

* Marginal Prob. Function

Def / \circ If X and Y are discrete random variables and $f(x,y)$ is the value of their joint prob. dist. at (x,y) , the fun. given by:

$$g(x) = \sum_y f(x,y) \quad \text{is called the marginal dist. of } x$$

where

$$h(y) = \sum_x f(x,y) \quad \text{is called the mar. dist. of } y$$

And if x,y are continuous r.v.'s then:

$$g(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dy \quad -\infty < y < \infty$$

is called the marginal distribution of x .

where

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

is called the marginal dis. of y .

Ex's / $\textcircled{1}$ For the following J.P.D.F find the marginal prob. fun. of x and of y .

$$f(x,y) = \frac{x+y}{21} \quad x=1,2,3 \quad y=1,2$$

Sol / $g(x) = \sum_y f(x,y)$

$$= \frac{x+1}{21} + \frac{x+2}{21} \Rightarrow \frac{2x+3}{21} \quad x=1,2,3$$

$$h(y) = \sum_x f(x,y)$$
$$\frac{1+y}{21} + \frac{2+y}{21} + \frac{3+y}{21} \Rightarrow \frac{3y+6}{21} \quad y=1,2$$

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② Given the J.P.d.f:

$$f(x,y) = \frac{2}{3} (x+2y) \quad 0 < x < 1 \quad 0 < y < 1$$

Find $g(x)$ and $h(y)$?

Sol $g(x) = \int_0^1 f(x,y) dy$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \int_0^1 (x+2y) dy$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \left(xy + \frac{2y^2}{2} \right) \Big|_0^1 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3} (x+1) \quad 0 < x < 1$$

$$h(y) = \int_0^1 f(x,y) dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \int_0^1 (x+2y) dx \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{x^2}{2} + 2xy \right) \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2} + 2y \right) \quad 0 < y < 1$$

* Independent Random variables *

Def^o Discrete r.v.'s X and Y are said to be independent if and only if:

$$P(X=x, Y=y) = P(X=x) \cdot P(Y=y) \text{ for all real numbers } x \text{ and } y$$

Continuous r.v.'s X and Y are said to be ind. if and only if:

$$f(x,y) = g(x) \cdot h(y) \text{ for all real numbers } x \text{ and } y.$$

Ex. 5 / ① Let $f(x,y) = 4xy$ $0 < x < 1$ $0 < y < 1$
are x,y independent or not?

Sol / $g(x) = \int_0^1 f(x,y) dy \Rightarrow \int_0^1 4xy dy$
 $= 4x \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 \Rightarrow 2x \quad 0 < x < 1$

$h(y) = \int_0^1 f(x,y) dx \Rightarrow \int_0^1 4xy dx$
 $= 4y \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 \Rightarrow 2y \quad 0 < y < 1$

if $f(x,y) = f(x) \cdot f(y) \Rightarrow$ ind.

$f(x,y) = 4xy = f(x) \cdot f(y) \Rightarrow x,y$ ind.

② Let $f(x,y) = \frac{xy^2}{13}$ $(x,y) = (1,1), (1,2), (2,2)$

Find the marginal fun. of x and y then check whether they are ind. or not?

Sol / $g(x) = \sum_y f(x,y) \Rightarrow \frac{5x}{13} \quad x=1,2$

$h(y) = \sum_x f(x,y) \Rightarrow \frac{3y^2}{13} \quad y=1,2$

$g(x) \cdot h(y) = \frac{5x}{13} \cdot \frac{3y^2}{13} \Rightarrow \frac{15xy^2}{169} \neq \frac{xy^2}{13}$

then x,y not independent.