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Cor: If $X, Y \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0,1)$, then ~~$X^2 + Y^2 \sim \text{Exp}(1/2)$~~
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Proof: $X, Y \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0,1)$ + Fact in Pg (71)
 $\Rightarrow X^2, Y^2 \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Gamma}(1/2, 1/2)$

(Here we are ^{also} using the following fact

$$X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \Rightarrow X^2 \perp\!\!\!\perp Y^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow X^2 + Y^2 \sim \text{Gamma}(1, 1/2) \equiv \text{Exp}(1/2)$$

by the propⁿ in Pg (93).

Exc: If $X, Y \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0,1)$, then find the distⁿ of $R = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$. (The distribution of R is called Rayleigh Distribution.)

Exc: If $X, Y \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0,1)$, then using the convolution formula, find the distⁿ of $X+Y$. (In this case, $X+Y \sim N(0,2)$.)

Exc: If $U, V \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0,1)$, then using the convolution formula (i.e., Method ②), find the distⁿ of $Z = U+V$.

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A Quick Digression: k -dimensional random vectors and independence

$k \geq 2$ and
Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k are k r.v.s defined on the same sample space Ω .

This means that each $X_i: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a ~~map~~ function. Combining these k functions, we get a function $\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ defined by

$$\omega \mapsto (X_1(\omega), X_2(\omega), \dots, X_k(\omega)).$$

$(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k) \doteq \underline{X}$ is called a k -dimensional random vector or jointly distributed k r.v.s.

Defⁿ: For a (k -dimensional) random vector $\underline{X} := (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k)$, the joint cdf or joint distⁿ function is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) &= F_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \\ &= P(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_k \leq x_k) \end{aligned}$$

for all $\underline{x} := (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$.

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As before, marginal cdfs can be computed by taking limit as the other variables tend to infinity. For example (when $k=4$),

$$F_{X_1, X_2, X_3}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \lim_{x_4 \rightarrow \infty} F_{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4),$$

$$F_{X_1, X_3}(x_1, x_3) = \lim_{\substack{x_2 \rightarrow \infty \\ x_4 \rightarrow \infty}} F_{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4),$$

$$F_{X_3}(x_3) = \lim_{\substack{x_1 \rightarrow \infty \\ x_2 \rightarrow \infty \\ x_4 \rightarrow \infty}} F_{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4),$$

etc.

If each of X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k is a discrete r.v., then we say that

$\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k)$ is a discrete random vector. For such a random vector, the joint pmf is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) &= p_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \\ &= P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_k = x_k) \end{aligned}$$

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for all $\underline{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$. Clearly the joint range of X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k is

$$\text{Range}(\underline{X}) = \text{Range}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k)$$

$$= \{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^k : p_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) > 0 \}$$

$$\subseteq \text{Range}(X_1) \times \text{Range}(X_2) \times \dots \times \text{Range}(X_k).$$

As in the bivariate case, for any

$$B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k,$$

$$P(\underline{X} \in B) = \sum_{\underline{x} \in B \cap \text{Range}(\underline{X})} p_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}).$$

In particular, marginal pmfs can be computed by "summing out" the other variables. For example, (when $k=4$),

$$p_{X_1, X_2, X_3}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \sum_{x_4 \in \text{Range}(X_4)} p_{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4),$$

$$p_{X_1, X_4}(x_1, x_4) = \sum_{(x_2, x_3) \in \text{Range}(X_2, X_3)} p_{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4),$$

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$$p_{X_2}(x_2) = \sum_{(x_1, x_3, x_4) \in \text{Range}(X_1, X_3, X_4)} p_{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4),$$

etc.

For ~~the~~ a discussion on k -dimensional continuous random vectors, we shall need multiple integrals, which are higher dimensional versions of double integrals. Again, we shall think of them as repeated integrals — each time integrating w.r.t. one variable treating all other variables as constants. For ~~nonnegative functions~~ functions taking nonnegative values, the order of the integration won't matter.

Defⁿ: A (k -dimensional) random vector $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k)$ is called (absolutely) continuous if \exists a function

$$f_{\underline{X}} = f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k} : \mathbb{R}^k \longrightarrow [0, \infty) \text{ such that}$$

$$\forall \underline{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k,$$

$$F_{\underline{X}}(\underline{u}) = F_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k}(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k)$$

$$= P(X_1 \leq u_1, X_2 \leq u_2, \dots, X_k \leq u_k)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{u_k} \int_{-\infty}^{u_{k-1}} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{u_1} f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) dx_1 dx_2 \cdots dx_k \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{u_k} \int_{-\infty}^{u_{k-1}} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{u_1} f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) d\underline{x} .
 \end{aligned}$$

In this case, $f_{\underline{X}} = f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k}$ is called a joint pdf or joint density function of $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k)$. We also say that X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k are jointly (absolutely) continuous.

It can be shown that for all "nice" $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k$,

$$(*) \dots P(\underline{X} \in B) = \iint \dots \int_B f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) d\underline{x} \quad , \text{ i.e.,}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (*) \dots P((X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k) \in B) \\
 = \iint \dots \int_B f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_k
 \end{aligned}$$

In particular, marginal pdfs can be computed by "integrating out" the other variables. For example (when $k=4$),

$$f_{X_1, X_3, X_4}(x_1, x_3, x_4) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) dx_2,$$

$$f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) dx_3 dx_4,$$

$$f_{X_4}(x_4) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) dx_1 dx_2 dx_3,$$

etc.

The interpretation of joint density function is as given in Pg (29) for the bivariate case: whenever $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ is a continuity point of $f_{\underline{X}}$, we have

$$\lim_{\substack{\Delta \underline{x} \rightarrow 0^+ \\ \parallel \\ (\Delta x_1, \dots, \Delta x_k)}} \frac{P[\underline{X} \in (\underline{x}, \underline{x} + \Delta \underline{x})]}{|\Delta \underline{x}|} = f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}),$$

where $|\Delta \underline{x}| = \Delta x_1 \Delta x_2 \dots \Delta x_k = k\text{-dimensional volume of } (\underline{x}, \underline{x} + \Delta \underline{x})$.