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PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS
(INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

UNIT II

TWO-DIMENSIONAL RANDOM VARIABLES

2.2 JOINT , MARGINAL, CONDITIONAL DISTRIBUTION
(CONTINUOUS CASE)

SCIENCE & HUMANITIES



CONTINUOUS RANDOM VARIABLES X AND Y

Joint Probability Density Function:

Let (X, Y) be a two-dimensional continuous random variable such that

$P\left(x - \frac{dx}{2} \leq X \leq x + \frac{dx}{2}\right) = f(x, y)dxdy$, then $f(x, y)$ is called the joint probability density function (X, Y) if it satisfies the following conditions

(i) $f(x, y) \geq 0 \forall (x, y) \in R$, where R is the range space.

$$(ii) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y)dxdy = 1$$

Moreover if $(a, b), (c, d) \in R$, then

$$P(a \leq X \leq b, c \leq Y \leq d) = \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y)dxdy$$

Marginal Probability Distribution:

When (X, Y) is a two-dimensional continuous random variable, then the marginal density function of the random variable X is defined as

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy$$

The marginal density function of the random variable Y is defined as

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx$$

Conditional Probability Function

If (X, Y) is two-dimensional continuous random variable, then

$f(x/y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f(y)}$ is called the conditional probability function of X given Y and

$f(y/x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f(x)}$ is called the conditional probability function of Y given X

1) If X and Y $f(x,y) = \begin{cases} x + y, & 0 < x < 1, \ 0 < y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ check whether X and Y are independent.

Solution: Given the joint pdf of (X, Y) as

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

If $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$ are the marginal functions of (X, Y) then X and Y are independent if $f(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$ for all x and y .

Now

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 (x + y) dy$$

$$= \left[xy + \frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^1$$

$$= x + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2x + 1}{2}$$

\therefore The marginal pdf of X is $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2x+1}{2}, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$

$$f_Y(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 f(x, y) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 (x + y) dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{x^2}{2} + yx \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + y$$

$$= \frac{1 + 2y}{2}$$

∴ The marginal pdf of X is

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1+2y}{2}, & 0 < y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) = \left[\frac{2x+1}{2} \right] \left[\frac{1+2y}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} [2x + 4xy + 1 + 2y]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} [4xy + 2(x+y) + 1]$$

$$\neq x + y$$

$$\therefore f(x, y) \neq f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$$

∴ X and Y are not independent

2) The joint PDF of (X, Y) is given by $e^{-(x+y)}$, $0 < x, y < \infty$. Are X and Y independent? Why?

Solution: If X and Y are independent, then

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

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy$$

$$f_X(x) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} e^{-y} dy$$

$$= e^{-x} \left[\frac{e^{-y}}{-1} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= e^{-x}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} e^{-y} dx \Rightarrow e^{-y} \left[\frac{e^{-x}}{-1} \right]_0^{\infty} = e^{-y}$$

$$f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) = e^{-x} e^{-y} = e^{-(x+y)} = f(x, y)$$

∴ They are independent.

3) Find K if the joint PDF of a bivariate random variable (X, Y) is given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} K(1-x)(1-y), & 0 < x < 4; 1 < y < 5 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Solution: We know that if $f(x, y)$ is a joint PDF, then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^4 \int_1^5 K(1-x)(1-y) dy dx = 1$$

$$K \int_1^5 \left[\frac{(1-x)^2}{-2} \right]_0^4 (1-y) dy = 1$$

$$-4K \int_1^5 (1-y) dy = 1$$

$$-4K \left[\frac{(1-y)^2}{-2} \right]_1^5 = 1$$

$$\text{i.e. } -4K \left[\frac{16}{-2} + 0 \right] = 1 \Rightarrow 32K = 1 \Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{32}$$

4) The joint PDF of the random variable (X, Y) is given by $f(x, y) = Kxye^{-(x^2+y^2)}$, $x > 0, y > 0$. Find the value of K and prove also that X and Y are independent.

Solution: We know that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} Kxye^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx = 1$$

$$K \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} xe^{-x^2} ye^{-y^2} dx dy = 1$$

$$K \left[\int_0^{\infty} xe^{-x^2} dx \int_0^{\infty} ye^{-y^2} dy \right] = 1 \dots (1)$$

Now

$$\int_0^{\infty} xe^{-x^2} dx$$

$$t = x^2 \Rightarrow dt = 2x dx \Rightarrow \frac{dt}{2} = x dx$$

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0$$

$$x = \infty \Rightarrow t = \infty$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \frac{dt}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} dt = \frac{1}{2}$$

Similarly we have $\int_0^{\infty} y e^{-y^2} dy = \frac{1}{2}$ in (1)

$$K \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) = 1$$

$$K = 4.$$

5. The joint PDF of the random variables (X, Y) is $f(x, y) = 8xy, 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < x$. Find the conditional density function. Find (i) $f_{\frac{Y}{X}}(y/x)$

(ii) $f_Y(y)$

Solution : Given $f(x, y) = 8xy, 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < x$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy \\ &= \int_0^x 8xy dy \\ &= 8x \left[\frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^x = 8x \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = 4x^3, 0 < x < 1$$

$$(i) f_{\frac{Y}{X}}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f(x)} = \frac{8xy}{4x^3} = \frac{2y}{x^2}$$

$$(ii) f(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx = \int_0^1 8xy dx$$

$$= 8y \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 = 8y \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = 4y.$$

$$f(y) = 4y, \quad 0 < y < 1$$

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6) If the joint PDF of a two-dimensional random variable is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < y < x \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}. \text{ Find the marginal density function of } X$$

and Y .

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$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy \\ &= \int_0^x 2 dy = 2[y]_0^x = 2x \\ f(x) &= 2x, \quad 0 < x < 1 \end{aligned}$$

The marginal distribution of Y is given by

$$\begin{aligned} f(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx = \int_y^1 2 dx = 2[x]_y^1 = 2(1 - y) \\ f(y) &= 2(1 - y), \quad 0 < y < 1 \end{aligned}$$

7) If $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} xe^{-x(y+1)}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherside} \end{cases}$ is the joint PDF of a two-dimensional random variable (X, Y) . Find the marginal and conditional density function.

Solution : The marginal densities of X and Y are given by

$$f(x) = \int_0^{\infty} xe^{-x(y+1)} dy$$
$$= xe^{-x} \left[\frac{e^{-xy}}{-x} \right]_0^{\infty} = [-e^{-x}(0 - 1)] = e^{-x}$$

$$f(x) = e^{-x}, x \geq 0$$

$$f(y) = \int_0^{\infty} xe^{-x(y+1)} dx$$

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$$= \left[x \left(\frac{e^{-x(y+1)}}{y+1} \right) - (1) \left(\frac{e^{-x(y+1)}}{(y+1)^2} \right) \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{(1+y)^2}, \quad y \geq 0$$

The conditional density function is given by

$$f(x/y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f(y)} = (y+1)^2 x e^{-x(y+1)}, x \geq 0, y \geq 0$$

$$f(y/x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f(x)} = x^2 e^{-xy}, x \geq 0, y \geq 0$$

8) If the joint PDF of X and Y is given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8}(6 - x - y) & , 0 < x < 2, 2 < y < 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find (i) $P(X < 1 \cap Y < 3)$ (ii) $P(X < 1/Y < 3)$

Solution:

$$(i) P(X < 1 \cap Y < 3) = \int_0^1 \int_2^3 f(x, y) dy dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \int_2^3 \frac{1}{8}(6 - x - y) dy dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \int_0^1 \left[6y - xy - \frac{y^2}{2} \right]_2^3 dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \int_0^1 \left[18 - 3x - \frac{9}{2} \right] - \left[12 - 2x - \frac{4}{2} \right] dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \int_0^1 \left[6 - x - \frac{5}{2} \right] dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \int_0^1 \left[\frac{7}{2} - x \right] dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \left[\frac{7}{2}x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 = \frac{3}{8}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}(ii) P(X < 1/Y < 3) &= \frac{P(X < 1, Y < 3)}{P(Y < 3)} \dots (1) \\&= \int_0^2 \int_2^3 \frac{1}{8} (6 - x - y) dy dx \\&= \frac{1}{8} \int_0^2 \left[6y - xy - \frac{y^2}{2} \right]_2^3 dx \\&= \frac{1}{8} \int_0^2 \left[18 - 3x - \frac{9}{2} \right] - [12 - 2x - 2] dx \\&= \frac{1}{8} \int_0^2 \left(\frac{7}{2} - x \right) dx\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore P(Y < 3) = \frac{5}{8}.$$

Substituting in (1) we get

$$P(X < 1/Y < 1) = \frac{\frac{3}{8}}{\frac{5}{8}} = \frac{3}{5}$$

9) The joint PDF of two-dimensional random variable (X, Y) is given by

$f(x, y) = xy^2 + \frac{x^2}{8}$, $0 \leq x \leq 2$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$. Find

(i) $P(X > 1)$, (ii) $P\left(Y < \frac{1}{2}\right)$, (iii) $P\left(X > 1/Y < \frac{1}{2}\right)$,

(iv) $P\left(Y < \frac{1}{2}/X > 1\right)$ (v) $P(X < Y)$ (iv) $P(X + Y \leq 1)$

Solution:

$$(i) P(X > 1) = \int_0^2 \int_1^2 \left(xy^2 + \frac{x^2}{8} \right) dx dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left[\frac{x^2 y^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{24} \right]_1^2 dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left[\frac{4y^2}{2} + \frac{8}{24} - \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{1}{24} \right] dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left(2y^2 + \frac{7}{24} - \frac{y^2}{2} \right) dy$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \left[\frac{2y^3}{3} + \frac{7y}{24} - \frac{y^3}{6} \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{2}{3} + \frac{7}{24} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{19}{24} \dots (i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (ii) \quad P\left(Y < \frac{1}{2}\right) &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^2 \left(xy^2 + \frac{x^2}{8}\right) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\frac{x^2 y^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{24} \right]_0^2 dy \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\frac{4y^2}{2} + \frac{8}{24} \right] dy$$

$$= \left[\frac{4y^3}{6} + \frac{8y}{24} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3}{6} + 8\frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{24} = \frac{1}{4} \dots (ii)$$

$$P\left(X > 1/Y < \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{P\left(X > 1 \cap Y < \frac{1}{2}\right)}{P\left(Y < \frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{P\left(X > 1, Y < \frac{1}{2}\right)}{P\left(Y < \frac{1}{2}\right)} \dots (iii)$$



Now

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(X > 1/Y < \frac{1}{2}\right) &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_1^2 \left(xy^2 + \frac{x^2}{8}\right) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\frac{x^2 y^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{24}\right]_1^2 dy \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\frac{4y^2}{2} + \frac{8}{24} - \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{1}{24}\right] dy \\ &= \left[\frac{4y^3}{6} + \frac{8y}{24} - \frac{y^3}{6} - \frac{y}{24}\right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3}{6} + 8\frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{24} - \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3}{6} - \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{24} = \frac{5}{24} \dots (iv) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting in (iii) we get

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$$P\left(X > 1/Y < \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\frac{5}{24}}{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$(iv) P\left(Y > \frac{1}{2}/X > 1\right) = \frac{P\left(Y > \frac{1}{2}, X > 1\right)}{P(X > 1)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{5}{24}}{\frac{19}{24}} = \frac{5}{19}$$

$$(v) P(X < Y) = \int_0^1 \int_0^y \left[xy^2 + \frac{x^2}{8}\right] dy dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left[\frac{x^2 y^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{24} \right]_0^y dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left[\frac{y^4}{2} + \frac{y^3}{24} \right] dy$$

$$= \left[\frac{y^5}{10} + \frac{y^4}{96} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{96} = \frac{53}{480}$$

$$(iv) \quad P(X + Y \leq 1) = \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-y} \left(xy^2 + \frac{x^2}{8} \right) dx dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left[\frac{x^2 y^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{24} \right]_0^{1-y} dy = \int_0^1 \frac{(1-y)^2 y^2}{2} + \frac{(1-y)^3}{24} dy$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y^3}{3} - \frac{2y^4}{4} + \frac{y^5}{5} \right) + \frac{1}{24} \left(y - \frac{3y^2}{2} + \frac{3y^3}{3} - \frac{y^4}{4} \right) \right]_0^1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{4} + \frac{1}{5} \right) + \frac{1}{24} \left(1 - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{60} + \frac{1}{96} = \frac{13}{480}
 \end{aligned}$$

10) Given $f_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} cx(x-y), & 0 < x < 2, -x < y < x \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Evaluate (i) c , (ii) $f_X(x)$ (iii) $f_{(Y/X)}(y/x)$ (iv) $f_Y(y)$

Solution:

(i) To find the value of c , we know that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = 1$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-x}^x cx(x-y)dydx = 1 \dots (1) \quad \bullet$$

$$c \int_0^2 \int_{-x}^x (x^2 - xy)dydx = 1$$

$$c \int_0^2 \left[x^2y - \frac{xy^2}{2} \right]_{-x}^x dx = 1$$

$$c \int_0^2 \left(x^3 - \frac{x^3}{2} + x^3 + \frac{x^3}{2} \right) dx = c \int_0^2 2x^3 dx = 1$$

$$2c \left(\frac{x^4}{4} \right)_0^2 = 2c \cdot \frac{16}{4} = 1$$

$$8c = 1 \Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$(ii) f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y)dy$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{8} \int_{-x}^x (x^2 - xy) dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \left(x^3 - \frac{x^3}{2} + x^3 + \frac{x^3}{2} \right) = \frac{2x^3}{8} = \frac{x^3}{4}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3}{4}, 0 < x < 2$$

$$(iii) f_{Y/X}(y/x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f(x)}$$

$$\frac{\frac{x(x-y)}{8}}{\frac{x^3}{4}} = \frac{x-y}{2x^2}, -x < y < x$$

$$(iv) f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dx$$

$$= \int_{-y}^2 \frac{1}{8} x(x-y) dx, \quad -2 \leq y \leq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{8} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^2 y}{2} \right]_{-y}^2 &= \frac{1}{8} \left[\frac{8}{3} - 2y - \left(-\frac{y^3}{3} - \frac{y^2}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{y}{4} + \frac{5y^3}{48} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(y) = \int_y^2 \frac{1}{8} x(x-y) dx, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^2 y}{2} \right)_y^2 = \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{8}{3} - \frac{4y}{2} - \frac{y^3}{3} + \frac{y^2}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{y}{4} + \frac{y^3}{48} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3} - \frac{y}{4} + \frac{5y^4}{48}, & -2 < y < 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} - \frac{y}{4} + \frac{5y^4}{48}, & 0 < y < 2 \end{cases}$$

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