

Using the Berry-Esseen bound for sums of independent random variables (cf., e.g., Shorack (2000), page 259), we find, since  $\varepsilon_k$  are iid and  $E|\frac{\varepsilon_k}{\sigma}|^3 = E|\frac{\varepsilon_1}{\sigma}|^3 = \tau_3$ , for all  $n$

$$\begin{aligned} \|G_{ni} - \Phi\|_{\infty} &\leq 9 \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n E|a_k \varepsilon_k / \sigma|^3}{(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{9\tau_3 \sum_{k=1}^n |a_k| \cdot |a_k|^2}{1} \\ &\leq 9\tau_3 \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |a_k| \\ &\leq 9\tau_3 \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} (h_{kk})^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

## Lectures 28-29

### Characteristic Functions (Uniqueness and Inversion Theorems)

#### Definition

Let  $X$  be a r.v. with d.f.  $F$ .

The characteristic function (ch) is:

$$\Phi(t) \equiv \Phi_X(t) \equiv E e^{itX}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} dF(x)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos(tx) dF(x) + i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sin(tx) dF(x)$$

$$|z| = |a + ib| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$e^{ia} = \cos(a) + i \sin(a) - 1 -$$

Remarks:

- 1)  $\Phi(t)$  is, in general, a complex number
- 2)  $\Phi(t)$  is defined for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Properties of the ch  $\Phi$

1)  $\Phi(0) = 1$

2)  $|\Phi(t)| \leq 1$ , for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

(Recall that  $|\cdot|$  here is the modulus of a complex number. If  $z = a + ib$ , then  $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ ).

3)  $\Phi_{ax+b}(t) = e^{itb} \Phi_x(at)$ , for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

4)  $\Phi(-t) = \overline{\Phi(t)}$ , for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

( If  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $z = a + ib$ , we denote by  $\overline{z} = a - ib$  )

5) If  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent

$$\Phi_{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n \Phi_{X_i}(t)$$

6)  $\Phi$  is real valued iff  $X \cong -X$ .

7) If  $X$  and  $X'$  are iid with chf  $\Phi$ ,  
then  $X^s \equiv X - X'$  has chf  $|\Phi|^2$ .

8)  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
(in tble)

Proof:

$$7) \quad \Phi_{X-X'} \stackrel{(5)}{=} \Phi_X \cdot \Phi_{-X} =$$

$$= \Phi_X^{(t)} \cdot \Phi_X(-t) = \Phi_X \cdot \overline{\Phi_X} = |\Phi|^2.$$

$$8) \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{"}\Leftarrow\text{" If } X \cong -X \Rightarrow \Phi_X = \Phi_{-X} \\ \text{But } \Phi_{-X} = \overline{\Phi}_X \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Phi_X = \overline{\Phi}_X \Rightarrow \Phi_X \text{ is real.}$$

" $\Rightarrow$ " If  $\Phi$  is real, then  $\Phi_X = \overline{\Phi}_X = \Phi_{-X} \Rightarrow$   
 (By the uniqueness Theorem 2.1 page 346)  $X \cong -X$ .

### Examples

1) If  $X \sim f(x)$ ;  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1+x^2}$  (Cauchy).

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_X(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx \\ &= e^{-t} \end{aligned}$$

2) If  $X \sim N(0, 1)$ ; then

$$\Phi_X(t) = e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}.$$

Computing the above integrals requires standard complex analysis tools such as the Residue Theorem and the Uniqueness Theorem of Analytic Functions. We do not present such details here.  $\square$

- In what follows we show that there exists a one-to-one correspondence between  $\hat{F}$  and  $\Phi$ .  
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- The important thing to remember is that  $F$  does NOT have to have a density wrt the Lebesgue measure. Therefore the results presented below are general.  
See pages 5'-7' for more explanations.

- We first introduce the notion of a complementary pair of r.v.s.

Let  $U \sim f_U(\cdot)$ , continuous.

Let  $W$  denote a r.v. with bounded and continuous density  $f_W(\cdot)$  and with chf  $\Phi_W(\cdot)$  such that :

$$(2) \quad f_U(t) = c \Phi_W(-t), \text{ for all } t \text{ and some constant } c.$$

- Such pairs exist. One example is

$$U \sim N(0, 1) \\ W \sim N(0, 1) \quad \text{and} \quad c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}.$$

(For more examples, see page 346).

## Theorem 1 (Uniqueness)

Every df on the line  $(F)$  has a unique chf  $(\Phi)$ .

## Theorem 2 (Inversion $\leftarrow$ mostly qualitative)

Let  $X$  be a r.v. with df  $F_X(\cdot)$  and chf  $\Phi_X(\cdot)$ ,  
we always have:

$$F_X(k_2) - F_X(k_1) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \int_{k_1}^{k_2} f_a(t) dt, \text{ for all } \textcircled{3}$$

$k_1 < k_2$  cont.  
points of  $F$ .

Here  $f_a(\cdot)$  is the density of the r.v.

$X_a \equiv X + aU$ , with  $U$  given as in (2) above.

$$\text{and } \textcircled{4} f_a(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-itv} \Phi_X(v) \cdot c f_U(av) dv,$$

for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Remark Note that (3) and (4) together establish that there is a unique correspondence between  $F_X$  and  $\Phi_X$ .

(Not required for exams)

Proof: By the convolution formula (\*) page 3 and a change of variables we have:

$$f_a(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a} f_U\left(\frac{t-x}{a}\right) dF_X(x)$$

$$\stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{c}{a} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi_W\left(\frac{x-t}{a}\right) dF_X(x)$$

$$\stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{c}{a} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(x-t)w/a} f_W(w) dw \right) dF_X(x)$$

Definition of  $\Phi_W$

$$\stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{c}{a} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-itw/a} f_W(w) \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ixw/a} dF_X(x) \right) dw$$

Subst

$$\stackrel{=}{f} \quad \frac{c}{a} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-itw/a} \Phi_X(w/a) f_W(w) dw$$

Definition of

$$\Phi_X$$

$$\stackrel{=}{f} \quad c \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-itv} \Phi_X(v) f_W(av) dv$$

change  
of variables

Thus:

$$f_a(t) = c \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-itv} \Phi_X(v) f_W(av) dv, \text{ as claimed.}$$

Thus, since  $X_a \xrightarrow{d} X$ :

$$F_X(t_2) - F_X(t_1) = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} (F_a(t_2) - F_a(t_1))$$

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f_a(t) dt$$

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### Theorem 3 (Very important)

Inversion formula for densities.

If  $X$  has a chf  $\Phi_X(\cdot)$  s.t.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\Phi_X(t)| dt < \infty$

then  $X$  has a uniformly continuous density

$f_X(\cdot)$  given by:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-itx} \Phi_X(t) dt$$

Proof: Recall that we have constructed

$$f_a(t) = c \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-itv} \Phi_X(v) f_W(av) dv$$

Now:

$$|e^{-itv} \Phi_X(v) f_W(av)| \leq 1 \cdot |\Phi_X(v)| \cdot \underbrace{C}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{By the hyp. on } W}}$$

Then, by the DCT and  $\otimes$  we have

$$f_a(t) \xrightarrow{a \rightarrow 0} c f_W(0) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-itv} \Phi_X(v) dv$$

If we specify  $U = W \sim N(0, 1)$  we obtain  $c f_W(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi}$

Thus, we showed that

$$f_a(t) \xrightarrow{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-itv} \Phi_X(v) dv \equiv f(t).$$

• We now need to show that:

- 1)  $f$  is uniformly continuous
- 2)  $f$  is indeed the density of  $F_X$ .

See page 347 for 1)

For 2) first recall that we have proved

$$F_X(r_2) - F_X(r_1) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \int_{r_1}^{r_2} f_a(t) dt$$

If we show that  $f_a \xrightarrow{a \rightarrow 0} f$  uniformly, then

we can permute  $\lim$  and  $\int$  to obtain the desired result

$$F_X(r_2) - F_X(r_1) = \int_{r_1}^{r_2} f(t) dt.$$

• Review of the convolution theorem

- 1) Let ~~X~~ and  $Y$  be two <sup>independent</sup> r.v.s on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$ .  
(We do not assume that they have densities). Let  $F_X$  and  $F_Y$  be the cdf's of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X+Y}(z) &= P(X+Y \leq z) \\ &= \iint_{\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x+y \leq z\}} dF_X(x) dF_Y(y) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{z-x} dF_Y(y) \right) dF_X(x) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_Y(z-x) dF_X(x) \end{aligned}$$

Given any two functions  $F_X$  and  $F_Y$ ,  
the function  $F_{X+Y}$  given by:

$$F_{X+Y}(z) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_Y(z-x) dF_X(x)$$

$\equiv (F_X * F_Y)(z)$  is called

the convolution of  $F_X$  and  $F_Y$ .

- 2) If now we further assume that  $Y$  has density  $f_Y$  with respect to the Lebesgue measure, then  $X+Y$  will have a density wrt to the Lebesgue measure.  
(NOTE that we do not need to assume that  $X$  also has a density).

For this, notice that

$$F_{X+Y}(z) \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_Y(z-x) dF_X(x)$$

as before

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{z-x} f_Y(y) dy \right) dF_X(x)$$

$$\stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^z f_Y(v-x) dv \right) dF_X(x)$$

$$v = y+x$$

$$\stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^z f_Y(y-x) dy \right) dF_X(x)$$

$$v=y$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^z \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y-x) dF_X(x) \right) dy$$

Hence,  $F_{X+Y}(z)$  has density

$$f_{X+Y}(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(z-x) dF_X(x) \quad (1)$$

3) If, in addition,  $X \sim f_X(x)$ , then (1) can be further simplified to:

$$f_{X+Y}(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(z-x) f_X(x) dx$$

$$\equiv (f_Y * f_X)(z)$$

↑  
The convolution of the two densities.

Moral: a) For the sum of two independent rvs to have a density it is enough that one rv has density.  
b) If they both have densities,  $f_{X+Y}$  has a "nicer" form.

- Now, by the definition of the chf, for a given  $F$  (the cdf of a r.v.  $X$ ) we can compute (uniquely) its chf via

$$\varphi(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} dF(x).$$

- We shall establish that the converse also holds: given a chf  $\Phi$ , we can always find a d.f.  $F$  that is uniquely determined by  $\Phi$ .
- We do so by establishing a formula that links  $\Phi$  to  $F$  in a unique way. This will also provide an inversion formula. We accomplish that by giving a constructive proof, that is we will give an explicit link between  $\Phi$  and  $F$ .

## Strategy :

→ It is also nicer to work with rvs that have densities. However, not any arbitrary rv  $X$  has a density.

But: Via the convolution example, we know that the sum of 2 indep. rvs, one of which has a density, has a density itself.

Let  $X$  be an arbitrary r.v. with d.f  $F$  and let  $U$  be a r.v. with continuous density  $f_U$ , ~~then~~ independent of  $X$ .

Consider a perturbed version of  $X$  :

$$X_a \equiv X + a U.$$

As we have seen,  $X_a$  always has a density,  $f_a$ .

Moreover, by Slutsky's Lemma :

$$X_a \xrightarrow{d} X \text{ as } a \rightarrow 0, \text{ or}$$

$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} F_a(\cdot) = F_X(\cdot)$ , for any continuity point of  $F_X \equiv F$ .

Hence: Instead of working with  $X \sim F$  directly we work with

$X_a \sim f_a$ , since  $F_a \xrightarrow{a \rightarrow 0} F$ .

Since we will eventually take a limit over  $a \rightarrow 0$ ,  $U$  can be chosen in any convenient way.  $U$  is just a technical tool, and it will ALMOST disappear from the final results.

## Lecture 30

- Convergence in distribution via characteristic functions (Cramér - Levy).
- The Cramér - Wold device.

Theorem (Cramér - Levy).

- 1) If  $\Phi_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \Phi$ , where  $\{\Phi_n\}_n$  is a sequence of functions and  $\Phi$  is a function continuous at 0, then  $F_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} F$ .  
• Moreover,  $\Phi$  is the chf associated with  $F$ .
- 2) If  $F_n \rightarrow F$ , then  $\Phi_n \rightarrow \Phi$ , uniformly over any finite interval  $|t| \leq T < \infty$ .

We have  $\{x_n\}$  with d.f.  $F_n$

Proof We only prove 2).

• Recall that  $F_n \rightarrow F$  is a rotation for  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ , for appropriately defined r.v.'s  $X_n$  and  $X$ .

• By Skorokhod's construction we can replace  $X_n$  and  $X$  by  $Y_n$  and  $Y$  s.t.

$$Y_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} Y \Leftrightarrow Y_n \rightarrow Y \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0.$$

• By the "continuity" theorem:

$$e^{it(Y_n - Y)} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{a.s.} 1$$

• Note also that  $|e^{it(Y_n - Y)}| = 1$ .

• Then, for any  $|t| \leq T$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi_n(t) - \Phi(t)| &\leq \int |e^{itY_n} - e^{itY}| dP \\ &= \int \underbrace{|e^{itY}|}_1 \cdot |e^{it(Y_n - Y)} - 1| dP \\ &\leq \int \sup_{|t| \leq T} |e^{it(Y_n - Y)} - 1| dP. \end{aligned}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\uparrow} 0 \quad \left( \text{Since } |e^{it(Y_n - Y)} - 1| \leq 2 \text{ for all } |t| \leq T. \right)$$

-2- By the DCT

The characteristic function of  $\underline{X} \equiv (X_1, \dots, X_K)$ .

• Let  $X_1, \dots, X_K$  be rvs on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ .

Let  $\underline{X} \equiv (X_1, \dots, X_K) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^K$ , and let  $P_{\underline{X}}$  be the induced measure.

$$\begin{aligned} (*) \quad \Phi_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}) &\equiv E e^{i \underline{t}' \underline{X}} \\ &\equiv E e^{i [\underline{t}_1 X_1 + \dots + \underline{t}_K X_K]} \end{aligned} \quad , \text{ for } \underline{t} \in \mathbb{R}^K, \\ \underline{t} \equiv (t_1, \dots, t_K).$$

Theorem

$\Phi_{\underline{X}}$  determines uniquely  $P_{\underline{X}}$ . (See page 351.)

Remark

Let  $Y = \underline{\lambda}' \underline{X}$ , for  $\underline{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^K$ .

Then:

$$(*) \quad \Phi_Y(t) = E e^{i [\underbrace{t \lambda_1}_{t_1} \cancel{X_1} + \dots + \underbrace{t \lambda_K}_{t_K} X_K]}, \quad \begin{array}{l} t \in \mathbb{R} \\ \lambda_j \in \mathbb{R}, \\ 1 \leq j \leq K. \end{array}$$

From  $(*)$  and  $(**)$ :

knowing  $\Phi_{\tilde{X}}(t)$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}^k$   
(that is, knowing  $P_{\tilde{X}}$ ) is the same  
with knowing

$$\Phi_{\tilde{\lambda}' \tilde{X}}(t) \text{ for } \underline{\underline{\text{all}}} \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \\ \tilde{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^k; |\tilde{\lambda}| = 1.$$

(that is, knowing  $P_{\tilde{\lambda}' \tilde{X}}$ ).

Theorem 3 (VERY USEFUL for com.  
in distribution in high dimensions)

Let  $\underline{X}_m \equiv (X_{m1}, \dots, X_{mk})'$ .

If  $\Phi_{\tilde{\lambda}' \underline{X}_m}(t) \rightarrow \Phi_{\tilde{\lambda}' \underline{X}}(t)$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  
each  $\tilde{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ , with  
 $|\tilde{\lambda}| = 1$ , where  $|\tilde{\lambda}|^2$  is the  
Euclidean norm.

Then  $\underline{X}_m \xrightarrow{d} \underline{X}$ .

(This result is called the Cramér - Wold device).

Proof:

$$\Phi(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} dF(x).$$

Recall that:

$$\sin y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{y^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\cos y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{y^{2n}}{(2n)!}, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Also:

$$e^{itx} = \cos tx + i \sin tx.$$

Then:

$$e^{itx} = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{(itx)^k}{k!} + \frac{(itx)^m}{m!} [\cos \theta_1 tx + i \sin \theta_2 tx],$$

for  $0 < |\theta_1| \vee |\theta_2| < 1$ .

$$= \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{(itx)^k}{k!} + \frac{(itx)^m}{m!} [\cos(\theta_1 tx) + i \sin(\theta_2 tx) - 1]$$

### Remark

Please note that, by the Cramer-Lyapunov theorem,  $i \neq 1$  is enough to show  $\lambda' \tilde{x}_n \xrightarrow{d} \lambda' \tilde{x}$ , no matter what method is used for this.

Proposition (Moment expansions of chfs).

Suppose  $E|X|^m < \infty$  for some  $m \geq 0$ .

Then:

$$\frac{\left| \Phi(t) - \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{(it)^k}{k!} EX^k \right|}{|t|^m} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\Phi(t) = E e^{itX}$$

$$= E \left\{ \sum_{K=0}^m \frac{(it)^K}{K!} \cdot X^K + \frac{(it)^m}{m!} X^m \right\} = E \left[ \cos(\theta_1 t X) + \sin(\theta_2 t X) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{K=0}^m \frac{(it)^K}{K!} EX^K + \frac{(it)^m}{m!} EX^m [\cos(\theta_1 t X) + i \sin(\theta_2 t X)]$$

$$| \Phi(t) - \sum_{K=0}^m \frac{(it)^K}{K!} EX^K | = \left| \frac{(it)^m}{m!} \right| \cdot | EX^m [\dots] | =$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{| \Phi(t) - \sum_{K=0}^m \frac{(it)^K}{K!} EX^K |}{|t|^m} = \frac{1}{m!} | \dots |$$

It thus suffices to show that:

$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} E | X^m [\cos(\theta_1 t X) + i \sin(\theta_2 t X) - 1] | = 0$ , which holds by our hyp. and the DCT.

QED.

### Corollary

Assume  $X$  has mean 0 and variance  $\sigma^2$ .  
The previous theorem states that:

$$\Phi(t) - \left[1 - \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}\right] = o(t^2) \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0$$

## Lecture 3.1

### Central limit theorems via e.f.h.s

#### Theorem 1 (Classical CLT)

Let  $X_{n1}, \dots, X_{nn}$  be i.i.d.  $F(\mu, \sigma^2)$  with  $\mu < \infty$ ,  $\sigma^2 < \infty$ . Let  $T_n \equiv X_{n1} + \dots + X_{nn}$ .

Let  $\bar{X}_n \equiv \frac{T_n}{n}$ .

Then

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}(T_n - n\mu)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=1}^n (X_{nk} - \mu) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{d} N(0, \sigma^2).$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}(t) &\stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{indep}}}{=} \prod_{k=1}^n \Phi_{\left(\frac{X_{nk} - \mu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)}(t) \\ &\stackrel{\substack{= \\ \text{identically} \\ \text{distr.} \\ + \text{change of var}}}{=} \left[ \Phi_{X_{nk} - \mu}\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \right]^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \left[ 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^2 \cdot r\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \right]^n$$

Lemma 13.4.2 + Thm. 13.4.1  
with the rest denoted  
by  $r(t)$ ;  $r(t) \rightarrow 0$   
as  $t \rightarrow 0$

(Or Thm 13.4.3)

$$= \left[ 1 - \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2n} + \frac{t^2}{n} \cdot r\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \right]^n$$

• Recall that

$$\lim_{bm \rightarrow 0} (1 + bm)^{\frac{1}{bm}} = e,$$

Let  $b_m = -\frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2m} + \frac{t^2}{m} \cdot \kappa\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{m}}\right).$

Then :

$$(1 + b_m)^n = \left[ (1 + b_m)^{\frac{1}{b_m}} \right]^{b_m \cdot n}$$

Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + b_m)^n = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_m \cdot n}$  ; if the  
 limit of the exponent exists.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot b_m &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2} + t^2 \cdot \kappa\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{m}}\right) \right] = \\ &= -\frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus :  $\Phi_{\sqrt{m}(\bar{X}_m - \mu)}(t) \rightarrow e^{-\frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}} = \Phi_{N(0, \sigma^2)}(t)$

$\Rightarrow$  By Th. 13.3.1 (Cramer's - Levy) and uniqueness we  
 have  $\sqrt{m}(\bar{X}_m - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2)$

## Theorem 2 (Classical Poisson limit theorem; PLT).

For each  $n \geq 1$ , let

$X_{n1}, \dots, X_{nk}, \dots, X_{nn}$  be independent Bernoulli( $\lambda_{nk}$ ),

that is,  $X_{nk} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1-\lambda_{nk} & \lambda_{nk} \end{pmatrix}$ .

Assume that:  $\begin{cases} \bullet \lambda_n \equiv \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_{nk} \rightarrow \lambda \\ \bullet \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_{nk}^2 \rightarrow 0. \end{cases}$

①

Then:

$T_n \equiv X_{n1} + \dots + X_{nn} \xrightarrow{d} \text{Poisson}(\lambda).$

Remark: 1) If  $\lambda_{n1} = \dots = \lambda_{nn} = \frac{\lambda_n}{n}$  and  $\lambda_n \rightarrow \lambda$  then ① holds.

2) If  $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$  (that is, iid), then  $T_n = \text{Bin}(np, p)$  and we know that  $T_n \rightarrow \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ , if  $np \rightarrow \lambda$ .

## Proof

We have  $\Phi_{X_{mK}}(t) = 1 + \lambda_{mK} (e^{it} - 1)$ .

$$\Phi_{T_m}(t) = \prod_{K=1}^m \Phi_{X_{mK}}(t)$$

$$= \prod_{K=1}^m [1 + \lambda_{mK} (e^{it} - 1)] \xrightarrow{\text{Lemma 4.3}} e^{\lambda (e^{it} - 1)} = \Phi_{\text{Pois}(\lambda)}(t)$$

Cramér-Lévy  
 $\implies$

$$T_m \xrightarrow{d} \text{Poisson}(\lambda).$$

Q.E.D.

Reading exercise: Exercise 1.4.

### Theorem 3 (Classical multivariate CLT).

Let  $d$  be a fixed number.

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  be i.i.d  $(\mu, \Sigma)$  vectors,

where  $X_j \equiv (X_{1j}, \dots, X_{dj})$ ;  $1 \leq j \leq m$ ;

$\mu \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\Sigma$  is a  $d \times d$  matrix.

Then  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \sum_{j=1}^m (X_j - \mu) \xrightarrow[m \rightarrow \infty]{d} N_d(0, \Sigma)$ .

(Here  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ).

Proof • Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^d$  be arbitrary.

Then:  $Y_j \equiv \lambda'(X_j - \mu) \cong (0, \lambda' \Sigma \lambda)$  are i.i.d vectors,  $1 \leq j \leq m$ .

• Applying the univariate CLT to  $\{Y_j\}_{1 \leq j \leq m}$  we obtain:

$$\sqrt{m} \bar{Y}_m \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \lambda' \Sigma \lambda). \quad (1)$$

• Notice now that :

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{n} \bar{Y}_n &= \sqrt{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n Y_j \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda'(X_j - \mu) \\ &= \lambda' \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j - \mu) \equiv \lambda' Z_n.\end{aligned}$$

• Therefore, by <sup>the</sup> Cramér-Lévy theorem and ① :

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \Phi_{\lambda' Z_n}(t) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\frac{\lambda' \Sigma \lambda t^2}{2}} \equiv \Phi_{\lambda' Z}(t), \text{ with}$$

$$Z \cong N_d(0, \Sigma); \text{ for all } \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^k, \forall t.$$

• Thus, by the Cramér-Wold device, ② implies  
that  $Z_n \xrightarrow{d} Z$ .

Q.E.D.

# Lecture 32

## Conditional Probability and Expectation

### Definition 1 (Conditional Expectation.)

- Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  denote a probability space.
- Let  $\mathcal{D}$  denote a  $\sigma$ -field of  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- Let  $Y$  be a r.v. on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  for which  $E|Y| < \infty$ .

- The conditional expectation

$$E(Y|\mathcal{D})(\cdot)$$

is a  $\mathcal{D}$ -measurable function s.t.:

$$\textcircled{1} \int_D E(Y|\mathcal{D})(\omega) dP(\omega) = \int_D Y(\omega) dP(\omega)$$

for all  $D \in \mathcal{D}$ .

### Remark 1

Recall that a r.v. is

$$Y: (\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}).$$

Let  $X$  be another r.v. on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$ .

$$\text{Then } \mathcal{F}(X) \equiv X^{-1}(\mathcal{B}) \subseteq \mathcal{A}.$$

Thus, if in the above definition we take  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{F}(X)$  we have the following notation:

$$E(Y | \mathcal{F}(X))(\cdot) \equiv E(Y | X)(\cdot).$$

↑  
Notation

NB1 We shall use this notation all the time.

NB2 The conditional expectation is

a function (a r.v.) and NOT a number (as is the case with expectations).

Remark 2 The conditional expectation is well defined. We show below that  $E(Y|\mathcal{D})(\cdot)$  exists and is unique a.s.

- First let  $Y \geq 0$ .
- Define a measure on  $\mathcal{D}$  by:  
$$\nu(D) \equiv \int_D Y dP \quad \text{for all } D \in \mathcal{D}.$$

We have seen that this defines a measure.

- Since  $P$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  
 $P|_{\mathcal{D}}$  (the restriction of  $P$  to  $\mathcal{D}$ ) is also a measure on  $\mathcal{D}$ .
- Notice now that, for these two measures on  $\mathcal{D}$ , we have:

$$\nu \ll P|_{\mathcal{D}}$$

• Thus, by the R-N theorem,

there exists, uniquely a.s.  $P|_{\mathcal{D}}$ ,

a  $\mathcal{D}$ -measurable function  $h$  such that

$$V(D) = \int_D h dP|_{\mathcal{D}} = \int_D h dP.$$

• The function  $h$  is  $\mathcal{D}$ -measurable and }  $\Rightarrow$   
 unique a.s.  $P|_{\mathcal{D}}$

$h$  is unique a.s.  $P$ .

Thus: we have proved the  
 existence of  $h$ , that is a.s.  $P$  unique  
 such that:

$$\int_D h dP = \int_D Y dP, \text{ for all } D \in \mathcal{D}.$$

We denote  $h$  by  $E(Y|\mathcal{D})$ .

• For general  $Y$ , we use the general  $Y = Y^+ - Y^-$ .

Very important proposition.

Prop. 2.2.5

If  $Z$  is a r.v. on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  that is  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  measurable. Then  $\exists$  a measurable  $g$  on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$  s.t.  $Z = g(X)$ .

↙ A  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  measurable function is just some function of  $X$ . ↘

Remark 3 (important).

There exists a measurable function  $g$ , on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$ , such that:

•  $E(Y|X)(\omega) = g(X(\omega))$  \*

- Remark : One typically encounters the following notation :

$E(Y | X = x)$ . What does this mean in view of the above considerations ?

### Definition 1'

We can define  $g(x) = E(Y | X = x)$  to be the  $\mathcal{B}$ -measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}$  s.t.:

$$\int_B E(Y | X = x) dP_X(x) = \int_{X^{-1}(B)} Y(\omega) dP(\omega),$$

for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ .

- The considerations below justify this definition.

- By definition of conditional expectation

$$E(Y|X) = E(Y| \underline{F(X)}) \text{ and is } F(X) \text{ measurable.}$$

By Prop. 2.2.5  $\Rightarrow \exists g$  measurable, on  $(R, B)$ ,

such that:

$$h \equiv E(Y|X) = g(X). \quad (2)$$

- Let  $D \in F(X)$  be an arbitrary element.

We know that  $D = X^{-1}(B)$ ,  $B \in B$ .

- By the Th. of the uncorrelated statistics:

$$\int_{X^{-1}(B)} g(X)(\omega) dP(\omega) = \int_B g(x) dP_X(x) \quad (3)$$

- Go now back to the definition ① page 1, for  $D = X^{-1}(B)$  and  $\mathcal{D} = F(X)$ . Using ②, we have and ①

$$\int_{X^{-1}(B)} g(X)(\omega) dP(\omega) = \int_{X^{-1}(B)} Y(\omega) dP(\omega) \quad (4)$$

Thus, by ③ and ④:

$$\textcircled{5} \int_{X^{-1}(B)} \gamma(\omega) dP(\omega) = \int_B g(x) dP_X(x), \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{B}.$$

Such  $g$  exists and is unique a.s.  $P_X$  by the above.

• We can now take ⑤ as Definition 1'.

## Definition 2

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  be a prob. space.

Let  $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{A}$  be a sub  $\sigma$ -field.

For any  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  define:

$$P(A | \mathcal{D}) = E(1_A | \mathcal{D}).$$

• Remark By definition ① we thus

have that  $P(A | \mathcal{D})$  is a  $\mathcal{D}$  measurable function

such that; for any  $D \in \mathcal{D}$  we have:

$$\int_D P(A | \mathcal{D}) = \int_D 1_A dP \quad \text{or:}$$

$$P(A \cap D) = \int_D P(A | \mathcal{D}) dP, \text{ for all } D \in \mathcal{D}.$$

• As before, the conditional probability exists and is unique a.s.  $P$ .

Corollary (of the definition...).

For  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{F}(X)$ , we also denote

$$P(A|X) \equiv P(A | \mathcal{F}(X)).$$

As before:

$$P(A|X)(\omega) = g(X(\omega)), \text{ where}$$

$g(x) = P(A | X=x)$  is a  $\mathcal{B}$ -measurable function satisfying

$$P(A \cap X^{-1}(B)) = \int_B P(A | X=x) dP_X(x),$$

for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ .

N.B.1:  $P(A|X)$  is a measurable function,  
for any fixed and given  $A$ .

NB 2 :

$$(1) \quad 0 \leq P(A|\mathcal{D}) \leq 1 \quad \text{a.s. } P$$

$$(2) \quad P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i | \mathcal{D}\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i | \mathcal{D}) \quad \text{a.s. } P$$

$$(3) \quad P(\emptyset | \mathcal{D}) = 0, \quad \text{a.s. } P$$

$$(4) \quad A_1 \subset A_2 \implies P(A_1 | \mathcal{D}) \leq P(A_2 | \mathcal{D}) \quad \text{a.s. } P$$

(So, the measurable function  $P(A|\mathcal{D})$  has properties resembling a probability distribution.)

Reading assignment : Pages 160-161.

Pages 151-153, 157

↓  
see below for highlights.

## Some useful definitions and results on independence.

- Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a given probability space.

### 1) Independence of $\sigma$ -fields

Let  $\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_m$  be sub- $\sigma$ -fields of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

We say that  $\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_m$  are independent if

$$P(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_m) = \prod_{i=1}^m P(A_i)$$

for all  $A_i \in \mathcal{A}_i$ ;  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .

### 2) Independence of random variables

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be random variables.

For each  $X_i$  consider the  $\sigma$ -field

$$\mathcal{F}(X_i) \equiv X_i^{-1}(B).$$

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  are called independent if  $F(X_1), \dots, F(X_n)$  are independent.

### 3) Independence of events

The events  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are called independent if the  $\sigma$ -fields  $\sigma[A_1], \dots, \sigma[A_n]$  are independent.

Required reading exercises ( These exercises show that the complicated definitions 1) - 3) reduce to familiar things related to independence ):

- Exercise 8.1.1 page 152.
- Theorem 8.1.1 page 152.
- Theorem 8.1.2 page 153
- Corollary 8.1 page 153.
- Criteria for independence : page 154.
- Chapter 8.3 page 157.

Know the results.

$$\Phi_{\sum X_i}^{(+)} = \prod_{i=1}^n \phi_{X_i}^{(+)} \quad \text{for } X_i \dots \text{ indep}$$

## Lecture 33

### Properties of conditional expectation

(See Theorem 8.4.1 page 163 for the full statement. Here we give the proof of selected properties).

#### Proof

##### (1) Linearity

$$E(aX + bY | \mathcal{D}) = aE(X | \mathcal{D}) + bE(Y | \mathcal{D}) \text{ a.s. } P.$$

$$\int_D \{aE(X | \mathcal{D}) + bE(Y | \mathcal{D})\} dP$$

$$= a \int_D E(X | \mathcal{D}) dP + b \int_D E(Y | \mathcal{D}) dP$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \\ & \text{definition} \quad \quad \quad \text{line. of integral} \quad \quad \quad \text{+ definition} \\ & = a \int_D X dP + b \int_D Y dP = \int_D E(aX + bY | \mathcal{D}) dP \end{aligned}$$

$$(2) \quad \underline{EY = E(E(Y|\mathcal{D}))} //$$

$$EY = \int_{\Omega} Y dP \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{definition on } \Omega}}{=} \int_{\Omega} E(Y|\mathcal{D}) dP \\ = E(E(Y|\mathcal{D})).$$

$$(3) \quad X \leq Y \text{ a.s. } P \Rightarrow E(X|\mathcal{D}) \leq E(Y|\mathcal{D}) \text{ a.s. } P$$

(4) MCT

If  $0 \leq Y_m \uparrow Y$  a.s.  $P$  then  
 $E(Y_m|\mathcal{D}) \uparrow E(Y|\mathcal{D})$  a.s.  $P$

Since  $Y_m \uparrow Y \Rightarrow$

$$Y_m \leq Y_{m+1} \leq Y \quad \text{a.s. } P$$

$\Downarrow$  (3)

$$0 \leq E(Y_m|\mathcal{D}) \leq E(Y_{m+1}|\mathcal{D}) \leq E(Y|\mathcal{D}) \quad \text{a.s. } P$$

$\Downarrow$

$\{E(Y_m|\mathcal{D})\}_m$  has a limit.

We show now that it is the right limit:

$$\int_D \underline{\lim_n E(Y_n | \mathcal{D})} dP \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{MCT for } \{E(Y_n | \mathcal{D})\}_n}}{=} \lim_n \int_D E(Y_n | \mathcal{D}) dP$$

$$\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Definition}}}{=} \lim_n \int_D Y_n dP$$

$$\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{MCT for } \{Y_n\}_n}}{=} \int_D Y dP$$

$$= \int_D \underline{E(Y | \mathcal{D})} dP$$

Exercise 3.2.  
=>

$$\lim_n E(Y_n | \mathcal{D}) = E(Y | \mathcal{D}) \text{ a.s. } P$$

Show for indicators  
 Show for elementary (simple funct<sup>n</sup>)  
 Show for +ve. funct<sup>n</sup> using MCT  
 Show for a general function

(20) If  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{D}$ -measurable and  $XY \in L_1(P)$ , then  
 $E(XY|\mathcal{D}) = Y E(X|\mathcal{D})$  a.s.

Proof It is enough to show that (20) holds  
 for indicators. Then we can apply the MCT for the  
 general case.

Let  $Y = 1_{D^*}$ , for some fixed  $D^*$ , associated with  $\mathcal{D}$ .  
 Let  $D$  be an arbitrary set in  $\mathcal{D}$ .

Then :

$$\int_D E(XY|\mathcal{D}) = \int_D E(X \cdot 1_{D^*}|\mathcal{D})$$

$$\stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{def. of} \\ \text{cond. expectation}}}{=} \int_D X \cdot 1_{D^*} dP = \int_{D \cap D^*} X dP$$

$$\stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{def. of} \\ \text{cond. expectation}}}{=} \int_{D \cap D^*} E(X|\mathcal{D}) dP$$

$$= \int_D 1_D^* E(X|\mathcal{G}) dP.$$

Thus :  $\int_D E(X \cdot 1_D^* | \mathcal{G}) = \int_D 1_D^* E(X|\mathcal{G}) dP.$   $\xRightarrow{\text{Exercise 3.2.2}}$

$$E(X \cdot 1_D^* | \mathcal{G}) = 1_D^* E(X|\mathcal{G}) \quad \underline{\underline{\text{a.s.}}}$$

(23) If  $\mathcal{F}(Y, X_1)$  ~~is~~ independent of  $\mathcal{F}(X_2)$ , then  
 $E(Y|X_1, X_2) = E(Y|X_1) \quad \text{a.s.}$

Proof: Recall that:

$$E(Y|X_1, X_2) \equiv E(Y | \mathcal{F}(X_1, X_2))$$

$$E(Y|X_1) \equiv E(Y | \mathcal{F}(X_1)).$$

• Idea: To show (23) it is enough to show that

$$\int_D E(Y | \mathcal{F}(X_1, X_2)) dP = \int_D E(Y | \mathcal{F}(X_1)) dP,$$

for any  $D \in \mathcal{F}(X_1, X_2)$ , then we apply 3.2.2

• Recall that

$$\mathcal{F}(X_1, X_2) = \sigma[D], \text{ where}$$

$$\textcircled{1}: D \equiv D_1 \cap D_2 \equiv X_1^{-1}(B_1) \cap X_2^{-1}(B_2), \quad B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$$

• Also recall that given a generic r.v.  $Z$  ( $\mathcal{D}$  measurable) we can define a measure on  $\mathcal{D}$

$$\nu(D) \equiv \int_D Y dP, \text{ for } D \in \mathcal{D}.$$

• Now, consider the collection of sets  $D$  given by  $\textcircled{1}$  above.

• Define

$$\nu_1(D) \equiv \int_D E(Y | \mathcal{F}(X_1, X_2)) dP$$

$$\nu_2(D) \equiv \int_D E(Y | \mathcal{F}(X_1)) dP.$$

• If we show that  $\nu_1(D) = \nu_2(D)$ , for all  $D$  in this collection, and if the collection forms a  $\pi$ -system, then (by the Carathéodory theorem),  $\nu_1(D) = \nu_2(D)$  for all  $D \in \mathcal{F}(X_1, X_2)$ , which is what we need to show.

It thus suffices to show that  
 $v_1(D) = v_2(D)$ , for all  $D$  that generate  
 $\sigma(D) \equiv \mathcal{F}(X_1, X_2)$ .

$$v_1(D) = \int_D E(Y|X_1, X_2) dP \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{def of cond.} \\ \text{expectation}}}{=} \int_D Y dP$$

$$= \int_{D_1 \cap D_2} Y dP = \int 1_{D_1 \cap D_2} \cdot Y dP$$

$$= \int 1_{D_2} \cdot (1_{D_1} \cdot Y) dP \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{The independence} \\ \text{hypothesis}}}{=} \int 1_{D_2} \cdot (1_{\hat{D}_1} \cdot Y) dP$$

$\hat{D}_1 \equiv \{ \omega \in \Omega : \omega \in D_1 \}$   
 $\hat{D}_1 = X_1^{-1}(B_1)$

$$= \int 1_{D_2} dP \cdot \int 1_{D_1} Y dP = \int 1_{D_2} dP \cdot \int_{D_1} Y dP$$

$$\stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{def. of} \\ \text{cond. expectation} \\ \text{for } E(Y|X_1)}}{=} \int 1_{D_2} dP \cdot \int_{D_1} E(Y|X_1) dP \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Indep. again}}}{=} \int 1_{D_2} \cdot 1_{D_1} \cdot E(Y|X_1) dP$$

$$= \int_{D_1 \cap D_2} E(Y|X_1) dP = v_2(D).$$

qed

Lecture 33' Not Req  
Regular conditional distributions  
(Optional reading).

Definition 1 (Reg. cond. distr.).

Let  $Z: (\Omega, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (M, \mathcal{I})$ .

Let  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}} \equiv Z^{-1}(\mathcal{I})$ . Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a sub  $\sigma$ -field of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Then  $P_Z(S|\mathcal{D})(\omega)$  will be called  
a regular conditional distribution for  $Z$  given  $\mathcal{D}$   
if :

- (1) For each fixed  $S \in \mathcal{I}$   
the function  $P_Z(S|\mathcal{D})(\cdot)$   
is a version of  $P(Z \in S|\mathcal{D})(\cdot)$  on  $\Omega$ .  
(and so it satisfies the def. of cond. prob.)
- (2) For each fixed  $\omega \in \Omega$   
the set function  $P_Z(\cdot|\mathcal{D})(\omega)$  is a probability  
distribution on  $(M, \mathcal{I})$ .

Notation:  $P_Z^\omega(\cdot | \mathcal{D}) \equiv P_Z(\cdot | \mathcal{D})(\omega)$ .

Theorem If  $Z: (\Omega, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (M, \mathcal{I})$  and  $(M, \mathcal{I})$  is a Borel space, then a regular conditional probability  $P_Z(S | \mathcal{D})(\omega)$  exists.

Consequence: Elementary conditional densities (rigorous derivation!)

- Assume

$$P((X, Y) \in B_2) = \iint_{B_2} f(x, y) dx dy, \text{ for all } B_2 \in \mathcal{B}_2,$$

and  $f \geq 0$  measurable;  $f(x, y) \equiv$  the joint density.

$$\bullet \frac{dP_X(x)}{d\lambda} = f_X(x) \equiv \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x, y) dy = \text{the marginal density of } X.$$

Define:  $g(y|x) \equiv \begin{cases} \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)}, & \text{for all } x \text{ with } f_X(x) > 0 \\ \text{some arbitrary density } f_0(y), & \text{for } x \text{ with } f_X(x) = 0 \end{cases}$

$g(y|x)$  = the conditional density of  $Y$  given  $X=x$ .

Define

$$P(Y \in A | X = x) \stackrel{\textcircled{10}}{=} \int_A g(y|x) dy ; \text{ For } A \in \mathcal{B}.$$

Then:

g.m

1)  $P(Y \in A | X = x)$ , modified appropriately on the set where  $f_X(x) = 0$ , is a regular conditional distribution. Moreover,

2) If  $E|h(Y)| < \infty$ , then

$$E(h(Y) | X = x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(y) g(y|x) dy, \text{ a.s. } P_X.$$

Proof: In order to show that  $P(Y \in A | X = x)$  is a reg. cond. dist. we first need to show that

$\textcircled{10}$  does indeed define a cond. distribution

as in Def 8.4.2. page 159.

We know that, by that definition, <sup>that</sup> there exists a version

such that:

$$\textcircled{11} \int_B P(Y \in A | X = x) dP_X(x) = P(A \cap X^{-1}(B)) = P([Y \in A] \cap X^{-1}(B))$$

for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ .

So, ⑪ is always true by definition.

We show that, in addition, ⑩ ~~holds~~.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\int_B \left( \int_A g(y|x) dy \right) dP_X(x)}{=} \\
 &= \int_B \left[ \int_A g(y|x) dy \right] f_X(x) dx \\
 &= \int_{B \cap S} \left[ \int_A \frac{f(x,y)}{f_X(x)} dy \right] f_X(x) dx; \text{ on } S \equiv \{x | f_X(x) > 0\} \\
 &= \iint_{B \cap A} f(x,y) dx dy = P((X,Y) \in B \times A) \\
 &= P((X \in B) \cap (Y \in A)) = P([Y \in A] \cap X^{-1}(B)) \\
 &= \int_B P(Y \in A | X=x) dP_X(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

def of  
cond. probab.

Thus, indeed  $P(Y \in A | X=x) \overset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{(given by this formula)}}}{=} \int_A g(y|x) dy \text{ a.s. } P_X,$

and so it is a version of what we needed.

Moreover, for any fixed  $A \in \mathcal{B}$  we have:

$$\textcircled{*} \underbrace{\int_A g(y|x) dy}_{LHS} = \underbrace{1_S(x)}_{f_S(x)} \cdot \int_A \frac{f(x,y)}{f_X(x)} dy + \underbrace{1_{S^c}}_{f_{S^c}} \cdot \int_A f_0(y) dy$$

Thus, for any fixed  $x$  the LHS is given by only one of the terms to the right of the  $=$  sign, and hence it is a prob. distribution.

- $\textcircled{*}$  is really the defining quantity for a regular conditional probability distribution.

2) This formula shows that conditional expectations can be computed as expectations w.r.t conditional distr. functions.  $\rightarrow$  See Th. 8.5.3 for a general statement.

• We show that, for any  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  we have

$$\int_B E(h(Y) | X=x) dP_X = \int_B \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(y) g(y|x) dy \right) dP_X$$

On the one hand:

$$\int_B \left( \int_R h(y) g(y|x) dy \right) dP_X(x) =$$

$$= \int_{B \cap S} \left[ \int_R h(y) g(y|x) dy \right] f_X(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{B \cap S} \left[ \int_R h(y) f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy \right] dx$$

$$= \int_B \left( \int_R h(y) f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy \right) dx$$

$$= \iint_{B \times R} h(y) f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$$

On the other hand:

$$\int_B E(h(Y) | X=x) dP_X(x) \stackrel{\text{By definition}}{=} \int_{X^{-1}(B)} h(Y)(\omega) dP(\omega)$$

Note that :

$$\int_B \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} h(y) g(y|x) dy \right) dP_X(x) = \int_B \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} h(y) f(x,y) dy \right] dx$$

$$= \int_B \int_{\mathbb{R}} h(y) f(x,y) dy dx = \int_B \int_{\mathbb{R}} h(y) dP_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

$$= \int_B E(h(Y) | X=x) dP_X(x) \quad \text{qed.}$$

## Lecture 34

### Conditional expectation as a projection operator

Not req.

(Optional reading).

- Let  $\mathcal{H} \equiv L_2(P) \equiv \{X \text{ on } (\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P) \mid E X^2 < \infty\}$ .
- $\mathcal{H}$  is a Hilbert space with inner product  
 $\langle X, Y \rangle \equiv E(XY)$ .
- Let  $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{A}$ . Define  
 $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{D}} \equiv \{X \in L_2(P) : \mathcal{F}(X) \subset \mathcal{D}\} \subset \mathcal{H}$ .  
(The space of all r.v.'s  $X$  that are  $\mathcal{D}$  measurable)

- Define the linear operator  $P_D$ , on  $L_2(P)$ , by:

$$P_D Y \equiv E(Y|D), \text{ for each } Y \in L_2(P).$$

- $P_D$  projects  $\mathcal{H}$  onto  $\mathcal{H}_D$ .

Proposition 1 (Properties of the projection operator).

- 1)  $P_D^2 = P_D$  ( $P_D$  is idempotent  $\rightarrow$  this qualifies  $P_D$  to be a projection).
- 2)  $I - P_D$  is the projection onto  $\mathcal{H}_D^\perp$  (where  $I$  is the identity function and  $\mathcal{H}_D^\perp$  is the orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{H}_D$ , that is:  

$$\mathcal{H}_D + \mathcal{H}_D^\perp = \mathcal{H} \text{ and } \left. \begin{array}{l} \forall x \in \mathcal{H}_D \\ y \in \mathcal{H}_D^\perp \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle = 0,$$
- 3)  $P_D$  is self adjoint:  $P_D^* = P_D$ , that is:  

$$\langle P_D Y, Z \rangle = \langle Y, P_D Z \rangle, \text{ for all } Y \text{ and } Z \text{ in } \mathcal{H}.$$

4) a)  $\|P_{\mathcal{D}} Y\| \leq \|Y\|$ , for all  $Y$ .

b)  $\|P_{\mathcal{D}}\| = 1$ , if  $\dim(\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{D}}) \geq 1$ , where

$$\|P_{\mathcal{D}}\| = \sup_{\substack{Y \in \mathcal{H} \\ Y \neq 0}} \left( \frac{\|P_{\mathcal{D}} Y\|}{\|Y\|} \right).$$

Proof:

1) Recall Th. 8.4.1 page 163.  
Then: By (14), we have that  $P_{\mathcal{D}}$  is linear.

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\mathcal{D}}^2 Y &= P_{\mathcal{D}} P_{\mathcal{D}} Y = P_{\mathcal{D}} (P_{\mathcal{D}} Y) \\ &= E(P_{\mathcal{D}} Y | \mathcal{D}) = E(E(Y | \mathcal{D}) | \mathcal{D}) \\ &\stackrel{\uparrow}{=} E(Y | \mathcal{D}) = P_{\mathcal{D}}(Y). \end{aligned}$$

(22) of Th. 8.4.1

2) First note that  $I - P_{\mathcal{D}}$  is idempotent, hence it is a projection:

$$\begin{aligned} (I - P_{\mathcal{D}})^2 &= I^2 - 2IP_{\mathcal{D}} + P_{\mathcal{D}}^2 = I - 2P_{\mathcal{D}} + P_{\mathcal{D}}^2 \\ &\stackrel{\uparrow}{=} I - P_{\mathcal{D}} \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} I - P_{\mathcal{D}}. \end{aligned}$$

$P_{\mathcal{D}} = P_{\mathcal{D}}^2$        $P_{\mathcal{D}}^2 = P_{\mathcal{D}}$

• To show that it is a projection onto  $\mathcal{H}_D^\perp$ ,  
we need to show that:

$$\langle \underline{(I - P_D)}Y, Z \rangle = 0, \text{ for any } Y \in \mathcal{H} \\ \underline{\underline{Z}} \in \mathcal{H}_D$$

$$\langle (I - P_D)Y, Z \rangle = \langle Y - P_D Y, Z \rangle \\ = E((Y - P_D Y) Z)$$

$\uparrow$   
def. of  
the inner product

$$= E[(Y - E(Y|D)) \cdot Z]$$

$\uparrow$   
def. of  $P_D Y$

$$= E(YZ) - E(Z E(Y|D))$$

$$= E(YZ) - E(E(YZ|D))$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\underline{Z} \in \mathcal{H}_D,$

hence  $Z$  is  $D$  measurable  
(20) of Th. 8.4.1)

$$= E(YZ) - E(YZ) = 0$$

$\downarrow$  This shows that the element  $(I - P_D)Y \in \mathcal{H}_D^\perp$ ,  
as described in 2) at page 2.  $\uparrow$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3) \langle P_D Y, Z \rangle &= E(\cancel{E}(Y|D) \cdot Z) = E(E(Y|D) \cdot Z) \\
 &= E(ZY) \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \quad \quad (8.4.1(20)) \\
 &= E(Y E(Z|D)) \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \quad \quad (8.4.1, (20)) \\
 &= \langle Y, P_D Z \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$4) \underbrace{\|P_D Y\|^2}_{\text{def of the } L_2 \text{ norm}} = E[(E(Y|D))^2] \leq E[E(Y^2|D)]$$

Jensen's Ineq.  
for cond. expect  
(Th. 8.4.1, (24))

$$= E(Y^2) = \underline{\underline{\|Y\|^2}}.$$

Hence  $\|P_D Y\| \leq \|Y\| \Rightarrow \frac{\|P_D Y\|}{\|Y\|} \leq 1, \text{ for all } Y$

$\Rightarrow \|P_D\| \leq 1$ , that is,  $P_D$  is a bounded operator  
That is always valid!

• Furthermore, if we take  $Y \neq 0$ ,  $Y \in \mathcal{H}_D$  (that is, if we further assume that  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{D}$  measurable),

we have  $\|P_D Y\|^2 = E(\underbrace{E(Y|D)}_Y \underbrace{E(Y|D)}_Y) = E(Y^2) = \|Y\|^2$

$\Rightarrow \|P_D\| = 1$  (To conclude that, we must have  $Y$ 's in  $\mathcal{H}_D$ , that's why we need the assumption  $\dim(\mathcal{H}_D) \geq 1$ ).

Important Subject Matter

# Projection on a Sum space by alternating projections : ACE

ACE = alternating conditional expectation.

- Let  $Y, X_1, X_2, \dots$  defined on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$ .
- The following spaces and projections are of interest:
 
$$J_{h_1} \equiv J_{h \mathbb{F}(X_1)}, \quad P_1 Y \equiv E(Y|X_1)$$

$$J_{h_2} \equiv J_{h \mathbb{F}(X_2)}; \quad P_2 Y \equiv E(Y|X_2),$$

where  $Y \in J_h \equiv L_2(P)$ .

- Consider the sum space:
 
$$J_{h+} \equiv J_{h_1} + J_{h_2} \equiv \{g_1(X_1) + g_2(X_2) : g_i \text{ is measurable; } E g_i^2(X_i) < \infty\}$$

- Denote by  $P_+$  the projection onto  $J_{h+}$ .

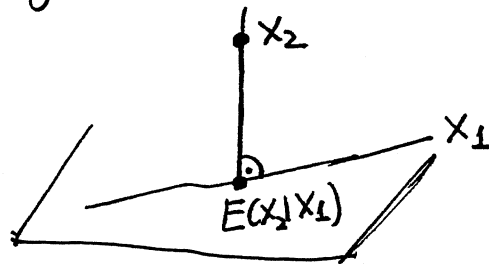
$$P_+ \equiv P_{J_{h+}}.$$

Can we add the regressions when the covariates are not independent.  
 If  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are indep and we want a regression of  $Y$  on  $X_1$  &  $X_2$   
 We can  $Y \sim X_1$  and  $Y \sim X_2$  and then add the regression

- REMARK:  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  independent  $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  are orthogonal

Note that:  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  are orthogonal  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\langle X_2 - E(X_2|X_1), X_1 \rangle = 0$$



Now:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle X_2 - E(X_2|X_1), X_1 \rangle &= \langle X_2, X_1 \rangle - \langle E(X_2|X_1), X_1 \rangle \\ &= E(X_1 X_2) - E X_1 \cdot E(X_2) \stackrel{\text{indep.}}{=} 0 \end{aligned}$$

Proposition

If  $\underline{X_1}$  and  $\underline{X_2}$  are independent, then

$$P_Y = P_1 Y + P_2 Y, \text{ for all } Y \in \mathcal{H}.$$

NB1 If the hyp. fails the condition is no longer true (note that a projection is a linear operator in  $\mathcal{Y}$ , not in  $\mathcal{D}$ !!!).

NB2 Since  $g_1(X_1)$  and  $g_2(X_2)$  have finite mean we will assume in the proof that they are zero.

## Proof

Recall that

$$P_+ \equiv P_{\mathcal{H}_+} \quad ; \quad \mathcal{H}_+ = \{ Z \equiv g_1(X_1) + g_2(X_2) \}.$$

To show that  $P_+ = P_1 + P_2$  is to show that

$$\langle Y - E(Y|X_1) - E(Y|X_2), Z \rangle = 0, \text{ for all } Z \in \mathcal{H}_+$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle Y - E(Y|X_1) - E(Y|X_2), g_1(X_1) + g_2(X_2) \rangle = \\ &= \langle Y - E(Y|X_1), g_1(X_1) \rangle - \langle E(Y|X_2), g_1(X_1) \rangle \\ & \quad + \langle Y - E(Y|X_2), g_2(X_2) \rangle - \langle E(Y|X_1), g_2(X_2) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$= \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{definition of } P_1}}{0} - \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Remark 1 below}}}{0} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{definition of } P_2}}{0} - \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Remark below}}}{0}$$

Remark 1

$$\begin{aligned} \langle E(Y|X_2), g_1(X_1) \rangle &= E(E(Y|X_2) \cdot g_1(X_1)) \stackrel{\substack{\text{Independence} \\ \text{of } X_1 \text{ and } X_2}}{=} \\ &= E(E(Y|X_2)) \cdot E(g_1(X_1)) \\ &= EY \cdot E g_1(X_1) \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Assumption}}}{=} 0 \end{aligned}$$