\mathcal{X}} x\, p(x)\, dx & \text{if } X \text{ is continuous} \end{cases}$$

Ex: (fair six-sided dice)

$X \in \{1,2,3,4,5,6\} = \mathcal{X}$ and $\mathbb{P} = \text{Uniform}(n=6)$

thus $p(x) = \frac{1}{6}$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x\, p(x) = 1 \cdot \tfrac{1}{6} + 2 \cdot \tfrac{1}{6} + 3 \cdot \tfrac{1}{6} + 4 \cdot \tfrac{1}{6} + 5 \cdot \tfrac{1}{6} + 6 \cdot \tfrac{1}{6}$$

$$= 3.5$$

This is not an number you can roll on a dice!

Ex: (Unfair coin)

$X \in \{0, 1\}$ and $\mathbb{P} = \text{Bernoulli}(\alpha)$

thus $p(1) = \alpha, p(0) = 1 - \alpha$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x\, p(x) = 0 \cdot (1-\alpha) + 1 \cdot \alpha = \alpha$$

This is not a result of a coin flip (unless $\alpha = 1$ or $\alpha = 0$)

Ex: (Normal distribution)

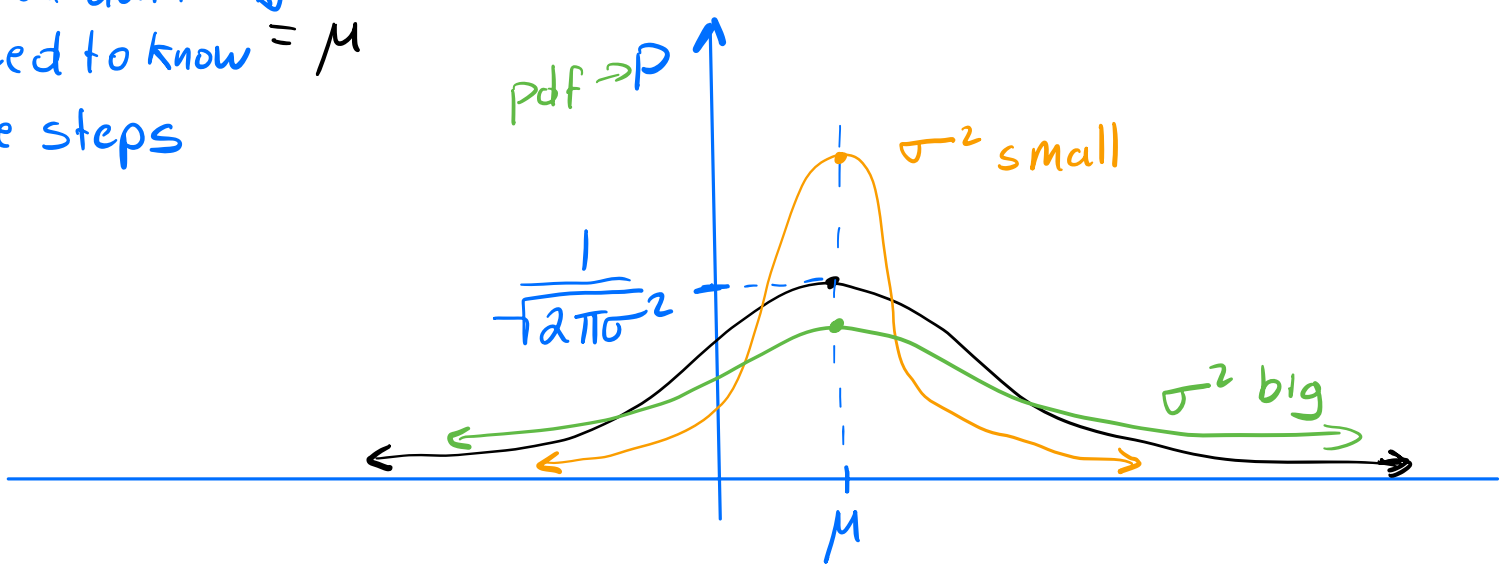
$X \in \mathbb{R} = \mathcal{X}$ and $\mathbb{P} = \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

thus $p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2\right)$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{\mathcal{X}} x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2\right) dx$$

You don't need to know the steps

$= \mu$



Expected value of functions of r.v.:

$X \in \mathcal{X}$ is a r.v. with pmf or pdf p

The function $f: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ must have $\mathcal{Y} = \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathbb{E}[f(X)] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f(x) p(x) & \text{if } X \text{ is discrete} \\ \int_{\mathcal{X}} f(x) p(x)\, dx & \text{if } X \text{ is continuous} \end{cases}$$

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$$\mathbb{E}[f(X)] = \int_{\mathcal{X}} f(x) p(x)\, dx = \int_{-10}^{10} x^2 \frac{1}{20}\, dx$$

$$= \frac{x^3}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{20} \Big|_{-10}^{10}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1000}{3} - \frac{(-1000)}{3} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{20}$$

$$= \frac{2000}{60} = 33.333$$

It turns out

$$\mathbb{E}[f(X)] = \mathbb{E}[Y] = \int_y y\, p_Y(y)\, dy$$

exercise → $= 33.333$

Usually we don't know $p_Y = p_{f(X)}$

So we work with p

Variance of a r.v.: How much the r.v. varies from its expected value on average

$X \in \mathcal{X}$ is a r.v. with pmf or pdf p

$$\mathrm{Var}[X] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{E}\left[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2\right] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2$$

this is just a function of the r.v. X

Ex: (Unfair coin)

$X \in \{0, 1\}$ and $\mathbb{P} = \mathrm{Bernoulli}(\alpha)$

thus $p(1) = \alpha, p(0) = 1 - \alpha$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x\, p(x) = 0 \cdot (1-\alpha) + 1 \cdot \alpha$$
$$= \alpha$$

$$\mathrm{Var}[X] = \mathbb{E}\left[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2\right]$$

$$= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} (X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2 p(x)$$

$$= (0-\alpha)^2 \cdot (1-\alpha) + (1-\alpha)^2 \cdot \alpha$$

$$= \alpha^2 - \alpha^3 + \alpha - 2\alpha^2 + \alpha^3$$

$$= \alpha - \alpha^2$$

$$= \alpha(1-\alpha)$$

or $\mathrm{Var}[X] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2$

$$= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x^2 p(x) - \alpha^2$$

$$= 0^2 \cdot (1-\alpha) + 1^2 \cdot \alpha - \alpha^2$$

$$= \alpha(1-\alpha)$$

Ex: (Normal distribution)

$X \in \mathbb{R} = \mathcal{X}$ and $\mathbb{P} = \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

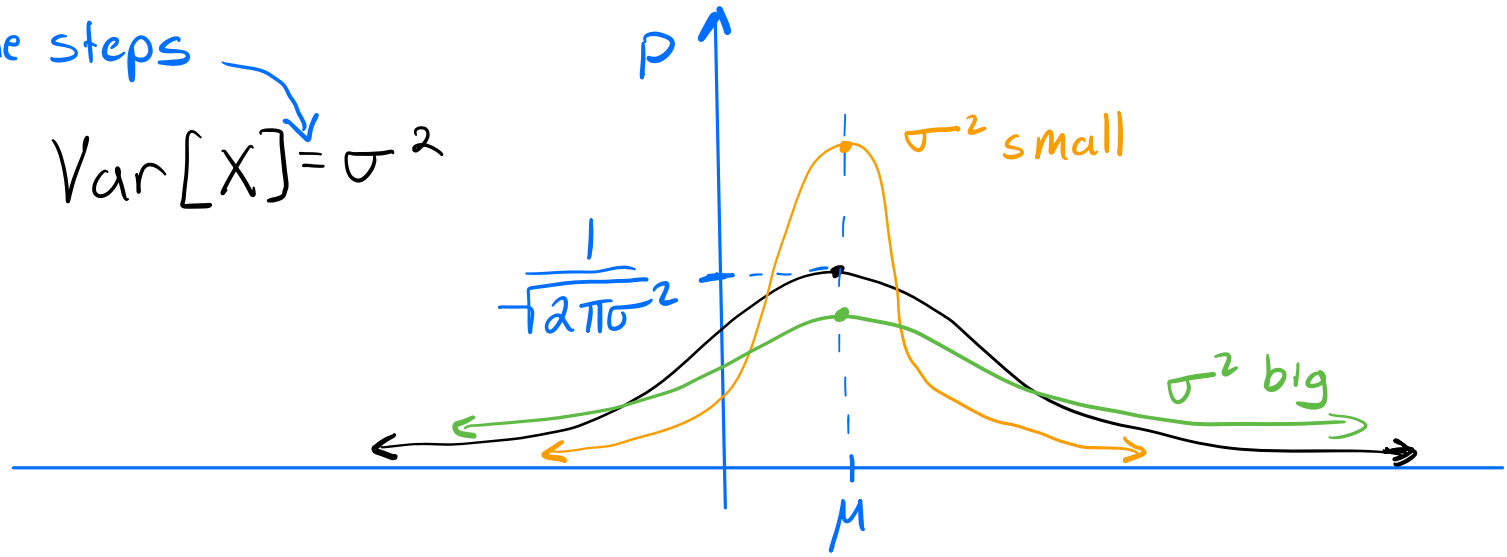
thus $p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2\right)$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{\mathcal{X}} x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2\right) dx$$

You don't need to know the steps

$$= \mu$$

$$\mathrm{Var}[X] = \sigma^2$$



Multivariate Expected Value:

$Z = (X, Y) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{Z}$ is a r.v.

$f: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathbb{E}[f(X,Y)] = \begin{cases} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} f(x,y) p(x,y) & \text{if } X, Y \text{ are discrete} \\ \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} f(x,y) p(x,y) dy\, dx & \text{if } X, Y \text{ are continuous} \\ \int_{\mathcal{X}} \left(\sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} f(x,y) p(y|x) \right) p(x)\, dx & \text{if } Y \text{ is discrete and } X \text{ is continuous} \\ \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{Y}} f(x,y) p(y|x) dy \right) p(x) & \text{if } Y \text{ is continuous and } X \text{ is discrete} \end{cases}$$

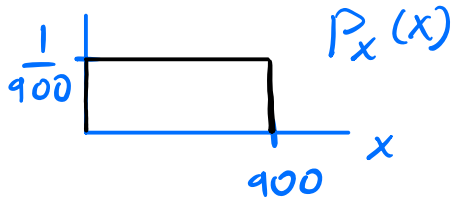
you can always use:

$$p(x,y) = p(y|x)p(x) = p(x|y)p(x)$$

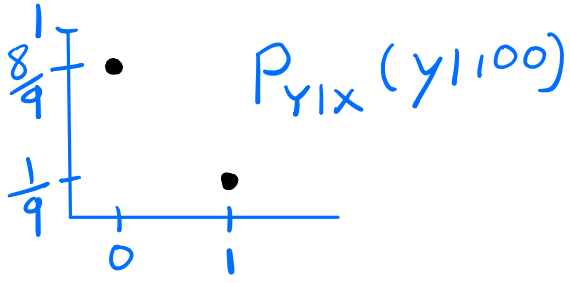
Ex: $X \in \mathcal{X} = [0, 900]$, $Y \in \mathcal{Y} \in \{0, 1\}$ ← Barolo

pdf: $p_X = \text{Uniform}(0, 900)$

$= \frac{1}{900}$



$p_{Y|X=x} = \text{Bernoilli}\left(\frac{x}{900}\right)$



pmf: $p_{Y|X}(y|x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{900} & \text{if } y = 1 \\ 1 - \frac{x}{900} & \text{if } y = 0 \end{cases}$

Defn of Bernoilli$\left(\frac{x}{900}\right)$

$$f(X,Y) = \left(\frac{X}{900} - Y\right)^2$$

$$\mathbb{E}[f(X,Y)] = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \left(\sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} f(x,y) p(y|x) \right) p(x)\, dx$$

$$= \int_0^{900} \left(\sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} \left(\frac{x}{900} - y\right)^2 p(y|x) \right) p(x)\, dx$$

$$= \int_0^{900} \left(\left(\frac{x}{900} - 0\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{x}{900}\right) + \left(\frac{x}{900} - 1\right)^2 \left(\frac{x}{900}\right) \right) \frac{1}{900}\, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{900} \int_0^{900} \frac{x}{900} \left(1 - \frac{x}{900}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{900} \left(\frac{x^2}{1800} \Big|_0^{900} - \frac{x^3}{3 \cdot 900^2} \Big|_0^{900} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}$$

Conditional Expected Value:

$(X, Y) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ is a r.v.

$p = p_{Y|X}$ is a conditional pmf or pdf

$f : \mathcal{Y} \to \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathbb{E}[f(Y) \mid X = x] = \begin{cases} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} f(y) p(y|x) & \text{if } Y \text{ is discrete} \\ \int_{\mathcal{Y}} f(y) p(y|x) & \text{if } Y \text{ is continuous} \end{cases}$$

Useful Properties

Let X, Y be r.v. and $c \in \mathbb{R}$ be a constant

1. $\mathbb{E}[cX] = c\,\mathbb{E}[X]$
2. $\mathbb{E}[X+Y] = \mathbb{E}[X] + \mathbb{E}[Y]$
3. $\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[Y|X]]$
4. $\mathrm{Var}[c] = 0$
5. $\mathrm{Var}[cX] = c^2\,\mathrm{Var}[X]$

If X and Y are independent:

6. $\mathbb{E}[XY] = \mathbb{E}[X]\,\mathbb{E}[Y]$
7. $\mathrm{Var}[X+Y] = \mathrm{Var}[X] + \mathrm{Var}[Y]$