

# VE401 Mid RC Pt.2

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# Continuous Random Variable: Def. and PDF

## Definition

Let  $S$  be a sample space. A *continuous random variable* is a map  $X : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  together with a function  $f_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with the properties that

- ①  $f_X(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and
- ②  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$ .

The integral of  $f_X$  is interpreted as the probability that  $X$  assumes values  $X$  in a given range, i.e.,

$$P[a \leq X \leq b] = \int_a^b f_X(x) dx$$

The function  $f_X$  is called the *probability density function* of random variable  $X$ .

# Continuous Random Variable: CDF and Location

## Definition

Let  $(X, f_X)$  be a continuous random variable. The *cumulative distribution function* for  $X$  is defined by  $F_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$F_X(x) := P[X \leq x] = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(y) dy$$

By the fundamental theorem of calculus, we can obtain the density function from  $F_X$  by

$$f_X(x) = F'_X(x)$$

## Definition

- The *median*  $M_X$  is defined by  $P[X \leq M_X] = 0.5$ .
- The *mean* is given by  $E[X]$ .
- The *mode*  $x_0$ , is the location of the maximum of  $f_X$ .

# Expectation, Variance and Moments

- Expectation.

$$E[X] := \int_{\mathbb{R}} x \cdot f_X(x) dx$$

- Variance.

$$\text{Var}[X] := E[(X - E[X])^2] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$$

- M.G.F.

$$m_X(t) = E[e^{tX}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f_X(x) dx$$

**Note:** All previous properties about expectation, variance and M.G.F. hold for continuous random variables.

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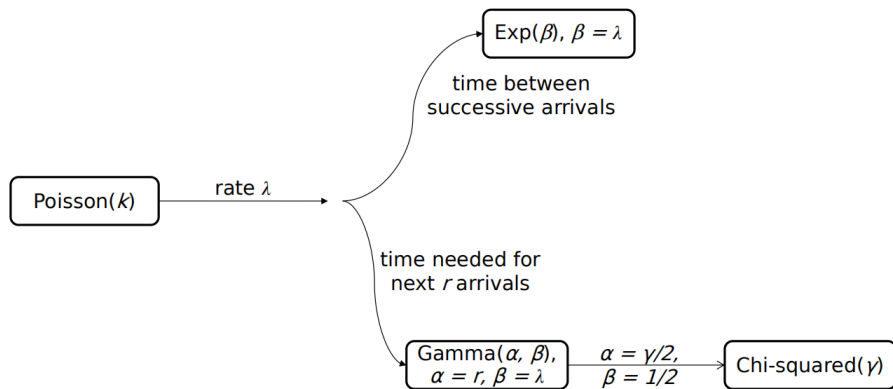
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# Connections





# Exponential Distribution

## Definition

A continuous random variable  $(X, f_\beta)$  follows *exponential distribution* with parameter  $\beta$  if the probability density function is defined by

$$f_\beta(X) = \begin{cases} \beta e^{-\beta x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

## Interpretation

The time between successive arrivals of a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$  follows exponential distribution with parameter  $\beta = \lambda$ . (Recall  $P[T > t] = e^{-\beta t}$ .) *Note.* Memoryless property:

$$P[X > x + s \mid X > x] = P[X > s]$$

# Exponential Distribution

## Properties

- Mean.

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\beta}$$

- Variance.

$$\text{Var}[X] = \frac{1}{\beta^2}$$

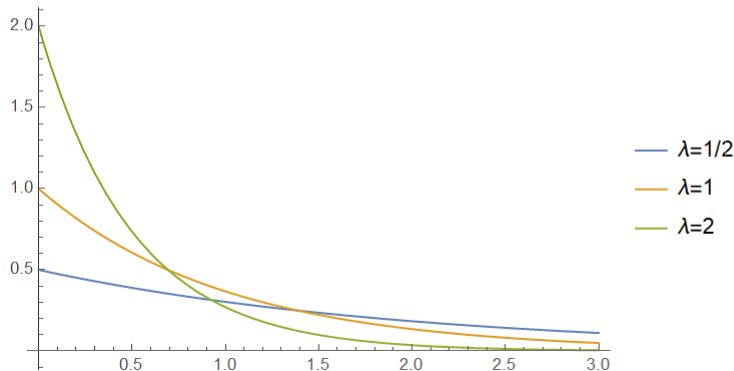
- M.G.F.

$$m_X : (-\infty, \beta) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad m_X(t) = \frac{1}{1 - t/\beta}$$

# Exponential Distribution

## Plot

```
Plot[Table[PDF[ExponentialDistribution[ $\lambda$ ], x], { $\lambda$ , {1/2, 1, 2}}]  
// Evaluate, {x, 0, 3}, PlotRange -> All,  
PlotLegends -> {" $\lambda=1/2$ ", " $\lambda=1$ ", " $\lambda=2$ "}]
```



# Gamma Distribution

## Definition

Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha, \beta > 0$ . A continuous random variable  $(X, f_{\alpha, \beta})$  follows a gamma distribution with parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  if the probability density function is given by

$$f_{\alpha, \beta}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty z^{\alpha-1} e^{-z} dz, \alpha > 0$  is the Euler gamma function.  
Interpretation.

## Interpretation

The time needed for the next  $r$  arrivals in a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$  follows a Gamma distribution with parameters  $\alpha = r, \beta = \lambda$ .

# Gamma Distribution

## Properties

- Mean.

$$E[X] = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

- Variance.

$$\text{Var}[X] = \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}$$

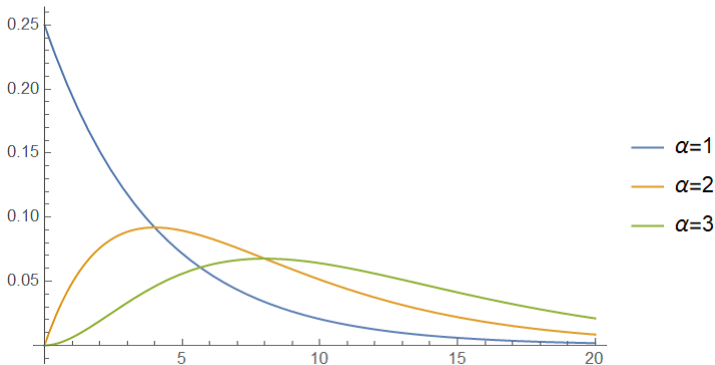
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$$m_X : (-\infty, \beta) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad m_X(t) = \frac{1}{(1 - t/\beta)^\alpha}$$

# Gamma Distribution

## Plot

```
Plot[Table[PDF[GammaDistribution[ $\alpha$ ,4], x], { $\alpha$ , {1, 2, 3}}]  
// Evaluate, {x, 0, 20}, PlotRange -> All,  
PlotLegends -> {" $\alpha=1$ ", " $\alpha=2$ ", " $\alpha=3$ "}]
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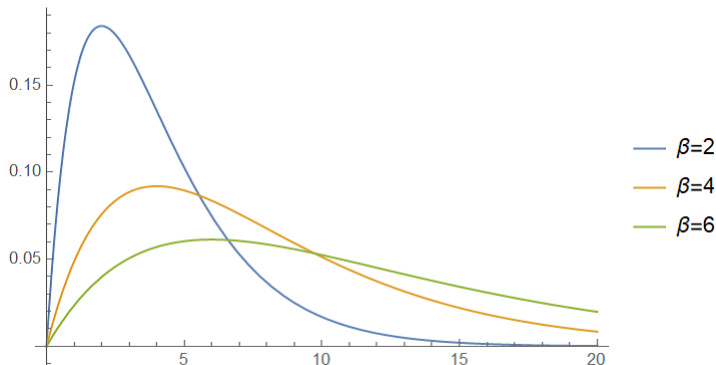


# Gamma Distribution

## Plot

What's Wrong? – FOR  $\beta$ , MMA IS DIFFERENT FROM THE LECTURE! It's  $(1/2, 1/4, 1/6)$  for the lecture version.

```
Plot[Table[PDF[GammaDistribution[2, $\beta$ ], x], { $\beta$ , {2, 4, 6}}]  
// Evaluate, {x, 0, 20}, PlotRange -> All,  
PlotLegends -> {" $\beta=2$ ", " $\beta=4$ ", " $\beta=6$ "}]
```



# Chi-Squared Distribution

## Definition

Definition. Let  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}$ . A continuous random variable  $(X_\gamma^2, f_X)$  follows a chi-squared distribution with  $\gamma$  degrees of freedom if the probability density function is given by

$$f_\gamma(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^{\gamma/2}\Gamma(\gamma/2)} x^{\gamma/2-1} e^{-x/2}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

It is a gamma distribution with  $\alpha = \gamma/2, \beta = 1/2$ . Therefore,

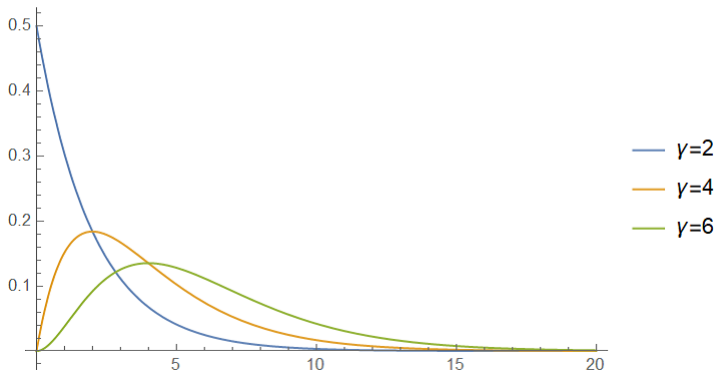
$$E[X_\gamma^2] = \gamma, \quad \text{Var}[X_\gamma^2] = 2\gamma$$



# Chi-Squared Distribution

## Plot

```
Plot[Table[PDF[ChiSquareDistribution[ $\gamma$ ], x], { $\gamma$ , {2, 4, 6}}]  
// Evaluate, {x, 0, 20}, PlotRange -> All,  
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# Normal Distribution

## Definition

A continuous random variable  $(X, f_{\mu, \sigma^2})$  has the *normal distribution* with mean  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ ,  $\sigma > 0$  if the probability density function is given by

$$f_{\mu, \sigma^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right], \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

## Useful Formula

Normal.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = \sqrt{2\pi}\sigma$$

Gamma.

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} dx = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\beta^{\alpha}}$$

# Normal Distribution

## Properties

- Mean.

$$E[X] = \mu$$

- Variance.

$$\text{Var}[X] = \sigma^2$$

- M.G.F.

$$m_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad m_X(t) = \exp\left(\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2\right)$$

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# Transformation of Random Variables

## Theorem

Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable with density  $f_X$ . Let  $Y = \varphi \circ X$ , where  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is strictly *monotonic and differentiable*. The density for  $Y$  is then given by

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(\varphi^{-1}(y)) \cdot \left| \frac{d\varphi^{-1}(y)}{dy} \right|,$$

for  $y \in \text{ran } \varphi$   
and

$$f_Y(y) = 0,$$

for  $y \notin \text{ran } \varphi$ .

What if not *monotonic and differentiable*? Consider *CDF*.

# Transformation of Random Variables

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## Example

Consider the continuous random variable  $X$  with density

$$f_X(x) = \frac{2/\pi}{e^{-x} + e^x}$$

for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Find the density of the random variable  $X^2$ .

Things become easier using the observation that  $f_X$  is an even function.

# Transformation of Random Variables

## Solution

Note that the function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{0\}$ ,  $\varphi(x) = x^2$  is not bijective, so we can't simply apply the theorem for transforming random variables from the lecture. Let  $y > 0$ . Then, using the fact that  $f_X$  is even,

$$F_Y(y) = P[Y \leq y] = P[X^2 \leq y] = P[-\sqrt{y} \leq X \leq \sqrt{y}] = \int_{-\sqrt{y}}^{\sqrt{y}} f_X(x) dx$$

$$F_Y(y) = P[Y \leq y] = P[X^2 \leq y] = 2 \int_0^{\sqrt{y}} f_X(x) dx$$

$$f_Y(y) = F'_Y(y) = 2f_X(\sqrt{y}) \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} = \frac{2}{\pi\sqrt{y}} \frac{1}{e^{-\sqrt{y}} + e^{\sqrt{y}}} \quad y > 0$$

For  $y \leq 0$  we have  $F_Y(y) = P[Y \leq y] = P[X^2 \leq y] = 0$ , so

$$f_Y(y) = 0 \quad y \leq 0.$$



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# Standardizing Normal Distribution

Suppose  $X \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . Then

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1)$$

where the normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$  is the *standard normal distribution*.

$\Phi$  is the cumulative distribution function for the standard normal distribution function.

$$\Phi(z) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^z e^{-t^2/2} dt$$

Calculate  $P[X < a]$  by

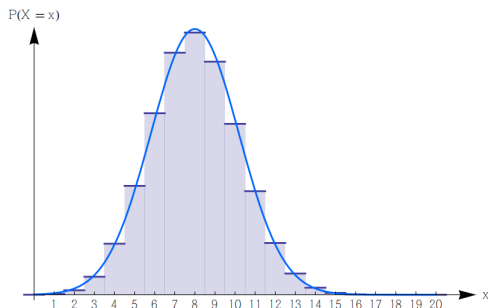
$$P[X < a] = P\left[\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} < \frac{a - \mu}{\sigma}\right] = P\left[Z < \frac{a - \mu}{\sigma}\right] = \Phi\left(\frac{a - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

# Theorem of De Moivre-Laplace

## Theorem

Suppose  $S_n$  is the number of successes in a sequence of  $n$  i.i.d. Bernoulli trials with probability of success  $0 < p < 1$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left[ a < \frac{X - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} \leq b \right] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_a^b e^{-x^2/2} dx$$



# Normal Approximation of Binomial Distribution

For  $y = 0, \dots, n$

$$P[X \leq y] = \sum_{x=0}^y \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \approx \Phi \left( \frac{y + 1/2 - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} \right)$$

where we require that

$$np > 5 \quad \text{if } p \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad n(1-p) > 5 \quad \text{if } p > \frac{1}{2}$$

This additional term  $1/2$  is known as the *half-unit correction* for the normal approximation to the *cumulative* binomial distribution function.

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# Chebyshev's Inequality and Law of Large Number

## Theorem

Let  $X$  be a random variable, then for  $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $c > 0$ ,

$$P[|X| \geq c] \leq \frac{E[|X|^k]}{c^k}$$

As another version of this inequality, suppose  $X$  has mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ , and let  $m > 0$ ,

$$P[|X - \mu| \geq m\sigma] \leq \frac{1}{m^2}$$

## Weak Law of Large Number

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$P\left[\left|\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} - \mu\right| \geq \varepsilon\right] \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

# Central Limit Theorem

## Theorem

Central Limit Theorem. Let  $(X_i)$  be a sequence of independent, but not necessarily identical random variables whose third moments exist and satisfy a certain technical condition. Let

$$Y_n = X_1 + \cdots + X_n$$

Then for any  $z \in \mathbb{R}$

$$P \left[ \frac{Y_n - E[Y_n]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}[Y_n]}} \leq z \right] \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^z e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

## Interpretation

Lyapunov's Central Limit theorem is at the core of the belief by experimentalists that “random error” may be described by the normal distribution.

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# Discrete Multivariate Random Variable

## Definition

Let  $S$  be a sample space and  $\Omega$  a countable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . A *discrete multivariate random variable* is a map

$$X: S \rightarrow \Omega$$

together with a function  $f_X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with the properties that

- ①  $f_X(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \Omega$  and
- ②  $\sum_{x \in \Omega} f_X(x) = 1$ ,

where  $f_X$  is the *joint density function* of the random variable  $X$ .

# Continuous Multivariate Random Variable

## Definition

Let  $S$  be a sample space. A *continuous multivariate random variable* is a map

$$X : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

together with a function  $f_X : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with the properties that

- ①  $f_X(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and
- ②  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f_X(x) = 1$ ,

where  $f_X$  is the *joint density function* of the random variable  $X$ .

# Multivariate Random Variable

- *Marginal density*  $f_{X_k}$  for  $X_k, k = 1, \dots, n$  :

$$f_{X_k}(x_k) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} f_X(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_{k-1} dx_{k+1} \dots dx_n.$$

- *Independent* multivariate random variables:

$$f_X(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f_{X_1}(x_1) \cdots f_{X_n}(x_n).$$

- *Conditional density* of  $X_1$  conditioned on  $X_2$  :

$$f_{X_1|X_2}(x_1) := \frac{f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2)}{f_{X_2}(x_2)} \quad \text{whenever } f_{X_2}(x_2) > 0.$$

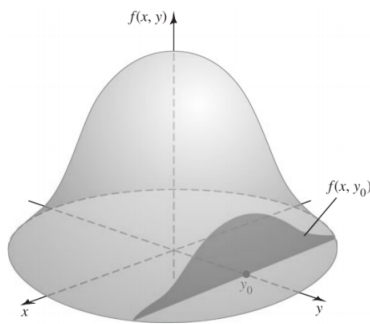
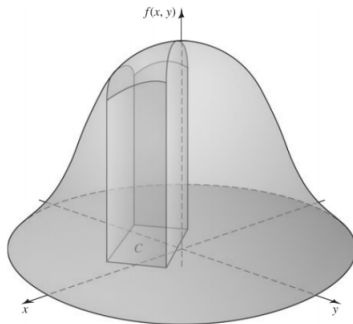
- *Joint cumulative distribution function* (CDF) is then given by

$$P[X_1 \leq a_1, \dots, X_n \leq a_n] = \int_{-\infty}^{a_1} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{a_n} f_X(x) dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

# Continuous Multivariate Random Variable

## Visualization

Joint probability density function  $f_{XY}(x, y)$  (left)  
conditional density function  $f_{X|Y}(x | y_0)$  (right).



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# Expectation

- Discrete.

$$E[X_k] = \sum_{x_k} x_k f_{X_k}(x_k) = \sum_{x \in \Omega} x_k f_X(x)$$

and for continuous function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$E[\varphi \circ X] = \sum_{x \in \Omega} \varphi(x) f_X(x)$$

- Continuous.

$$E[X_k] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x_k f_{X_k}(x_k) dx_k = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} x_k f_X(x) dx$$

and for continuous function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$E[\varphi \circ X] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi(x) f_X(x) dx.$$

# Covariance

## Definition

Definition. For a multivariate random variable  $X$ , the *covariance matrix*  $\text{Var}[X]$  is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Var}[X_1] & \text{Cov}[X_1, X_2] & \cdots & \text{Cov}[X_1, X_n] \\ \text{Cov}[X_1, X_2] & \text{Var}[X_2] & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \text{Cov}[X_{n-1}, X_n] \\ \text{Cov}[X_1, X_n] & \cdots & \text{Cov}[X_{n-1}, X_n] & \text{Var}[X_n] \end{pmatrix}$$

where the *covariance* of  $(X_i, X_j)$  is given by

$$\text{Cov}[X_i, X_j] = E[(X_i - \mu_{X_i})(X_j - \mu_{X_j})] = E[X_i X_j] - E[X_i] E[X_j]$$

and

$$\text{Var}[CX] = C \text{Var}[X] C^T, \quad C \in \text{Mat}(n \times n; \mathbb{R})$$

# Covariance

## Properties

Let  $X, X_1, \dots, X_n, Y$  and  $Z$  be random variables.

- $X$  and  $Y$  are independent  $\Rightarrow \text{Cov}[X, Y] = 0$ .

The Converse is not True!

- $\text{Var}[X + Y] = \text{Var}[X] + \text{Var}[Y] + 2 \text{Cov}[X, Y]$ , and more generally,

$$\text{Var}[X_1 + \dots + X_n] = \text{Var}[X_1] + \dots + \text{Var}[X_n] + 2 \sum_{i < j} \text{Cov}[X_i, X_j]$$

if  $\text{Var}[X_i] < \infty$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$

- $\text{Cov}[X, Y + Z] = \text{Cov}[X, Y] + \text{Cov}[X, Z]$   
 $\text{Cov}[X, Y - Z] = \text{Cov}[X, Y] - \text{Cov}[X, Z]$
- $\text{Cov}[X, X] = \text{Var}[X]$



# Correlation

## Definition

The *Pearson coefficient of correlation* of random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by

$$\rho_{XY} := \frac{\text{Cov}[X, Y]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}[X] \text{Var}[Y]}}$$

Instead of independence, the correlation coefficient actually measures the extent to which  $X$  and  $Y$  are *linearly* dependent, which is not the only way of being dependent.

## Properties

- $-1 \leq \rho_{XY} \leq 1$ ,
- $|\rho_{XY}| = 1$  iff there exist  $\beta_0, \beta_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$$

# Correlation

## Note

- Uncorrelated does not mean independent,
- Correlation coefficient only measures linear relationships.

## Example

Two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ .  $X$  follows a uniform distribution  $U(-1, 1)$  and  $Y = X^2$ . Find  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(X, Y) &= \text{Cov}(X, X^2) \\&= E((X - E(X))(X^2 - E(X^2))) \\&= E(X^3 - X^2 E(X) - X E(X^2) + E(X)E(X^2)) \\&= E(X^3) - E(X^2)E(X) - E(X)E(X^2) + E(X)E(X^2) \\&= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{2}x^3 dx - \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{2}x^2 dx \cdot \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{2}x dx = 0\end{aligned}$$

# The Fisher Transformation

## Definition

Let  $\tilde{X}$  and  $\tilde{Y}$  be standardized random variables of  $X$  and  $Y$ , then the *Fisher transformation* of  $\rho_{XY}$  is given by

$$\ln \left( \sqrt{\frac{\text{Var}[\tilde{X} + \tilde{Y}]}{\text{Var}[\tilde{X} - \tilde{Y}]}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1 + \rho_{XY}}{1 - \rho_{XY}} \right) = \text{Arctanh}(\rho_{XY}) \in \mathbb{R}$$

We say that  $X$  and  $Y$  are

- *positively correlated* if  $\rho_{XY} > 0$ , and
- *negatively correlated* if  $\rho_{XY} < 0$ .

# The Bivariate Normal Distribution

The density function of *Bivariate Normal Distribution*:

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[ \left( \frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left( \frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X} \right) \left( \frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y} \right) + \left( \frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y} \right)^2 \right]}$$

- $-1 < \rho < 1$
- $\mu_X = E[X]$ ,  $\sigma_X^2 = \text{Var } X$  (and similarly for  $Y$ ).
- $\rho = \rho_{XY}$  is indeed the correlation coefficient of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- $X$  and  $Y$  are independent  $\iff \rho = 0$

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# Hypergeometric Distribution

## Definition

A random variable  $(X, f_X)$  with parameters  $N, n, r \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$  where  $r, n \leq N$  and  $n < \min\{r, N - r\}$  has a *hypergeometric distribution* if the density function is given by

$$f_X(x) = \frac{\binom{r}{x} \binom{N-r}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

## Interpretation

- $f_X(x)$  is the probability of getting  $x$  red balls in drawing  $n$  balls from a box containing  $N$  balls, where  $r$  of them are red.
- This can be formulated as obtaining  $x$  successes in  $n$  identical but not independent Bernoulli trials, each with probability of success  $\frac{r}{N}$ .

# Hypergeometric Distribution

## Property

- Expectation

$$E[X] = E[X_1 + \cdots + X_n] = n \frac{r}{N}$$

- Variance

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[X] &= \text{Var}[X_1 + \cdots + X_n] \\ &= \text{Var}[X_1] + \cdots + \text{Var}[X_n] + 2 \sum_{i < j} \text{Cov}[X_i, X_j] \\ &= n \frac{r}{N} \frac{N-r}{N} \frac{N-n}{N-1} \end{aligned}$$

The *binomial distribution* may be used to approximate the hypergeometric distribution if  $n/N$  is small (less than 0.05).

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# Transformation of Random Variables

## Theorem

Let  $(\mathbf{X}, f_{\mathbf{X}})$  be a continuous multivariate random variable and let  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a differentiable, bijective map with inverse  $\varphi^{-1}$ . Then  $\mathbf{Y} = \varphi \circ \mathbf{X}$  is a continuous multivariate random variable with density

$$f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y) = f_{\mathbf{X}} \circ \varphi^{-1}(y) \cdot |\det D\varphi^{-1}(y)|,$$

where  $D\varphi^{-1}$  is the Jacobian of  $\varphi^{-1}$ .

- $f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y) = 0$  for  $y \notin \text{ran } \varphi$ .

# Quotient of Normal: Cauchy

## Lemma

Let  $((X, Y), f_{XY})$  be a continuous bivariate random variable. Let  $U = X/Y$ . Then the density  $f_U$  of  $U$  is given by

$$f_U(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(uv, v) \cdot |v| dv.$$

## Theorem

Suppose that random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent and that each follows the *standard normal distribution*. Then  $U = X/Y$  has the *Cauchy distribution* with probability density function given by

$$f_U(u) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+u^2)}, \quad u \in \mathbb{R}.$$

# Quotient of Normal: Cauchy

## Proof

Let  $V = Y$ , excluding  $Y = 0$ , the transformation from  $(X, Y)$  to  $(U, V)$  is one-to-one. Then  $X = UV$ ,  $Y = V$  and

$$J = \det \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{pmatrix} = v$$

Then the joint density function is given by

$$f_{UV}(u, v) = f_{XY}(uv, v)|v| = \frac{|v|}{2\pi} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(u^2 + 1)v^2\right)$$

Then the marginal of  $U$  is calculated as

$$f_U(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{UV}(u, v)dv = \frac{1}{\pi(u^2 + 1)}, \quad u \in \mathbb{R}.$$

# Root Sum of Normal Square: Chi

## Definition

$\chi_n$  is a *chi random variable* with  $n$  *degrees of freedom*,

$$\chi_n = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2}$$

where  $Z_1, \dots, Z_n$  are *independent standard normal* random variables.

$$f_{\chi_n}(y) = \frac{1}{2^{n/2} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} y^{n-1} e^{-y^2/2} \quad (y > 0)$$

## Interpretation

A chi random variable represents the sum of the root squares (distance) of independent standard normal variables.

# Sum of Normal Square: Chi-Squared

## Definition

$\chi_n^2$  is a *chi-squared random variable* with  $n$  *degrees of freedom*,

$$\chi_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2$$

where  $Z_1, \dots, Z_n$  are *independent standard normal* random variables.

$$f_{\chi_n^2}(y) = \frac{1}{2^{n/2} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} y^{n/2-1} e^{-y/2} \quad (y > 0)$$

## Interpretation

A chi-squared random variable represents the sum of the squares of independent standard normal variables.

# Sum of Normal: Normal

## Theorem

If the random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  are independent and if  $X_i$  follows *normal distribution* with mean  $\mu_i$  and variance  $\sigma_i^2$ , where  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , then  $X = X_1 + \dots + X_k$  follows normal distribution with

$$\mu = \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k, \quad \sigma^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_k^2.$$

## Theorem

Let  $\chi_{\gamma_1}^2, \dots, \chi_{\gamma_n}^2$  be  $n$  independent random variables following *chi-squared distributions* with  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n$  degrees of freedom, respectively. Then

$$\chi_{\alpha}^2 := \sum_{k=1}^n \chi_{\gamma_k}^2$$

is a *chi-squared random variable* with  $\alpha = \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_k$  degrees of freedom.

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# Reliability

## Definition

Suppose a unit  $A$  fails *randomly*, and we describe the time it fails by the continuous random variable  $T_A$ .

The density of  $T_A$  is called the *failure density*  $f_A$ . The cumulative distribution function of  $T_A$  is denoted by  $F_A$ . We note that

$$\begin{aligned} f_A(t) &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P[t \leq T \leq t + \Delta t]}{\Delta t} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{F_A(t + \Delta t) - F_A(t)}{\Delta t} \end{aligned}$$

The *reliability function*  $R_A$  gives the probability that  $A$  is working at time  $t \geq 0$

$$R_A(0) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_A(t) &= 1 - P[\text{component } A \text{ fails before time } t] \\ &= 1 - F_A(t) \end{aligned}$$



# Hazard

## Definition

*Hazard rate*  $\rho_A$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_A(t) &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P[t \leq T \leq t + \Delta t \mid t \leq T]}{\Delta t} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P[t \leq T \leq t + \Delta t]}{P[T \geq t] \cdot \Delta t} = \frac{f_A(t)}{R_A(t)}\end{aligned}$$

## Interpretation

- If  $\rho$  is decreasing, then as time goes by a failure is more likely to occur earlier in the time interval.
- If  $\rho$  is steady, a failure tends to occur during this period due mainly to random factors.
- If  $\rho$  is increasing, then as time goes by a failure is more likely to occur.

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# Exponential Distribution

- Density function.  $\beta > 0$  is a parameter,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \beta e^{-\beta x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Mean.

$$\mu = \frac{1}{\beta}$$

- Variance.

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{\beta^2}$$

- Reliability features.

$$\rho(t) = \beta$$

$$R(t) = e^{-\beta t}, f(t) = \rho(t)R(t) = \beta e^{-\beta t}.$$

# Weibull Distribution

- Density function.  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  are parameters,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha\beta x^{\beta-1}e^{-\alpha x^\beta}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Mean.

$$\mu = \alpha^{-1/\beta} \Gamma(1 + 1/\beta)$$

- Variance.

$$\sigma^2 = \alpha^{-2/\beta} \Gamma(1 + 2/\beta) - \mu^2$$

- Reliability features.

$$\rho(t) = \alpha\beta t^{\beta-1}$$

$$R(t) = e^{-\alpha t^\beta}, f(t) = \rho(t)R(t) = \alpha\beta t^{\beta-1}e^{-\alpha t^\beta}$$

# System

$R_i$  is the reliability of the  $i$ th component, then

- ① reliability of a series system with  $k$  components

$$R_s(t) = \prod_{i=1}^k R_i(t)$$

- ② reliability of a parallel system with  $k$  components

$$R_p(t) = 1 - P[\text{all components fail before } t] = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^k (1 - R_i(t))$$

# End

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