

STAT 391 Homework 2

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1. Problem 1 - CDF's and densities

Let

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0 \\ x^2, & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 1, & 1 < x \end{cases}$$

and

$$G(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0 \\ 2x^2, & 0 < x \leq 0.5 \\ 1 - 2(1 - x)^2, & 0.5 < x \leq 1 \\ 1, & 1 < x \end{cases}$$

be two cumulative distribution functions.

1. Plot F, G

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

x = np.arange(0,1,step=0.01)
F = [xx**2 for xx in x]
G = np.empty([len(x), 1])
for xx in x:
    if xx <= 0.5:
        G[x==xx] = 2 * xx**2
    elif xx <= 1:
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    G[x==xx] = 1 - 2 * (1 - xx)**2
plt.figure()
plt.plot(x, F, 'r--', label='F(x)')
plt.plot(x, G, 'g^', label='G(x)')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.title('F(x) and G(x)')
plt.legend()
plt.show()

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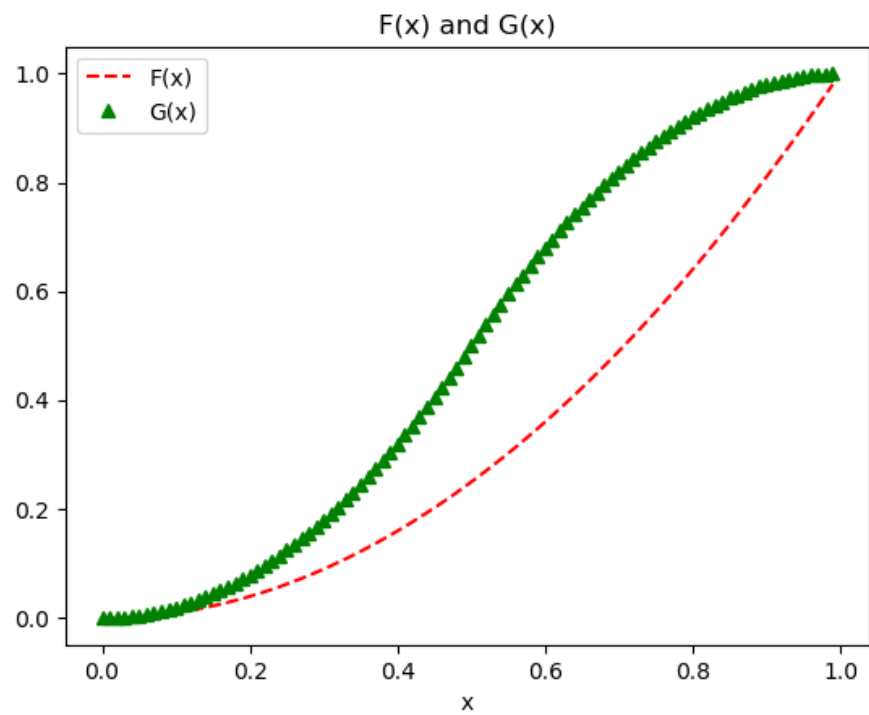


Figure 1: CDF: F, G

2. Compute their corresponding desensitize f, g . Plot them on a graph.

$$f_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0 \\ 2x, & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 0, & 1 < x \end{cases}$$

$$g_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} G_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0 \\ 4x, & 0 < x \leq 0.5 \\ 4(1-x), & 0.5 < x \leq 1 \\ 0, & 1 < x \end{cases}$$

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f = [2*xx for xx in x]
g = np.empty([len(x), 1])
for xx in x:
    if xx <= 0.5:
        g[x==xx] = 4 * xx
    elif xx <= 1:
        g[x==xx] = 4 * (1-xx)
plt.figure()
plt.plot(x, f, 'r--', label='f(x)')
plt.plot(x, g, 'g^', label='g(x)')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.title('Density f(x) and g(x)')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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3. Denote by P_F and P_G the probability distribution defined by F, G . Find a, a' such that $P_F(0, a) = P_F(a, 1)$ and $P_G(0, a') = P_G(a', 1)$.

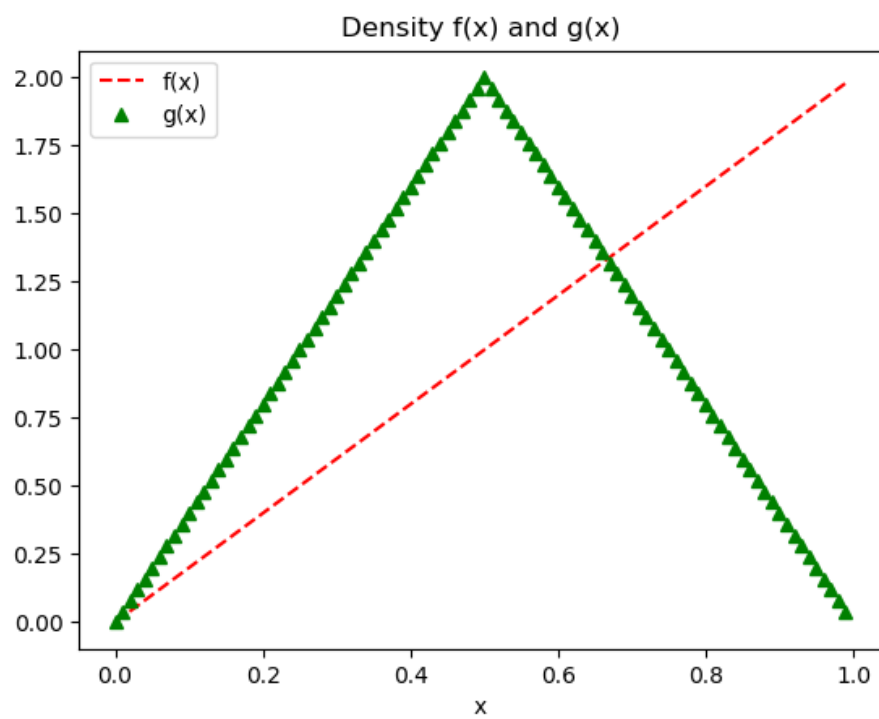


Figure 2: pdf: f , g

Since $P(\alpha, \beta) = P_X(x \leq \beta) - P_X(x \leq \alpha)$. Therefore,

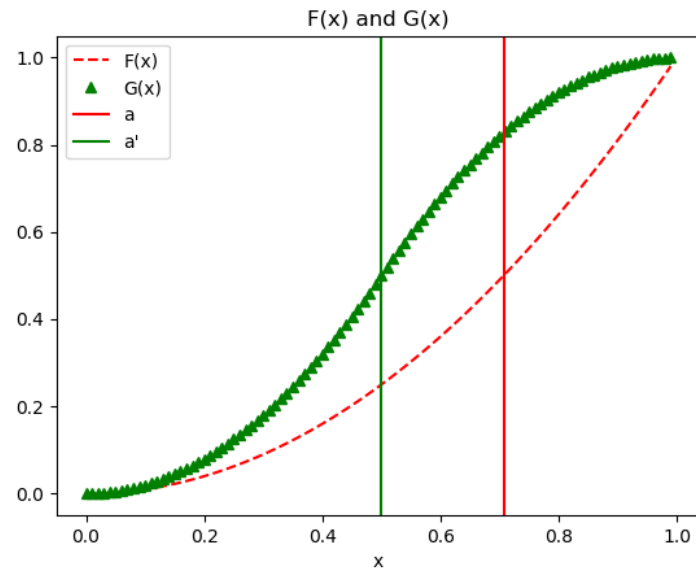
$$\begin{aligned}
P(0, a) &= P(a, 1) \\
F_X(a) - F_X(0) &= F_X(1) - F_X(a) \\
\Rightarrow 2F_X(a) &= F(0) + F(1) = 1 \\
F_X(a) &= \frac{1}{2} \\
a &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\
G_X(a') - G_X(0) &= G_X(1) - G_X(a') \\
\Rightarrow 2G_X(a') &= 1 \\
G_X(a') &= \frac{1}{2} \\
a' &= \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

From the plot Figure 3b, we could see that the left part and right part has about same area under the curve on the sides of a and a' , which is a way to verify my a and a' are correct.

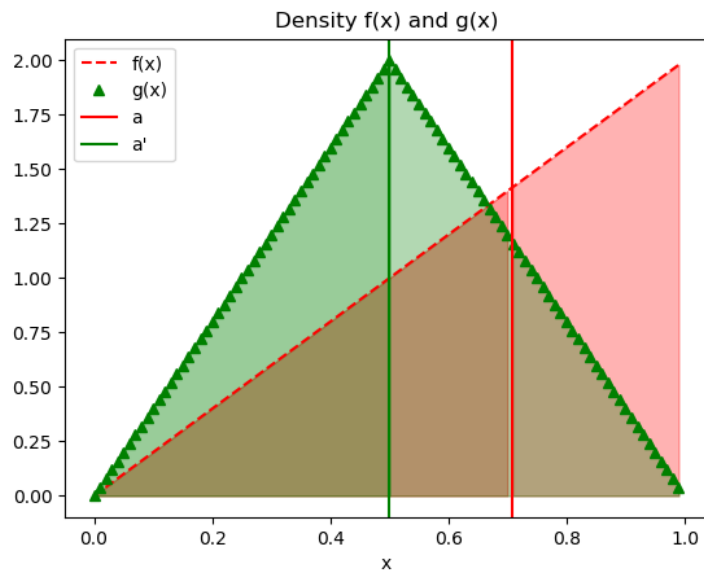
4. Find the probabilities of the following intervals $[0, 0.25]$, $[1, 1.75]$ under P_F, P_G .

$$\begin{aligned}
P_F(x \in [0, 0.25]) &= F_X(x = 0.25) - F_X(x = 0) \\
&= \frac{1}{16} \\
P_G(x \in [0, 0.25]) &= G_X(x = 0.25) - G_X(x = 0) \\
&= \frac{2}{16} = \frac{1}{8} \\
P_F(x \in [1, 1.75]) &= 1 - 1 = 0 = P_G(x \in [1, 1.75])
\end{aligned}$$

5. Find the shortest interval $[a_F, b_F]$ that has probability 0.1 under F. Find $[a_G, b_G]$ under G.
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(a) CDF with a and a'



(b) PDF with a and a'

Figure 3: Plot with a and a'

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[af, ag, bf, bg] = [-float('inf'), -float('inf'),
                    float('inf'), float('inf')]
x = np.arange(0,1,step=0.001)
F = np.array([xx**2 for xx in x])
G = np.empty([len(x), 1])
for xx in x:
    if xx <= 0.5:
        G[x==xx] = 2 * xx**2
    elif xx <= 1:
        G[x==xx] = 1 - 2 * (1 - xx)**2
G = G[:,0]
for i in range(len(x)):
    xa = x[i]
    for j in range(i+1, len(x)):
        xb = x[j]
        if (F[x==xb] - F[x==xa] == 0.1) and\
            (xb - xa < bf - af):
            [af, bf] = [xa, xb]
        if (G[x==xb] - G[x==xa] == 0.1) and\
            (xb - xa < bg - ag):
            [ag, bg] = [xa, xb]

print('[a_f, b_f]=' + str([af,bf]))
print('[a_g, b_g]=' + str([ag,bg]))

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So within a step of 0.001, I found my shortest interval to be

$$[a_F, b_F] = [0.075, 0.325]$$

$$[a_G, b_G] = [0.025, 0.225]$$

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plt.figure()
plt.plot(x, f, 'r--', label='f(x)')
plt.plot(x, g, 'g^', label='g(x)')
plt.axvline(x=af, color='r', linestyle='solid')
plt.axvline(x=bf, color='r', linestyle='solid')
plt.axvline(x=ag, color='g', linestyle='solid')
plt.axvline(x=bg, color='g', linestyle='solid')
plt.fill_between(x, 0, f, where=np.logical_and(x>=af, x<=bf),
                 color='red', alpha=0.3)

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plt.fill_between(x, 0, g, where=np.logical_and(x>=ag, x<=bg),
                color='green', alpha=0.3)
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.title('Density f(x) and g(x)')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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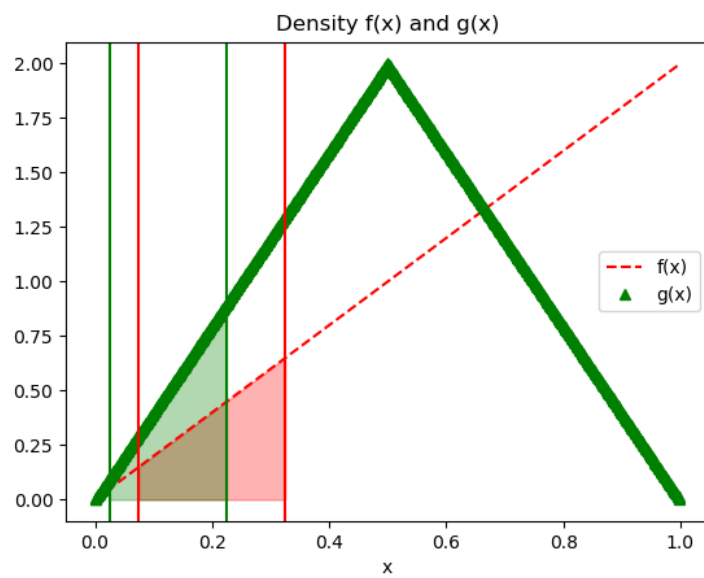


Figure 4: Intervals of a_F, b_F, a_G, b_G

Showing the intervals on the graphs of f, g on Figure 4

6. Calculate the means of f, g , denoted by $E_f[X], E_g[X]$.

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print('E_f[x]=' + str(np.mean(f)))
print('E_g[x]=' + str(np.mean(g)))
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E_f[x]=0.999

E_g[x]=1.0

2. Problem 2

1. Denote by p_n the probability of the interval $[n-1, n)$ under the exponential distribution. What is the expression of p_n as a function of γ and n ? What is this expression if $\gamma = \ln 2$?

$$\begin{aligned} p_n &= \Pr(x \in [n-1, n)) \\ &= \Pr(x < n) - \Pr(x \leq n-1) \\ &= 1 - e^{-\gamma n} - (1 - e^{-\gamma(n-1)}) \\ &= e^{-\gamma(n-1)} - e^{-\gamma n} \\ &= e^{-\gamma}(e^{\gamma} - e^{-\gamma n}) \end{aligned} \qquad = e^{-\gamma n}(e^{\gamma} - 1)$$

If $\gamma = \ln 2$, plugging in,

$$p_n = e^{-\ln(2)}(e^{n \cdot \ln(2)} - e^{-n}) = \frac{1}{2}(2e^n - e^{-n})$$

2. What is the expression of $\frac{p_n}{p_{n+1}}$ as a function of γ and n ? What is the expression if $\gamma = \ln 2$?

$$\begin{aligned} p_{n+1} &= e^{-\gamma}(e^{(n+1)\gamma} - e^{n\gamma}) \\ &= e^{-\gamma n}(e^{\gamma} - 1) \\ \frac{p_n}{p_{n+1}} &= \frac{e^{\gamma} - 1}{1 - e^{-\gamma}} \end{aligned}$$

If $\gamma = \ln 2$, plugging in,

$$\frac{p_n}{p_{n+1}} = \frac{2 - 1}{1 - 1/2} = 2$$

3. Plot on the same graph the densities $f_{\gamma}(x)$ for $\gamma = \ln 2, \ln 3, \ln 4$.

```
import math
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

gamma = [math.log(2), math.log(3), math.log(4)]
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x = np.arange(0, 10, step=0.01)
fx = np.empty([len(gamma), len(x)])
for k in range(len(gamma)):
    fx[k,] = [gamma[k] * math.exp(-gamma[k] * xx) for xx in x]

plt.figure()
plt.plot(x, fx[0,], 'r--', label='gamma=ln(2)')
plt.plot(x, fx[1,], 'g--', label='gamma=ln(3)')
plt.plot(x, fx[2,], 'b--', label='gamma=ln(4)')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.title('Density f(x) for different gammas')
plt.legend()
plt.show()

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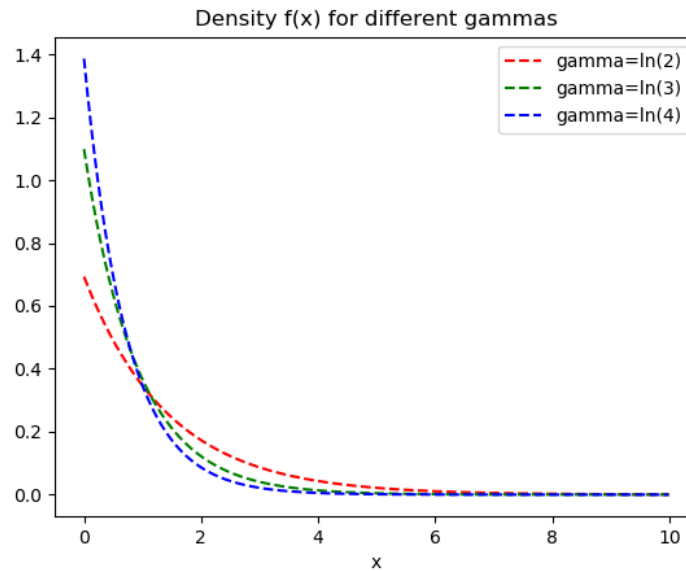


Figure 5: Densities of $f_{\gamma}(x)$ for $\gamma = \ln 2, \ln 3, \ln 4$

Figure 5 shows the density curves.

4. Let $g(x) = \frac{1}{Z}e^{-\gamma(x+3)}$, Evaluate the normalization constant Z as a function of γ . Evaluate the expression of the CDF G of this distribution.

Using the fact that the integral of a density function over the interval $(-\infty, +\infty)$ is 1.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\gamma(x+3)} dx &= 1 \\ \int_{-3}^{\infty} e^{-\gamma x - 3\gamma} dx &= Z \\ -\frac{1}{\gamma} e^{-\gamma x} \Big|_{-3}^{\infty} &= Z e^{3\gamma} \\ 0 + \frac{1}{\gamma} e^{3\gamma} &= Z e^{3\gamma} \\ \Rightarrow Z &= \frac{1}{\gamma}\end{aligned}$$

And therefore, we have our CDF $G_X(x)$ to be

$$\begin{aligned}G_X(x) &= \int_{-3}^x \gamma e^{-\gamma(x+3)} dx \\ &= \gamma e^{-3\gamma} \int_{-3}^x e^{-\gamma x} dx \\ &= \gamma e^{-3\gamma} \frac{1}{-\gamma} e^{-\gamma x} \Big|_{-3}^x \\ &= -e^{-3\gamma} (e^{-\gamma x} - e^{3\gamma}) \\ &= 1 - e^{-\gamma(x+3)}\end{aligned}$$

3. Problem 3

1. Make a sketch of densities f_X, f_Y .

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

x = np.arange(0,3,step=0.01)
fx= np.zeros([len(x), 1])
fy= np.zeros([len(x), 1])
for xx in x:
    if xx >= 0.75 and xx <= 1.5:
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        fy[x==xx] = 1/(1.5-0.75)
    if xx >=1 and xx<= 3:
        fx[x==xx] = 1/(3-1)
fx = fx[:,0]
fy = fy[:,0]
plt.figure()
plt.plot(x, fx, 'r-', label='f_X')
plt.plot(x, fy, 'b-', label='f_Y')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.title('Densities of X and Y')
plt.legend()
plt.show()

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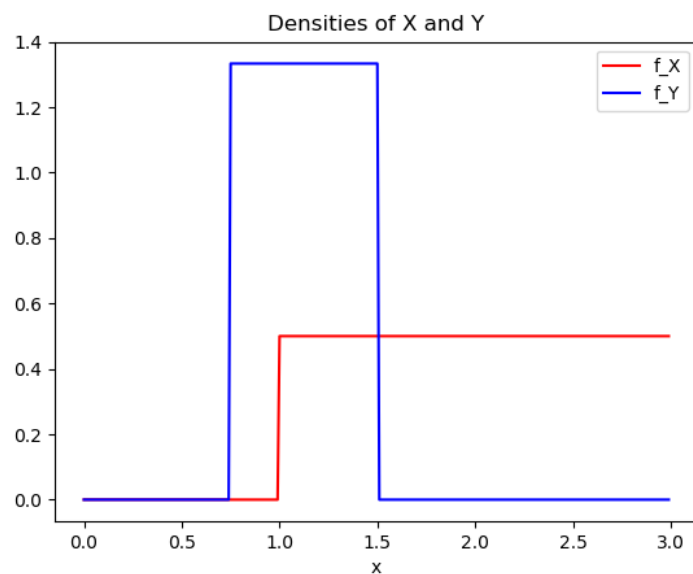


Figure 6: Densities of f_X and f_Y

Figure 6 shows the densities of rabbit's and fox's jump lengths.

2. What are the CDF's of x and y ?

$$F_X(x) = \frac{x-1}{3-1} = \frac{x-1}{2}, x \in [1, 3]$$

$$F_Y(y) = \frac{y-0.75}{1.5-0.75} = \frac{4y-3}{3}, y \in [0.75, 1.5]$$

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Fx= np.zeros([len(x), 1])
Fy= np.zeros([len(x), 1])
for xx in x:
    if xx >= 0.75 and xx <= 1.5:
        Fy[x==xx] = (4*xx-3)/3
    if xx >= 1 and xx <= 3:
        Fx[x==xx] = (xx-1)/2
Fx = Fx[:,0]
Fy = Fy[:,0]
plt.figure()
plt.plot(x, Fx, 'r-', label='F_X')
plt.plot(x, Fy, 'b-', label='F_Y')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.title('CDF of X and Y')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

Figure 7 shows the CDF of rabbit's and fox's jump lengths.

3. What is the probability that a rabbit jumps more than 2.5ft? What is the probability that a fox jumps less than 1ft?

$$\begin{aligned}
 Pr_X(x \geq 2.5) &= 1 - Pr_X(x \leq 2.5) \\
 &= 1 - F_X(x = 2.5) \\
 &= 1 - \frac{2.5-1}{2} \\
 &= 0.25 Pr_Y(y \leq 1) = F_Y(y = 1) \\
 &= \frac{4*1-3}{3} \\
 &\approx 0.33
 \end{aligned}$$

4. A fox is $d = 1\text{ft}$ away from an unsuspecting rabbit. What is the probability that the fox will catch the rabbit, if the fox jumps once

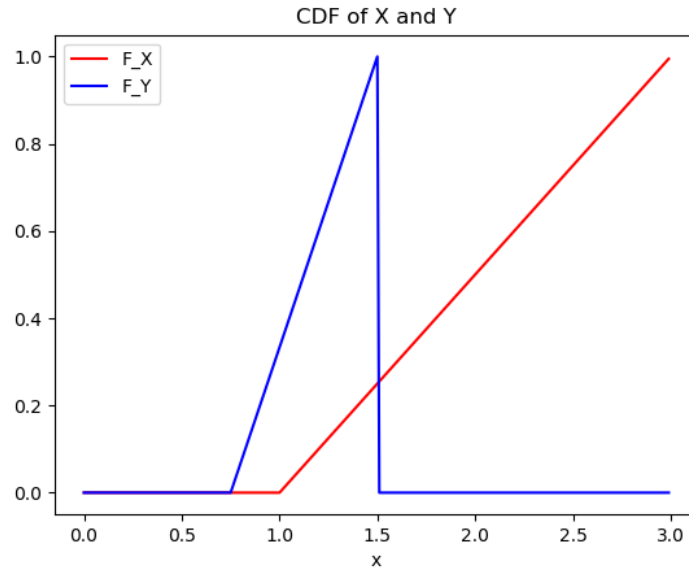


Figure 7: F_X and F_Y

directly towards the rabbit and the rabbit is too surprised to move?
To catch a rabbit, this fox must land within 0.2 ft of the rabbit.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Pr_Y(y \geq (d - 0.2)) &= 1 - Pr_Y(y \leq 0.8) \\
 &= 1 - F_Y(y = 0.8) \\
 &= 1 - \frac{4 * 0.8 - 3}{3} \\
 &\approx 0.93
 \end{aligned}$$

So the fox is has a probability of approximately 0.93 to catch the rabbit with a $d = 1$ ft away.

5. The same question, assume $d = 1.4$ ft.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Pr_Y(y \geq (d - 0.2)) &= 1 - Pr_Y(y \leq 1.2) \\
 &= 1 - F_Y(y = 1.2) \\
 &= 1 - \frac{4 * 1.2 - 3}{3} \\
 &= 0.4
 \end{aligned}$$

So the fox is has a probability of approximately 0.4 to catch the rabbit with a $d = 1.4$ ft away.

6. The fox is now only 0.5 ft from the rabbit, but the rabbit also takes a jump away from the fox. What is the probability that the fox will catch the rabbit, assuming that the fox jumped $y = 1$ ft?

Since we are look for the probability that the fox will catch the rabbit, and we know that the fox jumped $y = 1$ ft. So, we need to find the probability that the rabbit is not able to flee from the fox. In the other word, the rabbit has jumped less than $y + 0.2 - 0.5 = y - 0.3$ ft.

$$\begin{aligned} Pr_X(x \leq (y - 0.3)) &= Pr_X(x \leq 0.7) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So the fox will not be able to catch the rabbit under this condition.

7. Make a plot of the probability that the fox catches the rabbit under the conditions in f., as a function of y . Figure 8 shows the plot of

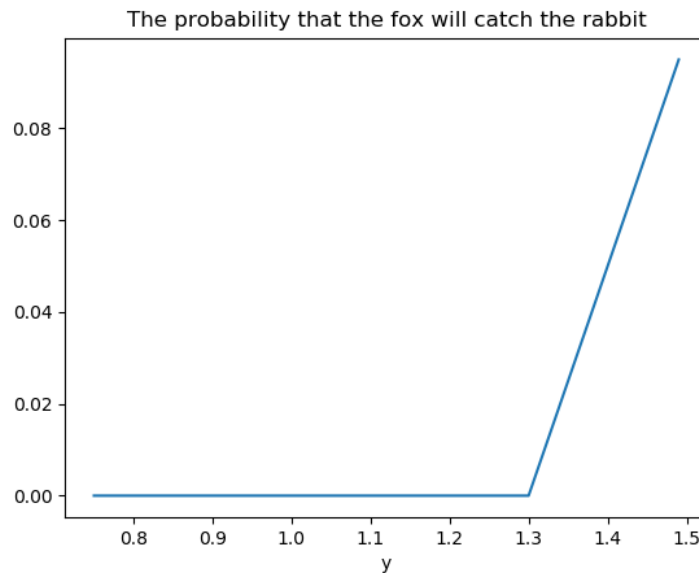


Figure 8: The probability that the fox catches the rabbit as a function of y

probability that the fox can catch the rabbit under the given condition with the changing y .

4. Problem 4- Rayleigh Distribution

1. Write the formula of likelihood of a , $L(a)$.

$$L(a) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(r_i|a) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{r_i}{a^2} e^{-\frac{r_i^2}{2a^2}}$$

2. Take the logarithm of $L(a)$ to obtain the log-likelihood $l(a) = \log L(a)$. Then compute the derivative

$$\begin{aligned} \log L(a) &= \log \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{r_i}{a^2} e^{-\frac{r_i^2}{2a^2}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left(\frac{r_i}{a^2} e^{-\frac{r_i^2}{2a^2}} \right) \\ &= \sum_i [\log(r_i) - 2\log(a) - \frac{r_i^2}{2a^2}] \\ &= \sum_i [\log(r_i) - \frac{r_i^2}{2a^2}] - 2n\log(a) \end{aligned}$$

Then, the derivative $\partial l / \partial a$ will be

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial a} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{r_i^2}{a^3} - \frac{2n}{a}$$

3. Now solve the equation $\frac{\partial l}{\partial a} = 0$ to obtain a formula for a^{ML} as a

function of the data.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial l}{\partial a} &= 0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{r_i^2}{a^3} - \frac{2n}{a} \\
 &= \sum_i \frac{r_i^2}{a^2} - 2n \\
 \frac{1}{a^2} &= \frac{2n}{\sum r_i} \\
 a &= \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i r_i}{2n}}
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Does this problem has sufficient statistics? What are they?

In this problem, we don't have sufficient statistics directly, but we could use the data set $D = \{r_1, \dots, r_n\}$ to generate the sufficient statistics for us.

5. Problem 4 - Two random samples

1. Write the expression of $l(\gamma)$. Then maximize $l(\gamma)$ to obtain the expression of the Maximum Likelihood estimate γ^{ML}

$$\begin{aligned}
 l(\gamma) &= \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n_1+n_2} \gamma e^{-\gamma t_i}\right) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{n_1+n_2} (\log(\gamma) - \gamma t_i) \\
 &= (n_1 + n_2) \log \gamma - \gamma \sum_i^{n_1+n_2} t_i
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, the derivative $\partial l / \partial \gamma$ will be

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial l}{\partial \gamma} &= (n_1 + n_2) \frac{1}{\gamma} - \sum_i t_i \\
 \gamma^{\text{ML}} &= \frac{n_1 + n_2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_1+n_2} t_i}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Let $n_1 = 2, n_2 = 5$ James' times be 3.5, 0.8 seconds, and Yali's times be 4.2, 0.5, 1.1, 2.0, 0.3 seconds. Calculate the Maximum Likelihood of γ for these data.

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma^{\text{ML}} &= \frac{n_1 + n_2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_1+n_2} t_i} \\ &= \frac{2 + 5}{(3.5 + 0.8 + 4.2 + 0.5 + 1.1 + 2 + 0.3)} \\ &\approx 0.5645\end{aligned}$$

3. Suppose now that $n_1 = 2,000,000, n_2 = 5,000,000$ samples. James has left town to attend a conference after performing his part of the experiment, and has negligently taken with him all his data t_1, \dots, t_{n_1} on his laptop. Yali needs to perform the estimation as in 1. but has no information about the experiment 2 James performed, except that he took some samples from the same f_γ as she. How many numbers must James send her, so that she can correctly estimate γ^{ML} ? What are these numbers and how should Yali use them?

James just needs to send her one number which is the mean of the $t_1, \dots, t_{n_1}, \bar{t}$.

And then, she could calculate the γ^{ML}

$$\gamma_a^{\text{ML}} = \frac{n_1 + n_2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_2} t_i + n_1 * \bar{t}}$$

6. Problem 5- Least Squares

Let x_1, \dots, x_n be real numbers and define by $g(z)$ the function

$$g(z) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - z)^2$$

Show that the minimum of g is attained for

$$z^* = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

What is the value of $g(z^*)$?

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial g(z)}{\partial z} &= -2z \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - z) \\ 0 &= -2z^* \sum x_i + 2(z^*)^2 n \\ \sum x_i &= z^* n \\ z^* &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \bar{x}\end{aligned}$$

Then, we have $g(z^*)$ to be

$$g(z^*) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$