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DoSS Summer Bootcamp Probability Module 4

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Recap

Learnt in last module:

- Discrete probability
  - Classical probability
  - Combinatorics
  - Common discrete random variables
- Continuous probability
  - Geometric probability
  - Common continuous random variables
- Exponential family

Outline

- Joint and marginal distributions
  - ▷ Joint cumulative distribution function
  - ▷ Independence of continuous random variables
- Conditional distribution
- Functions of random variables
  - ▷ Convolutions
  - ▷ Change of variables
  - ▷ Order statistics

Joint and marginal distributions

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Joint cumulative distribution function

Consider a random vector $(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_d)$, the joint cumulative distribution function of $(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_d)$ is defined by: $\prod_{i=1}^{d} (-\infty, x_i) \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$F_{X_1,X_2,\cdots,X_d}(x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_d) = \mathbb{P}[X_1 \le x_1, X_2 \le x_2, \ldots, X_d \le x_d].$$

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Remark:

For discrete random vector, it suffices to find the joint probability mass function

$$p_{X_1, \ldots, X_n}(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = \mathrm{P}(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \cdots, X_n = x_n), \quad x_i \in \mathbb{R},$$

and

$$\mathbb{P}((X_1, \cdots, X_n) \in C) = \underline{\sum_{(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in C}} p_{X_1, \ldots, X_n}(x_1, \ldots, x_n).$$

Joint and marginal distributions

Remark:
For continuous random vector, consider the joint probability density function.

Joint probability density function

$$f_{X_1,\dots,X_n}(x_1,\dots,x_n) = \frac{\partial^n F_{X_1,\dots,X_n}(x_1,\dots,x_n)}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_n}, \quad x_i \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Similarly,

$$\mathbb{P}((X_1,\cdots,X_n) \in C) = \int_{(x_1,\cdots,x_n)\in C} f_{X_1,\dots,X_n}(x_1,\dots,x_n)\, dx_1 dx_2 \cdots dx_n.$$

Joint and marginal distributions

Consider the special case of C where $X_1, \cdots, X_{i-1}, X_{i+1}, \cdots, X_n$ are allowed to take any possible values:

- Discrete case

$$\mathbb{P}(X_i = x_i) = \mathbb{P}(X_i = x_i, X_j \in \mathbb{R}, j \neq i) = \sum_{x_j, j\neq i} p_{X_1,\ldots,X_n}(x_1, \ldots, x_n).$$

- Continuous case

$$\mathbb{P}(X_i \leq x_i) = \mathbb{P}(X_i \leq x_i, X_j \in \mathbb{R}, j \neq i)$$

$F_{x_i}(x_i)$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{x_i} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_1,\ldots,X_n}(t_1, \ldots, t_n)\, dt_1 \cdots dt_{i-1} dt_{i+1} \cdots dt_n \right) dt_i.$$

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Remark:
Marginal probability mass function (density function) of X_i is obtained by summing (integrating) the joint probability over all the other dimensions.

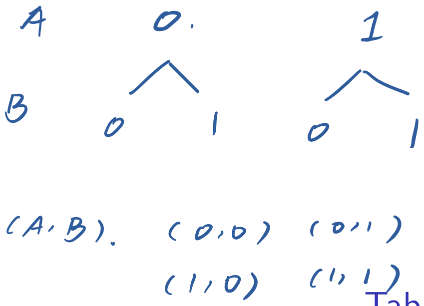
Joint and marginal distributions

Example: Draws from an urn

Suppose each of two urns contains twice as many red balls as blue balls, and no others, and suppose one ball is randomly selected from each urn, with the two draws independent of each other. Let A and B be discrete random variables associated with the outcomes of the draw from the first urn and second urn respectively. 1 represents a draw of red ball, while 0 represents a draw of blue ball.

$A = \begin{cases} 1, & p = \frac{2}{3} \\ 0, & p = \frac{1}{3} \end{cases}$

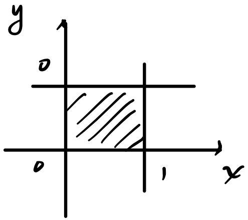
$B = \ldots$



	1	0	$\mathbb{P}(B)$
1	$\frac{4}{9}$	$\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
0	$\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
$\mathbb{P}(A)$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	1

Table: Joint and marginal pmf of draws from an urn

Joint and marginal distributions



Examples: continuous case

Consider the joint probability density function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} kx & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Remark:

- Find k.
- Compute the marginal probability density function of X and Y.

Joint and marginal distributions

$\mathbb{1}\{0<x<1\}$

Integrate to find the value of k

$$f_{(X,Y)}(x,y) = kx, \quad 0<x<1, \quad 0<y<1.$$

$$= kx \cdot \mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(x) \cdot \mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(y).$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} kx \cdot \mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(x) \cdot \mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(y)\, dx\, dy. = \int_0^1 \left(\int_0^1 kx\, dx\right) dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left(k \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right) dy$$

$$= \frac{k}{2} = 1 \qquad k=2.$$

Marginal density

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} 2x \cdot \mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(x) \cdot \mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(y) \cdot dy$$

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

$$= \begin{cases} 2x, & 0<x<1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} 2x\, \mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(x)\, \mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(y)\, dx$$

$$= \left(\int_0^1 2x\, dx\right) \cdot \mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(y) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0<y<1 \\ 0. & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Joint and marginal distributions

Recap: independence of random variables

Corollary of independence

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Remark:

Suppose $X_1, \cdots, X_n$ can only take values from $\{a_1, \cdots\}$, then X_i's are independent if

$$P(\cap\{X_i = a_i\}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(X_i = a_i).$$

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Independence of continuous random variables

Suppose $X_1, \cdots, X_n$ are continuous random variables, then X_i's are independent if

$$f_{(X_1,\cdots,X_n)}(x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f_{X_i}(x_i).$$

Conditional distribution

Remark:
Given joint and marginal distributions, consider the conditional behaviour:

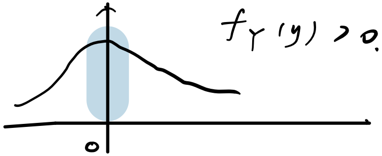
$$P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}, \quad P(B) \neq 0$$

Discrete.

$$P(X=1 \mid Y=0) = P(\{w : X(w)=1\} \mid \{w ; Y(w)=0\})$$

$$= \frac{P(X=1, Y=0)}{P(Y=0)}$$

$P(Y=0) \neq 0.$



Continuous.

$$P(X=1 \mid Y=0) = \frac{P(X=1, Y=0)^{=0}}{P(Y=0)} {=0}$$

l' Hospital's rule.

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Conditional distribution

For random variables X and Y, the conditional distribution of Y given $X = x$ is defined by

- Discrete case

$$p_{Y|X=x}(y) = \mathbb{P}(Y = y \mid X = x) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x,y)}{p_X(x)}.$$

- Continuous case

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

Conditional distribution

Remark:

Another look at independence:

- Discrete case:

  X and Y are independent
  $$\Leftrightarrow p_{Y|X=x}(y) = p_Y(y), \quad \forall x, y$$
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- Continuous case:

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Functions of random variables

Suppose we know the joint distribution of (X, Y), what is the distribution of $Z = X + Y$?

- Discrete case

$$\mathbb{P}(Z = z) = \sum_{x+y=z} \mathbb{P}(X = x, Y = y)$$

- Continuous case

$$\mathbb{P}(Z \leq z) = \int_{x+y \leq z} f_{X,Y}(x, y)\, dxdy$$

Remark:
This can be simplified in the independent case.

Functions of random variables

Convolutions of independent random variables

Suppose X and Y are independent, then for $Z = X + Y$,

- Discrete case

$$\mathbb{P}(Z = z) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(X = k)\mathbb{P}(Y = z - k).$$

- Continuous case

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x)\, f_Y(z - x)\, dx$$

$$P(Z = z) = \sum_{x+y=z} P(X = x, Y = y) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} P(X = k, Y = z-k) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} P(X = k) P(Y = z-k)$$

Sketch of proof:

$$P(Z \le z) = F_Z(z) = \int_{x+y \le z} f_{X,Y}(x, y)\, dx\, dy = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{z-x} f_X(x) f_Y(y)\, dy \right) dx$$

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(z-x)\, dx.$$

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Functions of random variables

Consider a function of random variable, and try to obtain the corresponding distribution function.

vector. $H: \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

Multivariate change-of-variables formula

Suppose $\mathbf{X}$ is an n-dimensional random variable with joint density $f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})$. If $\mathbf{Y} = H(\mathbf{X})$, where H is a bijective, differentiable function, then $\mathbf{Y}$ has density $g_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y})$:

$X = H^{-1}(y)$

$$g(\mathbf{y}) = f\left(H^{-1}(\mathbf{y})\right) \left|\det\left[\left.\frac{dH^{-1}(\mathbf{z})}{d\mathbf{z}}\right|_{\mathbf{z}=\mathbf{y}}\right]\right|$$

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Remark:

Bijective property is important.

Functions of random variables

$X \longrightarrow X^2$

$X \in (0,\infty)$ $f_X(x) \geq 0$, $0 < x < \infty$

$\begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} H_1(X_1, X_2) \\ H_2(X_1, X_2) \end{pmatrix}$

$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{pmatrix}$

Special case of 2-dimensional vectors

2-dimensional change-of-variables formula

Suppose $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2)$ with joint density $f_{X_1,X_2}(x_1, x_2)$. If $Y_1 = H_1(X_1, X_2)$, $Y_2 = H_2(X_1, X_2)$, where H is a bijective, differentiable function, then $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2)$ has density $g_{\mathbf{Y}}(y_1, y_2)$:

$H: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$

$x_1 = H_1^{-1}(Y_1, Y_2)$

$x_2 = H_2^{-1}(Y_1, Y_2)$

$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc.$

$$g(y_1, y_2) = f_{X_1,X_2}\left(H_1^{-1}(y_1, y_2), H_2^{-1}(y_1, y_2)\right) \left| \frac{\partial H_1^{-1}}{\partial y_1} \frac{\partial H_2^{-1}}{\partial y_2} - \frac{\partial H_1^{-1}}{\partial y_2} \frac{\partial H_2^{-1}}{\partial y_1} \right|.$$

Remark:

$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 = X_1 \\ Y_2 = e^{X_2} \end{pmatrix}$

$X_2 \in (-\infty, +\infty)$

$Y_2 = e^{X_2} \in (0, +\infty)$

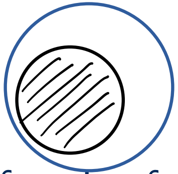
$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} r \\ \theta \end{pmatrix}$

$\begin{cases} X = r\cos\theta \\ Y = r\sin\theta \end{cases}$

$\begin{cases} r = \sqrt{X^2+Y^2} \\ \theta = \arccos \frac{X}{\sqrt{X^2+Y^2}} \end{cases}$

$(r, \theta) \in [0,\infty) \times [-\pi, \pi)$

Functions of random variables



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Special case of 1-dimensional random variable: generalize to monotonic functions

Univariate change-of-variables formula

Let $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a strictly monotonic function on the support of $f_X(x)$, then for $Y = g(X)$, the density is:

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy}(g^{-1}(y)) \right|.$$

Functions of random variables

Proof of univariate change-of-variable formula:

$Y = g(X)$. g: strictly monotonical increasing. g^{-1} is also $\nearrow$

$F_Y(y) = P(Y \le y) = P(g(X) \le y) = P(X \le g^{-1}(y))$

$= F_X(g^{-1}(y))$

$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy}(F_X(g^{-1}(y)))$

$= f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot \left|\frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y)\right|$.

g: stricty. monotonically decreasing. $g^{-1} \downarrow$. $\frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y) \le 0$

$F_Y(y) = P(g(X) \le y) = P(X \ge g^{-1}(y))$

$= 1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y))$

Functions of random variables

Order statistics:

For random variables $X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n$, the order statistics are $X_{(1)} \leq X_{(2)} \leq \cdots X_{(n)}$.

Cumulative distribution functions of order statistics

Consider the case where X_i's are independent identically distributed (i.i.d.) samples with cumulative distribution $F_X(x)$, then the CDF of $X_{(r)}$ satisfies

$$F_{X_{(r)}}(x) = \sum_{j=r}^{n} \binom{n}{j} [F_X(x)]^j [1 - F_X(x)]^{n-j},$$

the corresponding probability density function is

$$f_{X_{(r)}}(x) = \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r)!} f_X(x) [F_X(x)]^{r-1} [1 - F_X(x)]^{n-r}.$$

Functions of random variables

Special cases of $X_{(1)}$ and $X_{(n)}$: $P(\forall i, X_i \le x) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(X_i \le x) = (F_X(x))^n$

$$F_{X_{(n)}}(x) = \mathbb{P}(\max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \le x) = [F_X(x)]^n,$$

$$F_{X_{(1)}}(x) = \mathbb{P}(\min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \le x) = 1 - [1 - F_X(x)]^n.$$

Remark: $= 1 - P(\min\{\quad\} > x)$

For continuous random variable, taking derivatives to obtain the probability density function.

$= 1 - P(\forall i, X_i > x)$

$= 1 - \prod_{i=1}^{n} (1 - F_{X_i}(x))$

$= 1 - (1 - F_X(x))^n$

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Problem Set

Problem 1: Show that the probability density function of normal distribution $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ integrates to 1.
(Hint: consider two normal random variables X, Y)

Problem 2: Prove that for X with density function $f_X(x)$, the density function of $y = X^2$ is

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}(f_X(-\sqrt{y}) + f_X(\sqrt{y})), \quad y \geq 0.$$

(Hint: start by considering the CDF)

Problem Set

Problem 3: Suppose $X_1, \cdots, X_n$ are i.i.d. sample following Uniform$[0, 1]$ distribution, find the joint probability density function of $(X_{(1)}, X_{(n)})$.
(Hint: start by considering the CDF)