

- MULTIVARIATE DISTRIBUTIONS and INDEPENDENCE -

Two r.v.s $X, Y: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ give rise to a random vector

$(X, Y): \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$. Note that $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ $\{X \leq x, Y \leq y\} = \{X \leq x\} \cap \{Y \leq y\}$

are events. The joint distribution function is defined as

$$F_{(X, Y)}(x, y) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq x, Y \leq y), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Properties

1) $\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow -\infty \\ y \rightarrow -\infty}} F_{(X, Y)}(x, y) = 0$

2) $\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow +\infty \\ y \rightarrow +\infty}} F_{(X, Y)}(x, y) = 1$

3) right continuity

4) monotonicity: if $x_1 \leq x_2, y_1 \leq y_2$, then $F_{(X, Y)}(x_1, y_1) \leq F_{(X, Y)}(x_2, y_2)$.

To find the marginal distributions we take limits

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &= \mathbb{P}(X \leq x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(X \leq x, Y \leq y) \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} F_{(X, Y)}(x, y), \end{aligned}$$

$$F_Y(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_{(X, Y)}(x, y).$$

X, Y are independent if

$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ events $\{X \leq x\}, \{Y \leq y\}$ are independent, i.e.

$$\mathbb{P}(X \leq x, Y \leq y) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq x) \mathbb{P}(Y \leq y)$$

$$F_{(X,Y)}(x,y) = F_X(x) F_Y(y)$$

A family $\{X_i, i \in I\}$ is independent if

$\forall J \subset I$
finite $\{X_j, j \in J\}$ independent, i.e.

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\bigcap_{j \in J} \{X_j \leq x_j\}\right) = \prod_{j \in J} \mathbb{P}(X_j \leq x_j), \quad x_j \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Of course for a random vector $\vec{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ in \mathbb{R}^n , we set

$$F_{\vec{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \mathbb{P}(X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_n \leq x_n).$$

E.g. $F_{(X,Y)}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-x} - e^{-y} + e^{-xy} & , x, y \geq 0 \\ 0 & , \text{o/w} \end{cases}$

The marginals

$$F_X(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} F_{(X,Y)}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 1 - e^{-x}, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & , y < 0 \\ 1 - e^{-y} & , y \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

so $X, Y \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ ← recap! $\left(\frac{d}{dx}(1 - e^{-x}) = e^{-x} \leftarrow \text{Exp}(1) \text{ density} \right)$

Are X and Y indep? Notice

$$1 - e^{-x} - e^{-y} + e^{-x-y} = (1 - e^{-x})(1 - e^{-y})$$

so $F_{(X,Y)}(x,y) = F_X(x) \cdot F_Y(y)$,

so yes, they are indep.

Recall: a r.v. X is cts if $F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X$.

A r.v.ec (X,Y) is called continuous if $\exists f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ s.t.

$$F_{(X,Y)}(x,y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f(s,t) ds dt$$

↑
density of (X,Y)



$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F_{(X,Y)}(x,y) & \text{if exists} \\ 0 & \text{o/w.} \end{cases}$$

Properties

1) $f(x,y) \geq 0 \quad \forall x,y \in \mathbb{R}$

2) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f = 1$

3) $\forall A \subset \mathbb{R}^2$
Borel subset $\mathbb{P}((X,Y) \in A) = \int_A f$

Interpretation: take $\delta, \varepsilon > 0$ small, $x,y \in \mathbb{R}$, consider

$$\mathbb{P}((X,Y) \in [x, x+\delta] \times [y, y+\varepsilon]) = \int_x^{x+\delta} \int_y^{y+\varepsilon} f(s,t) ds dt$$

$$\approx f(x,y) \cdot \delta \cdot \varepsilon.$$

Thm $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the density of some r.v.ec (X, Y) in \mathbb{R}^2 iff
 $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} \quad f(x, y) \geq 0$ and $\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f = 1$.

E.g. • Uniform dist. on $[0, a] \times [0, b]$ has density

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{ab} & \text{on } [0, a] \times [0, b] \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{1}{ab} \mathbb{1}_{[0, a] \times [0, b]}(x, y)$$

• In gen., $K \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, $(X, Y) \sim \text{Unif}(K)$ has density

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{|K|} \mathbb{1}_K(x, y)$$

$$\mathbb{P}((X, Y) \in A) = \int_A f = \frac{1}{|K|} \int_A \mathbb{1}_K = \frac{|A \cap K|}{|K|}$$

How to find densities of marginals? $(X, Y) \rightsquigarrow$ density f
 $?$ \rightsquigarrow $?$

$$\mathbb{P}(X \in A) = \mathbb{P}((X, Y) \in A \times \mathbb{R}) = \int_{A \times \mathbb{R}} f(x, y) dx dy$$

$$= \int_A \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x, y) dy \right) dx$$

$f_X(x)$

$$f_X(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x, y) dy, \quad f_Y(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x, y) dx$$

Recap:
 X, Y discrete r.v.s
indep iff

$$P_{(X,Y)}(x,y) = f(x)g(y)$$

Thm A continuous r.v.c (X,Y) has independent components iff

$$f_{(X,Y)}(x,y) = f(x)g(y) \quad x,y \in \mathbb{R}$$

for some functions $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Proof The same as in the discrete case — exercise.

E.g. • $f(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2}}$

Marginals $f_X(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2}} dy$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y^2/2}} dy$$

density of $N(0,1)$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}$$

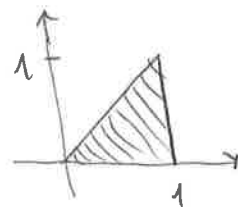
$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y^2/2}$$

so $X, Y \sim N(0,1)$. Moreover,

$$f(x,y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y),$$

so X, Y are indep.

• $K = \{ (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, 0 \leq y \leq x \leq 1 \}$



$$(X,Y) \sim \text{Unif}(K)$$

$$f_X(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{|K|} 1_K(x,y) dy = \frac{1}{1/2} \int_{0 \leq y \leq x \leq 1} dy = 2x 1_{[0,1]}(x).$$

The same for Y . X, Y are not indep — check!

Sums of r.v.s

Thm If (X, Y) is a cts r.vec with density f , then $Z = X + Y$ has density

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x, z-x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(z-y, y) dy.$$

In particular, if X, Y are indep.

$$\begin{aligned} f_Z(z) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_X(x) f_Y(z-x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_X(z-y) f_Y(y) dy \\ &= (f_X * f_Y)(z) \end{aligned}$$

↑ convolution.

Proof $\mathbb{P}(X+Y \in A) = \int_{\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, x+y \in A\}} f(x,y) dx dy$

$$\stackrel{\substack{= \\ \begin{cases} x' = x \\ z = x+y \end{cases}}}{=} \int_{\{(x',z) \in \mathbb{R} \times A\}} f(x, z-x) dx' dz$$

$$= \int_A \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x, z-x) dx \right) dz$$

$f_Z(z)$. \square

The most important example

$Z = aX + Y$, $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $X, Y \sim N(0,1)$ indep

$$\begin{aligned} f_Z(z) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{aX}(x) f_Y(z-x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}|a|} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2a^2} - \frac{(z-x)^2}{2}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi|a|} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left((1+a^2)x^2 + 2zx + z^2 \right)\right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi|a|} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} (1+a^2) \left(x - \frac{z}{1+a^2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} z^2 + \frac{1}{2(1+a^2)} z^2\right) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi|a|} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp\left(-\frac{1+a^2}{2} x'^2\right) \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2}\left(1-\frac{1}{1+a^2}\right)\right) dx' \\
 &\stackrel{x - \frac{z}{1+a^2} = x'}{=} \frac{1}{2\pi|a|} \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2(1+a^2)}\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-t^2/2} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{1+a^2}} \\
 &\stackrel{\sqrt{(1+a^2)}x' = t}{=} \frac{1}{2\pi|a|\sqrt{1+a^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2(1+a^2)}\right) \sqrt{2\pi} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(1+a^2)}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2(1+a^2)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

so $X + Y \sim N(0, 1+a^2)$.

In gen, if $X \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$, $Y \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$, then

$$X = \sigma_1 N_1 + \mu_1, \quad Y = \sigma_2 N_2 + \mu_2, \quad N_1, N_2 \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$X + Y = \sigma_1 N_1 + \sigma_2 N_2 + \mu_1 + \mu_2$$

$$= \sigma_2 \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} N_1 + N_2 \right) + \mu_1 + \mu_2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\stackrel{\text{indep}}{=} \sigma_2 \underbrace{\left[\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} N_1 + N_2 \right]}_{\sim N(0, 1 + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2})} + \mu_1 + \mu_2 \\
 &\sim N(0, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2) + \mu_1 + \mu_2 \sim N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

so $N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2) * N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2) \sim N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)$

E.g. $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{i.i.d. } N(0, 1)$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$\mu = \mathbb{E}\left(\sum a_i X_i\right) = 0$$

$$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}\left(\sum a_i X_i\right) = \sum a_i^2 \text{Var} X_i = \sum a_i^2$$

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Change of variables

E.g. X, Y indep, Exp(1) $f_X(x) = f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} e^{-x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$

$$f_{(X,Y)}(x,y) = \begin{cases} e^{-x-y}, & x,y > 0 \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

Find the density of $(U,V) = (X+Y, \frac{X}{X+Y})$.

$$\mathbb{P}((U,V) \in A) = \int_A f_{(U,V)}(u,v) du dv$$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left(X+Y, \frac{X}{X+Y}\right) \in A\right) = \int_{\left\{x,y > 0, \left(x+y, \frac{x}{x+y}\right) \in A\right\}} e^{-x-y} dx dy$$

$$= \int_{\left\{(u,v) \in (0,\infty) \times (0,1), (u,v) \in A\right\}} e^{-uv - (u-uv)} u du dv$$

$$= \int_A e^{-u} u du dv$$

$$x = v(x+y) = u \cdot v$$

$$y = u - x = u - uv$$

$$\begin{cases} u = x+y \in (0,\infty) \\ v = \frac{x}{x+y} \in (0,1) \end{cases}$$

$$dx dy = \left| \begin{array}{cc} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{array} \right| du dv$$

$$= \left| \begin{array}{cc} v & 1-v \\ u & -u \end{array} \right| = |-uv - u(1-v)| = |u| = u$$

$$\text{So } f_{(U,V)}(u,v) = \begin{cases} ue^{-u}, & u > 0, 0 < v < 1, \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{f(u)}{ue^{-u}} \cdot \frac{g(v)}{1}$$

so U, V indep,

$$U = X+Y \sim \text{Gamma}(2)$$

$$V = \frac{X}{X+Y} \sim \text{Unif}([0,1]).$$

Conditional density function

Let (X, Y) have density $f(x, y)$. No info about X

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x, y) dx$$

What if we know $X=x$? The event $\{X=x\}$ has prob. 0 so we cannot condition on $\{X=x\}$, but

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(y \leq Y \leq y+\varepsilon \mid x \leq X \leq x+\delta) &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(y \leq Y \leq y+\varepsilon, x \leq X \leq x+\delta)}{\mathbb{P}(x \leq X \leq x+\delta)} \\ &\approx \frac{f_X(x, y) \cdot \delta \cdot \varepsilon}{f_X(x) \cdot \delta} = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_X(x)} \cdot \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

This motivates: the conditional density of Y given $X=x$ is

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{(X,Y)}(x,y)}{f_X(x)}, \quad y \in \mathbb{R},$$

s.t. $f_X(x) > 0$.

This is a density because it is ≥ 0 and

$$\int f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy = \int \frac{f_{(X,Y)}(x,y)}{f_X(x)} dy = \frac{f_X(x)}{f_X(x)} = 1.$$

! If $X \perp Y$, then

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_X(x) f_Y(y)}{f_X(x)} = f_Y(y).$$

E.g.

$$(X, Y) \sim \text{Unif} \left(\begin{array}{c} \uparrow f \\ \text{triangle} \\ \downarrow \\ 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$f_{(X, Y)}(x, y) = \frac{1}{|K|} 1_K(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 < y < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$$f_X(x) = \int f_{(X, Y)}(x, y) dy = \int_{0 < y < x < 1} 2 dy$$

$$= 2 \int_0^x dy = 2x 1_{(0, 1)}(x)$$

$$f_Y(y) = 2(1-y) 1_{(0, 1)}(y)$$

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{X, Y}(x, y)}{f_X(x)} = \frac{2}{2x} 1_{(0, x)}(y) = \frac{1}{x} 1_{(0, x)}(y)$$

so const on $(0, x)$ equal to $\frac{1}{x}$, so " $Y|X \sim \text{Unif}(0, x)$ "

Conditional expectation

$$\mathbb{E}(Y | X=x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} y f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy$$

Then

$$\mathbb{E}Y = \int \mathbb{E}(Y | X=x) \underbrace{f_X(x) dx}_{\approx P(X=x)}$$

Proof

$$\text{RHS} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \underbrace{y f_{Y|X}(y|x) f_X(x)}_{f_{(X, Y)}(x, y)} dy dx$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} y \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{(X, Y)}(x, y) dx \right) dy = \int y f_Y(y) = \mathbb{E}Y. \square$$

Thm For a cts r.v.ec $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ in \mathbb{R}^n and $g: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$\mathbb{E}g(X) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g(x) f_X(x) dx$$

Cor. $\mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbb{E}X_i$

Proof $g(x) = \sum a_i x_i$,

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sum a_i X_i \right) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(\sum a_i x_i \right) f_X(x) dx$$

$$= \sum a_i \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} x_i f_X(x) dx$$

$$= \sum a_i \int_{\mathbb{R}} x_i \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} f_X(x) \underbrace{dx_1 \dots dx_{i-1} dx_{i+1} \dots dx_n}_{d\hat{x}_i} \right) dx_i$$

$$= \sum a_i \int_{\mathbb{R}} x_i f_{X_i}(x_i) dx_i$$

$$= \sum a_i \mathbb{E}X_i \quad \square$$

Important quantities for r.vecs

Let $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ be a r.vec in \mathbb{R}^n . Its mean is the vector

$$\mathbb{E}X = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{E}X_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbb{E}X_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Properties: • $\mathbb{E}(X+Y) = \mathbb{E}X + \mathbb{E}Y$ for any two r.vecs X, Y in \mathbb{R}^n

• $\mathbb{E}(AX) = A \mathbb{E}X$, A $m \times n$ matrix

• $\mathbb{E}XB = (\mathbb{E}X)B$, B $n \times m$ matrix

The covariance matrix

$$\text{Cov}(X) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) \end{bmatrix}_{i,j=1}^n = \mathbb{E}(X - \mathbb{E}X)(X - \mathbb{E}X)^T$$
$$\mathbb{E}(X_i - \mathbb{E}X_i)(X_j - \mathbb{E}X_j)$$

Properties:

• $\text{Cov}(X)$ is a symmetric matrix

• $\text{Cov}(X)$ is a positive semi-definite matrix

• $\text{Cov}(AX) = \mathbb{E}A(X - \mathbb{E}X)(X - \mathbb{E}X)^T A^T$

$$= A \text{Cov}(X) A^T.$$

• $\text{Cov}(X+Y) = \text{Cov}(X) + \text{Cov}(Y)$.
indep

Important example : multivariate Gaussian distribution

Let $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a symmetric positive-definite matrix (in part, $\det A > 0$)

The Gaussian ~~r.v.~~ distribution in \mathbb{R}^n with mean b and covariance A has density

Notation:

$$X \sim N(b, A)$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^n \sqrt{\det A}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \overbrace{\langle A^{-1}(x-b), x-b \rangle}^{\text{scalar product}}\right), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

A standard Gaussian r.v. in \mathbb{R}^n : $b=0$, $A=I_{n \times n}$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^n} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\langle x, x \rangle}{\sum x_i^2}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^n} e^{-\|x\|_2^2 / 2} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x_i^2 / 2} \end{aligned}$$

$$X = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \\ \text{indep, } N(0, 1)$$



$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^n} e^{-\|x\|_2^2 / 2} \text{ is rotationally invariant,}$$

In particular, X = standard Gaussian, V = orthogonal $n \times n$ matrix

$$X \sim VX$$

E.g. $(X_1, X_2) \sim \left(\frac{X_1 + X_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{X_1 - X_2}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$
iid $N(0, 1)$ indep! $N(0, 1)$.

E.g. Let $X \sim N(0, Id)$, A $n \times n$ invertible matrix, $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$Y = AX + b \quad ?$$

$$\mathbb{E}Y = \mathbb{E}(AX + b) = A(\mathbb{E}X) + b = A0 + b = b.$$

$$\text{Cov}(Y) = \text{Cov}(AX) = A^{\#} I A^T = A^{\#} A^T = \Sigma$$

Density of Y : $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\mathbb{P}(Y \in U) = \int_U f_Y(y) dy$$

$$\mathbb{P}(AX + b \in U) = \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n: Ax + b \in U} f_X(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{y \in U} f_X(A^{-1}(y-b)) \frac{dy}{|\det A|}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{|\det A|} f_X(A^{-1}(y-b))$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^n \sqrt{\det \Sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \langle A^{-1}(y-b), A^{-1}(y-b) \rangle\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^n \sqrt{\det \Sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \langle (A^{-1})^T A^{-1}(y-b), (y-b) \rangle\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^n \sqrt{\det \Sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \langle \Sigma^{-1}(y-b), (y-b) \rangle\right).$$

So $Y \sim N(b, \Sigma)$.