Project 1B Draft 3:
Two-Dimensional Distributions, Marginals and Covariance Structure

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Abstract

In this Project, I will discuss some special properties about the two-dimensional distributions and their marginals, introduce moment generating functions and characteristic functions which can be used to study distributions more deeply. One particular can we consider is the bivariate Cauchy distribution. Moreover, we introduce how to construct a bivariate distribution from two single, marginal, distributions.

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1 Introduction

The first part of the Project is to introduce the basic definitions and properties. This part aiming to provide the preliminaries.

In the second part, I will write the moment generating functions (m.g.f.s) and characteristic functions (ch.f.s) of bivariate distributions and some important properties and theorems about them. As an application, I discuss a special distribution: bivariate Cauchy distribution.

In the final part, I will introduce the Farlie-Gumbel-Morgenstern (FGM) copula and derive some properties about it. A copula is a function that makes marginals F_X and F_Y to some joint distribution F. It was first introduced by Sklar in [8]. Now copulas and several parametric families of copulas have been widely used in statistics. One of the most popular parametric families is the FGM copula, whose properties were discussed by Farlie [4].

2 Random Variables, Distributions and Covariance

For now I will introduce some basic definitions of bivariate r.v.s and their distributions.

Definition 2.1. *We denote Ω be the whole space and let $\mathscr{F}$ be the sets of all events, i.e. $\mathscr{F}$ satisfies*

    (i) $\Omega \in \mathscr{F}$;
    (ii) If $A \in \mathscr{F}$, then $A^c \in \mathscr{F}$;
    (iii) If $A_n \in \mathscr{F}, n = 1, 2, ...,$ then $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathscr{F}$.
    Let $\mathsf{P} : \mathscr{F} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a function satisfies
    (a) $\mathsf{P}(A) \geq 0$ for all $A \in \mathscr{F}$;
    (b) $\mathsf{P}(\Omega) = 1$;

(c) If $A_i \in \mathscr{F}$ for all $i = 1, 2, ...$ which are pairwisely disjoint, then

$$P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i).$$

Now we called the triple $(\Omega, \mathscr{F}, P)$ the probability space.

Definition 2.2. *Consider the r.v.s $\xi(\omega) = (\xi_1(\omega), \xi_2(\omega))$ whose components are r.v.s on some probability space $(\Omega, \mathscr{A}, P)$. The function*

$$F(x, y) = P(\xi_1(\omega) \le x, \xi_n(\omega) \le y)$$

*is called **distribution function** (d.f.) of ξ.*

Suppose, there exists a non-negative function $p(x, y)$ such that

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

*where $\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} p(x, y) dx dy = 1$; it is called **probability density function**.*

Definition 2.3 (Marginal). *We consider two-dimensional r.v.s (ξ, η).*

*(1)[General] Let its distribution function be $F(x, y) = P(\xi \le x, \eta \le y), (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Let $F_1(x) = P(\xi \le x) = F(x, +\infty)$ and $F_2(y) = P(\eta \le y) = F(+\infty, y)$. These are called the **marginal d.f.s** of $F(x, y)$, also of the components ξ and η.*

(2)[Discrete] If ξ take values in the set $\{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$ and η take values in the set $\{y_1, y_2, ..., y_m\}$, and if we let $P(\xi = x_i, \eta = y_j) = p(x_i, y_j)$ and $P(\xi = x_i) = p_1(x_i), P(\eta = y_j) = p_2(y_j)$, then

$$\sum_{j} p(x_i, y_j) = p_1(x_i), \quad \sum_{i} p(x_i, y_j) = p_2(y_j),$$

and these are marginal mass functions of ξ and η.

(3)[Continuous] Let (ξ, η) have a probability density function $p(x, y)$. Then

$$F_1(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(u, y) du dy, \quad F_2(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{y} p(x, v) dx dv.$$

Hence the probability density functions of $F_1(x)$ and $F_2(y)$, also of ξ and η, are

$$p_1(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} p(x, y) dy, \quad p_2(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} p(x, y) dx.$$

They are called marginal densities functions, respectively.

Definition 2.4. *The r.v.s ξ_1, ξ_2 are said to be **independent** if*

$$\mathsf{P}(\xi_1(\omega) \le x, \xi_2(\omega) \le y) = \mathsf{P}(\xi_1(\omega) \le x)\mathsf{P}(\xi_2(\omega) \le y)$$

for all x, y from the range of values of ξ_1, ξ_2, respectively.

Definition 2.5 (Expectation). *In the general case, we will use a special integral, called Riemann-Stieltjes integral, to define it.*

Let the d.f. of the r.v.s (ξ_1, ξ_2) be $F(x_1, x_2)$. The expectation of (ξ_1, ξ_2) is denoted by $(\mathsf{E}\xi_1, \mathsf{E}\xi_2)$, where

$$\mathsf{E}\xi_i = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} x_i dF(x_1, x_2) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x_i dF_i(x_i) < \infty$$

where F_i is the distribution function of ξ_i, and $i = 1, 2$. If the integral is not finite, then we say that the expectation of (ξ_1, ξ_2) doesn't exists.

So in the case of discrete random variables, $\mathsf{E}(\xi_i) = \sum_j x_j p_i(x_j)$; in the continuous case, $\mathsf{E}(\xi_i) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x p_i(x) dx$.

Remark 2.6. *More generally, we have the following formula*

$$\mathsf{E}g(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} g(x_1, x_2) dF(x_1, x_2).$$

Definition 2.7 (Variance and Covariance). *Consider a r.v.s $\boldsymbol{\xi} = (\xi_1, \xi_2)$, we define its covariance matrix as*

$$\mathsf{Cov}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathsf{Var}\xi_1 & \mathsf{Cov}(\xi_1, \xi_2) \\ \mathsf{Cov}(\xi_2, \xi_1) & \mathsf{Var}\xi_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\mathsf{Var}(\xi_i) = \mathsf{E}[(\xi_i - \mathsf{E}\xi_i)^2]$ is the variance of ξ_i and $\mathsf{Cov}(\xi_i, \xi_j) = \mathsf{E}[(\xi_i - \mathsf{E}\xi_i)(\xi_j - \mathsf{E}\xi_j)]$ is the covariance between ξ_i and ξ_j for $i, j = 1, 2$ if all of these are finite. So $\mathsf{Cov}(\xi_i, \xi_i) = \mathsf{Var}(\xi_i)$ and $\mathsf{Cov}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = (\mathsf{Cov}(\xi_i, \xi_j))_{2 \times 2}$.

Remark 2.8. *The matrix $\mathsf{Cov}(\boldsymbol{\xi})$ is non-negative definited since for all $t_j \in \mathbb{R}$ we have*

$$\sum_{j,k} \mathsf{Cov}(\xi_j, \xi_k) t_j t_k = \mathsf{E}\left(\sum_j t_j(\xi_j - \mathsf{E}\xi_j)\right)^2 \ge 0.$$

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3 Moment Generating Functions and Characteristic Functions

Now we will introduce two tools, moment generating functions and characteristic functions, to analyse the distributions. For two random variables X and Y, the joint moment generating functions of them contains rich information about their joint probability distribution. (See [6])

Definition 3.1. *For two r.v.s X and Y, the moment generating function (m.g.f.) is defined as*

$$M_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = \mathsf{E}(\exp(t_1 X + t_2 Y))$$

where real vector (t_1, t_2) take values in a closed rectangle $I_1 \times I_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ containsing the origin $(0,0)$.

Hence we find that $M_X(t_1) = M_{X,Y}(t_1, 0)$ and $M_Y(t_2) = M_{X,Y}(0, t_2)$ are the marginal m.g.f.s of X and Y, repectively. Now we can use m.g.f.s to express the properties and the facts we are familiar with from our Probability course.

Theorem 3.2. *Consider two r.v.s X and Y with d.f. $F(x,y)$ and m.g.f $M_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2)$. Then for all $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$*

$$\mathsf{E}(X^r Y^s) = \frac{\partial^{r+s} M_{X,Y}}{\partial t_1^r \partial t_2^s}(0,0)$$

and

$$\mathsf{Cov}(X^r, Y^s) = \frac{\partial^{r+s} M_{X,Y}}{\partial t_1^r \partial t_2^s}(0,0) - \frac{\partial^r M_X}{\partial t_1^r}(0) \frac{\partial^s M_Y}{\partial t_2^s}(0).$$

Proof. We have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^{r+s} M_{X,Y}}{\partial t_1^r \partial t_2^s}(t_1, t_2) &= \frac{\partial^{r+s}}{\partial t_1^r \partial t_2^s} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{t_1 x + t_2 y} dF(x,y) \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{\partial^{r+s} e^{t_1 x + t_2 y}}{\partial t_1^r \partial t_2^s} dF(x,y) \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} x^r y^s e^{t_1 x + t_2 y} dF(x,y).
\end{aligned}
$$

For the second equality, the existence of the m.g.f. allows to change the differentiation and the integration by Fubini type theorem.

Hence

$$\frac{\partial^{r+s} M_{X,Y}}{\partial t_1^r \partial t_2^s}(0,0) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} x^r y^s dF(x,y) = \mathsf{E}(X^r Y^s).$$

Moreover,

$$\frac{\partial^{r+s} M_{X,Y}}{\partial t_1^r \partial t_2^s}(0,0) - \frac{\partial^r M_X}{\partial t_1^r}(0)\frac{\partial^s M_Y}{\partial t_2^s}(0) = \mathsf{E}(X^r Y^s) - \mathsf{E}(X^r)\mathsf{E}(Y^s)$$

which is exactly $\mathsf{Cov}(X^r, Y^s)$. □

Corollary 1. *If the m.g.f. $M_{X,Y}$ exists, then all moments of X and Y are finite.*

Theorem 3.3 (Uniqueness in terms of m.g.f.)**.** *Consider (X,Y) and (U,V), two r.v.s. Then $M_{X,Y} = M_{U,V}$ in some neighborhood of the origin if and only if (X,Y) and (U,V) have the same joint d.f.s.*

Proof. This proof relies on Laplace transforms. I do not write this and I refer to [5]. □

Here, we will use m.g.f.s to make conclusions about the independence of the components of the random vectors.

Theorem 3.4. *Consider two r.v.s X and Y with joint d.f. $F(x,y)$, the two marginal d.f.s $G(x)$ and $H(y)$ and the m.d.f. $M_{X,Y}(t_1,t_2)$. Then X and Y are independent if and only if*

$$M_{X,Y}(t_1,t_2) = M_X(t_1)M_Y(t_2)$$

for all (t_1,t_2) in some neighborhood of origin.

Proof. If (X,Y) are independent by the definition of expectation, we have

$$M_{X,Y}(t_1,t_2) = \mathsf{E}(e^{t_1 X + t_2 Y}) = \mathsf{E}(e^{t_1 X} e^{t_2 Y})$$
$$= \mathsf{E}(e^{t_1 X})\mathsf{E}(e^{t_2 Y}) = M_X(t_1)M_Y(t_2).$$

Conversely, if $M_{X,Y}(t_1,t_2) = M_X(t_1)M_Y(t_2)$ for all (t_1,t_2) in some neighborhood of the origin, we claim that X and Y are independent. By the uniqueness of a d.f. from its m.g.f., the bivariate d.f. $F(x,y)$ is the unique distribution that corresponds to $M_{X,Y}$ and $G(x)H(y)$ is the unique distribution that corresponds to $M_X M_Y$. Hence $F(x,y) = G(x)H(y)$, $(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. □

Corollary 2. *Consider two r.v.s X and Y. Then X and Y are independent if and only if*

$$\mathsf{Cov}(e^{t_1 X}, e^{t_2 Y}) = 0$$

for all (t_1, t_2) in some neighborhood of origin.

Proof. Use the previous theorem and the following fact, assuming that all expectations are finite,

$$\mathsf{Cov}(e^{t_1 X}, e^{t_2 Y}) = \mathsf{E}(e^{t_1 X + t_2 Y}) - \mathsf{E}(e^{t_1 X})\mathsf{E}(e^{t_2 Y}) = M_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) - M_X(t_1)M_Y(t_2),$$

then well done. □

Actually, we have the following expansion:

$$\mathsf{Cov}(e^{t_1 X}, e^{t_2 Y}) = \sum_{r,s} \frac{t_1^r t_2^s}{r! s!} \mathsf{Cov}(X^r, Y^s).$$

Hence we can show that if X, Y have bounded supports then $\mathsf{Cov}(X^r, Y^s) = 0$ for all $r, s > 0$ if and only if X and Y are independent. See [6].

Example 1. *In the theorem if X and Y are arbitrary r.v.s which are independent, then we have*

$$M_{X+Y}(t) = M_{X,Y}(t, t) = M_X(t)M_Y(t).$$

But conversely if X and Y satisfies $M_{X+Y}(t) = M_{X,Y}(t, t) = M_X(t)M_Y(t)$, then then X and Y may not be independent.

Indeed, consider (X, Y) be a two-dimensional random vector defined by the table:

X/Y	1	2	3	Total of X
1	$\frac{2}{18}$	$\frac{1}{18}$	$\frac{3}{18}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
2	$\frac{3}{18}$	$\frac{2}{18}$	$\frac{1}{18}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
3	$\frac{1}{18}$	$\frac{3}{18}$	$\frac{2}{18}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
Total of Y	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	1

The the sum $Z = X + Y$ is as the following table:

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Z	2	3	4	5	6
P	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}$	$\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}$

Then its easy to see that $M_Z(t) = M_X(t)M_Y(t)$ but X and Y are not independent as $\mathsf{P}(X = i, Y = j) \neq \mathsf{P}(X = i)\mathsf{P}(Y = j)$ for all $i \neq j$.

We already mentioned above that all moments exist if its m.g.f. exists. Here is an interesting question: Is there a r.v. X such that all moment $\mathsf{E}(X^k)$ are finite, however the m.g.f. does not exist? To answer this question, we consider univariate case. (See [9]) Consider a r.v. Z with density $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}\exp(-\sqrt{x})\mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}}$, then

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathsf{E}(Z^k) &= \int_0^\infty x^k \frac{1}{2}\exp(-\sqrt{x})dx = \frac{1}{2}\int_0^\infty x^k e^{-x^{1/2}}dx \\
&\xlongequal{\sqrt{x}=t} \frac{1}{2}\int_0^\infty t^{2k}e^{-t}2tdt = \int_0^\infty t^{2k+1}e^{-t}dt \\
&= \Gamma(2k+2) = (2k+1)!.
\end{aligned}
$$

By the definition of a m.g.f.,

$$
M(z) = \frac{1}{2}\int_0^\infty \exp(zx - \sqrt{x})dx.
$$

So, is this function finite for Z in a neighborhood of the origin? If $\varepsilon > 0$ is small enough then for every z with $0 < z < \varepsilon$ we have $zx - \sqrt{x} \to \infty$ as $x \to \infty$. So $\frac{1}{2}\int_0^\infty \exp(zx - \sqrt{x})dx = \infty$. So $M(z)$ does not exist.

In general it is useful to introduce a function which exists for any probability distribution. Now we introduce the second tool, characteristic functions.

Definition 3.5. *Consider a random vector (X, Y) with d.f. $F(x, y)$. The characteristic function (ch.f) defined as follows:*

$$
\psi_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = \mathsf{E}(e^{it_1 X + it_2 Y}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{i(t_1 x + t_2 y)} dF(x, y), \quad (t_1, t_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2.
$$

Theorem 3.6. *Consider two random variables X and Y with joint d.f. $F(x, y)$ and ch.f. $\psi_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2)$, then for all $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$*

$$
\mathsf{E}(X^r Y^s) = i^{-r-s} \frac{\partial^{r+s}\psi_{X,Y}}{\partial t_1^r \partial t_2^s}(0, 0).
$$

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Theorem 3.7 (Uniqueness of d.f.). *Consider (X, Y) and (U, V), two random vectors. Then $\psi_{X,Y} = \psi_{U,V}$ in some neighborhood of the origin if and only if (X, Y) and (U, V) have the same joint d.f.s.*

Theorem 3.8. *Consider two r.v.s X and Y their ch.f. $\psi_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2)$. Then X and Y are independent if and only if*

$$f_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = f_X(t_1) f_Y(t_2)$$

for all (t_1, t_2) in some neighborhood of the origin.

Proof. All of these theorem are the same as in the case of m.g.f. above. □

We can use ch.f.s and the uniqueness theorem for d.f.s, to derived interesting statements. Such is the following fact.

Example. Consider an arbitrary matrix $\boldsymbol{M} \in M_{2\times2}(\mathbb{R})$ and a bivarate normal random vector $\boldsymbol{\xi} \sim \mathcal{N}_2(\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \rho)$. For convenience we introduce the notations $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and $\boldsymbol{C}$, where $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1, \mu_2)^T$, $\boldsymbol{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 \end{pmatrix}$. We use the matrix $\boldsymbol{M}$ and the new random vector $\boldsymbol{\eta} = \boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{\xi}$ as a linear transformation. Then $\boldsymbol{\eta} \sim \mathcal{N}_2(\boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{C}\boldsymbol{M}^T)$.

Proof. Consider the ch.f. of $\boldsymbol{\eta}$. For any real vector $\boldsymbol{t} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, we have

$$\psi_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(\boldsymbol{t}) = \mathsf{E}e^{i\boldsymbol{t}^T\boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{\xi}} = \mathsf{E}e^{i(\boldsymbol{M}^T\boldsymbol{t})^T\boldsymbol{\xi}}$$
$$= \exp\left(i(\boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{\mu})^T\boldsymbol{t} - \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{t}^T(\boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{C}\boldsymbol{M}^T)\boldsymbol{t}\right).$$

The explicit form of $\psi_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(\boldsymbol{t})$ allows to conclude that $\boldsymbol{\eta} = \boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{\xi} \sim \mathcal{N}_2(\boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{C}\boldsymbol{M}^T)$. We tell this by words: A linear transformation of a normal random vector is normal. □

4 Bivariate Cauchy Distribution

Recall first that a r.v. ξ with values in $\mathbb{R}$ has Cauchy distribution, and we write $\xi \sim \mathcal{C}_1$, if ξ is continuous and has density

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\pi}\frac{1}{1 + x^2}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Definition 4.1. *We say that the random vectors (X, Y) follows bivariate Cauchy distribution, $(X, Y) \sim \mathcal{C}_2$, if its joint density is*

$$p(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Proposition 4.2 (Marginals)**.** *If $(X, Y) \sim \mathcal{C}_2$, then $X \sim \mathcal{C}_1$ and $Y \sim \mathcal{C}_1$, i.e. the marginals densities are*

$$p_X(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1 + x^2)}, x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad p_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\pi(1 + y^2)}, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Proof. Since

$$\int \frac{1}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} dy \xlongequal{y = \sqrt{1+x^2} \tan u} \frac{1}{1 + x^2} \int \cos u \, du$$

$$= \frac{y}{(1 + x^2)\sqrt{1 + x^2 + y^2}} + C,$$

we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} dy = \frac{y}{(1 + x^2)\sqrt{1 + x^2 + y^2}} \Bigg|_{-\infty}^{\infty} = \frac{2}{1 + x^2}.$$

Hence

$$p_X(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} p(x, y) dy = \frac{1}{\pi(1 + x^2)}.$$

Well done. $\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\square$

Another observation is that the expectation of a r.v. $X \sim \mathcal{C}_1$ does not exist! Indeed, by definition we have

$$\mathsf{E}(X) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x p_X(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{x}{\pi(1 + x^2)} dx,$$

which does not exist! As a consequence, higher order moments $\mathsf{E}(|X|^r)$ also do not exist for any $r > 1$, hence no variance.

Corollary 3. *This also tells us the m.g.f. of Cauchy distribution does not exists!*

Theorem 4.3. *If the random vectors $(X, Y) \sim \mathcal{C}_2$, then its ch.f. is*

$$\psi_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = \exp\left(-\sqrt{t_1^2 + t_2^2}\right), \quad (t_1, t_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Proof. Just need to calculate $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{i(t_1 x + t_2 y)}(1 + x^2 + y^2)^{-3/2} dx dy$.

First it is easy to see that for any integrable function g, we have

$$\int_{-a}^{a} g(x) dx = \int_{-a}^{a} \frac{g(x) + g(-x)}{2} dx$$

where $a \in \mathbb{R}$ or $a = \infty$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{e^{i(t_1 x + t_2 y)}}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} dx dy \\
&= \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{(e^{it_1 x} + e^{-it_1 x})(e^{it_2 y} + e^{-it_2 y})}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} dx dy \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{\cos t_1 x \cos t_2 y}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} dx dy \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos |t_1| x \cos |t_2| y}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} dx dy.
\end{aligned}$$

So we have $f_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = \exp\left(-\sqrt{t_1^2 + t_2^2}\right)$. $\square$

5 Farlie-Gumbel-Morgenstern (FGM) Family of Distributions

We will discribe how from two single distributions to construct a bivariate distribution and study its properties. To mention that FGM copulas are investigated in many publications e.g., in [1],[10].

Definition 5.1 (Farlie-Gumbel-Morgenstern (FGM) copula)**.** *For two random vectors with their d.f.s $U \sim F_1(x), V \sim F_2(y)$, we can get the FGM copula as*

$$C(U, V) = UV(1 + \alpha(1 - U)(1 - V)),$$

where $\alpha \in [-1, 1]$. If α is greater than zero, the FGM copula provides positive dependence; if α is smaller than zero, it returns negative dependence; when α is zero, it reduces to the independence copula.

Remark 5.2. *We can see that the marginals of FGM copula are F_1, F_2, respectively. Moreover, in [2], we can find more generalized version of FGM copula.*

Now we start. For two random vectors with their d.f.s $U \sim F_1(x), V \sim F_2(y)$ and densities $f_1(x), f_2(y)$. Let

$$G(x, y) = F_1(x)F_2(y)(1 + \alpha(1 - F_1(x))(1 - F_2(y))), x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then its probability density function is

$$g(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2 G(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y} = f_1(x)f_2(y)(1 + \alpha(2F_1(x) - 1)(2F_2(y) - 1)).$$

So we have

$$\mathsf{Cov}(U, V) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (x - \mathsf{E}(U))(y - \mathsf{E}(V))g(x, y)dxdy$$

$$= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} (x - \mathsf{E}(U))f_1(x)dx \right) \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} (y - \mathsf{E}(V))f_2(y)dy \right)$$

$$+ \alpha \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} (x - \mathsf{E}(U))f_1(x)(2F_1(x) - 1)dx \right) \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} (y - \mathsf{E}(V))f_2(y)(2F_2(y) - 1)dx \right)$$

$$= \alpha \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} (x - \mathsf{E}(U))f_1(x)(2F_1(x) - 1)dx \right) \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} (y - \mathsf{E}(V))f_2(y)(2F_2(y) - 1)dx \right)$$

$$= \alpha \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} xf_1(x)(2F_1(x) - 1)dx \right) \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} yf_2(y)(2F_2(y) - 1)dx \right)$$

where the last step is because

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} (2F_i(z) - 1)f_i(z)dz = \int_0^1 (2u - 1)du = 0.$$

Also we can find the correlation coefficient:

$$\rho(U, V) = \frac{\mathsf{Cov}(U, V)}{\sqrt{\mathsf{Var}(U)\mathsf{Var}(V)}} = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\mathsf{Var}(U)\mathsf{Var}(V)}}$$

$$\times \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} xf_1(x)(2F_1(x) - 1)dx \right) \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} yf_2(y)(2F_2(y) - 1)dx \right).$$

Moreover we can find the upper bound of the correlation coefficient. We have

$$\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} x(2F(x) - 1)f(x)dx \right)^2 = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} (x - \mathsf{E}(U))(2F(x) - 1)f(x)dx \right)^2$$

$$= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \left((x - \mathsf{E}(U))\sqrt{f(x)} \right) \left((2F(x) - 1)\sqrt{f(x)} \right) dx \right)^2$$

$$\leq^{(1)} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} (x - \mathsf{E}U)^2 f(x)dx \right) \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} (2F(x) - 1)^2 f(x)dx \right) = \frac{\mathsf{Var}(U)}{3},$$

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where (1) is Cauchy-Swartz inequality and the last step is because

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} (2F(z)-1)^2 f(z) dz = \int_0^1 (2u-1)^2 du = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Hence

$$\rho(U,V) = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\mathsf{Var}(x)\mathsf{Var}(y)}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} x f_1(x)(2F_1(x)-1) dx \right)$$
$$\times \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} y f_2(y)(2F_2(y)-1) dx \right) \le \frac{\alpha}{3},$$

well done.

6 Conclusions

For now we have described the properties of moment generating functions and characteristic functions, FGM copula, the difference between 2-dimension and more higher dimension distribution by exploring the simple symmetric random walk and some properties about the bivariate normal distribution. For the most basic knowledge about probability theory, we refer [1], [7], [11], [12], [13], [3].

7 Symbols and Notations

Table 1: Symbols

Symbol	meaning	Symbol	meaning
P	Probability Measure	p	Probability Density Function
E	Expectation	Var	Variance
Cov	Covariance	ρ	Correlation Coefficient
$\mathbb{1}$	Indicator Function	$\mathcal{N}$	Normal Distribution

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