

1. **Uniform Probability Space**

Let $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ be a uniform probability space. Let also $X(\omega)$ and $Y(\omega)$, for $\omega \in \Omega$, be the random variables defined as follows:

Table 1: The random variables X and Y .

ω	1	2	3	4	5	6
$X(\omega)$	0	0	1	1	2	2
$Y(\omega)$	0	2	3	5	2	0

- (a) Calculate $V = L[Y|X]$;
- (b) Calculate $W = E[Y|X]$;
- (c) Calculate $E[(Y - V)^2]$;
- (d) Calculate $E[(Y - W)^2]$.

[Hint: Recall that $L[Y|X]$ and $E[Y|X]$ are functions of X and that you need to specify their value as a function of X .]

Solution:

- (a) We find $E[X] = 1, E[Y] = 2, E[XY] = 2$, so that $cov(X, Y) = 0$ and $L[Y|X] = E[Y] = 2$.
- (b) We see that $E[Y|X = 0] = 1, E[Y|X = 1] = 4, E[Y|X = 2] = 1$.
- (c) $E[(Y - V)^2] = E[(Y - 2)^2] = (4 + 0 + 1 + 9 + 0 + 4)/6 = 3$.
- (d) $E[(Y - W)^2] = (1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1)/6 = 1$.

2. **Number of Ones**

In this problem, we will revisit dice-rolling, except with conditional expectation.

- (a) If we roll a die until we see a 6, how many ones should we expect to see?
- (b) If we roll a die until we see a number greater than 3, how many ones should we expect to see?

Solution:

- (a) Let Y be the number of ones we see. Let X be the number of rolls we take until we get a 6. We are, then, solving for $E[Y|X]$.

Let us first compute $E[Y|X]$. We know that since in each of our $k - 1$ rolls before the k th, we necessarily roll a number in $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$. Thus, we have a $\frac{1}{5}$ chance of getting a one, meaning $E[Y|X = k] = \frac{1}{5}(k - 1)$, so $E[Y|X] = \frac{1}{5}(X - 1)$.

If this is confusing, write Y as a sum of indicator variables.

$$Y = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_k$$

where Y_i is 1 if we see a one on the i th roll. This means

$$E[Y|X = k] = E[Y_1|X = k] + E[Y_2|X = k] + \dots + E[Y_k|X = k]$$

We know for a fact that on the k th roll, we roll a 6, thus $E[Y_k] = 0$. Thus, we actually consider

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y_1|X = k] + E[Y_2|X = k] + \dots + E[Y_{k-1}|X = k] &= (k - 1)E[Y_1|X = k] \\ &= (k - 1)Pr[Y_1|X = k] \\ &= (k - 1)\frac{1}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Using the Law of Total Expectation, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} E[E[Y|X]] &= E[Y] = E\left[\frac{1}{5}(X - 1)\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{5}E[X - 1] \\ &= \frac{1}{5}(E[X] - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Since, $X \text{ Geom}(\frac{1}{6})$, the expected number of rolls until we roll a 6 is $E[X] = 6$.

$$\frac{1}{5}(E[X] - 1) = \frac{1}{5}(6 - 1) = 1$$

- (b) The first change from the previous part is the probability of rolling a 1, given we have made k rolls to get to our first roll that satisfies the condition. This makes

$$\begin{aligned} E[E[Y|X]] &= E[Y] = E\left[\frac{1}{3}(X - 1)\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(E[X] - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Since $X \text{ Geom}(\frac{1}{2})$, we know that the expected number of rolls until we roll a number greater than 3 is $E[X] = 2$.

This makes $E[Y] = \frac{1}{3}$.

3. Marbles in a Bag

We have r red marbles, b blue marbles and g green marbles to the same bag. If we sample balls, with replacement, until we get 3 red marbles (not necessarily consecutively), how many blue marbles should we expect to see?

Solution: Let Y be the number of blue marbles we see. Let X be the samples we take until we get 3 red marbles. We are, then, solving for $E[Y|X]$.

Let us first compute $E[Y|X]$. Let Y_i be 1 if we see a blue marble on the i th roll and $Y = \sum_i^k Y_i$. This means

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y|X = k] &= E\left[\sum_i^k Y_i|X = k\right] \\ &= \sum_i^k E[Y_i|X = k] \end{aligned}$$

However, We also three Y_i have $E[Y_i] = 0$, since there are necessarily 3. This means the other $k - 3$ marbles are necessarily blue or green.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i^k E[Y_i|X = k] &= \sum_{i \neq a, b, c}^k Pr[Y_i|X = k] \\ &= \sum_{i \neq a, b, c}^k \frac{b}{b+g} \\ &= (k-3) \frac{b}{b+g} \end{aligned}$$

This means $E[Y|X] = (X - 3) \frac{b}{b+g}$.

Using the Law of Total Expectation, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} E[E[Y|X]] &= E[Y] = E\left[\frac{b}{b+g}(X - 3)\right] \\ &= \frac{b}{b+g} E[X - 3] \\ &= \frac{b}{b+g} (E[X] - 3) \end{aligned}$$

We know that $E[X] = 3 \frac{r+g+b}{r}$.

$$E[Y] = \frac{b}{b+g} \left(3 \frac{r+g+b}{r} - 3\right)$$