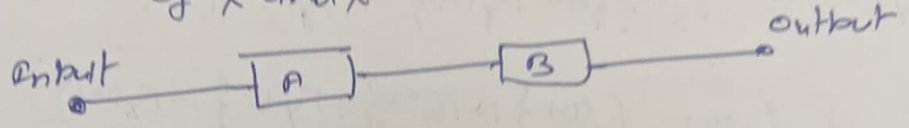


# Minimum of Two Independent Random Variables

~~Total~~ Two independent continuous r.v.  $X$  and  $Y$ .

$V =$  Random variable  
 $V = \min(X, Y)$

We want to characterise r.v.  $V$  using characteristics of  $X$  and  $Y$



- The random variable  $V$  can be used to represent the reliability ~~function~~ of systems with series connections as shown in figure.
- The first component to fail causes the system to fail, i.e., system has a single point ~~for~~ failure.
- In above example the time-to-failure are ~~repre~~ represented by the random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , then  $V$  represents the time until the system fails, which is the minimum of the lifetimes of the two components
- The cdf of  $V$  can obtained as follows:

$$F_V(u) = P[V \leq u] = P[\min(X, Y) \leq u]$$

$$F_V(u) = P[(X \leq u, X \leq Y) \cup (Y \leq u, X > Y)]$$

Since  $P[A \cup B] = P[A] + P[B] - P[A \cap B]$ , we have

$$F_V(u) = P[X \leq u] + P[Y \leq u] - P[X \leq u, Y \leq u]$$

~~$$F_V = F_X(u) + F_Y(u) - F_{XY}(u, u)$$~~

$$F_V(u) = F_X(u) + F_Y(u) - F_{XY}(u, u)$$

Also, since  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, we obtain the CDF and PDF of  $V$  as follows:

$$F_V(u) = F_X(u) + F_Y(u) - F_{XY}(u, u) = F_X(u) + F_Y(u) - F_X(u)F_Y(u)$$

$$f_V(u) = \frac{d}{du} F_V(u) = f_X(u) + f_Y(u) - [f_X(u) \cdot F_Y(u) + F_X(u) \cdot f_Y(u)]$$

$$= f_X(u) + f_Y(u) - f_X(u) \cdot F_Y(u) - F_X(u) \cdot f_Y(u)$$

$$f_V(u) = f_X(u) \{1 - F_Y(u)\} + f_Y(u) \{1 - F_X(u)\}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{f_V(u) = f_X(u) \{1 - F_Y(u)\} + F_Y(u) \{1 - F_X(u)\}}$$

Ex 9 Assume that  $V = \min(X, Y)$ , where  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent random variables with the respective PDF

$$f_X(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, \quad \lambda \geq 0$$

$$f_Y(y) = \mu e^{-\mu y}, \quad \mu \geq 0$$

where  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\mu > 0$ . What is the PDF of  $V$ ?

Answer — We first obtain the CDFs of  $X$  and  $Y$ , which are as follows:

$$F_X(x) = P[X \leq x] = \int_0^x \lambda e^{-\lambda u} du = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$F_Y(y) = P[Y \leq y] = \int_0^y \mu e^{-\mu w} dw = 1 - e^{-\mu y}$$

Thus, the PDF of  $V$  is given by:

$$f_V(u) = f_X(u) \{1 - F_Y(u)\} + f_Y(u) \{1 - F_X(u)\}$$

$$f_V(u) = \lambda e^{-\lambda u} e^{-\mu u} + \mu e^{-\mu u} e^{-\lambda u}$$

$$\boxed{f_V(u) = (\lambda + \mu) e^{-(\lambda + \mu)u}}; \quad u \geq 0$$

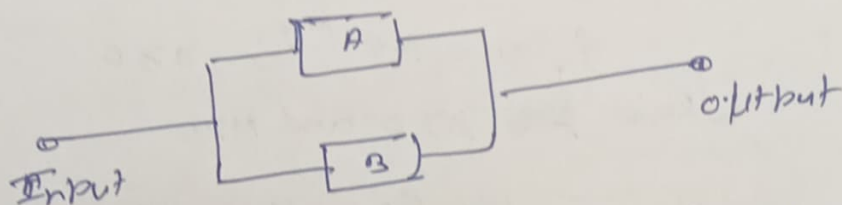
— Since  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are the failure rates of the components, the result indicates that the composite system behaves like a single unit whose failure rate is the sum of the two failure rates. More importantly,  $V$  is an exponentially distributed random variable whose expected value is  $E[V] = \frac{1}{\lambda + \mu}$ .



## Maximum Of Two Independent Random Variables

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Let  $X$  and  $Y$  are two continuous r.v. We are interested in cdf and pdf of r.v.  $|X|$  that is the maximum of the two random variables;  ~~$|X| = X + Y$~~   $|X| = \max(X, Y)$ . The random variable  $|X|$  can be used to represent the reliability of systems with parallel connections.



As long as one or both components are operational, the system is operational.

↳ The system is fail when both component fail simultaneously.

↳ The reliability of the system depends on the reliability of the last component to fail.

CDF and PDF

$$|X| = \max(X, Y)$$

$$F_W(w) = P[|X| \leq w] = P[\max(X, Y) \leq w]$$

$$F_W(w) = P[(X \leq w) \cap (Y \leq w)] = F_{XY}(w)$$

Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent

$$F_W(w) = F_X(w) \cdot F_Y(w) \quad \text{CDF}$$

PDF

$$f_{WX}(w) = \frac{d}{dw} F_W(w) = \frac{d}{dw} [F_X(w) F_Y(w)]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dw} F_X(w) \cdot F_Y(w) + F_X(w) \cdot \frac{d}{dw} F_Y(w)$$

$$f_W(w) = f_X(w) \cdot F_Y(w) + F_X(w) \cdot f_Y(w)$$

Ex 5 Two components A and B have lifetimes

$X$  and  $Y$ , respectively, that are independent r.v. The components are connected in parallel to create a system whose lifetime is  $W$ . Find the PDF of  $W$  if the system needs at least one of the components to be operational and the PDF of  $X$  and  $Y$  are given respectively by:

$$f_X(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, \quad x \geq 0$$

$$f_Y(y) = \mu e^{-\mu y}, \quad y \geq 0$$

where  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\mu > 0$ .

Solution : We have that  $W = \max(X, Y)$ . We first obtain the CDFs of  $X$  and  $Y$ , which are as follows:

$$F_X(x) = P[X \leq x] = \int_0^x \lambda e^{-\lambda u} du = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$F_Y(y) = P[Y \leq y] = \int_0^y \mu e^{-\mu t} dt = 1 - e^{-\mu y}$$

Thus PDF of  $W$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} f_W(w) &= f_X(w) F_Y(w) + F_X(w) f_Y(w) \\ &= \lambda e^{-\lambda w} (1 - e^{-\mu w}) + (1 - e^{-\lambda w}) \mu e^{-\mu w} \end{aligned}$$

$$f_W(w) = \lambda e^{-\lambda w} + \mu e^{-\mu w} - (\lambda + \mu) e^{-(\lambda + \mu)w}$$

$$\boxed{f_W(w) = \lambda e^{-\lambda w} + \mu e^{-\mu w} - (\lambda + \mu) e^{-(\lambda + \mu)w}}$$

Now  $E[W]$ ? (~~Expected~~ Expected value of  $W$ )

Ex

$$\boxed{E[W] = \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\mu} - \frac{1}{\lambda + \mu}}$$

Explanation of Result:- The mean time until first failure is  $\frac{1}{\lambda + \mu}$ , according to the previous example.

### Interpretation

After <sup>the</sup> first component failed, the mean time until the second failure occur is  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ , if the component B was the first to ~~fail~~ fail, and  $\frac{1}{\mu}$ , if the component A was first fail..

→ The probability that a component A fails before component B is  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda+\mu}$ , and the probability that component B fails before component A is  $\frac{\mu}{\mu+\lambda}$ . Thus, mean life of the system is

$$E[W] = \frac{1}{\lambda+\mu} + \frac{1}{\lambda} \left( \frac{\mu}{\lambda+\mu} \right) + \frac{1}{\mu} \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+\mu} \right)$$

$$E[W] = \frac{\lambda\mu + \lambda^2 + \mu^2}{\lambda\mu(\lambda+\mu)} = \frac{\lambda^2 + \mu^2 + 2\lambda\mu - \lambda\mu}{\lambda\mu(\lambda+\mu)}$$

$$E[W] = \frac{(\lambda+\mu)^2 - \lambda\mu}{\lambda\mu(\lambda+\mu)}$$

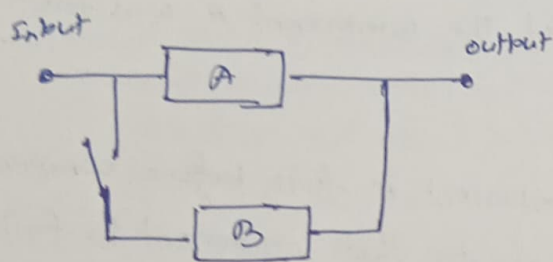
$$= \frac{\lambda+\mu}{\lambda\mu} - \frac{1}{\lambda+\mu}$$

$$E[W] = \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\mu} - \frac{1}{\lambda+\mu}$$

Comp

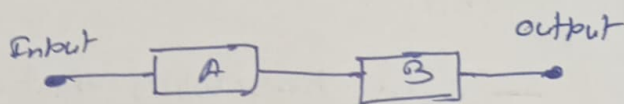


# Comparison of Interconnection models



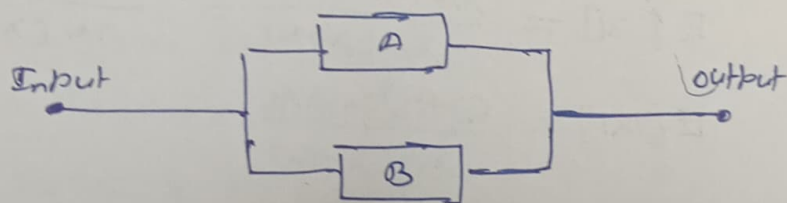
$$U = X + Y$$

(a)



$$V = \min(X, Y)$$

(b)



$$W = \max(X, Y)$$

(c)

Define the following r.v.

$$U = X + Y$$

$$V = \min(X, Y)$$

$$W = \max(X, Y)$$

Assume that the PDF of  $X$  and  $Y$  are defined respectively as follows:

$$f_X(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}; \quad x \geq 0, \lambda > 0$$

$$f_Y(y) = \mu e^{-\mu y}; \quad y \geq 0, \mu > 0$$

Thus PDF of  $U, V$  and  $W$  in terms of

$$f_U(u) = \frac{\lambda \mu}{\lambda + \mu} \{ e^{-\mu u} - e^{-\lambda u} \}, \quad u \geq 0$$

$$f_V(v) = (\lambda + \mu) e^{-(\lambda + \mu)v}; \quad v \geq 0$$

$$f_W(w) = \lambda e^{-\lambda w} + \mu e^{-\mu w} \rightarrow (\lambda + \mu) e^{-(\lambda + \mu)w}; \quad w \geq 0.$$

$$E[U] > E[W] > E[V]$$

# Two functions of Two Random Variables

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two random variables with a given joint PDF  $f_{XY}(x,y)$ . Assume that  $U$  and  $W$  are two functions of  $X$  and  $Y$ , i.e.  $U = g(X,Y)$  and  $W = h(X,Y)$ . Sometimes it is necessary to obtain the joint PDF of  $U$  and  $W$ ,  $f_{UW}(u,w)$ , in terms of the PDFs of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

It can be shown that if  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$  are real solutions to the equation  $u = g(x,y)$  and  $w = h(x,y)$ , then  $f_{UW}(u,w)$  is given by

$$f_{UW}(u,w) = \frac{f_{XY}(x_1, y_1)}{|J(x_1, y_1)|} + \frac{f_{XY}(x_2, y_2)}{|J(x_2, y_2)|} + \dots + \frac{f_{XY}(x_n, y_n)}{|J(x_n, y_n)|}$$

where  $J(x,y)$  is called the Jacobian of the transformation  $\{ u = g(x,y), w = h(x,y) \}$  and is defined by:

$$J(x,y) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right) \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \right) - \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right) \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right)$$

Example :- Let  $U = g(X,Y) = X+Y$  and  $W = h(X,Y) = X-Y$ . Find  $f_{UW}(u,w)$ .

Solution :- The unique solution to the equations  $u = x+y$  and  $w = x-y$  is  $x = \frac{u+w}{2}$  and  $y = \frac{u-w}{2}$ . Thus, there is only one set of solutions. Since,

$$J(x,y) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -2$$

we obtain

$$f_{UW}(u,w) = \frac{f_{XY}(x,y)}{|J(x,y)|} = \frac{1}{|-2|} f_{XY}\left(\frac{u+w}{2}, \frac{u-w}{2}\right)$$

$$f_{UW}(u,w) = \frac{1}{2} f_{XY}\left(\frac{u+w}{2}, \frac{u-w}{2}\right)$$

Ex 8

Find  $f_{uw}(u, w)$  if  $u = x^2 + y^2$  and  $|x| = x^2$ .

Solution:

From the second equation we have that  $x = \pm \sqrt{w}$ . Substituting this value of  $x$  in the first equation, we obtain  $y = \pm \sqrt{u-w}$ , which is real only when  $u \geq w$ . Also

$$J(x, y) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2x & 2y \\ 2x & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -4xy$$

$$f_{uw}(u, w) = \frac{f_{xy}(\sqrt{w}, \sqrt{u-w})}{|J(\sqrt{w}, \sqrt{u-w})|} + \frac{f_{xy}(\sqrt{w}, -\sqrt{u-w})}{|J(\sqrt{w}, -\sqrt{u-w})|} \\ + \frac{f_{xy}(-\sqrt{w}, \sqrt{u-w})}{|J(-\sqrt{w}, \sqrt{u-w})|} + \frac{f_{xy}(-\sqrt{w}, -\sqrt{u-w})}{|J(-\sqrt{w}, -\sqrt{u-w})|}$$

$$f_{uw}(u, w) = \frac{f_{xy}(\sqrt{w}, \sqrt{u-w})}{4|\sqrt{w}(\sqrt{u-w})|} + \frac{f_{xy}(\sqrt{w}, -\sqrt{u-w})}{4|\sqrt{w} \times -\sqrt{u-w}|} \\ + \frac{f_{xy}(-\sqrt{w}, \sqrt{u-w})}{4|-\sqrt{w} \times \sqrt{u-w}|} + \frac{f_{xy}(-\sqrt{w}, -\sqrt{u-w})}{4|-\sqrt{w} \times -\sqrt{u-w}|} \\ = \frac{f_{xy}(\sqrt{w}, \sqrt{u-w})}{4\sqrt{w(u-w)}} + \frac{f_{xy}(\sqrt{w}, -\sqrt{u-w})}{4\sqrt{w(u-w)}} + \\ \frac{f_{xy}(-\sqrt{w}, \sqrt{u-w})}{4\sqrt{w(u-w)}} + \frac{f_{xy}(-\sqrt{w}, -\sqrt{u-w})}{4\sqrt{w(u-w)}}$$



Application of <sup>the</sup> Transform Method

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→ Assume that  $U = g(x, y)$  and interested to find PDF of  $U$ .

→ Using auxiliary method by defining an auxiliary function  $W = X$  or  $W = Y$  so we can obtain the joint PDF  $f_{UW}(u, w)$  of  $U$  and  $W$ . Then we obtain the required marginal PDF  $f_U(u)$  as follows:

$$f_U(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{UW}(u, w) dw$$

Ex: Find the PDF of the random variable  $U = x + y$ , where the joint PDF of  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $f_{xy}(x, y)$  is given

Soln: We define the auxiliary r.v.  $W = x$ .

Then the soln of  $U = x + y$  and  $W = x$  is

$x = w$ , and  $y = u - w$ , and Jacobian of the transformation is:

$$J(x, y) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -1$$

Since there is only one solution to the equations, we have that:

$$f_{UW}(u, w) = \frac{f_{xy}(x, y)}{|J(x, y)|} = \frac{1}{|-1|} f_{xy}(w, u-w)$$

$$f_{UW}(u, w) = f_{xy}(w, u-w)$$

$$f_U(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{UW}(u, w) dw = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{xy}(w, u-w) dw$$

marginal

This reduces to the convolution integral we obtained earlier when  $x$  and  $y$  are independent

Ex  
Example:- Find the PDF of the random variable  $U = X - Y$ , where the joint PDF of  $X$  and  $Y$ ,  $f_{XY}(x, y)$  is given.

Solution:- We define the auxiliary random variable  $W = X$ .

Then the unique solution to the two equations is  ~~$x = w$~~

$x = w$  and  $y = w - u$ , and the Jacobian of the transform is:

$$J(x, y) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

Since there is only one solution to equations:

$$f_{UW}(u, w) = \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{|J(x, y)|} = f_{XY}(w, w - u)$$

$$f_U(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{UW}(u, w) dw = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{XY}(w, w - u) dw$$

Ex:- The joint PDF of two R.V.  $X$  and  $Y$  is ~~given~~  $Y$  is given by  $f_{XY}(x, y)$ . If we define the random variable  $U = XY$ , ~~and~~ determine the PDF of  $U$ .

Solution:- We define auxiliary random variable  $W = X$ . Then

the unique solution to the two equations is

$x = w$  and  $y = \frac{u}{x} = \frac{u}{w}$ , and the Jacobian of the transformation is

$$J(x, y) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} y & x \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -x = -w$$

$$f_{UW}(u, w) = \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{|J(x, y)|} = \frac{f_{XY}(w, \frac{u}{w})}{|w|} = \frac{1}{|w|} f_{XY}(w, \frac{u}{w})$$

$$f_U(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{UW}(u, w) dw = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{|w|} f_{XY}(w, \frac{u}{w}) dw$$

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The joint PDF of two r.v.  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by  $f_{XY}(x, y)$ . If we define the random variable  $V = X/Y$ , determine the PDF of  $V$ .

Solution :- We define the auxiliary r.v.  $W = Y$ . Then the unique solution to the two equations is  $y = w$  and  $x = vy = vw$ , and the Jacobian of the transformation is

$$J(x, y) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{y} & -\frac{x}{y^2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\cancel{J(x, y)} \quad J(x, y) = \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{w}$$

Since there is only one solution to the equations, we have that

$$f_{vw}(v, w) = \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{|J(x, y)|} = |w| f_{XY}(vw, w)$$

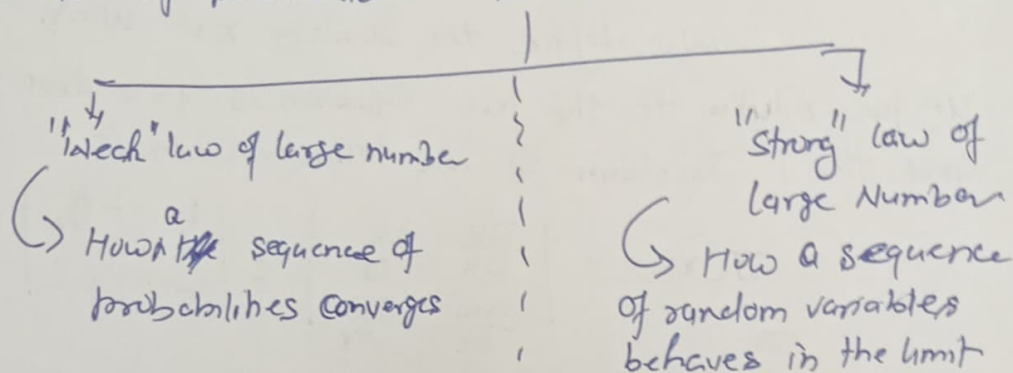
$$f_V(v) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{vw}(v, w) dw = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |w| f_{XY}(vw, w) dw$$

or



## Laws of Large Numbers

There are two fundamental laws that deal with limiting behaviour of probabilistic sequences.



Proposition

Result ① (Weak law of large number) Let

$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a sequence of mutually independent and identically distributed random variables each of which has a finite mean  $E[X_k] = \mu_x < \infty$ ,

$k=1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

Let  $S_n$  be the linear sum of the  $n$  random variables; that is

$$S_n = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_n$$

Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left[\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - \mu_x\right| \geq \varepsilon\right] \rightarrow 0$$

Alternatively,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left[\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - \mu_x\right| < \varepsilon\right] \rightarrow 1$$

Proof:-  $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$

$$\bar{S}_n = \frac{S_n}{n} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} = \frac{n\mu_x}{n} = \mu_x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\bar{S}_n) &= \text{Var}\left[\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \{ \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2) + \dots + \text{Var}(X_n) \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{S}_n) = \frac{n\sigma_x^2}{n^2}$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{S}_n) = \frac{\sigma_x^2}{n}$$

From Chebyshev's inequality

$$P[|\bar{S}_n - \mu_x| \geq \varepsilon] \leq \frac{\text{Var}(\bar{S}_n)}{\varepsilon^2} = \frac{\sigma_x^2}{n\varepsilon^2}$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[|\bar{S}_n - \mu_x| \geq \varepsilon] = 0$$

which proves the theorem

Re Result ②: — [Strong law of large Numbers] — Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be a sequence of mutually independent and identically distributed r.v. each of which have finite mean

$$E[x_k] = \mu_x, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

Let  $S_n$  be linear sum of  $n$  random variables, i.e.

$$S_n = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n$$

Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$P\left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\bar{S}_n - \mu_x| > \varepsilon\right] = 0$$

where  $\bar{S}_n = \frac{S_n}{n}$ . An Alternative statement of the law is:

$$P\left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\bar{S}_n - \mu_x| \leq \varepsilon\right] = 1$$

Note: — ① Arithmetic average  $\bar{S}_n$  of a sequence of independent observations of a random variable  $X$  converges with probability 1 to the exact expected value  $\mu_x$  of  $X$ .

Central limit theorem! — Strong law of large number helps to validate the relative-frequency definition of the probability, it says nothing about the limiting distribution of the sum  $S_n$ .

CLT gives answer of this.

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a sequence of mutually independent and identically distributed random variables each of which has a finite mean  $\mu_x$  and a finite variance  $\sigma_x^2$ . Let

$$S_n = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_n$$

CLT states that for large  $n$ , the distribution of  $S_n$  is approximately normal, regardless of the forms of the distribution of the  $X_k$ .

— That is, if we add a large number of ~~id~~ independent and identically distributed random variable together, the resulting sum will have a normal distribution, regardless of the distribution of the random variables that are added up.

$$\text{Now } \bar{S}_n = E[S_n] = n\mu_x$$

$$\sigma_{S_n}^2 = n\sigma_x^2$$

Converting  $S_n$  to standard normal variable  $N(0,1)$  we obtain

$$Z_n = \frac{S_n - \bar{S}_n}{\sigma_{S_n}} = \frac{S_n - n\mu_x}{\sqrt{n}\sigma_x} = \frac{S_n - n\mu_x}{\sigma_x\sqrt{n}}$$

Then the central limit theorem states that if  $F_{Z_n}(z)$  is the CDF of  $Z_n$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{Z_n}(z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[Z_n \leq z] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^z e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} du = \Phi(z)$$

This means that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z_n \sim N(0,1)$ . This is true for  $n > 30$ .



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Ex 5 Assume that r.v.  $S_n$  is the sum of 40 independent experimental values of the random variable  $X$  whose PDF is given by

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3} & 1 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the probability that  $S_n$  lies in the range  $100 \leq S_n \leq 126$

Solution :- The expected value and variance of  $X$  are given by

$$E[X] = \frac{4+1}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\sigma_X^2 = \frac{(4-1)^2}{12} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{40}$  Since  $X_i$  are i.i.d.

Then mean and variance of  $S_n$  is given by

$$E[S_n] = 40 E[X] = 40 \times \frac{5}{2} = 20 \times 5 = 100$$

$$\sigma_{S_n}^2 = 40 \sigma_X^2 = 30$$

Assuming that sum approximate the normal r.v.  
CDF of the normalized r.v.

$$P[S_n \leq 8] = F_{S_n}(8) = \Phi\left(\frac{8 - E[S_n]}{\sigma_{S_n}}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{8 - 100}{6}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P[100 \leq S_n \leq 126] &= F_{S_n}(126) - F_{S_n}(100) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{126 - 100}{6}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{100 - 100}{6}\right) \\ &= \Phi(1) - \Phi(0) = \Phi(1) - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \Phi(1) + \Phi(2) - 1 \\ &= 0.8413 + 0.9772 - 1 \\ P[100 \leq S_n \leq 126] &= 0.8185 \end{aligned}$$

## 'Order Statistics':

- Consider an experiment in which we have  $n$  identical bulbs, labeled  $1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ , that we turn on at the same time.
- Find the time until each of the  $n$  bulbs fails.
- Can assume that the time  $X$  until a bulb fails has a PDF  $f_X(x)$  and a CDF  $F_X(x)$
- Assume we order the lifetimes of these bulbs after the experiment.

Particularly, let the random variables  $Y_k, k=1, 2, 3, \dots, n$  be defined as follows:

$$Y_1 = \max(X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n)$$

$$Y_2 = \text{Second largest of } X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$$

$$Y_3 = \text{Third largest of } X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$$

$$\vdots$$

$$Y_n = \min(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$$

- The random variables  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, \dots, Y_n$  are called the order statistics corresponding to the random variables  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$ . In particular  $Y_k$  is called the  $k^{\text{th}}$  order statistic. It is obvious that  $Y_1 \geq Y_2 \geq Y_3 \geq \dots \geq Y_n$ , and in the case where the  $X_k$  are continuous random variables, then  $Y_1 > Y_2 > Y_3 > \dots > Y_n$  with probability one.
- The CDF of  $Y_k, F_{Y_k}(y) = P(Y_k \leq y)$ , can be computed as follows:

$$F_{Y_k}(y) = P(Y_k \leq y) = P(\text{at most } (k-1) X_i \geq y)$$

$$= P\left[\{ \text{all } X_i \leq y \} \cup \{ [(n-1) X_i \leq y] \cap [1 X_i \geq y] \} \cup \dots \cup \{ [(n-k+1) X_i \leq y] \cap [(k-1) X_i \geq y] \} \right]$$

$$F_{Y_k}(y) = P[\text{all } X_i \leq y] + P[\{1 \leq i \leq k-1, X_i \leq y\} \cap \{X_k > y\}] + \dots \\ + P[\{1 \leq i \leq n-k+1, X_i \leq y\} \cap \{X_{n-k+2} > y\}]$$

→ If we consider the events as results of  $n$  ~~Bernoulli~~ Bernoulli trials, where in every trial we have that

$$P[\text{Success}] = P[X_i \leq y] = F_X(y)$$

$$P[\text{Failure}] = P[X_i > y] = 1 - F_X(y)$$

Then we obtain the result:

$$F_{Y_k}(y) = P[n \text{ Success}] + P[(n-1) \text{ Success}] + \dots + P[(n-k+1) \text{ Success}]$$

$$= [F_X(y)]^n + \binom{n}{n-1} (F_X(y))^{n-1} [1 - F_X(y)] + \dots + \binom{n}{n-k+1} (F_X(y))^{n-k+1} [1 - F_X(y)]^{k-1}$$

$$F_{Y_k}(y) = \sum_{m=0}^{k-1} \binom{n}{n-m} [F_X(y)]^{n-m} [1 - F_X(y)]^m$$

PDF → The PDF can be obtained by differentiating above ~~by~~  $F_{Y_k}(y)$ . Another method is:

$$f_{Y_k}(y) dy = P[Y_k \in y] = P[1 \leq i \leq k-1, X_i \leq y, \text{ ~~and~~ } (n-k) X_i \leq y]$$

$$f_{Y_k}(y) dy = \frac{n!}{1! (k-1)! (n-k)!} \cancel{[F_X(y)]^{k-1}} [f_X(y) dy] [1 - F_X(y)]^{n-k} [F_X(y)]^{k-1}$$

when cancelled

when cancel out the  $dy$ 's we have

$$f_{Y_k}(y) = \frac{n!}{1! (k-1)! (n-k)!} f_X(y) [1 - F_X(y)]^{n-k} [F_X(y)]^{k-1}$$



Ex :- Assume that the random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10}$  are independent and identically distributed with the common PDF  $f_X(x)$  and common CDF  $F_X(x)$ . Find the PDF and CDF of the following:

- The third largest random variable
- The fifth largest random variable
- Largest random variable.
- The smallest random variable.

Solution :-

(a) For ordered  $n$ -random variable the CDF and PDF of  $k^{\text{th}}$  random variable is given by

$$F_{Y_k}(y) = \sum_{m=0}^{k-1} \binom{n}{m} [F_X(y)]^m [1-F_X(y)]^{n-m}$$

$$f_{Y_k}(y) = \frac{n!}{(k-1)!(n-k)!} f_X(y) [1-F_X(y)]^{k-1} [F_X(y)]^{n-k}$$

Third  $k=3, n=10$

$$F_{Y_3}(y) = \sum_{m=0}^2 \binom{10}{m} [F_X(y)]^m [1-F_X(y)]^{10-m}$$

$$F_{Y_3}(y) = \binom{10}{0} [F_X(y)]^0 [1-F_X(y)]^{10} + \binom{10}{1} [F_X(y)]^1 [1-F_X(y)]^9 + \binom{10}{2} [F_X(y)]^2 [1-F_X(y)]^8$$

$$F_{Y_3}(y) = [F_X(y)]^{10} + 10 [F_X(y)]^9 [1-F_X(y)] + 45 [F_X(y)]^8 [1-F_X(y)]^2$$

$$f_{Y_3}(y) = \frac{10!}{2!7!} f_X(y) [1 - F_X(y)]^2 [F_X(y)]^7$$

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$$f_{Y_3}(y) = 360 f_X(y) [1 - F_X(y)]^2 [F_X(y)]^7$$

(b)

The fifth largest random variable is obtained by substituting  $k=5$  and  $n=10$ , as follows:

$$F_{Y_5}(y) = [F_X(y)]^{10} + \binom{10}{9} [F_X(y)]^9 [1 - F_X(y)] + \binom{10}{8} [F_X(y)]^8 [1 - F_X(y)]^2 + \binom{10}{7} [F_X(y)]^7 [1 - F_X(y)]^3 + \binom{10}{6} [F_X(y)]^6 [1 - F_X(y)]^4$$

$$f_{Y_5}(y) = [F_X(y)]^{10} + 10 [F_X(y)]^9 [1 - F_X(y)] + 45 [F_X(y)]^8 [1 - F_X(y)]^2 + 120 [F_X(y)]^7 [1 - F_X(y)]^3 + 210 [F_X(y)]^6 [1 - F_X(y)]^4$$

$$f_{Y_5}(y) = \frac{10!}{4!5!} f_X(y) [1 - F_X(y)]^4 [F_X(y)]^5$$

$$f_{Y_5}(y) = 1260 f_X(y) [1 - F_X(y)]^4 [F_X(y)]^5$$

(c)

The largest random variable implies  $k=1$  in the formula with  $n=10$ . Thus we obtain

$$F_{Y_1}(y) = [F_X(y)]^{10}$$

$$f_{Y_1}(y) = \frac{10!}{(1-1)!(10-1)!} f_X(y) [1 - F_X(y)]^{1-1} [F_X(y)]^{10-1}$$

$$f_{Y_1}(y) = 10 f_X(y) [F_X(y)]^9$$

(a)

The smallest random variable  $k=10$

$$F_{Y,10}(y) = \sum_{m=0}^9 \binom{10}{10-m} [F_X(y)]^{10-m} [1-F_X(y)]^m$$

$$f_{Y,10}(y) = \frac{10!}{(10-1)!(10-10)!} f_X(y) [1-F_X(y)]^{10-1} [F_X(y)]^{10-10}$$

$$f_{Y,10}(y) = 10 f_X(y) [1-F_X(y)]^9$$

Example ✓

Assume that the random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{32}$  are independent and identically distributed with the common PDF  $f_X(x)$  and the common CDF  $F_X(x)$ . Find the PDF and CDF of the following.

- (a) the 4<sup>th</sup> largest random variable
- (b) the 27<sup>th</sup> largest random variable
- (c) The largest random variable
- (d) The smallest random variable
- (e) What is the probability that the 4<sup>th</sup> largest random variable has a value between 0 and 9?