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## Föreläsning 5

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# Two-dimensional discrete random variables

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two discrete random variables.

- The ordered pair  $(X, Y)$  is called a two-dimensional discrete random variable.
- A function  $f_{XY}$  such that

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = P(X = x \text{ and } Y = y)$$

is called the joint density for  $(X, Y)$ .

- A function  $f_{XY}(x, y)$  is a joint density function for  $(X, Y)$  if and only if
  - $f_{XY}(x, y) \geq 0$
  - $\sum_{\text{all } x} \sum_{\text{all } y} f_{XY}(x, y) = 1$

# Example

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be the number of girls, respectively boys in a randomly chosen Swedish family. The joint density function  $f_{XY}(x, y)$  is given in the table below.

Y	0	1	2	3	4
X					
0	0.38	0.16	0.04	0.01	0.01
1	0.17	0.08	0.02		
2	0.05	0.02	0.01		
3	0.02	0.01			
4	0.02				

$$\sum_{x=0}^4 \sum_{y=0}^4 f_{XY}(x, y) = 1.$$

$$P(X = 0 \text{ and } Y = 1) = f_{XY}(0, 1) = 0.16.$$

$$P(X = 2) = f_{XY}(2, 0) + f_{XY}(2, 1) + f_{XY}(2, 2) = 0.08$$

# Marginal density functions

Let  $(X, Y)$  be a two-dimensional discrete random variable with joint density function  $f_{XY}$ . The marginal density for  $X$  is given by

$$f_X(x) = \sum_{\text{all } y} f_{XY}(x, y)$$

and the marginal density for  $Y$  is given by

$$f_Y(y) = \sum_{\text{all } x} f_{XY}(x, y)$$

## Continuation of previous example

X	Y	0	1	2	3	4	$f_X$
0		0.38	0.16	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.60
1		0.17	0.08	0.02			0.27
2		0.05	0.02	0.01			0.08
3		0.02	0.01				0.03
4		0.02					0.02
$f_Y$		0.64	0.27	0.07	0.01	0.01	1

# Two-dimensional continuous random variables

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two continuous random variables.

- The ordered pair  $(X, Y)$  is called a two-dimensional continuous random variable.

- A function  $f_{XY}$  such that

1  $f_{XY}(x, y) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

2  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dy dx = 1$

3  $P(a \leq X \leq b \text{ and } c \leq Y \leq d) = \int_a^b \int_c^d f_{XY}(x, y) dy dx$   
is called the joint density function for  $(X, Y)$ .

- The marginal density  $f_X$  and  $f_Y$  for  $X$ , respectively  $Y$  are given by

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy \quad \text{and} \quad f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx$$

## Ex.8 in the book

Let  $X$  denote the temperature and  $Y$  denote the time in minutes that it takes for the diesel engine on an automobile to get ready to start. Assume that the joint density for  $(X, Y)$  is given by  $f_{XY}(x, y) = c(4x + 2y + 1)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 40$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 2$ .

1. Find  $c$ .
2. Find the probability that the temperature will exceed  $20^\circ$  and it will take at least 1 minute for the car to be ready to start.
3. Find the marginal density functions for  $X$  and  $Y$ .
4. Find the probability that it will take at least one minute for the car to be ready to start.
5. Find the probability that the temperature will exceed  $20^\circ$ .

# Solution

1.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy &= \int_0^{40} \int_0^2 c(4x + 2y + 1) dy dx \\&= \int_0^{40} c[4xy + y^2 + y]_0^2 dx \\&= \int_0^{40} c(8x + 6) dx \\&= c[4x^2 + 6x]_0^{40} = 6640c = 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } c = \frac{1}{6640}$$



# Solution

2.  $P(X > 20 \text{ och } Y \geq 1) = \int_{20}^{40} \int_1^2 \frac{1}{6640} (4x + 2y + 1) dy dx \approx 0.3735$
3.  $f_X = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dy = \int_0^2 \frac{1}{6640} (4x + 2y + 1) dy = \frac{8x+6}{6640}$   
 $f_Y = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dx = \int_0^{40} \frac{1}{6640} (4x + 2y + 1) dx = \frac{3240+80y}{6640}$
4.  $P(Y \geq 1) = \int_1^2 f_Y(y) dt = \frac{1}{6640} [3240y + 40y^2]_1^2 \approx 0.506$
5.  $P(X > 20) = \int_{20}^{40} f_X(x) dx = \frac{1}{6640} [4x^2 + 6x]_{20}^{40} \approx 0.741$

# Independent Random Variables

- (From chapter 2) Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent if and only if  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ .
- Two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if and only if

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$

for all  $x$  and  $y$

- In the example on p.2 (discrete case) the variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are not independent since  $0 = f_{XY}(3, 1) \neq f_X(3)f_Y(1) = 0.01 \cdot 0.27 = 0.0027$
- In the example on p.6 (continuous case),  $X$  and  $Y$  are not independent since  $f_{XY}(x, y) \neq f_X(x)f_Y(y)$  ( $P(X > 20 \text{ and } Y \geq 1) \neq P(X > 20)P(Y \geq 1)$ )

# Expected Value

Let  $(X, Y)$  be a two-dimensional random variable with density function  $f_{XY}(x, y)$  and  $H(X, Y)$  a random variable. The expected value  $E[H(X, Y)]$  is given by

$$E[H(X, Y)] = \sum_{\text{all } x} \sum_{\text{all } y} H(x, y) f_{XY}(x, y)$$

if  $(X, Y)$  is discrete and

$$E[H(X, Y)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(x, y) f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy$$

if  $(X, Y)$  is continuous.

In particular, if  $X$  and  $Y$  are discrete, then

$$\blacksquare E[X] = \sum_{\text{all } x} \sum_{\text{all } y} x f_{XY}(x, y).$$

$$\blacksquare E[Y] = \sum_{\text{all } x} \sum_{\text{all } y} y f_{XY}(x, y).$$

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are continuous, then,

$$\blacksquare E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{XY}(x, y).$$

$$\blacksquare E[Y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_{XY}(x, y).$$

## Theorem

*If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent then  $E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$ .*

## Example p.2

- $E[X] =$   
 $0f_{XY}(0, 0) + 0f_{XY}(0, 1) + 0f_{XY}(0, 2) + 0f_{XY}(0, 3) +$   
 $0f_{XY}(0, 4) + 1f_{XY}(1, 0) + \cdots + 4f_{XY}(4, 0) = 0.6.$
- $E[X]$  can also be computed as a one-dimensional random variable using the marginal density function:  
 $E[X] = 0(0.6) + 1(0.27) =$   
 $2(0.16) + 3(0.03) + 4(0.02) = 0.6.$
- $E[Y] =$   
 $0(0.64) + 0.27 + 2(0.07) + 3(0.01) + 4(0.01) = 0.48.$
- $E[XY] = 0.08 + 2(0.02) + 2(0.02) + 2(2)(0.01) +$   
 $3(0.01) = 0.23 \neq 0.6(0.48) = 0.288$ , so  $X$  and  $Y$  are dependent.

# Kovarians

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two random variable with  $E[X] = \mu_X$  and  $E[Y] = \mu_Y$ .

- The **Covariance**  $Cov[X, Y]$  or  $\sigma_{XY}$  is given by

$$Cov[X, Y] = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$$

- The covariance measures how  $X$  and  $Y$  vary relative to one another.
- $Cov[X, Y] = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$ .
- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent then  $Cov[X, Y] = 0$ .
- Räknerglar:
  1.  $Cov[cX, Y] = Cov[X, cY] = cCov[X, Y]$ , where  $c$  is a constant.
  2.  $Cov[X, Y] = Cov[Y, X]$ .

# Correlation

- Pearson correlation coefficient  $\rho_{XY}$  is a measure that indicates whether  $X$  and  $Y$  are *linearly* related.
- $\rho_{XY}$  is defined by

$$\rho_{XY} = \frac{\sigma_{XY}}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}[X, Y]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}[X] \text{Var}[Y]}}$$

- $-1 \leq \rho_{XY} \leq 1$ .
- $|\rho_{XY}| = 1$  if and only if  $Y = a + bX$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers  $b \neq 0$ .
- $\rho_{XY} = 0$  means that there is no linear relation between  $X$  and  $Y$  (*there might be another type of relation*).

# Conditional densities

- (Chapter 2) If  $A$  and  $B$  are two events and  $P(B) \neq 0$ , then

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

- The conditional density function for the random variable  $X$  given  $Y = y$  is given by

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

and the conditional density function for the random variable  $Y$  given  $X = x$  is given by

$$f_{Y|X} = \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_X(x)}$$