

# Multivariate random variables:

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$$(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$$

Def:  $n$ -dimensional random variable or vector  $\underline{X}$  is a measurable function from  $\Omega$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{X}: \Omega &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ \omega &\mapsto (X_1(\omega), X_2(\omega), \dots, X_n(\omega))'\end{aligned}$$

Measurable:  $\forall x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  then

$\{\omega \in \Omega: X_1(\omega) \leq x_1, X_2(\omega) \leq x_2, \dots, X_n(\omega) \leq x_n\}$   
belongs to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Def: Joint cumulative distribution function

$$F_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \mathbb{P}(\underbrace{\{X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n\}}_{\text{event is in } \mathcal{A} \text{ because } \underline{X} \text{ is measurable}})$$

for  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Choose  $n=2$ : bivariate case, pair of r.v.  $(X, Y)$  <sup>(2)</sup>

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = P(\{X \leq x, Y \leq y\}), (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

They are continuous r.v. if there is a joint density function  $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$  such that

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f_{X,Y}(u,v) du dv$$

and

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

for every point of continuity of  $f_{X,Y}$ .

Moreover,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(u,v) du dv = 1.$$

## Marginal density and distribution: Pair (X, Y)

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$$\bullet P(X \leq x) = F_{X,Y}(x, \infty) = \int_{-\infty}^x \underbrace{\left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(u, v) dv \right)}_{=: f_X(u)} du$$

marginal density.

$$\bullet F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(u) du \quad \text{marginal distribution.}$$

Example: Choose  $(X, Y)$  with uniform density on the unit disc

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi} & \text{if } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Area of the unit} \\ \text{disc is } \pi \end{array} \right)$$

Determine the distribution of  $X$ :

Marginal density:

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy = \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \frac{1}{\pi} dy = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{1-x^2}, & |x| \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

From  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$  we get  $y^2 \leq 1 - x^2 \Rightarrow -\sqrt{1-x^2} \leq y \leq \sqrt{1-x^2}$

Independence: The components of a random vector 4.  
are independent iff

$$F_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{k=1}^n F_{X_k}(x_k)$$

for  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$

product of marginal distributions.

Continuous case:  $f_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{k=1}^n f_{X_k}(x_k)$

product of marginal densities.

In the example:  $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi} & \text{if } x^2 + y^2 < 1, \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{1-x^2}, \quad f_Y(y) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{1-y^2},$$

⇒ joint density does not factorize:  $(X, Y)$  are dependent.