

# 3F3 Statistical Signal Processing

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## 1 Probability Space

### 1.1 Notation

- $x \in \mathbf{A}$        $x$  is an element of  $\mathbf{A}$  "Set membership"
- $\mathbf{A} \subseteq \Omega$        $\mathbf{A}$  is a subset of  $\Omega$
- $\mathbf{A} \subset \Omega$        $\mathbf{A}$  is a proper subset of  $\Omega$
- $\mathbf{A} \cup \mathbf{B}$       Union of two sets
- $\mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{B}$       Intersection of two sets
- $\mathbf{A}^c$       Complementary Set
- $\mathbf{A} \setminus \mathbf{B}$        $\mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{B}^c$  intersection of  $\mathbf{A}$  with not  $\mathbf{B}$
- $\emptyset$       Empty set

### 1.2 Probability Space

- **Random experiment** is used to describe any situation which has a set of possible outcomes, each of which occurs with a particular probability.
- **Sample space**  $\Omega$  is the set of all possible outcomes of the **random experiment**.
- **Event** any subset  $\mathbf{A} \subseteq \Omega$
- **Probability**  $P$  mapping/function from events to a number in the interval  $[0, 1]$ . Therefore, specify  $\{P(\mathbf{A}), \mathbf{A} \subset \Omega\}$
- **Probability Space** defined as:  $(\Omega, P)$
- **Indicator function** for a set or event  $E$  defined as:

$$\mathbb{I}_E(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t \in E, \\ 0 & \text{if } t \notin E \end{cases}$$

- Examples:
  - Toss a coin twice.  $\Omega = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$  - Finite set

- The temperature is a perturbation of seasonal average.  $\Omega = (-\infty, \infty)$  - Real line
- Toss a coin  $n$  times. One elementary outcome is  $\omega = (o_1, o_2, \dots, o_n)$

$$\Omega = \{\omega = (o_1, o_2, \dots, o_n) : o_i \in \{H, T\}\}.$$

- Toss a coin  $n$  times, the event **E** that the first head Occurs on third toss is:

$$\mathbf{E} = \{\omega = (T, T, H, o_4, o_5, \dots, o_n) : o_i \in \{H, T\} \text{ for } i > 3\}.$$

$$P(\mathbf{E}) = (1/2)^3$$

### 1.3 Axioms of probability

A probability  $P$  assigns each event **E**,  $\mathbf{E} \subset \Omega$ , a number in  $[0,1]$  and  $P$  must satisfy following properties:

- $P(\Omega) = 1$
- For events  $A, B$  such that  $\mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{B} = \emptyset$  (i.e. disjoint) then  $P(\mathbf{A} \cup \mathbf{B}) = P(\mathbf{A}) + P(\mathbf{B})$
- if  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are disjoint then  $P(\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$ .
- The third one implies the second one.

Examples:

(i) Show that, if event  $\mathbf{A} \subset \mathbf{B}$  then  $P(A) \leq P(B)$ .

$$B = (B \cap A^c) \cup A = (B \setminus A) \cup A$$

$$P(B) = P(B \setminus A) + P(A) \geq P(A)$$

(ii) Show that,  $P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$

$$\Omega = A \cup A^c$$

$$P(\Omega) = P(A) + P(A^c) = 1$$

(iii) Defining  $P$ :  $\Omega$  is a finite discrete set, i.e.  $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n\}$ . Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  be non negative numbers that add to 1. For any event  $A$ , set,

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}_A(\omega_i) P_i$$

Let  $P_i = 1/n$ . Then

$$P(\{\omega_i\}) = p_i = 1/n$$

i.e. each outcome is equally likely. This is the *uniform probability distribution*.

## 1.4 Conditional Probability

- Definition: The conditional probability of event A occurring given that event B has occurred :

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}, \text{ for } P(B) > 0$$

- Think of  $P(A|B)$  as the fraction of times A occurs among those in which B occurs.
- $AB$  is shorthand for  $A \cap B$
- Example: Verify any set given set  $G$  is a probability i.e.  $P(\cdot|G)$  is a probability

$$\text{Firstly, } P(\Omega|G) = P(\Omega \cap G)/p(G) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Secondly, for disjoint events A and B } P(A \cap B|G) &= P(AG \cap BG)/p(G) \\ &= (P(AG) + P(BG))/p(G) \\ &= P(A|G) + P(B|G) \end{aligned}$$

- Probability Chain Rule

$$P(A_1 \dots A_n) = P(A_1)P(A_2|A_1) \dots P(A_n|A_{n-1}, \dots, A_1) = P(A_1) \prod_{i=2}^n P(A_i|A_{i-1}, \dots, A_1) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(A_i|A_{i-1}, \dots, A_1)$$

- Independence: two events A and B are independent if

$$P(AB) = P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

- if A and B are independent then  $P(A|B) = P(A)$

- Bayes' Theorem:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

- Example: A is the event the email is spam and B is the event the email contains "free". We know  $P(B|A) = 0.8$  and  $P(B|not A) = 0.1$  and  $P(A) = 0.25$  What is the probability the email is spam given the email contains "Free"?

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)} = \frac{0.8 * 0.25}{0.8 * 0.25 + 0.1 * 0.75} = 0.727$$

- This is an example of an *expert* system.

## 1.5 Random Variables

- Definition: Given a probability space  $(\Omega, P)$ , a random variable is a function  $X(\omega)$  which maps each element  $\omega$  of the sample space  $\Omega$  onto a point on the real line.
- Example: Flipping a coin twice. Sample Space:  $\Omega = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$  Define  $X(\omega)$  be the number of heads.

$\omega$	$P(\{\omega\})$	$X(\omega)$
TT	0.25	0
TH	0.25	1
HT	0.25	1
HH	0.25	2

$x$	$\Pr(X = x)$
0	0.25
1	0.5
2	0.25

- The second table does not mention the sample space. The range of  $X$  is listed along with the probability associated.
- However, there is a sample space lurking behind every definition of a rv.
- The Probability that  $X = x$  is inherited from the definition of  $(\Omega, P)$  and the mapping  $X(\omega)$
- For any set  $A \subset (-\infty, \infty)$ , we define

$$Pr(X \in A) = P(\{\omega : X(\omega) \in A\})$$

- Discrete random variable: range is a finite set, say  $\{x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_M\}$  or a countable set, say  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ .
  - A set  $E$  is countable if you can define a one-to-one mapping from  $E$  to the set of integers .
  - Examples: all rational number, all even number. The interval  $[0, 1]$  is not countable.
  - Definition: Discrete rv  $X$  with range  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ , the pmf is the function  $p_x : \{x_1, x_2, \dots\} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  where

$$p_X(x_i) = Pr(X = x_i) \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p_X(x_i) = 1$$

The pmf is a complete description: for any set  $A$ ,

$$Pr(X \in A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{I}_A(x_i) p_X(x_i)$$

- Continuous random variable: defined as having a probability density function(pdf)
  - Definition: A random variable is continuous if there exists a non-negative function  $f_X(x) \geq 0$  such that  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$  and for any set  $A$

$$Pr(X \in A) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{I}_A(x) f_X(x) dx$$

- Example:  $A = [a, b]$  then

$$Pr(X \in A) = Pr(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f_X(x) dx$$

- \* pdf  $f_X$  assigns 0 probability to any particular point  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  Thus  $Pr(X = x) = 0$  for all  $x$ .

$$Pr(X \in [a, b]) = Pr(X \in (a, b]) = Pr(X \in (a, b))$$

- \* This means a continuous rv has no concentration of probability at points like a discrete rv does

- Cumulative distribution function: Describe both discrete and continuous random variables and is defined to be

$$F_X(x) = Pr(X \leq x)$$

Properties:

1.  $0 \leq F_X(x) \leq 1$
2.  $F_X(x)$  is non-decreasing as  $x$  increases
3.  $Pr(x_1 < X \leq x_2) = F_X(x_2) - F_X(x_1)$
4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F_X(x) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_X(x) = 1$
5. If  $X$  is a continuous r.v. then  $F_X(x)$  is continuous
6. If  $X$  is discrete then  $F_X(x)$  is right-continuous:  $F_X(x) = \lim_{t \downarrow x} F(t)$  for all  $x$

For Property 6

- For a discrete rv with range  $x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_M$

$$F_X(x) = \sum_{j=1}^M P(x_j) \mathbb{I}_{[x_j, \infty)}(x) \quad ( \text{ [ touch ( not touch) } )$$

is a step function

- CDF and PDF for continuous rv

$$F_X(x) = Pr(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_x(t) dt$$

$$f_X(t) = \frac{dF_X(t)}{dx}$$

- CDF is useful when transformation of a random variable

$$Y = r(X) \quad r \text{ is a strictly increasing function}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= Pr(Y \leq y) \\ &= Pr(r(X) \leq y) \\ &= Pr(X \leq r^{-1}(y)) \\ &= F_X(r^{-1}(y)) \end{aligned}$$

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(r^{-1}(y)) * \frac{dr^{-1}(y)}{dy}$$

## 2 Multivariates

### 2.1 Bivariates

#### 2.1.1 Discrete bivariate

- joint pmf:  $p_{X,Y}(x_i, y_j) = Pr(X = x_i, Y = y_j)$
- marginal pmf:

$$P_X(x_k) = \sum_{j=1}^n P_{X,Y}(x_k, y_j), \quad P_Y(y_k) = \sum_{i=1}^m P_{X,Y}(x_i, y_k)$$

- Independent if:

$$p_{X,Y}(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y) \quad \text{for all } (x, y)$$

- Conditional Probability

$$p_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{p(X, Y)(x, y)}{P_Y(y)}$$

### 2.1.2 Continuous bivariate

- For continuous random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , we call  $f(x, y)$  their **Joint probability density function**:

- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx \right) dy = 1$  and
- for any sets (events)  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $B \subset \mathbb{R}$

$$Pr(X \in A, Y \in B) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{I}_B(y) \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{I}_A(x) f(x, y) dx \right) dy$$

- Independent

$$\text{If and only if: } f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$

- Conditional probability density function:

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f(X, Y)(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

Moreover, for all sets  $A$

$$Pr(X \in A | Y = y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{I}_A(x) f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$$

Example: Let  $X_1, X_2$  be two independent rvs with  $f_1(x_1), f_2(x_2)$  and let  $Y = X_1 + X_2$ . Find the pdf  $f_{X_1, Y}$  and  $f_Y$ .

Write the joint pdf using conditional pdf formula:

$$f_{X_1, Y}(x_1, y) = f_1(x_1) f_{Y|X_1}(y|x_1).$$

Since  $Y = X_2 + x_1$ ,  $f_{Y|X_1}(y|x_1) = f_2(y - x_1)$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(y - x_1) f_1(x_1) dx_1$$

which is the convolution of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$

### 2.1.3 Expected Value Operations

- Expectation

– Definition: The *Expected value* or *mean value* or *first moment* of  $X$  is

$$\mathbb{E}\{X\} = \begin{cases} \sum_x x p_X(x) & \text{Discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx & \text{Continuous} \end{cases}$$

- Expectation of a function of rv

- Definition: For any function  $r(\cdot)$  compute  $\mathbb{E}\{r(X)\}$  by replacing  $x$  in the above formulae with  $r(x)$  For example, the higher moments are  $\mathbb{E}(X^n)$  set  $r(X) = X^n$
- Example: For an event  $A$ :

$$\mathbb{E}\{\mathbb{I}_A(X)\} = \begin{cases} \sum_x \mathbb{I}_A(x) p_X(x) & \text{Discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{I}_A(x) f_X(x) dx & \text{Continuous} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\mathbb{E}\{\mathbb{I}_A(X)\} = \Pr\{X \in A\}$

- Example: Take a unit length stick and break it at random. Find the mean of the long piece. Call the longer piece  $Y$  and the break point  $X$ . Then  $X$  is a uniform rv in  $[0, 1]$ ,  $Y = \max\{X, 1 - X\}$  and,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}Y &= \mathbb{E}(\max\{X, 1 - X\}) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \max\{x, 1 - x\} f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \max\{x, 1 - x\} dx \\ &= \int_0^{.5} (1 - x) dx + \int_{.5}^1 x dx = 0.75 \end{aligned}$$

- Expectation of a function of bivariate

- Definition: The mean of a function  $r(X, Y)$  of the bivariate  $(X, Y)$  is

$$\mathbb{E}\{r(X, Y)\} = \begin{cases} \sum_y \sum_x r(x, y) p_{X,Y}(x, y) & \text{Discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r(x, y) f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy & \text{Continuous} \end{cases}$$

- The conditional expectation is

$$\mathbb{E}\{r(X, Y)|Y = y\} = \begin{cases} \sum_x r(x, y) p_{X|Y}(x|y) & \text{Discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r(x, y) f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx & \text{Continuous} \end{cases}$$

- By using conditional probability we can calculate  $\mathbb{E}\{r(X, Y)\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\{r(X, Y)\} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r(x, y) f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r(x, y) f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx \right) dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}\{r(X, Y)|Y = y\} f_Y(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

- Rule of iterated expectation

Discrete:

$$\mathbb{E}\{r(X, Y)\} = \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}\{r(X, Y)|Y\})$$

Continuous:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\{r(X, Y)|Y = y\} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r(x, y) f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx \\ \mathbb{E}\{r(X, Y)\} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}\{r(X, Y)|Y = y\} f_Y(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

## 2.2 Multivariates

### 2.2.1 Definition

- Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be  $n$  continuous/discrete random variables. We call  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  a continuous/discrete random vector.
- Let  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a continuous random vector. Let  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be a non-negative function that integrates to 1. Then  $f$  is called the pdf of the random vector  $X$  if

$$Pr(X_1 \in A_1, \dots, X_n \in A_n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{I}_{A_n}(x_n) \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{I}_{A_1}(x_1) f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

- pdf of  $X_i$  is obtained by integrating  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  over the full range except  $x_i$ :

$$f_{X_i}(x_i) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_{i-1} dx_{i+1} \dots dx_n$$

This is called the  $i$ th marginal of  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

### 2.2.2 Independence

- Definition: The  $n$  random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent if and only if for every  $A_1, \dots, A_n$

$$Pr(X_1 \in A_1, \dots, X_n \in A_n) = Pr(X_1 \in A_1) \dots Pr(X_n \in A_n)$$

- joint pdf = product of marginals:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f_{X_1}(x_1) \dots f_{X_n}(x_n)$$

- Example: The pdf  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  of a Gaussian random vector  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} (\det C)^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (x - m) C^{-1} (x - m)^T \right\}$$

Where  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$  is the row vector of means and  $C$  is the covariance matrix

$$m_i = \mathbb{E}\{X_i\} \quad \text{and} \quad [C]_{i,j} = \mathbb{E}\{(X_i - m_i)(X_j - m_j)\}$$

Show that if independent,  $C_{i,j} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  then

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f_{X_1}(x_1) \dots f_{X_n}(x_n)$$

Proof: Call  $C_{i,i} = \sigma_i^2$

$$(x - m) C^{-1} (x - m)^T = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - m_i)^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

Hence  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} (\det C)^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - m_i)^2}{\sigma_i^2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)\sigma_1} \dots \sqrt{(2\pi)\sigma_n}} \prod_{i=1}^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - m_i)^2}{\sigma_i^2} \right\} \\ &= f_{X_1}(x_1) \dots f_{X_n}(x_n) \end{aligned}$$



- If  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent then

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\prod_{i=1}^n X_i\right\} = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}\{X_i\}$$

That is the expectation of the product is the product of expectation

### 2.2.3 Change of variables

- The change of variable formula can be applied to random vectors. Let

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} g_1(X_1, \dots, X_n) \\ \vdots \\ g_n(X_1, \dots, X_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

or

$$Y = G(X)$$

- If  $G$  is invertible then  $X = G^{-1}(Y)$ . Let  $H(Y) = G^{-1}(Y)$ . So

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_1(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) \\ \vdots \\ h_n(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

- The *Jacobian* matrix of partial derivatives of  $H(y)$  is formed:

$$J(y) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} h_1 & \dots & \frac{\partial}{\partial y_n} h_1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} h_n & \dots & \frac{\partial}{\partial y_n} h_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(H(y)) |\det J(y)|$$

- Example: Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be independent Gaussian rv where  $X_i$  is  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  Let  $S$  be an invertible matrix and  $m$  a column vector. Let  $Y = m + SX$  where  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)^T$ . Show  $Y$  is also a Gaussian random vector.

Use the Change of variable result:

$$H(Y) = S^{-1}(Y - m)$$

The Jacobian Matrix  $J(y)$ :

$$J(y) = S^{-1}$$

Applying change of variable formula gives

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(S^{-1}(y - m)) |\det S^{-1}|$$

where  $f_X(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}x^T x\right\}$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{|\det S^{-1}|}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(y - m)^T (S^{-1})^T S^{-1}(y - m)\right\}$$

is the density of a Gaussian vector with mean  $m$  and covariance matrix  $SS^T$ . Note that  $\det S^{-1} = 1/\det S$ ,  $\det(SS^T) = \det S \det S^T = (\det S)^2$

- An affine transformation of a Gaussian vector is still a Gaussian vector. This gives a method for generating any Gaussian vector from iid Gaussian random variables.
- To Generate a  $\mathcal{N}(m, \Sigma)$  vector:
  - \* Decompose the symmetric matrix  $\Sigma = SS^T$ .
  - \* Output  $m + SX$  where  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)^T$  where  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

#### 2.2.4 Characteristic function

- Definition: The characteristic function of a discrete or continuous random variable  $X$  is:

$$\varphi_X(t) = \mathbb{E}\{\exp(itX)\}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

For a random vector  $X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ ,

$$\varphi_X(t) = \mathbb{E}\{\exp(it^T X)\}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Similarly to Fourier Transform, the characteristic function uniquely describes a pdf.

- Example: Show  $\varphi_X(t) = \exp(it\mu) \exp(-\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2)$  when  $X$  is a Gaussian random variable with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}\{\exp(itX)\} \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu)^2\right) dx \\ &= e^{it\mu} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{its} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}s^2\right) ds, \quad \text{let } s = x - \mu \\ &= e^{it\mu} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2} \quad \text{Fourier transform table} \end{aligned}$$

- Example: Compute the characteristic function  $\varphi_Y(t)$  of  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  where  $X_i$  are **independent** random variables.

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}\{\exp(itY)\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}\{\exp(itX_1) \exp(itX_2) \dots \exp(itX_n)\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}\{\exp(itX_1)\} \mathbb{E}\{\exp(itX_2)\} \dots \mathbb{E}\{\exp(itX_n)\} \\ &= \varphi_{X_1}(t) \dots \varphi_{X_n}(t) \end{aligned}$$

- The characteristic function of the **sum of independent random variables** is the **product** of their individual characteristic functions.
- Example: (Moments) Using  $\varphi_X(t)$ , compute  $\mathbb{E}\{X^n\}$

$$\frac{d^n}{dt^n} \varphi_X(t) = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \exp(itX) \right\} = \mathbb{E}\{i^n X^n \exp(itX)\}$$

Thus  $i^n \mathbb{E}\{X^n\} = \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \varphi_X(t=0)$  (Putting  $t=0$  for the above equation and make the exponential go to 1)

- Equality of characteristic functions: Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are random vectors with same characteristic functions:  $\varphi_X(t) = \varphi_Y(t)$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $X$  and  $Y$  have the same probability distribution

- Example using characteristic function: Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be independent Gaussian random variables where  $X_i$  is  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . Then  $Y = m + SX$ , where  $m \in \mathbb{R}^d$  where  $d < n$ , is the multivariate Gaussian with mean  $m$  and covariance  $SS^T$ .

Verify the result using characteristic function, that is let  $t \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and compute  $\mathbb{E}\{\exp(it^T Y)\}$

$$\begin{aligned}\exp(it^T Y) &= \exp(it^T m) \exp(it^T SX) \\ &= \exp(it^T m) \exp(ir_1 X_1) \dots \exp(ir_n X_n)\end{aligned}$$

Where vector  $r = t^T S$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}\{\exp(it^T Y)\} &= \exp(it^T m) \mathbb{E}\{\exp(ir_1 X_1) \dots \exp(ir_n X_n)\} \\ &= \exp(it^T m) \exp(-\frac{1}{2}r_1^2) \dots \exp(-\frac{1}{2}r_n^2) \\ &= \exp(it^T m) \exp(-\frac{1}{2}t^T S S^T t)\end{aligned}$$

### 3 Random process

#### 3.1 Definition of random process

- Definition: A discrete random (or stochastic) process is one of the following infinite collection of random variables

$$\{\dots, X_{-1}, X_0, X_1, \dots\} \quad \text{or} \quad \{X_0, X_1, \dots\} \quad \text{or} \quad \{X_1, X_2, \dots\}$$

Notation:  $\{X_n\}_{n_i}^j = \{X_i, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_j\}$

- Example: Random phase cosine. Let  $X_n = \cos(2\pi f n + \phi)$  where  $\phi$  is a Uniform random variable drawn from  $[0, 2\pi)$  To generate

$$\{X_n\}_{n=0}^\infty = \{X_0, X_1, \dots\}$$

first sample  $\phi$  and then set

$$X_n = \cos(2\pi f n + \phi)$$

for  $n = 0, 1, \dots$

- Example: infinite collection of independent random variables  
Let  $0 < q < 1$  and  $U_1, U_2, \dots$  be iid discrete random variables such that

$$Pr(U_n = 1) = q, \quad Pr(U_n = -1) = 1 - q$$

- Example: Random walk  
Generate the sequence  $U_1, U_2, \dots$  as in the previous example and define a new random process  $X_0, X_1, \dots$  as follows: set  $X_0 = 0$  and

$$X_n = X_{n-1} + U_n$$

for  $n > 0$

We could equivalently write

$$X_n = \begin{cases} X_{n-1} + 1 & w.p.q \\ X_{n-1} - 1 & w.p.1 - q \end{cases}$$

and  $X_0 = 0$ .

- Definition (Finite dimensional distributions)

- To completely specify a discrete time random process  $X_0, X_1, \dots$ , we must specify their joint probability density function

$$f_{X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

for all integers  $n \geq 0$  when  $X_0, X_1, \dots$  is a collection of continuous random variables

- For discrete time random process  $X_0, X_1, \dots$ , we must specify their joint probability mass function

$$p_{X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

for all integers  $n \geq 0$

- For any fixed  $n$ , you can treat  $(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n)$  as a random vector and just as in the case of random vectors, we use their joint pdf or joint pmf to describe how the random vector should be generated.
- For many interesting random processes, specifying  $p_{X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is not too arduous. One such process which underpins many real world statistical models is a **Markov chain**.

## 3.2 Markov Chain

- Example

A gambler has initial wealth  $r$  bets and keep playing until wealth is  $R$  or zero. Amount bet is  $b$  at every bet. The random process now is:

$$X_{n+1} = \begin{cases} X_n & \text{if } X_n \in \{0, R\} \\ X_n + b & w.p.q \\ X_n - b & w.p.1 - q \end{cases}$$

The generate  $X_{n+1}$ , only the value of  $X_n$  is needed and not its past values. Any discrete time random process with this property is called a Markov process.

It can be shown that the probability of wealth doubling when  $q \leq 0.5$  is

$$\left[ 1 - \left( \frac{1-q}{q} \right)^{r/b} \right]^{-1}$$

	b=1pound	b=10pence	b=1pence
$q = 0.5$	0.5	0.5	0.5
$q = 0.49$	0.40	0.02	$4.3 \times 10^{-18}$

initial fortune of 10 pounds.

Table: Probability of doubling wealth with an

- Definition of Markov chain Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be discrete random variables taking values in  $S = \{1, \dots, L\}$ .

- The transition probability matrix  $Q$  is a non-negative matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_{1,1} & Q_{1,2} & \cdots & Q_{1,L} \\ Q_{2,1} & Q_{2,2} & \cdots & Q_{2,L} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Q_{L,1} & Q_{L,2} & \cdots & Q_{L,L} \end{bmatrix}$$

and each row sums to one.

$Q_{1,L} = Pr(X_{n+1} = L | X_n = 1)$  from state 1 jump to state L is the probability of L given current state

- The conditional pmf of  $X_n$  given  $X_0 = i_0, \dots, X_{n-1} = i_{n-1}$

$$Pr(X_n = i_n | X_0 = i_0, \dots, X_{n-1} = i_{n-1}) = Q_{i_{n-1}, i_n} = Pr(X_n = i_n | X_{n-1} = i_{n-1})$$