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Key concepts and/or techniques:

[Function of One Random Variable]

Let X be a RV of either discrete or continuous type with its pmf or pdf denoted by $f(x)$. Consider a function of X, say $Y = u(X)$. Then Y is also a RV and has its pmf or pdf.

How to compute the pmf or pdf of Y?

1. $Y = u(X)$ is one-to-one
2. Random number generator: $F(x)$ is a strictly increasing cdf of a random distribution and $X = F^{-1}(Y)$ with $Y \sim U(0,1)$
3. If $Y = u(X)$ is NOT one-to-one, then there are no general results and we can only rely on the definition and properties of pmf or pdf.

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[Theorem: Random Number Generator]

Let $Y \sim U(0,1)$ and $F(x)$ have the properties of a cdf of a continuous RV with $F(\mathrm{a}) = 0, F(b) = 1$. Moreover, $F(x)$ is strictly increasing such that $F(x) : (a, b) \to [0,1]$, where a could be $-\infty$, b could be ∞. Then $X = F^{-1}(Y)$ is continuous RV with cdf $F(x)$.

[Algorithm: Random number generator from a random distribution with strictly increasing cdf $F(x)$]

1. generator a random number y from $U(0,1)$
2. Take $x = F^{-1}(y)$

Then x is a random number generated from the continuous RV with cdf $F(x)$.

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Histogram for continuous distribution

The simplest form of a histogram is constructed as follows

1. divide (or "bin") the sample space of the distribution into a sequence of adjacent, non-overlapping and equally spaced subintervals.
2. treat each subinterval as an event, then count how many observed numerical outcomes fall into each subinterval and calculate the relative frequency
3. draw a rectangle erected over the bin with height equal to the relative frequency divided by the width of each subinterval.

Remark:

- Note that the area of the histogram is equal to 1, thus histogram gives an approximation of the probability density function of the underlying random variable.

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Section 5.3 Several Random Variables (Multivariate RVs)

Motivation

Random Experiment: Any procedure that can be repeated infinitely times and has more than one possible outcomes.

Performing a random experiment one time, the outcome may contain

a scalar $\longrightarrow$ univariate RV: X,$f(x)$, pmf or pdf

a pair of two scalars $\longrightarrow$ bivariate RV:(X, Y), $f(x, y)$,pmf or pdf

a tuple of several scalars $\longrightarrow$ multivariate RV:$(X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n)$

the corresponding joint pmf or pdf $f(x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n)$

Joint pmf or pdf for multivariate RV

- Discrete type: $X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n$ are all discrete

  joint pmf $f(x_1, \cdots, x_n) : \overline{S} \to (0, 1]$

  1. $f(x_1, \cdots, x_n) > 0, \quad (x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in \overline{S}$
  2. $\sum_{x_1, \cdots, x_n \in \overline{S}} f(x_1, \cdots, x_n) = 1$
  3. $P((X_1, \cdots, X_n) \in A) = \sum_{(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in A} f(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$

- Continuous type: $X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n$ are all continuous

  joint pdf $f(x_1, \cdots, x_n) : \overline{S} \to (0, \infty)$

  1. $f(x_1, \cdots, x_n) > 0, \quad (x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in \overline{S}$
  2. $\int_{\overline{S}} f(x_1, \cdots, x_n) dx_1 \cdots dx_n = 1.$
  3. $P((X_1, \cdots, X_n) \in A) = \int_A f(x_1, \cdots, x_n) dx_1 \cdots dx_n.$

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Note that the multivariate RVs arise in many different ways.

For example, we can perform a random experiment n times and let $X_i, i = 1, \cdots, n$ denote the RV for the ith repetition of the random experiment. Then $(X_1, \cdots, X_n)$ is a multivariate RV.

If the n repetitions of the random experiment are **independent** then the joint pmf or pdf is easy to derive.

Example 1, page 188

Roll a fair die twice. Let X_1 denote the point of the first roll and

X_2 the point of the second roll.

For $X_1 = x_1$, its pmf

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$$f_{X_2}(x_2) = P(X_2 = x_2) = \frac{1}{6}, \quad x_2 = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.$$

Example 1, page 188

Assume that the two rolls are independent, then X_1 and X_2 are independent, and thus for $X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2$, the joint pmf of X_1 and X_2,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, x_2) &= P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2) \\ &= P(X_1 = 1)P(X_2 = 2) \\ &= f_{X_1}(x_1) \cdot f_{X_2}(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

n Independent RVs

Definition

The n RVs $X_1, \cdots, X_n$ are said to be (mutually) independent if

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

where $f(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$ is the joint pmf or pdf of $X_1, \cdots, X_n$, and $f_{X_i}(x_i)$ is the marginal pmf or pdf of X_i, $i = 1, \cdots, n$.

A necessary condition for the independence of the n RVs $X_1, \cdots, X_n$ is

$$\overline{S} = \overline{S_{X_1}} \times \cdots \times \overline{S_{X_n}}.$$

Remark: If $X_1, \cdots, X_n$ are independent, then any pair of them, any triple of them, $\cdots$, any $(n-1)$ of them are also independent.

Random Sample of Size n From a Common Distribution

Definition

Independently and identically distributed (i.i.d.) RVs $X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n$, are also called random sample of size n from a common distribution.

In this case,

$$f(x_1, \cdots, x_n) = f_X(x_1) \cdot \cdots \cdot f_X(x_n)$$

where $f_X(x)$ is the pmf or pdf of the common random distribution.

Example 2, page 190

Question

Let X_1, X_2, X_3 be a random sample of size 3 from a distribution with pdf

$$f(x) = e^{-x}, x \in (0, \infty)$$

Q1: Derive the joint pdf of X_1, X_2 and X_3?

Q2: $P(0 < X_1 < 1, \quad 2 < X_2 < 4, \quad 3 < X_3 < 7)$?

Example 2, page 190

Q1: Derive the joint pdf of X_1, X_2 and X_3?

$$g(x_1, x_2, x_3) = f(x_1)f(x_2)f(x_3) = e^{-x_1-x_2-x_3},$$

$$x_i \in (0, \infty), \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

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Q2: $P(0 < X_1 < 1, \quad 2 < X_2 < 4, \quad 3 < X_3 < 7)$?

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\begin{aligned}
P(0 < X_1 < 1, 2 < X_2 < 4, 3 < X_3 < 7) \\
&= P(0 < X_1 < 1)P(2 < X_2 < 4)P(3 < X_3 < 7) \\
&= \int_0^1 e^{-x_1} dx_1 \cdot \int_2^4 e^{-x_2} dx_2 \int_3^7 e^{-x_3} dx_3
\end{aligned}
$$

Calculation would be much more complicated if otherwise.

Mathematical Expectation

Let $X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n$ be multivariate RVs and have the joint pmf or pdf given by $f(x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n), (x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in \overline{S}$. For a function $u(X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n)$, its mathematical expectation is

$$E[u(X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n)] =$$
$$\begin{cases} \displaystyle\sum_{(x_1,\cdots,x_n)\in\overline{S}} u(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \cdot f(x_1, \cdots, x_n) & \text{"discrete RVs"} \\ \int_{\overline{S}} u(x_1, \cdots, x_n) f(x_1, \cdots, x_n) dx_1, \cdots, dx_n & \text{"continuous RV"} \end{cases}$$

Note: Mathematical Expectation is a linear operator.

Mathematical Expectation

In the case where $X_1, \cdots X_n$, are independent,

$$f(x_1, \cdots, x_n) = f_{X_1}(x_1) \cdots f_{X_n}(x_n), \text{ and } \overline{S} = \overline{S_{X_1}} \times \cdots \times \overline{S_{X_n}}.$$

$$E[u(X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n)] = \begin{cases} \displaystyle\sum_{x_1 \in \overline{S_{X_1}}} \cdots \sum_{x_n \in \overline{S_{X_n}}} u(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \cdot f_{X_1}(x_1) \cdots f_{X_n}(x_n) & \text{discrete} \\ \int_{\overline{S_{X_1}}} \cdots \int_{\overline{S_{X_n}}} u(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \cdot f_{X_1}(x_1) \cdots f_{X_n}(x_n) dx_1, \cdots, dx_n & \text{continuous} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 5.3-1, page 191

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Assume that $X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n$ are independent RVs and

$$Y = u_1(X_1)u_2(X_2)\cdots u_n(X_n)$$

If $E[u_i(X_i)], i = 1, \cdots, n$ exist, then

$$E[Y] = E[u_1(X_1)u_2(X_2)\cdots u_n(X_n)]$$

$$= E[u_1(X_1)]E[u_2(X_2)]\cdots E[u_n(X_n)]$$

Remark: This is an extension of the result that when X and Y are independent, $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$.

Proof Theorem 5.3-1, page 191

$X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n$ are independent

$$\Longrightarrow \begin{cases} 1. f(x_1, \cdots, x_n) = f_{X_1}(x_1) \cdots f_{X_n}(x_n) \\ 2. \overline{S} = \overline{S_{X_1}} \times \cdots \times \overline{S_{X_n}} \end{cases}$$

where $f(x_1 \cdots x_n)$ is the joint pmf, $f_{X_i}(x_i)$ is the marginal pmf or pdf of $X_i, i = 1, \cdots, n$.

Proof of Theorem 5.3-1, page 191

We only consider the discrete case. (The continuous case is left as an exercise)

$$E[u_1(X_1)\cdots u_n(X_n)]$$
$$= \sum_{(x_1,x_2,\cdots,x_n)\in\overline{S}} u_1(x_1)u_2(x_2)\cdots, u_n(x_n)f(x_1,x_2,\cdots,x_n)$$
$$= \sum_{x_1\in\overline{S_{X_1}}}\sum_{x_2\in\overline{S_{X_2}}}\cdots\sum_{x_n\in\overline{S_{X_n}}} u_1(x_1)u_2(x_2)\cdots u_n(x_n)f_{X_1}(x_1)f_{X_2}(x_2)\cdots f_{X_n}(x_n)$$

$$= \sum_{x_1\in\overline{S_{X_1}}} u_1(x_1)f_{X_1}(x_1)\sum_{x_2\in\overline{S_{X_2}}} u_2(x_2)f_{X_2}(x_2)\cdots\sum_{x_n\in\overline{S_{X_n}}} u_n(x_n)f_{X_n}(x_n)$$

$$= E[u_1(X_1)]\cdot E[u_2(X_2)]\cdot\cdots\cdot E[u_n(X_n)]$$

Theorem 5.3-2, page 192

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Assume that $X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n$ are independent RVs with respective mean $\mu_1, \mu_2, \cdots, \mu_n$ and variances $\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \cdots, \sigma_n^2$, respectively. Consider $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i$, where $a_1, a_2, \cdots, a_n$ are real constants. Then

$$E(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \mu_i \quad \text{and} \quad Var(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i^2 \sigma_i^2.$$

Proof of Theorem 5.3-2, page 192

$$E(Y) = E\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i E(X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \mu_i,$$

by that expectation is a linear operator.

$$Var(Y) = E[(Y - E(Y))^2] = E\left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i X_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \mu_i\right)^2\right]$$

$$= E\left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i (X_i - \mu_i)\right)^2\right] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_i a_j (X_i - \mu_i)(X_j - \mu_j)\right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_i a_j E[(X_i - \mu_i)(X_j - \mu_j)] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i^2 \sigma_i^2$$

Proof of Theorem 5.3-2, page 192

When $i \neq j$, since X_i and X_j are independent

$$E[(X_i - \mu_i)(X_j - \mu_j)] = 0$$

When $i = j$,

$$E[(X_i - \mu_i)(X_i - \mu_i)] = \sigma_i^2$$