

## 2.3 Random vectors

**Definition** If random variables  $\xi_1(\omega)$ ,  $\xi_2(\omega)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\xi_n(\omega)$  are defined on a common probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , then we call

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}(\omega) = (\xi_1(\omega), \xi_2(\omega), \dots, \xi_n(\omega))$$

an  $n$ -dimensional random vector.

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If a random vector takes only a finitely many or countably many pairs of values, then we call it a discrete random vector.

The vector's probability distribution

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**Example 1.** There are two white balls and three black balls in a box. We draw two balls out of the box consecutively, one at a time. Suppose that  $\xi$  represents the number of white balls in the first draw, and  $\eta$  the number of white balls on the second draw. Calculate the joint probability distribution either (1) with replacement or (2) without replacement.

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$x_2$	$p_{21}$	$p_{22}$	$\cdots$	$p_{2j}$	$\cdots$	$p_{2\cdot}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$x_i$	$p_{i1}$	$p_{i2}$	$\cdots$	$p_{ij}$	$\cdots$	$p_{i\cdot}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$(\eta) p_{\cdot j}$	$p_{\cdot 1}$	$p_{\cdot 2}$	$\cdots$	$p_{\cdot j}$	$\cdots$	<b>1</b>

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$$P((\xi, \eta) \in B^2) = \sum_{(x_i, y_j) \in B^2} p_{ij}, \quad \forall B^2 \in \mathcal{B}^2.$$

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The marginal distributions:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\xi = x_i) &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(\xi = x_i, \eta = y_j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} p_{ij} =: p_{i\cdot}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, \end{aligned}$$

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$$P(\xi_1 = x_1(i_1), \xi_2 = x_2(i_2), \cdots, \xi_n = x_n(i_n)) = p_{i_1 i_2 \cdots i_n},$$

where  $i_1, i_2, \cdots, i_n = 1, 2, \cdots$ .

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### 2.3.2 Joint distribution functions

**Definition.** Let  $(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$  be a random vector. Its joint distribution function is defined to be

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P(\xi_1 \leq x_1, \dots, \xi_n \leq x_n)$$

for any  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n$ .

For the 2-dimensional random vector  $(\xi, \eta)$ ,  
distribution function is

$$F(x, y) = P(\xi \leq x, \eta \leq y).$$

For rectangle region  $I : a_1 < x \leq b_1, a_2 < y \leq b_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P((\xi, \eta) \in I) = & F(b_1, b_2) - F(a_1, b_2) \\ & - F(b_1, a_2) + F(a_1, a_2). \end{aligned}$$



## Properties of the bivariate distribution function:

- 1 Monotonically non-decreasing in each argument;
- 2 Right continuous in each argument;
- 3 For any  $(x, y)$ ,

$$F(x, -\infty) = 0, \quad F(-\infty, y) = 0, \quad F(\infty, \infty) = 1.$$

- 4 For any  $a_1 < b_1, a_2 < b_2$ ,

$$F(b_1, b_2) - F(a_1, b_2) - F(b_1, a_2) + F(a_1, a_2) \geq 0.$$

## Marginal distribution functions:

The distribution function of  $\xi$  is

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\xi}(x) &= P(\xi \leq x, -\infty < \eta < \infty) \\ &= F(x, \infty), \quad x \in \mathbf{R}. \end{aligned}$$

The distribution function of  $\eta$  is

$$F_{\eta}(y) = F(\infty, y), \quad y \in \mathbf{R}.$$

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$$F(x_1, \cdots, x_n) = \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{x_n} p(y_1, \cdots, y_n) dy_1 \cdots dy_n,$$

then we call  $F$  a distribution of continuous type, and call  $p$  a joint probability density function.

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For any continuity point of  $p(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$ ,

$$\frac{\partial^n F}{\partial x_1 \cdots \partial x_n} = p(x_1, \cdots, x_n).$$

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$$\xi(\omega) = (\xi_1(\omega), \cdots, \xi_n(\omega)):$$

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\xi(\omega) \in B_n) \\ &= \int \cdots \int_{(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in B_n} p(x_1, \cdots, x_n) dx_1 \cdots x_n \end{aligned}$$

for any Borel set  $B_n$ .

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## Marginal density function:

Suppose that  $(\xi, \eta)$  has pdf  $p(x, y)$  and df  $F(x, y)$ , then the marginal distribution function of  $\xi$  is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\xi}(x) &= F(x, +\infty) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(u, v) du dv \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^x \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(u, v) dv \right) du \triangleq \int_{-\infty}^x p_{\xi}(u) du. \end{aligned}$$

So, the pdf of  $\xi$  is

$$p_{\xi}(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p(u, v) dv$$



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Similarly,  $\eta$  is also a continuous random variable with the density function

$$p_{\eta}(v) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(u, v) du.$$

$p_{\xi}(u)$  and  $p_{\eta}(v)$  are by definition the marginal densities of  $(\xi, \eta)$  ( $p(x, y)$ ).

**Example 3.** Suppose that a random vector  $(\xi, \eta)$  has the density function as follows:

$$p(x, y) = \begin{cases} Ae^{-2(x+y)}, & x > 0, y > 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (1) Determine the constant  $A$ ;
- (2) Find the distribution function;
- (3) Find the marginal densities;
- (4) Find  $P(\xi < 1, \eta < 2)$ ;
- (5) Find  $P(\xi + \eta < 1)$ .

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$$1 = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} A e^{-2(x+y)} dx dy = \frac{A}{4},$$

which implies  $A = 4$ .

(2) The distribution function of  $(\xi, \eta)$  is

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When  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, y) &= \int_0^x \int_0^y 4e^{-2(u+v)} du dv \\ &= (1 - e^{-2x})(1 - e^{-2y}). \end{aligned}$$

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So

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Similarly, the marginal distribution function of  $\eta$  is

$$F_{\eta}(y) = F(\infty, y) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-2y}, & y > 0, \\ 0, & y \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

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Two typical continuous random vectors.

# 1. The $n$ -dimensional uniform distribution

The  $n$ - dimensional uniform distribution has the following density function

$$p(x_1, \cdots, x_n) = \begin{cases} A, & (x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in G, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} . \end{cases}$$

where  $G$  is a Borel set in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . It immediately follows that  $A = 1/S_G$ , where  $S_G$  is the measure of  $G$  (as  $G$  is a 2 or 3-dimensional region,  $S_G$  is its area or volume)

**Example 3.** Suppose that  $(\xi, \eta)$  obeys the uniform distribution in the unit disk  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$ . Find its marginal densities.



**Solution.** The joint density of  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  is

$$p(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi}, & x^2 + y^2 \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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It is obvious that  $p_{\xi}(x) = 0$  as  $|x| > 1$ .

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Similarly,

$$p_{\eta}(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{1 - y^2}, & |y| \leq 1, \\ 0, & |y| > 1. \end{cases}$$

## 2. The $n$ -dimensional normal distribution

Suppose that  $\Sigma = (\sigma_{ij})$  is an  $n \times n$  positive definite symmetric matrix. Let  $|\Sigma|$  be its determinant, and  $\Sigma^{-1}$  its inverse. Let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)'$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)'$ . Call

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right\}.$$

an  $n$ -dimensional normal density function.

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$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$ . Then  $\mathbf{y}' = (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})'\mathbf{B}^{-1}$ , and so

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \cdots \int p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int \cdots \int \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\mathbf{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}' \mathbf{y}\right\} |\mathbf{B}| d\mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$

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## Special cases.

If  $\Sigma = \mathbf{I}$ ,  $\mu = \mathbf{0}$ , where  $\mathbf{I}$  is an  $n \times n$  identical matrix, then

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right\}.$$

It is called an  $n$ -dimensional standard normal density.

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For  $n = 1$ , set  $\Sigma = \sigma^2$  and  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mu$ . Then

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\},$$

which is just the 1-dimensional normal density function.



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For  $n = 2$ , set

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & r\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ r\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 > 0, |r| < 1$ . Then

$$|\Sigma| = \sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 (1 - r^2),$$

$$\Sigma^{-1} = \frac{1}{|\Sigma|} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_2^2 & -r\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ -r\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_1^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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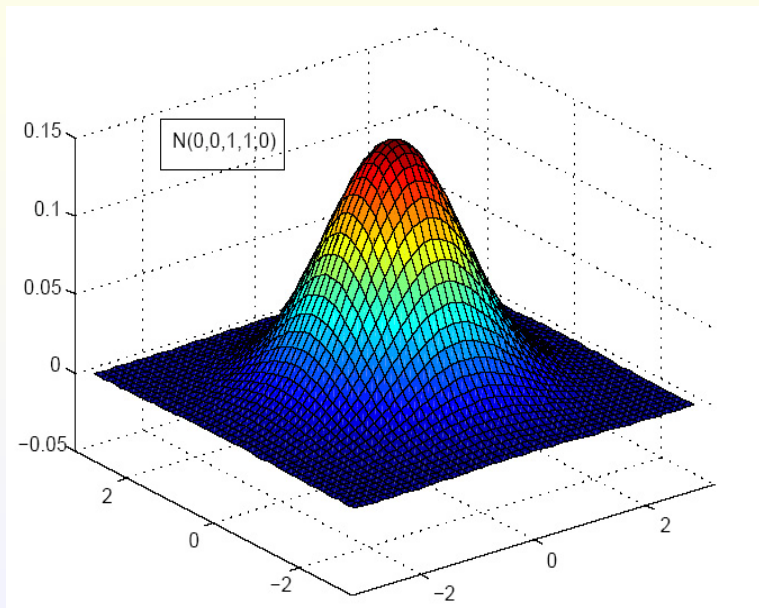
Also, set  $\mathbf{x} = (x, y)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1, \mu_2)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & p(x, y) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-r^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-r^2)} \right. \\ & \quad \times \left[ \frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - \frac{2r(x-\mu_1)(y-\mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} + \frac{(y-\mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right] \Big\}, \end{aligned}$$

and simply write  $(\xi, \eta) \sim N(\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, r)$

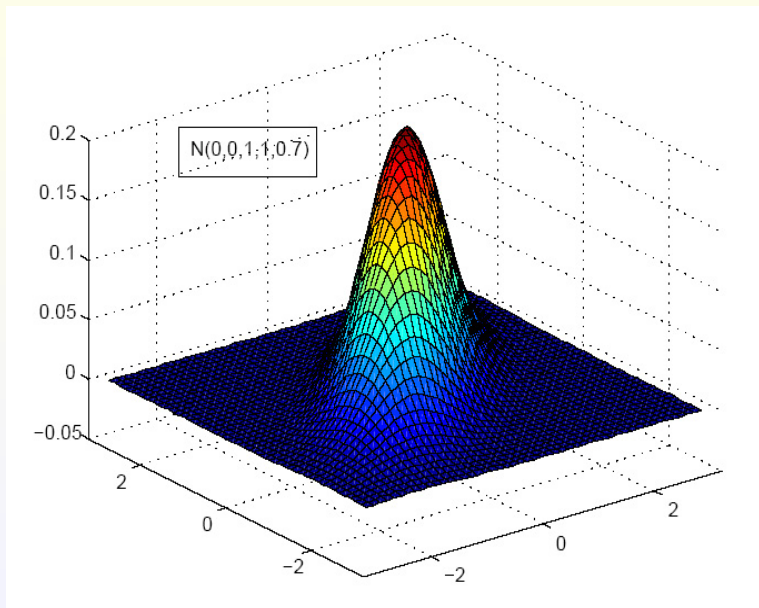
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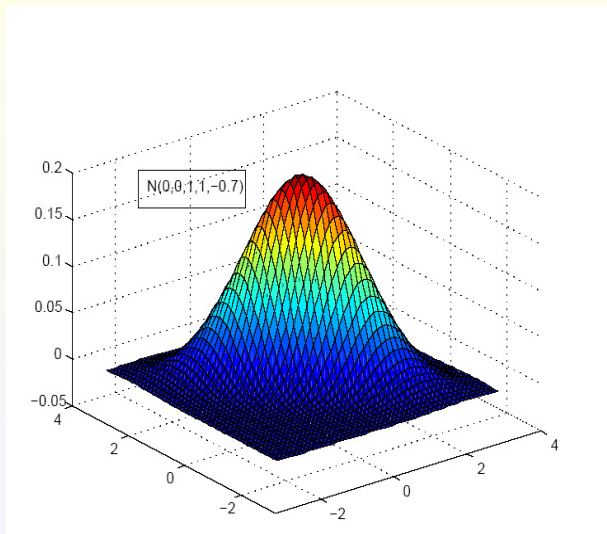
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Hence the marginal density of  $\xi$  is

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So  $\xi \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ . Similarly,  $\eta \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ .

**Example 5.** Suppose that  $(\xi, \eta)$  has the joint density function

$$p(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2}} (1 + \sin(xy)),$$

where  $-\infty < x, y < +\infty$ . Find its marginal distributions.



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Properties:

$$\begin{aligned}(\xi, \eta) &\sim N(\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, r) \\ \Leftrightarrow \left( \frac{\xi - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}, \frac{\eta - \mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right) &\sim N(0, 0, 1, 1, r).\end{aligned}$$

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**Proof.** " $\Rightarrow$ ":

$$\begin{aligned} & P\left(\frac{\xi - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \leq x, \frac{\eta - \mu_2}{\sigma_2} \leq y\right) \\ &= P(\xi \leq \mu_1 + x\sigma_1, \eta \leq \mu_2 + y\sigma_2) \end{aligned}$$

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