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# Chapter 1

## Multivariate Distribution

### 1.1 Multivariate distribution

#### Definition 1.1.1

Let  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  be discrete random variables. The joint (or bivariate) probability function for  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  is given by

$$p(y_1, y_2) = P(Y_1 = y_1, Y_2 = y_2), \quad -\infty < y_1 < \infty, -\infty < y_2 < \infty$$

In the single-variable case, the probability function for a discrete random variable  $Y$  assigns nonzero probabilities to a finite or countable number of distinct values of  $Y$  in such a way that the sum of the probabilities is equal to 1. Similarly, in the bivariate case the joint probability function  $p(y_1, y_2)$  assigns nonzero probabilities to only a finite or countable number of pairs of values  $(y_1, y_2)$ . Further, the nonzero probabilities must sum to 1.

#### Theorem 1.1.1 Discrete random variables

If  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are discrete random variables with joint probability function  $p(y_1, y_2)$ , then

1.  $p(y_1, y_2) \geq 0 \quad \forall y_1, y_2$
2.  $\sum_{y_1, y_2} p(y_1, y_2) = 1$

As in the case of univariate random variables, the distinction between jointly discrete and jointly continuous random variables may be characterized in terms of their (joint) distribution functions.

#### Definition 1.1.2

For any random variables  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ , the joint (bivariate) distribution function  $F(y_1, y_2)$  is

$$F(y_1, y_2) = P(Y_1 \leq y_1, Y_2 \leq y_2) \quad -\infty < y_1 < \infty, -\infty < y_2 < \infty$$

#### Note:-

If  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are random variables with joint distribution function  $F(y_1, y_2)$ , then

1.  $F(-\infty, -\infty) = F(-\infty, y_2) = F(y_1, -\infty) = 0$
2.  $F(\infty, \infty) = 1$

#### Theorem 1.1.2 Continuous random variables

If  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are jointly continuous random variables with a joint density function given by  $f(y_1, y_2)$ , then

1.  $f(y_1, y_2) \geq 0$ , for all  $y_1, y_2$
2.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y_1, y_2) dy_1 dy_2 = 1$

## 1.2 Marginal and Conditional distribution

univariate event ( $Y_1 = y_1$ ) is the union of bivariate events of the type ( $Y_1 = y_1, Y_2 = y_2$ ), with the union being taken over all possible values for  $y_2$ .

### Definition 1.2.1: Marginal Distribution

Let  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  be jointly discrete random variables with probability function  $p(y_1, y_2)$ . Then the marginal probability functions of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ , respectively, are given by

$$p_1(y_1) = \sum_{\text{all } y_2} p(y_1, y_2) \quad \text{and} \quad p_2(y_2) = \sum_{\text{all } y_1} p(y_1, y_2)$$

Let  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  be jointly continuous random variables with joint density function  $f(y_1, y_2)$ . Then the marginal density functions of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ , respectively, are given by

$$f_1(y_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y_1, y_2) dy_2 \quad \text{and} \quad f_2(y_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y_1, y_2) dy_1$$

The term **marginal**, as applied to the univariate probability functions of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ , has intuitive meaning. To find  $p_1(y_1)$ , we sum  $p(y_1, y_2)$  over all values of  $y_2$ , and hence accumulate the probabilities on the  $y_1$  axis (or margin).

#### Note:-

To find marginal pdf

1. integrate over the other variable
2. fix a line corresponding to a value of desired marginal pdf
3. find the limit of integral: intersecting points between this line and support of the joint pdf
4. check if the boundary of support is straight line
5. remember to specify the support of the resulting marginal pdf

### Definition 1.2.2: Conditional Distribution discrete case

If  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are jointly discrete random variables with joint probability function  $p(y_1, y_2)$  and marginal probability functions  $p_1(y_1)$  and  $p_2(y_2)$ , respectively, then the conditional discrete probability function of  $Y_1$  given  $Y_2$  is

$$p(y_1|y_2) = P(Y_1 = y_1|Y_2 = y_2) = \frac{P(Y_1 = y_1, Y_2 = y_2)}{P(Y_2 = y_2)} = \frac{p(y_1, y_2)}{p_2(y_2)}$$

**Definition 1.2.3: Conditional Distribution cont. case**

If  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are jointly continuous random variables with joint density function  $f(y_1, y_2)$  and marginal densities  $f_1(y_1)$  and  $f_2(y_2)$  respectively, then the conditional distribution function of  $Y_1$  given  $Y_2 = y_2$  is

$$\begin{aligned} F(y_1|y_2) &= P(Y_1 \leq y_1 | Y_2 = y_2) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{y_1} \frac{f(t_1, y_2)}{f_2(y_2)} dt_1 \end{aligned}$$

We will call the integrand of this expression the conditional density function of  $Y_1$  given  $Y_2 = y_2$  and we will denote it by  $f(y_1|y_2)$ .

Note for any  $f_2(y_2) > 0$ , the conditional density of  $Y_1$  given  $Y_2 = y_2$  is given by

$$f(y_1|y_2) = \frac{f(y_1, y_2)}{f_2(y_2)}$$

and, for any  $f_1(y_1) > 0$ , the conditional density of  $Y_2$  given  $Y_1 = y_1$  is given by

$$f(y_2|y_1) = \frac{f(y_1, y_2)}{f_1(y_1)}$$

Notice that  $F(y_1|y_2)$  is a function of  $y_1$  for a fixed value of  $y_2$

**Note:-**

$$P(a < Y_1 < b | Y_2 = y_2) = \int_a^b f(y_1|y_2) dy_1$$

also for a valid pmf/pdf for  $Y_1$  or  $Y_2$  as univariate r.v.

1.  $f(y_1|y_2) = \frac{f(y_1, y_2)}{f_2(y_2)} \geq 0$
2.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y_1|y_2) dy_1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(y_1, y_2)}{f_2(y_2)} dy_1 = 1$

**1.2.1 Examples**

$$f(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} 30y_1y_2^2, & y_1 - 1 \leq y_2 \leq 1 - y_1, 0 \leq y_1 \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

**Question 1:**

- a show that the marginal density of  $Y_1$  is a beta density with  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\beta = 4$
- b Derive the marginal density of  $Y_2$
- c Derive the conditional density of  $Y_2$  given  $Y_1 = y_1$
- d Find  $P(Y_2 > 0 | Y_1 = 0.75)$

**Solution:**

a

$$f_1(y_1) = \begin{cases} \int_{y_1-1}^{1-y_1} 30y_1y_2^2 dy_2, & 0 \leq y_1 \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

$\sim \text{Beta}(2, 4)$  after integration

b

$$f_2(y_2) = \begin{cases} \int_0^{1-y_2} 30y_1y_2^2 dy_1, & 0 \leq y_2 \leq 1 \\ \int_0^{y_2+1} 30y_1y_2^2 dy_1, & -1 \leq y_2 \leq 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

c

$$f(y_2|y_1) = \frac{f(y_1, y_1)}{f_1(y_1)} = \frac{30y_1y_2^2}{20y_1(1-y_1)^3} = \frac{3y_2^2}{2(1-y_1)^3} \quad y_1 - 1 \leq y_2 \leq 1 - y_1, 0 \leq y_1 \leq 1$$

d

$$\int_0^{(1-0.75)} \frac{3y_2^2}{2(1-0.75)^3} dy_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

## 1.3 Independence

**Definition 1.3.1:** The r.v.  $Y_1, Y_2$  are independent if and only if

discrete:

$$p(y_1, y_2) = p_1(y_1)p_2(y_2) \quad \forall y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

continuous:

$$f(y_1, y_2) = f_1(y_1)f_2(y_2) \quad \forall y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

CDF:

$$F(y_1, y_2) = F_1(y_1)F_2(y_2) \quad \forall y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

### Theorem 1.3.1 Determining independence

Given two r.v.'s  $Y_1, Y_2$  Step 1: is the support of joint pmf/pdf rectangular with sides parallel to the axis?

- "No"  $\implies$  Not independent
- "Yes"  $\implies$  Move to step 2

Step 2: Can the joint pmf/pdf be written as the product of the form  $p(y_1, y_2) = h(y_a)g(y_b), a, b \in \{1, 2\}$

- "No"  $\implies$  Not independent
- "Yes"  $\implies$  Independent

tip: To rigorously prove "cannot be factorized", one way is to find one pair of  $(y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that

$$f_1(y_1)f_2(y_2) \neq f(y_1, y_2)$$

## 1.4 Expected Value

### Definition 1.4.1

Let  $g(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_k)$  be a function of the discrete random variables,  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_k$ , which have probability function  $p(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k)$ . Then the *expected value* of  $g(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_k)$  is

$$E[g(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_k)] = \sum_{\text{all } y_k} \cdots \sum_{\text{all } y_2} \sum_{\text{all } y_1} g(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k)p(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k).$$

If  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_k$  are continuous random variables with joint density function  $f(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k)$ , then

$$E[g(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_k)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k)f(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k) dy_1 dy_2 \cdots dy_k.$$

**Note:-**

In general,  $E(Y_1 Y_2) \neq E(Y_1)E(Y_2)$  except for when  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are independent

**Important:** Independence  $\Rightarrow E(Y_1 Y_2) = E(Y_1)E(Y_2)$  but  $E(Y_1 Y_2) = E(Y_1)E(Y_2) \nRightarrow$  Independence

Consider two random variables  $Y_1, Y_2$  with density function  $f(y_1, y_2)$ .

$$E(Y_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y_1 f(y_1, y_2) dy_2 dy_1$$

## 1.5 Covariance

The covariance between two random variables  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ , a measure of dependence between  $Y_1, Y_2$ , is defined as

$$\text{cov}(Y_1, Y_2) = E[(Y_1 - \mu_1)(Y_2 - \mu_2)] \quad \mu_i = E(Y_i) \quad i = 1, 2$$

which can also be written in shortcut form as

$$\text{cov}(Y_1, Y_2) = E(Y_1 Y_2) - E(Y_1)E(Y_2)$$

note if  $Y_1 = Y_2 = Y$  then  $\text{cov}(Y, Y) = V(Y)$

### Corollary 1.5.1

if  $Y_1, Y_2$  are independent, then  $\text{cov}(Y_1, Y_2) = 0$  because

$$E(Y_1 Y_2) = E(Y_1)E(Y_2)$$

but  $\text{cov}(Y_1 Y_2) = 0$  does not imply independence

The larger the absolute value of the covariance of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ , the greater the linear dependence between  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ . Positive values indicate that  $Y_1$  increases as  $Y_2$  increases; negative values indicate that  $Y_1$  decreases as  $Y_2$  increases. A zero value of the covariance indicates that the variables are uncorrelated and that there is no linear dependence between  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ .

### 1.5.1 Correlation Coefficient

correlation coefficient  $\rho$  is a measurement of dependency and is defined as

$$\rho = \frac{\text{Cov}(Y_1 Y_2)}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}$$

where  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  are the standard deviation of  $Y_1, Y_2$  respectively.

**Note**

$$-1 \leq \rho_{Y_1 Y_2} \leq 1$$

- $\rho = 0 \iff Y_1, Y_2$  uncorrelated
- $\rho = 1 \iff$  Perfect Positive linear dependence  $Y_1 = aY_2 + b, \quad a > 0$
- $\rho = -1 \iff$  Perfect Negative linear dependence  $Y_1 = -aY_2 + b, \quad a > 0$

## 1.6 Linear Combination, Conditional Expectation

### Theorem 1.6.1

Let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  and  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m$  be random variables with  $E(Y_i) = \mu_i$  and  $E(X_j) = \xi_j$ . Define

$$U_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i Y_i \quad \text{and} \quad U_2 = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j X_j$$

for constants  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  and  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m$ . Then the following hold:

- $E(U_1) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu_i$ .
- $V(U_1) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 V(Y_i) + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i a_j \text{Cov}(Y_i, Y_j)$ , where the double sum is over all pairs  $(i, j)$  with  $i < j$ .
- $\text{Cov}(U_1, U_2) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_i b_j \text{Cov}(Y_i, X_j)$ .

## 1.7 Conditional Expectation

### Definition 1.7.1

If  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are any two random variables, the *conditional expectation* of  $g(Y_1)$ , given that  $Y_2 = y_2$ , is defined to be

$$E(g(Y_1) | Y_2 = y_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(y_1) f(y_1 | y_2) dy_1$$

if  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are jointly continuous and

$$E(g(Y_1) | Y_2 = y_2) = \sum_{\text{all } y_1} g(y_1) p(y_1 | y_2)$$

if  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are jointly discrete.

### Example 1.7.1

Consider random variable  $Y_1, Y_2$  with joint density function

$$f(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & 0 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 \leq 2 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

Find the conditional expectation of the amount of sales,  $Y_1$ , given that  $Y_2 = 1.5$

**Solution:** Note if  $0 < y_2 \leq 2$ ,

$$f(y_1 | y_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{y_2}, & 0 < y_1 \leq y_2 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

so for any value of  $y_2$  such that  $0 < y_2 \leq 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y_1 | Y_2 = y_2) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y_1 f(y_1 | y_2) dy_1 \\ &= \int_0^{y_2} y_1 \frac{1}{y_2} dy_1 = \frac{y_2}{2} \end{aligned}$$



**Theorem 1.7.1 The Towering Rule**

Let  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  denote random variables. Then

$$E(Y_1) = E[E(Y_1 | Y_2)],$$

where on the right-hand side the inside expectation is with respect to the conditional distribution of  $Y_1$  given  $Y_2$  and the outside expectation is with respect to the distribution of  $Y_2$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are jointly continuous with joint density function  $f(y_1, y_2)$  and marginal densities  $f_1(y_1)$  and  $f_2(y_2)$ , respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y_1) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y_1 f(y_1, y_2) dy_1 dy_2 \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y_1 f(y_1 | y_2) f_2(y_2) dy_1 dy_2 \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y_1 f(y_1 | y_2) dy_1 \right\} f_2(y_2) dy_2 \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(Y_1 | Y_2 = y_2) f_2(y_2) dy_2 = E[E(Y_1 | Y_2)]. \end{aligned}$$

The proof is similar for the discrete case. ☺

The conditional variance of  $Y_1$  given  $Y_2 = y_2$  is defined by analogy with an ordinary variance, again using the conditional density or probability function of  $Y_1$  given  $Y_2 = y_2$  in place of the ordinary density or probability function of  $Y_1$ . That is,

$$V(Y_1 | Y_2 = y_2) = E(Y_1^2 | Y_2 = y_2) - [E(Y_1 | Y_2 = y_2)]^2$$

**Theorem 1.7.2**

Let  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  denote random variables. Then

$$V(Y_1) = E[V(Y_1 | Y_2)] + V[E(Y_1 | Y_2)].$$

**Proof:** As previously indicated,  $V(Y_1 | Y_2)$  is given by

$$V(Y_1 | Y_2) = E(Y_1^2 | Y_2) - [E(Y_1 | Y_2)]^2$$

and

$$E[V(Y_1 | Y_2)] = E[E(Y_1^2 | Y_2)] - E\{[E(Y_1 | Y_2)]^2\}.$$

By definition,

$$V[E(Y_1 | Y_2)] = E\{[E(Y_1 | Y_2)]^2\} - \{E[E(Y_1 | Y_2)]\}^2.$$

The variance of  $Y_1$  is

$$\begin{aligned} V(Y_1) &= E[Y_1^2] - [E(Y_1)]^2 \\ &= E\{E[Y_1^2 | Y_2]\} - \{E[E(Y_1 | Y_2)]\}^2 \\ &= E[Y_1^2 | Y_2] - \{E[E(Y_1 | Y_2)]\}^2 + E\{[E(Y_1 | Y_2)]^2\} - \{E[E(Y_1 | Y_2)]\}^2 \\ &= E[V(Y_1 | Y_2)] + V[E(Y_1 | Y_2)]. \end{aligned}$$

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**Conditional Variance**

$$V[Y_1 | Y_2 = y_2] = E(Y_1^2 | Y_2 = y_2) - (E(Y_1 | Y_2 = y_2))^2$$

## Chapter 2

# Functions of Random Variables

### 2.1 Method of distribution functions

Steps:

1. identify  $u = g(Y)$  or  $u = g(Y_1, Y_2)$
2. cdf:  $F_u(u) = P(U \leq u)$

$$= P(g(Y) \leq u) = \begin{cases} \sum_{y_1, y_2: g(y_1, y_2) \leq u} p(y_1 y_2) \\ \int \int_{(y_1, y_2): g(y_1, y_2) \leq u} f(y_1, y_2) dy_1 dy_2 \end{cases}$$

3. if  $u$  is continuous, pdf  $f_u(u) = \frac{dF_u(u)}{du}$

#### Corollary 2.1.1 Summary of the Distribution Function Method

Let  $U$  be a function of the random variables  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$ .

1. Find the region  $U = u$  in the  $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  space.
2. Find the region  $U \leq u$ .
3. Find  $F_U(u) = P(U \leq u)$  by integrating  $f(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  over the region  $U \leq u$ .
4. Find the density function  $f_U(u)$  by differentiating  $F_U(u)$ . Thus,

$$f_U(u) = \frac{dF_U(u)}{du}.$$

### 2.2 Method of transformation

The method of transformation is a special case of the method of distribution, where  $U = h(Y)$  with function  $h$  strictly monotone on support of  $Y$

Suppose that  $h(y)$  is an increasing function of  $y$  and that  $U = h(Y)$ , where  $Y$  has density function  $f_Y(y)$ . Then  $h^{-1}(u)$  is an increasing function of  $u$ : If  $u_1 < u_2$ , then  $h^{-1}(u_1) = y_1 < y_2 = h^{-1}(u_2)$ . We see from Figure 6.8 that the set of points  $y$  such that  $h(y) \leq u$  is precisely the same as the set of points  $y$  such that  $y \leq h^{-1}(u)$ . Therefore (see Figure 6.8),

$$P(U \leq u) = P(h(Y) \leq u) = P(h^{-1}[h(Y)] \leq h^{-1}(u)) = P(Y \leq h^{-1}(u)).$$

or

$$F_U(u) = F_Y(h^{-1}(u)).$$

Then differentiating with respect to  $u$ , we have

$$f_U(u) = \frac{dF_U(u)}{du} = \frac{dF_Y(h^{-1}(u))}{du} = f_Y(h^{-1}(u)) \frac{d[h^{-1}(u)]}{du}.$$

To simplify notation, we will write  $dh^{-1}/du$  instead of  $d[h^{-1}(u)]/du$  and

$$f_U(u) = f_Y(h^{-1}(u)) \frac{dh^{-1}}{du}.$$

Thus, we have acquired a new way to find  $f_U(u)$  that evolved from the general method of distribution functions. To find  $f_U(u)$ , solve for  $y$  in terms of  $u$ ; that is, find  $y = h^{-1}(u)$  and substitute this expression into  $f_Y(y)$ . Then multiply this quantity by  $\frac{dh^{-1}}{du}$ .

### Corollary 2.2.1

Let  $Y$  have probability density function  $f_Y(y)$ . If  $h(y)$  is either increasing or decreasing for all  $y$  such that  $f_Y(y) > 0$ , then  $U = h(Y)$  has density function

$$f_U(u) = f_Y[h^{-1}(u)] \left| \frac{dh^{-1}}{du} \right|,$$

where

$$\frac{dh^{-1}}{du} = \frac{d[h^{-1}(u)]}{du}.$$

### Note:-

Direct application of the method of transformation requires that the function  $h(y)$  be either increasing or decreasing for all  $y$  such that  $f_Y(y) > 0$ . If you want to use this method to find the distribution of  $U = h(Y)$ , you should be very careful to check that the function  $h(\cdot)$  is either increasing or decreasing for all  $y$  in the support of  $f_Y(y)$ . If it is not, the method of transformations cannot be used, and you should instead use the method of distribution functions

### Summary of the Transformation Method

Let  $U = h(Y)$ , where  $h(y)$  is either an increasing or decreasing function of  $y$  for all  $y$  such that  $f_Y(y) > 0$ .

1. Find the inverse function,  $y = h^{-1}(u)$ .
2. Evaluate

$$\frac{dh^{-1}}{du} = \frac{d[h^{-1}(u)]}{du}.$$

3. Find  $f_U(u)$  by

$$f_U(u) = f_Y[h^{-1}(u)] \left| \frac{dh^{-1}}{du} \right|.$$

## 2.3 Moment Generating Functions

### Theorem 2.3.1

Let  $m_X(t)$  and  $m_Y(t)$  denote the moment-generating functions of random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. If both moment-generating functions exist and  $m_X(t) = m_Y(t)$  for all values of  $t$ , then  $X$  and  $Y$  have the same probability distribution.

For a random variable  $Y$ , all the moments of  $Y$  are encapsulated in its moment generating function, denoted as  $m_Y(t)$ .

$$m_Y(t) = E(e^{tY})$$

$$= P(g(Y) \leq u) = \begin{cases} \sum_y e^{ty} p(y) \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ty} f(y) dy \end{cases}$$

The method of moment-generating functions is often very useful for finding the distributions of sums of independent random variables.

### Theorem 2.3.2

Let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  be independent random variables with moment-generating functions  $m_{Y_1}(t), m_{Y_2}(t), \dots, m_{Y_n}(t)$ , respectively. If  $U = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_n$ , then

$$m_U(t) = m_{Y_1}(t) \times m_{Y_2}(t) \times \dots \times m_{Y_n}(t).$$

We know that, because the random variables  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  are independent,

$$\begin{aligned} m_U(t) &= \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{t(Y_1 + \dots + Y_n)} \right] = \mathbb{E} \left( e^{tY_1} e^{tY_2} \dots e^{tY_n} \right) \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left( e^{tY_1} \right) \times \mathbb{E} \left( e^{tY_2} \right) \times \dots \times \mathbb{E} \left( e^{tY_n} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by the definition of moment-generating functions,

$$m_U(t) = m_{Y_1}(t) \times m_{Y_2}(t) \times \dots \times m_{Y_n}(t).$$

# Chapter 3

## Finals review lecture

### 3.1 Bivariate Distribution Functions

- joint pdf:  $f(y_1, y_2)$
- Marginal pdf:  $f_1(y_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y_1, y_2) dy_2$
- Conditional pdf:  $f(y_1|y_2) = \frac{f(y_1, y_2)}{f_2(y_2)}$ ,  $y_1 \in D(y_2)$ , (remember to specify domain)
- Independence: if  $f(y_1, y_2) = f_1(y_1)f_2(y_2)$  for all  $y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , also the two-step procedure.

### 3.2 Expectation and Covariance

- Expectation:  $E(g(Y_1, Y_2)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(y_1, y_2) f(y_1, y_2) dy_1 dy_2$
- if  $Y_1 \perp Y_2$ ,  $E(h(Y_1)g(Y_2)) = E(h(Y_1))E(g(Y_2))$   
Q:  $E(Y_1/Y_2) = E(Y_1)/E(Y_2)$ ? not true in general  $E(Y_1 \frac{1}{Y_2}) = E(Y_1)E(\frac{1}{Y_2})$
- $Cov(Y_1, Y_2) = E(Y_1 Y_2) - E(Y_1)E(Y_2)$
- Correlation:  $-1 \leq \rho = \frac{Cov(Y_1, Y_2)}{\sigma(Y_1)\sigma(Y_2)} \leq 1$   
independence  $\implies$  uncorrelation but not the other way around

### 3.3 Conditional Expectation and Variance

- $E(Y_1|Y_2 = y_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y_1 f(y_1|y_2) dy_1$  (is a function of  $y_2$ )  
then  $E(Y_1|Y_2)$  is just a random variable because it is a function of r.v.  $Y_2$
- Unconditional:  $E(Y_1) = E(E(Y_1|Y_2))$ , towering rule  
Q:  $E(Y_1 Y_2) = E(E(Y_1 Y_2|Y_2)) = E(Y_2 E(Y_1|Y_2))$ , useful for  $Cov(Y_1, Y_2)$
- $V(Y_1|Y_2 = y_2) = E(Y_1^2|Y_2 = y_2) - (E(Y_1|Y_2 = y_2))^2$   
 $V(Y_1|Y_2)$  is a r.v.
- unconditional:  $V(Y_1) = E(V(Y_1|Y_2)) + V(E(Y_1|Y_2))$

### 3.4 Distribution of Functions of Random Variables

- Method of distribution functions

$$\text{CDF: } F_u(u) = P(g(Y) \leq u)$$

$$\text{PDF: } f_u(u) = \frac{dF_u(u)}{du}$$

- Method of Transformation

if  $g$  is monotone on the support of  $Y_1$ , then  $y = g^{-1}(u) \implies \frac{dg^{-1}(u)}{du}$  (doesn't have to be monotone across entire domain, just the support of  $Y$ )

$$f_u(u) = f_Y(g^{-1}(u)) \left| \frac{dg^{-1}(u)}{du} \right|$$

- Method of MGF

$$u = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i Y_i + b, Y_i' \text{ s are independent}$$

$$m_u(0) = \prod_{i=1}^n m_{Y_i}(a_i t) e^{bt}$$

$$M_Y(t) = E(e^{tY})$$

$$E(Y^k) = \left| \frac{d^k m_Y(t)}{dt^k} \right|_{t=0}$$

### 3.5 Sampling Distributions

- Exact Normality
- Approximation under Central Limit Theorem