

Probability Review

Random variables : X, U

$$\text{Ex: } X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

density function f : $\mathbb{P}(X \in A) = \int_A f(x) dx$

distribution function: F : $F(x) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq x)$
 $= \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$

Expected value : $\mathbb{E}(X) = \int x f(x) dx$

Variance : $\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}((X - \mu)^2)$ $\mu = \mathbb{E}(X)$.
 $= \mathbb{E}(X^2) - (\mathbb{E}(X))^2$

k^{th} moment of $X = \mathbb{E}(X^k)$.

Moment generating function :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MGF}_X = M_X(t) &= \mathbb{E}(e^{tX}) \\ &= \int e^{tx} f(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

$$M(0) = \int f(x) dx = 1$$

$$M'(t) = \int x e^{tx} f(x) dx$$

$$M'(0) = \int x f(x) dx = \mathbb{E}(X).$$

$$M^{(k)}(0) = \mathbb{E}(X^k).$$

Characteristic Function

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_X(t) &= \mathbb{E}(e^{itX}) \\ &= \int e^{itx} f(x) dx \\ &= \text{Fourier transform of } f \\ &= \hat{f}(t).\end{aligned}$$

$\cos tx + i \sin tx$

Transformations

X has density f , let $Y = g(X)$.

What is the density function for Y ?

(assume g is monotone increasing)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(Y \in A) &= \mathbb{P}(g(X) \in A) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(X \in g^{-1}(A)).\end{aligned}$$

$$= \int_{g^{-1}(A)} f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_A \underbrace{f(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{dg^{-1}}{dx}}_{h(y), \text{ the density of } Y} dy$$

$h(y)$, the density of Y .

$$\text{let } x = g^{-1}(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} dx = dy$$

$$dx = \underbrace{\frac{1}{dy/dx}}_{\substack{\text{density} \\ \text{of } Y}} dy$$

$y \in A$

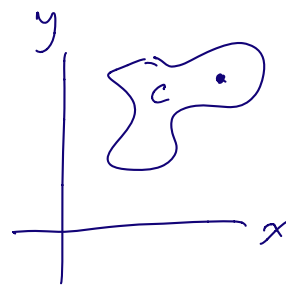
Multi-dimensional distributions.

Consider 2 random variables X, Y .

Joint probability density: $f(x, y)$

$$P(X \in A, Y \in B) = \iint_{B \times A} f(x, y) dx dy$$

$$P(X, Y \in C) = \int_C f(x, y) dx dy$$



X, Y are independent if $P(X \in A, Y \in B) = P(X \in A) P(Y \in B)$.

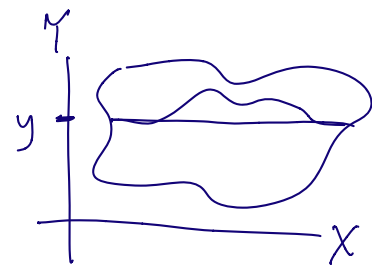
$$\Rightarrow f(x, y) = \underbrace{f_x(x)} \underbrace{f_y(y)}.$$

marginal densities

$$f_x(x) = \int f(x, y) dy.$$

Conditional random variables

$$P(X \in A | Y = y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_y(y)} = f_{X|Y}(x|y).$$



$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{f(x, y)}{f_y(y)} dx = \frac{1}{f_y(y)} \int f(x, y) dx = 1.$$

Bivariate transformations

$U = g_1(X, Y)$
 $V = g_2(X, Y)$ \Rightarrow What is the density of U, V ?

Covariance and correlation

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E((X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)) = \text{Cov}(Y, X).$$

If X, Y are independent, then:

$$= E(X - \mu_X) E(Y - \mu_Y)$$

$$= 0.$$

$$\text{Correlation of } X, Y = \rho_{XY} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\underbrace{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} \sqrt{\text{Var}(Y)}}_{\text{Standard deviation of } X}} \in [-1, 1].$$

Standard
deviation
of X

Multidimensional Normal Random variables

X_1, \dots, X_n be $N(\mu_i, \sigma_{ii}^2)$ random variables.

$$\text{and } \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = \sigma_{ij}^2$$

The covariance matrix = $C_{ij} = \sigma_{ij}^2$
 $n \times n$ matrix

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11}^2 & \sigma_{12}^2 & \sigma_{13}^2 & \dots & \sigma_{1n}^2 \\ \vdots & \sigma_{22}^2 & & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \\ \sigma_{n1}^2 & & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{joint pdf} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{1}{\underbrace{|\det C|}_{\text{determinant of } C}} e^{-\frac{(\vec{x} - \mu)^T C^{-1} (\vec{x} - \mu)}{2}}$$

$$= f(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\int f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n = 1.$$

$$E(X_j) = \int x_j f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n.$$

Inequalities

Markov inequality:

If $X > 0$, and $E(X) < \infty$, then

for any $t > 0$,

$$P(X \geq t) \leq \frac{E(X)}{t}$$

$$E(X) = \int_0^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \int_0^t x f(x) dx + \int_t^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$\geq \int_t^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$\geq t \int_t^{\infty} f(x) dx = t P(X > t)$$

$$\Rightarrow E(X) \geq t P(X > t).$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X > t) \leq \frac{E(X)}{t}.$$