

LECTURE 11

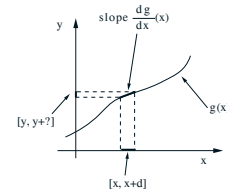
- Readings: Finish Section 4.1; Section 4.2

Lecture outline

- Derived distributions
- Convolution
- Covariance and correlation

Review: Distribution derived with monotonic function

- Consider $Y = g(X)$, where g is strictly monotonic

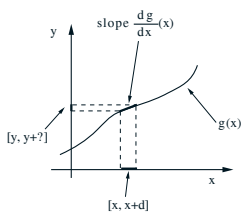


- Event $x \leq X \leq x + \delta$ is the same as $g(x) \leq Y \leq g(x + \delta)$
- Approximately:

$$g(x) \leq Y \leq g(x) + \delta \left| \frac{dg}{dx}(x) \right|$$

Distribution derived with monotonic function

- Consider $Y = g(X)$, where $g = h^{-1}$ is strictly increasing



$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= \mathbf{P}(Y \leq y) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(g(X) \leq y) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(X \leq h(y)) \\ &= F_X(h(y)) \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating:

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(h(y)) \left| \frac{dh}{dy}(y) \right|$$

- Covering both strictly increasing and strictly decreasing:

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(h(y)) \left| \frac{dh}{dy}(y) \right|$$

Example (from L10): Two light bulbs

- Suppose light bulbs have lifetimes that are independent and identically exponentially distributed

$$f_X(t) = f_Y(t) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda t}, & \text{if } t \geq 0; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- One is installed at noon, burns out, and is replaced immediately. The replacement burns out at 2pm.
- What is the distribution of the time at which the first bulb

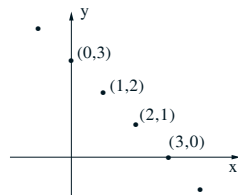
$$\text{burns out? } f_{X+Y}(x | z) = \begin{cases} 1/z, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq z; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- By-product: $f_{X+Y}(z) = \begin{cases} \lambda^2 z e^{-\lambda z}, & \text{if } z \geq 0; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

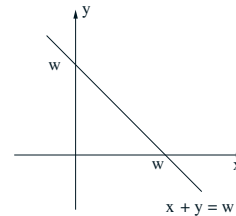
The distribution of $X + Y$: Discrete case

- $Z = X + Y$; X, Y independent

$$\begin{aligned} p_Z(z) &= \mathbf{P}(X + Y = z) \\ &= \sum_x \mathbf{P}(X = x, Y = z - x) \\ &= \sum_x \mathbf{P}(X = x) \mathbf{P}(Y = z - x) \\ &= \sum_x p_X(x) p_Y(z - x) \end{aligned}$$

The distribution of $X + Y$: Continuous case

- $W = X + Y$; X, Y independent



$$\begin{aligned} f_{W|X}(w | x) &= f_Y(w - x) \\ f_{W,X}(w, x) &= f_X(x) f_{W|X}(w | x) \\ &= f_X(x) f_Y(w - x) \end{aligned}$$

- $f_W(w) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(w - x) dx$

Two independent normal r.v.s

- $X \sim N(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2)$, $Y \sim N(\mu_y, \sigma_y^2)$, independent

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y) \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\mu_x)^2}{2\sigma_x^2} - \frac{(y-\mu_y)^2}{2\sigma_y^2}\right\}$$

- PDF is constant on the ellipse where

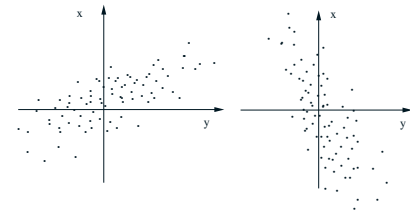
$$\frac{(x-\mu_x)^2}{2\sigma_x^2} + \frac{(y-\mu_y)^2}{2\sigma_y^2}$$

is constant

- Ellipse is a circle when $\sigma_x = \sigma_y$
- $X + Y \sim N(\mu_x + \mu_y, \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2)$ [see Example 4.11]

Covariance

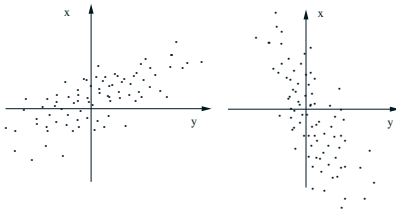
- $\text{cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X]) \cdot (Y - \mathbb{E}[Y])]$
- $\text{cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$



- Zero-mean case: $\text{cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[XY]$
- independent $\Rightarrow \text{cov}(X, Y) = 0$ (converse is not true)

Linear least mean squares estimation

- [Preview of §4.3, §8.4, ..., in simplified setting]
- Let X and Y be jointly distributed with $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[Y] = 0$



- What linear function $g(X) = aX$ minimizes $\mathbb{E}[(Y - g(X))^2]$?

Correlation coefficient

- Dimensionless version of covariance:

$$\rho = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{(X - \mathbb{E}[X])}{\sigma_X} \cdot \frac{(Y - \mathbb{E}[Y])}{\sigma_Y}\right] = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$
- $-1 \leq \rho \leq 1$
- $|\rho| = 1 \Leftrightarrow X = cY$ (linearly related)
- Independent $\Rightarrow \rho = 0$ (converse is not true)

Variance of sum of random variables

- $\text{var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}(X_i) + \sum_{i,j: i \neq j} \text{cov}(X_i, X_j)$