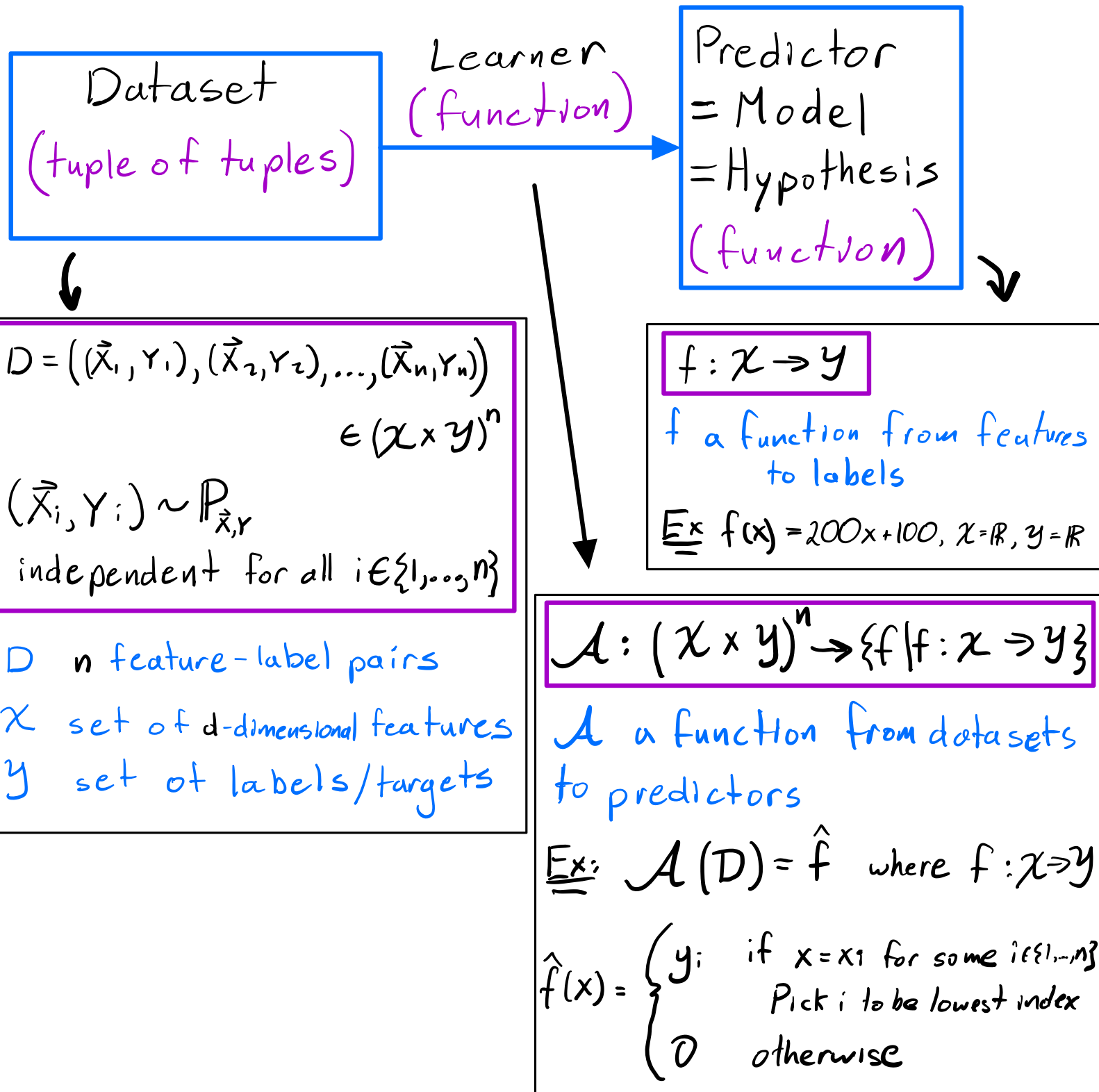


Motivation

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



Probability

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

- Outcomes, Events, Distributions
- 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: $Y = \{0, 1\}$ ^{Heads} _{Tails} flipping a coin
 $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ rolling a dice
 $[0, 900]$ amount of a chemical in a wine
 $\mathbb{R}$ measurement error

Event: A subset of the outcome space (imprecise)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Probability Distribution: A function P defining the likelihood of each event (and satisfying certain properties)

$P: \underbrace{\text{event space/set}} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ Think of this as a set containing all the events
 (A complicated set (σ -algebra) that we will not define)

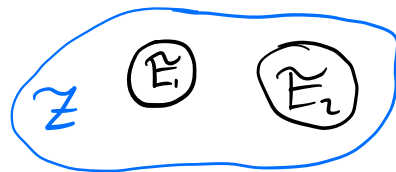
Properties: (imprecise)

Outcome space: $\mathcal{Z}$

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

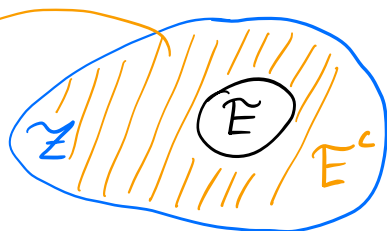
2. If $E_1 \subset \mathcal{Z}, E_2 \subset \mathcal{Z}$ and $E_1 \cap E_2 = \emptyset$, then

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2)$$



E_x : (of property 2.)

Events: E, E^c



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

$$P(E \cup E^c) = P(E) + P(E^c)$$

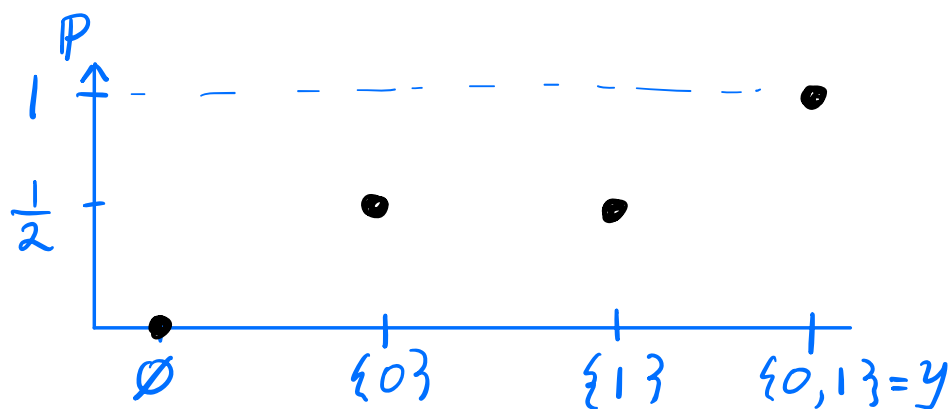
$$= P(\mathcal{Z}) = 1$$

rearranging:

$$P(E) = 1 - P(E^c)$$

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

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

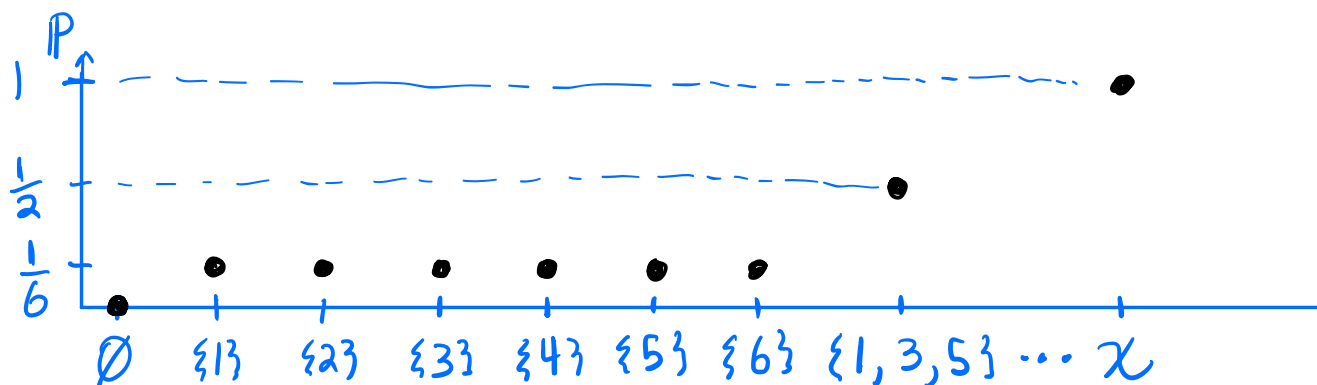


Ex: Outcome space: $\mathcal{X} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

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

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

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



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.

Ex: $X \in \mathcal{X} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ with $\mathbb{P}$ from prev. example
 $Y \in \mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}$ with $\mathbb{P}$ from prev. example

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.: $X \in \mathcal{X}$

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

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

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

Notation: $Z \sim P$ "Z is sampled according to distribution 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 $P(X=1) = \dots = P(X=6) = \frac{1}{6}$

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

$$\uparrow P(X=x) = P(X \in \{x\})$$

$\frac{1}{6}$



1

2

3

4

5

6

$x \in \mathbb{R}$

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: $Z \in [0, 100]$ and $P(Z=z) = P(Z \in \{z\}) = 0$ for all $z \in [0, 100]$
but $P(Z \in [0, 100]) = 1$

Ex: $Z \in \mathbb{R}$ and $P(Z=z) = P(Z \in \{z\}) = 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{R}$
but $P(Z \in \mathbb{R}) = 1$

Calculating Probabilities

Motivation: It is hard to define the values of a probability distribution P for all the events

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

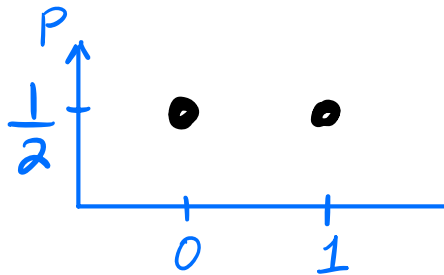
The probability of an event $E \subset \mathcal{Z}$ is:

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

where $Z \in \mathcal{Z}$

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

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



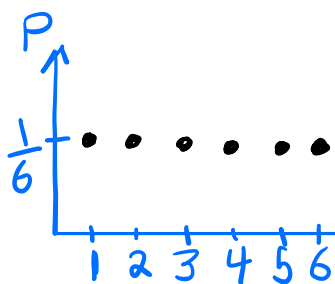
$$P(Y \in \{0, 1\}) = \sum_{y \in \{0, 1\}} p(y) = p(0) + p(1) = 1$$

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

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

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

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



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

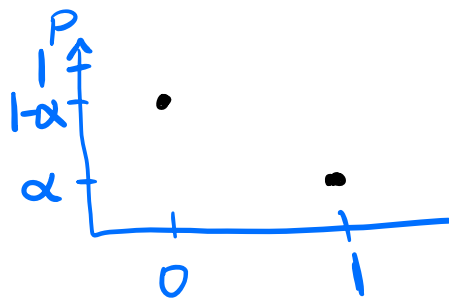
Discrete Probability Distributions with special names:

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

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

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

Distribution $P = \text{Bernoulli}(\alpha)$



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

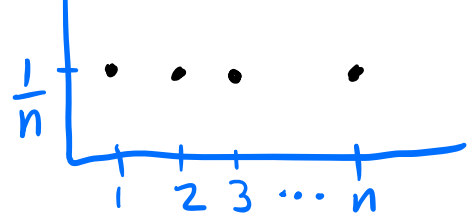
Discrete Uniform Distribution (parameter: n):

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

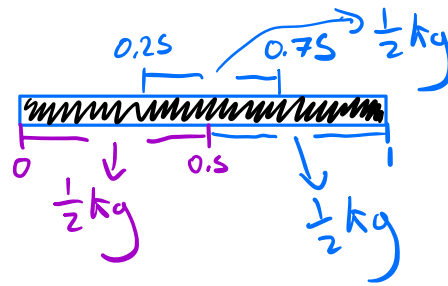
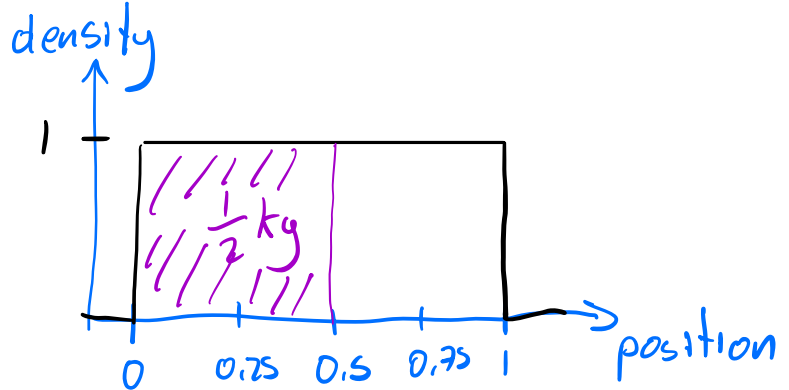
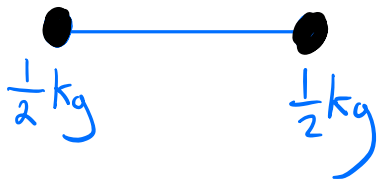
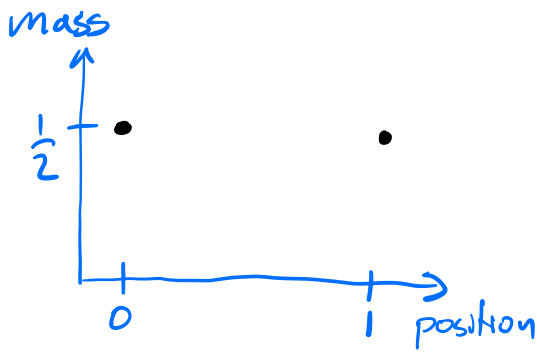
$P \uparrow$

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

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



Intuition with a rod in physics



Probability Density Function(pdf): a function $p: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$

where $\mathbb{Z}$ is an uncountable outcome space and $\int_{\mathbb{Z}} p(z) dz = 1$

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

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

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

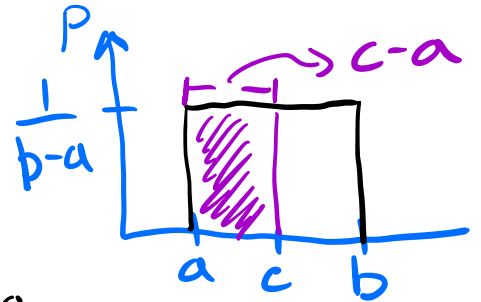
Continuous Probability Distributions with special names:

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

Outcome space: $[a, b]$

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

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



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

where $a \leq c \leq b$

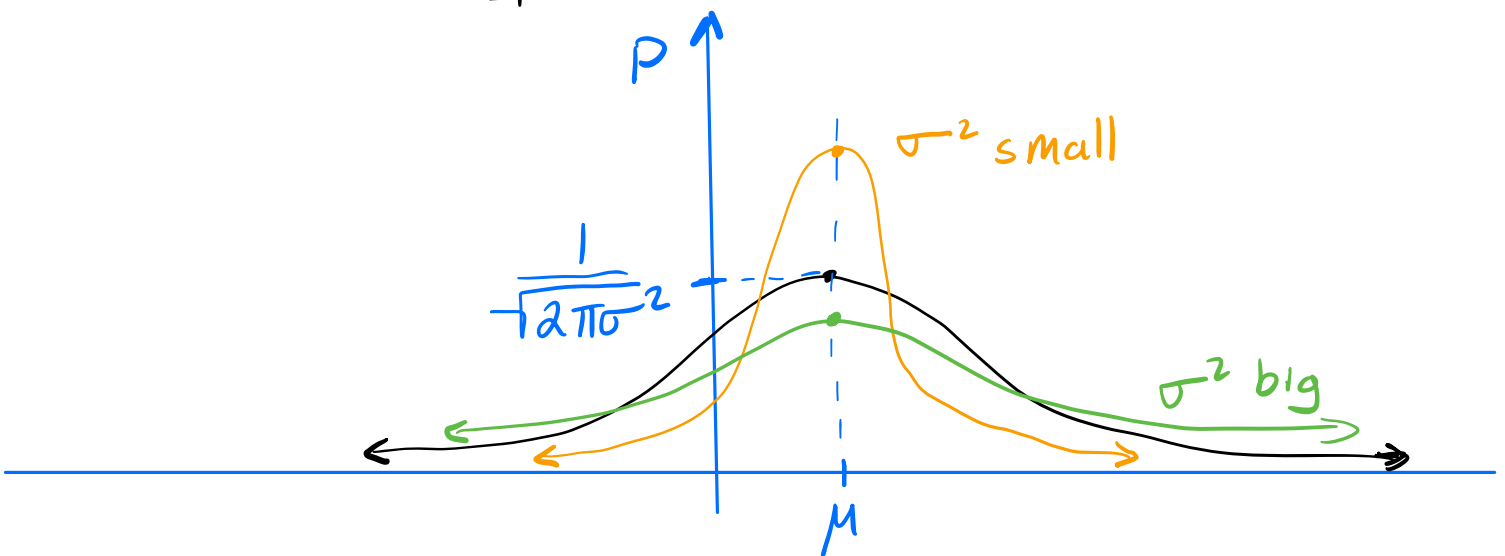
Gaussian/Normal Distribution (parameters: $\mu \in \mathbb{R}, \sigma^2 > 0$):

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 $P = \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) = \text{Gaussian}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

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

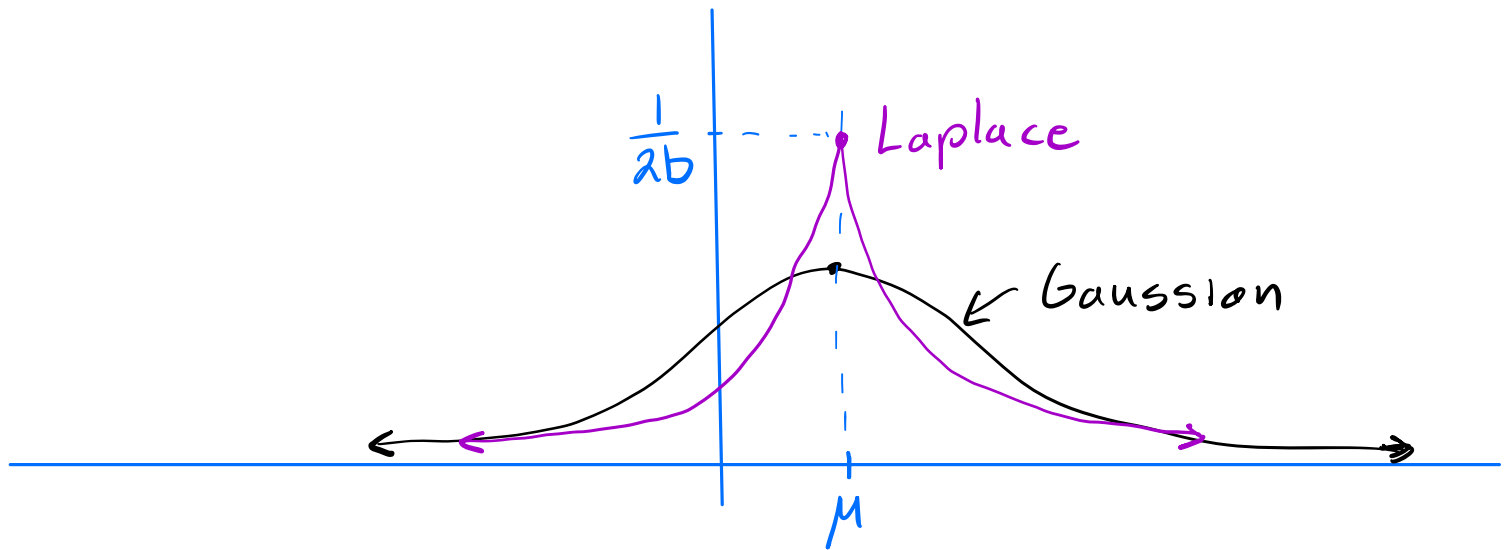


Laplace Distribution (parameters: $\mu \in \mathbb{R}, b > 0$):

Outcome space: $\mathbb{R}$

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

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



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 containing 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

Multi variate Random Variable: A tuple of more than one random variable

Ex: (Flipping 2 coins)

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

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

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

Outcome space: $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{N} \times [0, \infty)$

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

(Collecting the info of one house and its price)

Outcome space: $\mathcal{Z} = (\mathbb{N} \times [0, \infty)) \times [0, \infty)$

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: $\mathcal{Z} = \{0,1\} \times \{0,1\}$

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

pmf: $p: \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow [0, 1]$

Not based on real data $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(0,0) = p(0,1) = \frac{1}{2} \\ p(1,0) = \frac{1}{10}, p(1,1) = \frac{39}{100} \end{array} \right.$

		Y	
		0	1
X	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{100}$
	1	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{39}{100}$

$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{10} (1,0)$
$(0,0)$	$\frac{39}{100} (1,1)$
	$\frac{1}{100} (0,1)$

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

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

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

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

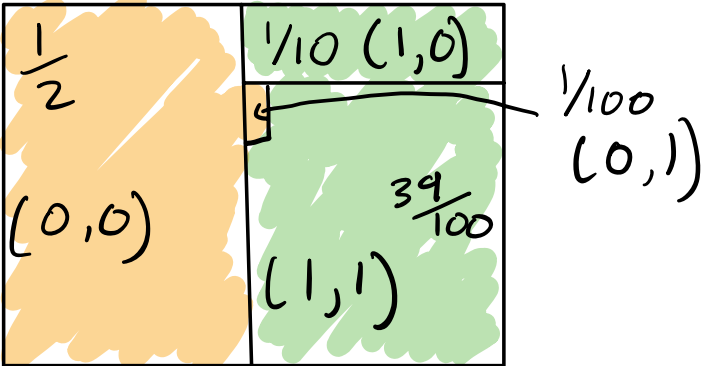
Marginal Distribution: The distribution over a subset of random variables

$\mathbb{E}_x$: Continuing with the arthritis example

Marginal Distribution: $P_x(X \in E_x)$ where $E_x \in \mathcal{X}$

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

$$P_x(X=0) \stackrel{P(X \in \{0\})}{=} p_x(0) = \sum_{x \in \{0\}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(x,y) = \frac{51}{100}$$

$$P_x(X=1) = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{39}{100} = \frac{49}{100}$$


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

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

$p_{x_i}: \mathcal{X}_i \rightarrow [0,1]$, $i \in \{1, \dots, d\}$

Marginal pmf:

$$p_{x_i}(x_i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{x_1 \in \mathcal{X}_1} \dots \sum_{x_{i-1} \in \mathcal{X}_{i-1}} \sum_{x_{i+1} \in \mathcal{X}_{i+1}} \dots \sum_{x_d \in \mathcal{X}_d} p(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_d)$$

$$P_{x_i}(X_i \in E_i) = \sum_{x_i \in E_i} p_{x_i}(x_i) \quad \text{where } E_i \subset \mathcal{X}_i$$

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

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

$$P_{X_i}: \mathcal{X}_i \Rightarrow [0, \infty), \quad i \in \{1, \dots, d\}$$

Marginal pdf:
$$p_{X_i}(x_i) = \int \dots \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} \int \dots \int_{\mathcal{X}_{i-1}} \int \dots \int_{\mathcal{X}_{i+1}} \int \dots \int_{\mathcal{X}_d} p(x_1, \dots, x_d) dx_1 \dots dx_{i-1} dx_{i+1} \dots dx_d$$

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

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 $p_X(x) \neq 0$

$$P_{Y|X=x}: \mathcal{Y} \Rightarrow [0, 1], \quad P_{Y|X=x}(Y) = P_{Y|X}(Y|x)$$

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

Distribution:
$$P_{Y|X}(Y \in E_Y | X=x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{Y \in E_Y} P_{Y|X}(Y|x) \quad \text{where } E_Y \subset \mathcal{Y}$$

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

$$P_{Y|X=x}: \mathcal{Y} \Rightarrow [0, \infty), \quad P_{Y|X=x}(Y) = P_{Y|X}(Y|x)$$

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:

$$P_{Y|X}(Y \in E | X=x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_E P_{Y|X}(y|x) dy \quad \text{where } E_Y \subset Y$$

Chain Rule:

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

More generally:

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

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

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

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

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

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E_x$: Probability that I have arthritis given I am young

$$P(\underset{\uparrow}{Y=1} | X=\underset{\uparrow}{0}) = \sum_{Y \in \{1\}} P_{Y|X}(Y|0)$$

Arthritis Young

$\frac{1}{2}$ $(0,0)$	$\frac{1}{100} (1,0)$ $\frac{39}{100} (1,1)$
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↓ condition on being young

$Y=0$ $\frac{50}{51}$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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:

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

Similarly for distributions:

r.v. X, Y are independent if: $P(X \in E_x, Y \in E_y) = P(X \in E_x)P(Y \in E_y)$

E_x : X, Y are not independent for Arthritis ex

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

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

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

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

		X_2	
		H	T
X_1	H	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
	T	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$

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

$p: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow ?$ 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 $Y|X$

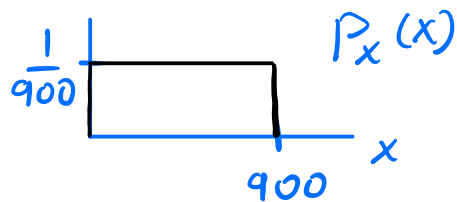
$$p(x,y) = p_X(x) p_{Y|X}(y|x) \quad \text{product rule}$$

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

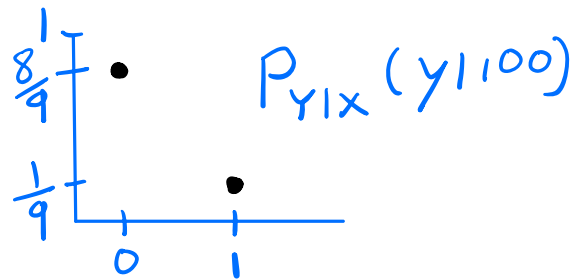
$p_X(x): \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0,\infty)$ is a pdf

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

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



$p_{Y|X=x} = \text{Bernoulli}(\frac{x}{900})$



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 Bernoulli($\frac{x}{900}$)

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \in [0, 50], Y=1) &= \int_0^{50} \left(\sum_{y \in \{1\}} p(y, x) \right) dx \\ &= \int_0^{50} \left(\sum_{y \in \{1\}} p_{Y|X}(y|x) p_X(x) \right) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int_0^{50} p_{mx}(1|x) p_x(x) dx$$

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

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

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

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

Representing Random Features, Labels, and Datasets

Random variables:

$$D = (Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n) \in Z_1 \times \dots \times Z_n = Z^n \quad \text{since } Z = Z_1 = \dots = Z_n$$

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

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

Distributions:

P_D : distribution for D , P_{Z_i} : marginal distribution for Z_i

assumptions:

1. $(\vec{X}_i, Y_i) = Z_i$ are independent for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$
2. $P_{Z_1} = P_{Z_2} = \dots = P_{Z_n} = P_Z$ all Z_i have the same distribution
" $(\vec{X}_i, Y_i)$ are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) "

$$\begin{aligned} P_D(Z_1 \in \tilde{E}_1, \dots, Z_n \in \tilde{E}_n) &= P_{Z_1}(Z_1 \in \tilde{E}_1) \dots P_{Z_n}(Z_n \in \tilde{E}_n) \\ &= P_Z(Z_1 \in \tilde{E}_1) \dots P_Z(Z_n \in \tilde{E}_n) \end{aligned}$$

Equivalently:

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

where $(\vec{X}_i, Y_i) \sim P_{\vec{X}, Y}$ are independent for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$
↑ "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)

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

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

$$\text{Notice } f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$$

Sometimes we give the r.v. a new symbol

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

$$P_Y(y) = P_{f(X)}(y) = \frac{1}{6} \quad \text{where } y \in \{1, 2^2, 3^2, 4^2, 5^2, 6^2\}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)

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

predictor: $f: \mathcal{X} \Rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ 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 $P_{f(\vec{X})}$

Ex: (Learner)

$$D = ((\vec{X}_1, Y_1), \dots, (\vec{X}_n, Y_n)) \in (\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y})^n \quad \text{with } P_0$$

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 $P_{\mathcal{A}(D)}$

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 $P = \text{Uniform}(n=6)$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X] &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x p(x) = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 5 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 6 \cdot \frac{1}{6} \\ &= 3.5 \end{aligned}$$

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

E_x : (Unfair coin)

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

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

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

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

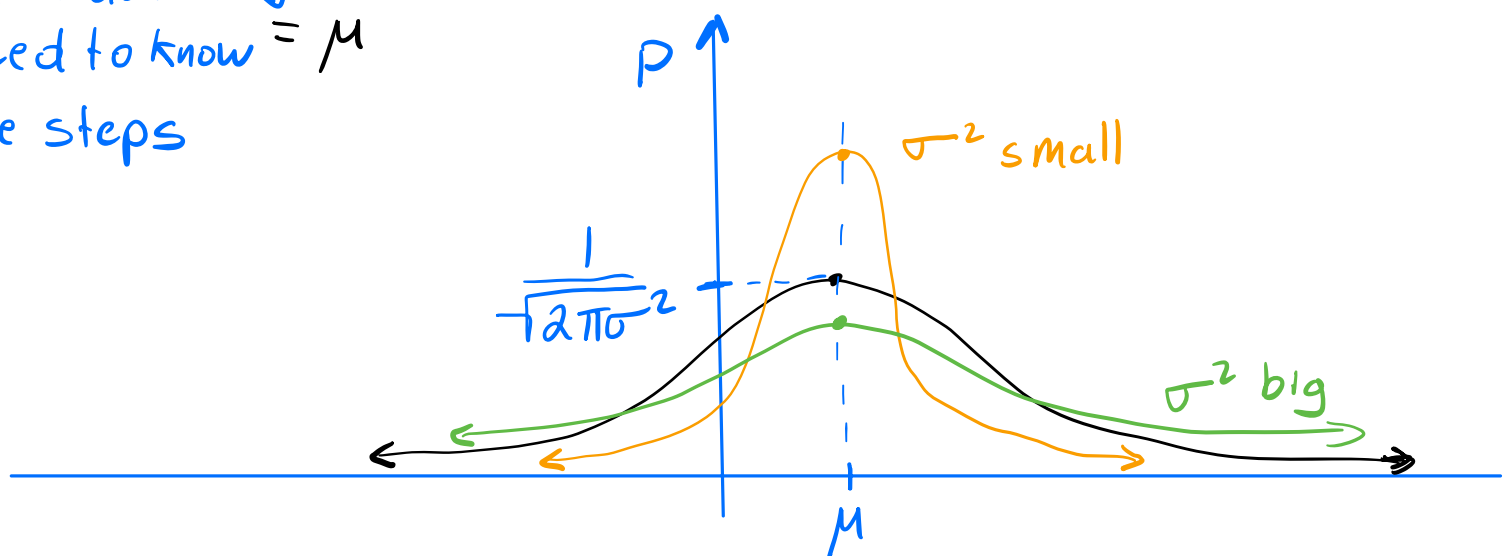
E_x : (Normal distribution)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It turns out

$$\mathbb{E}[f(x)] = \mathbb{E}[Y] = \int y p_Y(y) dy$$

Exercise $\rightarrow = 33.333$

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

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

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

$\mathbb{E}_X$: (Unfair coin)

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x p(x) = 0 \cdot (1-\alpha) + 1 \cdot \alpha \\ &= \alpha \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

E_X : (Normal distribution)

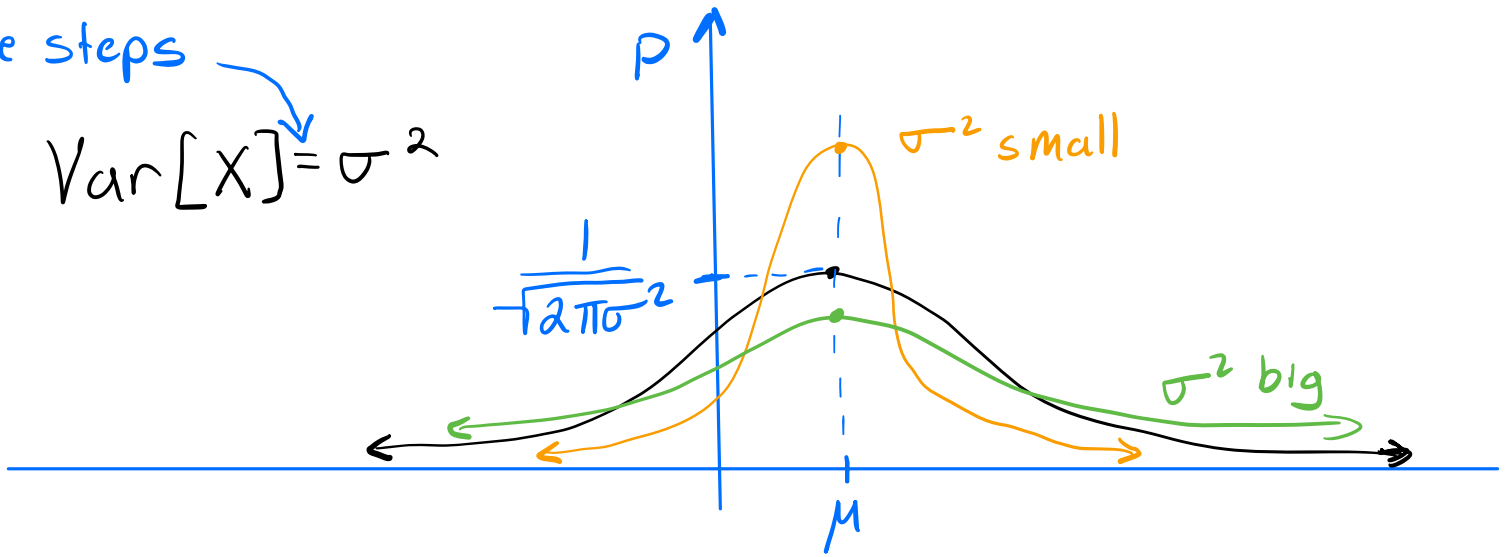
$$X \in \mathbb{R} = \mathcal{X} \quad \text{and} \quad P = \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

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

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

You don't need to know the steps

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



Multivariate Expected Value:

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

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

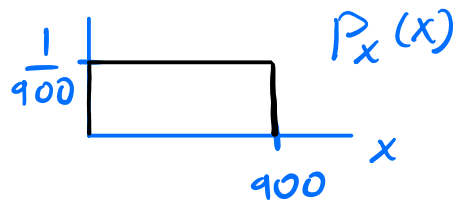
$$E[f(X, Y)] = \begin{cases} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} f(x, y) p(x, y) & \text{if } X, Y \text{ are discrete} \\ \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} f(x, y) p(x, y) dy dx & \text{if } X, Y \text{ are continuous} \\ \int_{\mathcal{X}} \left(\sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} f(x, y) p(y|x)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

you can always use:

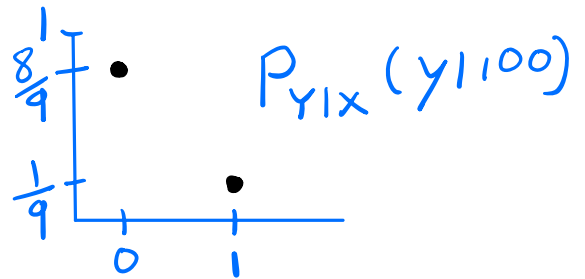
$$p(x, y) = p(y|x)p(x) = p(x|y)p(y)$$

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

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



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



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 Bernoulli($\frac{x}{900}$)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Useful Properties

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

$$1. \mathbb{E}[cX] = c \mathbb{E}[X]$$

$$2. \mathbb{E}[X+Y] = \mathbb{E}[X] + \mathbb{E}[Y]$$

$$3. \mathbb{E}[Y] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[Y|X]]$$

$$4. \text{Var}[c] = 0$$

$$5. \text{Var}[cX] = c^2 \text{Var}[X]$$

If X and Y are independent:

$$6. \mathbb{E}[XY] = \mathbb{E}[X] \mathbb{E}[Y]$$

$$7. \text{Var}[X+Y] = \text{Var}[X] + \text{Var}[Y]$$