

AI5002 - Assignment 1

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Problem

6.1.5 Find an expression for $p_A(x)$ using the definition.

Solution

Given $X_1 \sim N(0, 1)$, $X_2 \sim N(0, 1)$, and $V = X_1^2 + X_2^2$.

So we can write A as

$$A = \sqrt{V}$$

or, $A = \sqrt{X_1^2 + X_2^2}$

Since joint distribution is not mentioned so we assume X_1 and X_2 to be independent otherwise the distribution of A would be unknown.

By definition, the distribution of A is Chi with two degrees of freedom or Rayleigh.

The CDF given by $F_A(x)$ can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(A \leq x) \\ &= P(\sqrt{X_1^2 + X_2^2} \leq x) \\ &= \iint_{\sqrt{X_1^2 + X_2^2} \leq x} F(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2 \\ &= \iint_{\sqrt{X_1^2 + X_2^2} \leq x} F(x_1) \cdot F(x_2) dx_1 dx_2 \\ &= \iint_{\sqrt{X_1^2 + X_2^2} \leq x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot e^{\frac{-x_1^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cdot e^{\frac{-x_2^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx_1 dx_2 \\ &= \iint_{\sqrt{X_1^2 + X_2^2} \leq x} \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \cdot e^{\frac{-(x_1^2 + x_2^2)}{2\sigma^2}} dx_1 dx_2 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Now, we perform a transformation of variables to simplify solution.

Let $x_1 = r \cos \theta$ and, $x_2 = r \sin \theta$.

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} = r$$

$$\text{Also, } \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{x_2}{x_1}$$

Since we're using transformation of two variables, we use Jacobian matrix here

$$J_{x_1, x_2} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(J_{x_1, x_2}) = r \cos^2 \theta + r \sin^2 \theta = r$$

Thus, $F(r, \theta) = r \cdot F(x_1, x_2)$

where (x_1, x_2) are written in terms of (r, θ) .

Now, we can write (1) as

$$\iint_{r \leq x} \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \cdot e^{\frac{-r^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cdot r dr d\theta$$

or,

$$\int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^x \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \cdot e^{\frac{-r^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cdot r dr d\theta \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Let } u = -\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

$$du = -\frac{2r}{2\sigma^2} dr$$

$$r dr = -\sigma^2 du$$

$$\text{where } 0 \leq r \leq x \text{ and } 0 \leq u \leq -\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

Substituting u and r dr in (2), we get

$$\int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{u=0}^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \cdot e^u \cdot (-\sigma^2) du d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{u=0}^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} e^u \, du \, d\theta = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} (e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} - 1) \, d\theta \\
&= 1 - \exp(-x^2/2\sigma^2)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus PDF of the above CDF expression is derived as

$$\begin{aligned}
p_A(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} F_A(x) \\
&= -e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cdot \left(-\frac{2x}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\
&= e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cdot \frac{x}{\sigma^2}
\end{aligned}$$

