

SOA and CAS: Exam P, Probability¹

Chapter 15: Conditional Moments

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(1) *Two Cases: Discrete and Continue*

(1.a) *Discrete: Property*

$$E[g(Y) | X = x] = \sum_i g(y_i) * \underbrace{P(Y = y_i | X = x)}_{\frac{P(Y=y_i|X=x)}{P_X(X=x)}}, \text{ where } P_X(X = x) = \sum_i p(y_i, x)$$

$$= \sum_i g(y_i) * \frac{P(Y=y_i|X=x)}{\sum_i p(y_i, x)}$$

For example: give the joint density distribution function

Question: What is $Var[Y | X = 1]$?

Joint Density		Y		
		1	2	3
X	1	$\underbrace{0.1}_{(Y=1, X=1)}$	$\underbrace{0.2}_{(Y=2, X=1)}$	$\underbrace{0.3}_{(Y=3, X=1)}$
	2	$\underbrace{0.1}_{(Y=1, X=2)}$	$\underbrace{0.2}_{(Y=2, X=2)}$	$\underbrace{0.1}_{(Y=3, X=2)}$

Solve: *Step 1:* Let $g(Y) = Y$, which can take values: 1, 2, 3

$$E[g(Y) | X = 1] = E[Y | X = 1] = \sum_{i=1}^3 g(y_i) * \underbrace{P(Y = y_i | X = 1)}_{\frac{P(Y=y_i|X=1)}{P_X(X=1)}}$$

$$= 1 * P(Y = 1 | X = 1) + 2 * P(Y = 2 | X = 1) + 3 * P(Y = 3 | X = 1)$$

$$= 1 * \frac{P(Y=1, X=1)}{P(X=1, Y=1) + P(X=1, Y=2) + P(X=1, Y=3)} + 2 * \frac{P(Y=2, X=1)}{P(X=1, Y=1) + P(X=1, Y=2) + P(X=1, Y=3)} + 3 * \frac{P(Y=3, X=1)}{P(X=1, Y=1) + P(X=1, Y=2) + P(X=1, Y=3)}$$

Step 2: Let $g(Y) = Y^2$, which can take values: 1, 2, 3

$$E[g(Y) | X = 1] = E[Y^2 | X = 1] = \sum_{i=1}^3 g(y_i) * \underbrace{P(Y = y_i | X = 1)}_{\frac{P(Y=y_i|X=1)}{P_X(X=1)}}$$

$$= 1^2 * \frac{P(Y=1, X=1)}{P(X=1, Y=1) + P(X=1, Y=2) + P(X=1, Y=3)} + 2^2 * \frac{P(Y=2, X=1)}{P(X=1, Y=1) + P(X=1, Y=2) + P(X=1, Y=3)} + 3^2 * \frac{P(Y=3, X=1)}{P(X=1, Y=1) + P(X=1, Y=2) + P(X=1, Y=3)}$$

Step 3: $Var[Y | X = 1] = E[Y^2 | X = 1] - \{E[Y | X = 1]\}^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
E[g(Y) | X = x] &= \int_{\text{over } y} g(y) * \underbrace{\frac{f_{Y|X}(y | x)}{f_X(x)}}_{\text{Constant}} dy; \text{ where } \underbrace{f_X(x)}_{\text{Constant}} = \underbrace{\int_{\text{over } y} f(x, y) dy}_{\text{Constant}} \\
&= \int_{\text{over } y} g(y) * \underbrace{\frac{f_{Y|X}(x, y)}{f_X(x)}}_{\text{Constant}} dy \\
&= \underbrace{\frac{1}{f_X(x)}}_{\text{Constant}} \int_{\text{over } y} g(y) * f_{Y|X}(x, y) dy
\end{aligned}$$

(1.b) *Continue: Property*

For example: Joint density distribution function is

$$f(x, y) = 1.2(x^2 + y) \quad (0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1)$$

Question: What is $Var[Y | X = 0.2]$?

Solve: *Step 1:* Let $g(Y) = Y$

$$\begin{aligned}
E[g(Y) | X = 0.2] &= \int_0^1 y * \frac{f_{Y|X}(x=0.2, y)}{f_X(x=0.2)} dy = \int_0^1 y * \frac{1.2(0.2^2 + y)}{\int_0^1 1.2(0.2^2 + y) dy} dy \\
&= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^1 y * [1.2(0.2^2 + y)] dy
\end{aligned}$$

Let: Constant=a

Step 2: Let $g(Y) = Y^2$

$$E[g(Y) | X = 0.2] = E[Y^2 | X = 0.2] = \frac{1}{a} \int_0^1 y^2 * [1.2(0.2^2 + y)] dy$$

Step 3: $Var[Y | X = 0.2] = E[Y^2 | X = 0.2] - \{E[Y | X = 0.2]\}^2$

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