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## 2 Univariate Random Variables

### 2.1 Introduction to probability model

- **Probability model** is used to describe a random experiment.

It consists of three important components:

- i. **Sample space**  $S$ : a collection of all possible outcomes of one random experiment.

e.g. Toss a coin:  $S = \{H, T\}$

e.g. Toss a coin twice:  $S = \{(H, H), (H, T), (T, H), (T, T)\}$

- ii. **Event**: denoted by  $A, B, C$ , etc. It is a subset of sample space.

e.g. Toss a coin twice:

Define  $A$  as 1st toss is tail,  $A = \{(T, T), (T, H)\} \subseteq S$

- iii. **Probability function**  $P$ : It is a function of events.

It satisfies properties (axioms):

- a.  $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$  for any event  $A$ .

- b.  $P(S) = 1$

- c. Countable additivity: If  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are assumed to be pairwise mutually exclusive events (i.e.  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ ),  $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$ .

We can now prove the following properties:

- a.  $P(\emptyset) = 0$ .

Proof: Let  $A_i = \emptyset$  for  $i \geq 1$ ,  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ , by axioms we have  $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$ , or in other words,  $P(\emptyset) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(\emptyset)$ . Additionally,  $0 \leq P(\emptyset) \leq 1$ , therefore,  $P(\emptyset) = 0$ .

- b. Let  $A$  denote an event. Let  $\bar{A}$  denote the complementary event of  $A$ , which means  $\bar{A}$  satisfies two conditions:

- a.  $\bar{A} \cap A = \emptyset$ , and

- b.  $\bar{A} \cup A = S$ .

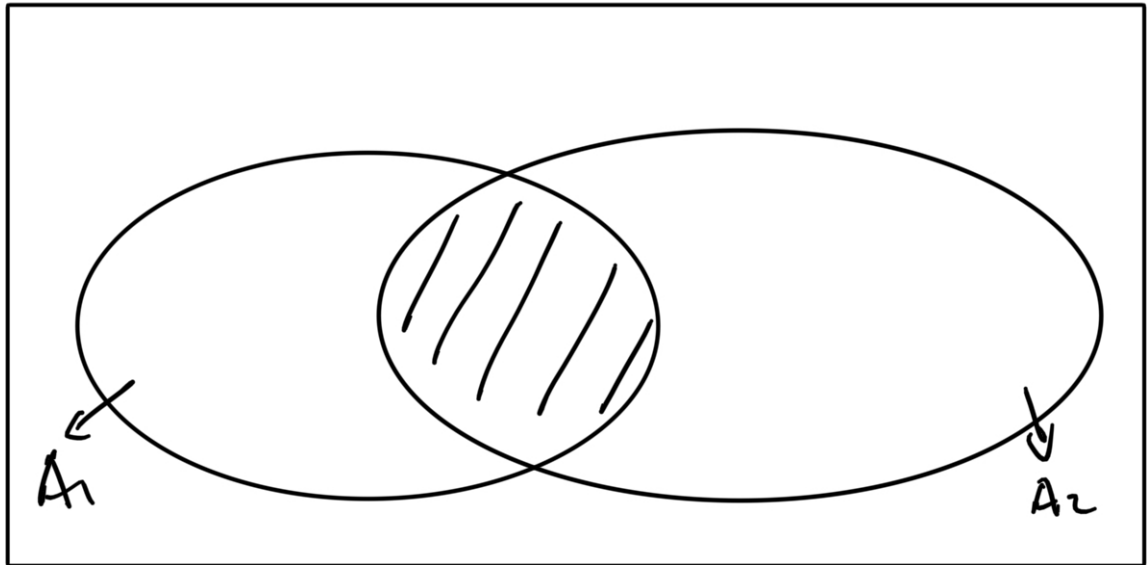
Prove  $P(A) + P(\bar{A}) = 1$ :

Proof: Define  $A_1 = A$ ,  $A_2 = \bar{A}$ ,  $A_i = \emptyset$  for  $i \geq 3$ , so  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ , by axioms we have  $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$ , in other words,  $P(S) = P(A) + P(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i=3}^{\infty} 0$ , therefore,  $P(A) + P(\bar{A}) = 1$ .

- c. If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are mutually exclusive, then  $P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2)$ .

Proof: Define  $A_i = \emptyset$  for  $i \geq 3$ , so  $S = A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ , for  $i \neq j$ . Then  $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$ , or in other words,  $P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + 0$ .

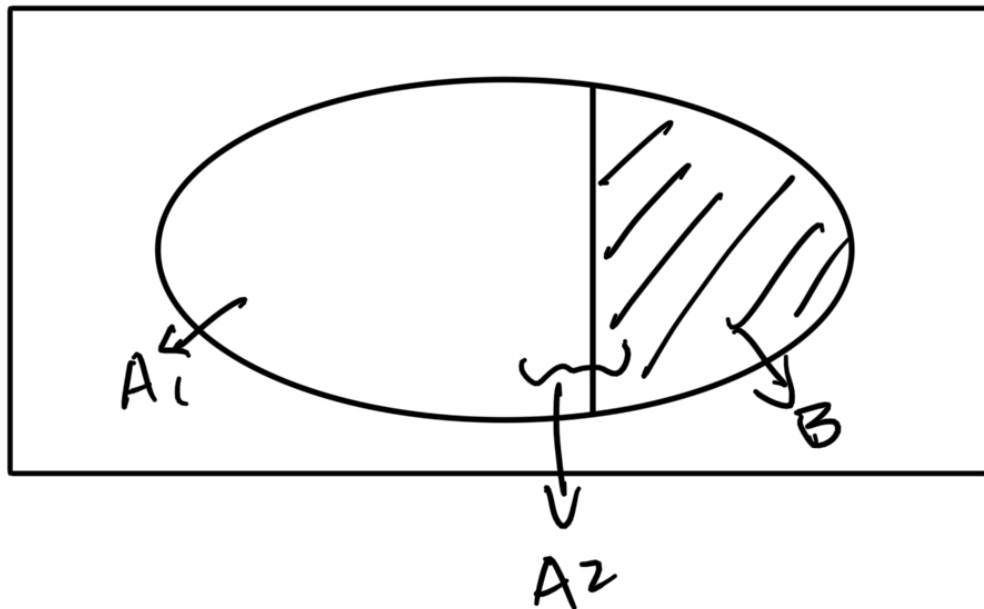
- d. In general,  $P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2)$ .



Proof: Define  $B = \{\omega | \omega \in A_1, \omega \notin A_2\}$ , since  $A_1 = B \cup (A_1 \cap A_2)$ , we can get  $B \cap (A_1 \cap A_2) = \emptyset$ ,  $B \cup (A_1 \cap A_2) = A_1$ ,  $B \cap (A_1 \cap A_2) = \emptyset$ ,  $B \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ , and therefore  $B \cup A_2 = A_1 \cup A_2$ .

Then  $P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(B \cup A_2) = P(B) + P(A_2)$ . Note  $P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_2) + P(B)$  and  $P(B) = P(A_1) - P(A_1 \cap A_2)$ . Hence,  $P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2)$ .

e. If  $A_1 \subseteq A_2$ , then  $P(A_1) \leq P(A_2)$



Proof:  $A_2 \setminus A_1 := B = \{\omega | \omega \in A_2, \omega \notin A_1\}$ , we have  $B \cap A_1 = \emptyset$ ,  $B \cup A_1 = A_2$ . Then  $P(A_2) = P(A_1 \cup B) = P(A_1) + P(B) \geq P(A_1)$ .

e.g. Toss a coin twice

Then  $S = \{(H, H), (H, T), (T, H), (T, T)\}$  for any event  $A$ ,

$$P(A) := \frac{\# \text{ of elements in } A}{4}$$

Verify  $P$  is a probability function.

- Conditional probability**

Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  denote two events. Provided  $P(B) > 0$ , then the conditional probability of  $A$  given  $B$  is

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

### ◦ Independence of two events

Suppose A and B denotes two events. We say A and B are independent if and only if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

- Proposition: If A and B are independent, then  $P(A|B) = P(A)$  (We assume  $P(B) > 0$ )

Proof:  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A)P(B)}{P(B)} = P(A)$

e.g. Toss a coin twice

$A :=$  1st toss is a head  $= \{(H, T), (H, H)\}$

$B :=$  2nd toss is a head  $= \{(T, H), (H, H)\}$

For any event C,  $P(C) = \frac{\# \text{ of elements in } C}{4}$

Verify A and B are independent.

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)?$$

By definition,  $A \cap B = \{(H, H)\} \implies P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{4}$

$$P(A) = \frac{2}{4}, P(B) = \frac{2}{4}.$$

Hence,  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ .

### • Random variable (r.v.) $X, Y, \zeta, \eta$

Random variable is a function from sample space to real line.

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

Specifically, given any  $\omega \in S$ ,  $X(\omega) \in \mathbb{R}$ .

This function satisfies that for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\{X \leq x\} = \{\omega | X(\omega) \leq x\}$  is an event.

e.g. Toss a coin twice

$X : \#$  of heads in two tosses.

$X : (H, H) \mapsto 2$ .

We need to check for any  $x$ ,  $\{X \leq x\}$  is an event.

1.  $x \geq 2$ ,  $\{X \leq x\} = \{\omega | X(\omega) \leq x\} = S$
2.  $x \in [1, 2)$ , what is  $\{X \leq x\}$ ?
3.  $x \in [0, 1)$ , what is  $\{X \leq x\}$ ?
4.  $x < 0$ , what is  $\{X \leq x\}$ ?

### • Cumulative distribution of X (c.d.f.)

For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , the c.d.f. of  $X$  is defined as  $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$ .

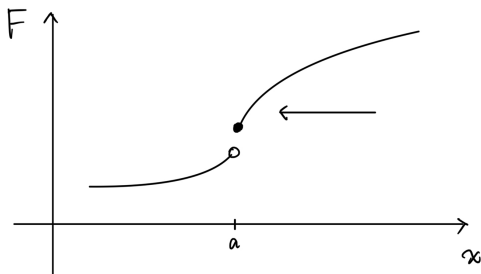
It satisfies the following property:

- $F(x)$  is a non-decreasing function, i.e., if  $x_1 \leq x_2$ , then  $F(x_1) \leq F(x_2)$ .

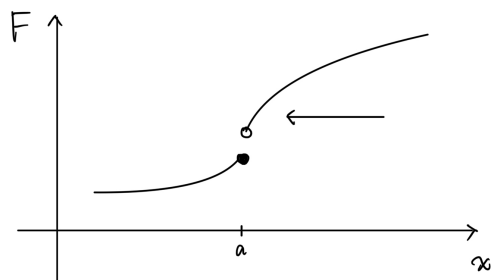
Proof:  $\{X \leq x_1\}$  is an event.  $\{X \leq x_1\} \subseteq \{X \leq x_2\}$  if  $x_1 < x_2$ , since  $\{\omega | X(\omega) \leq x_1\} \subseteq \{\omega | X(\omega) \leq x_2\}$ .

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0, \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$ .

- $F(x)$  is a right-continuous function, i.e., for any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} F(x) = F(a)$ .



right-continuous



not right-continuous

1, 2 and 3 are three basic properties of a c.d.f.

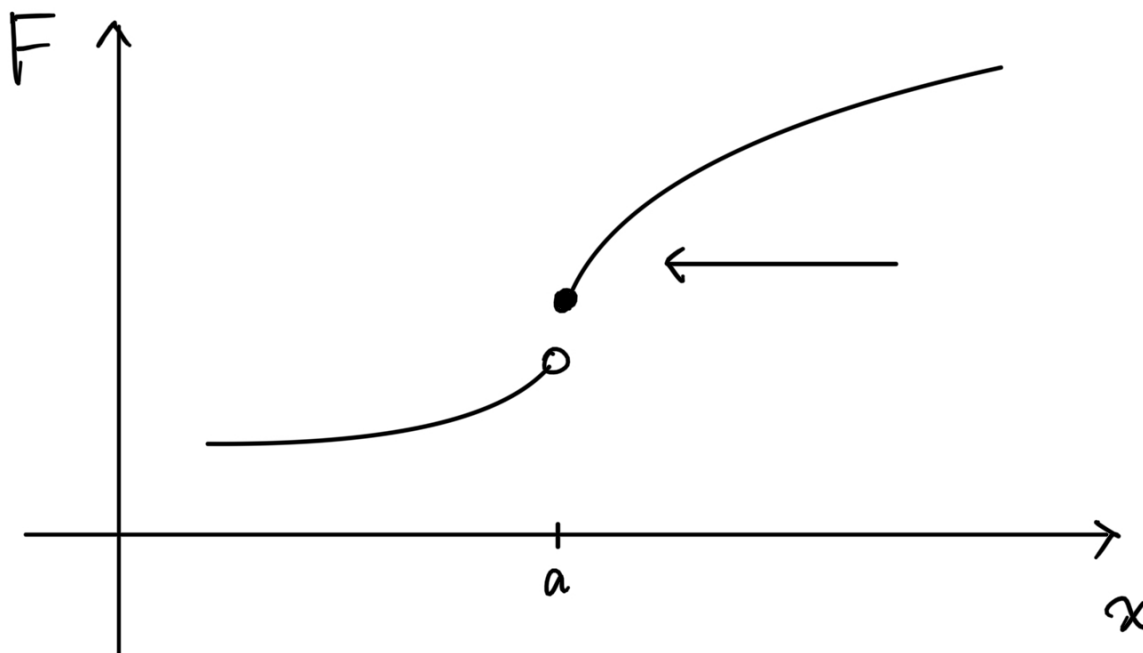
Some extra properties of a c.d.f.:

iv.  $P(a < X \leq b) = F(b) - F(a)$ .

Proof: Define  $A = \{X \leq b\}$ ,  $B := \{X \leq a\}$ ,  $C = \{a < x \leq b\}$ , we want to prove:  $P(a < X \leq b) = P(X \leq b) - P(X \leq a) \iff P(C) = P(A) - P(B)$ . Note  $B \cap C = \emptyset$ ,  $B \cup C = A$ . Then  $P(A) = P(B \cup C) = P(B) + P(C)$ .

v.  $P(X = a) = P(X \leq a) - P(X < a) = F(a) - F(a^-)$ .

Proof:  $P(X = a) = P(X \leq a) - P(X < a) = F(a) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} F(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} F(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} F(x)$ .



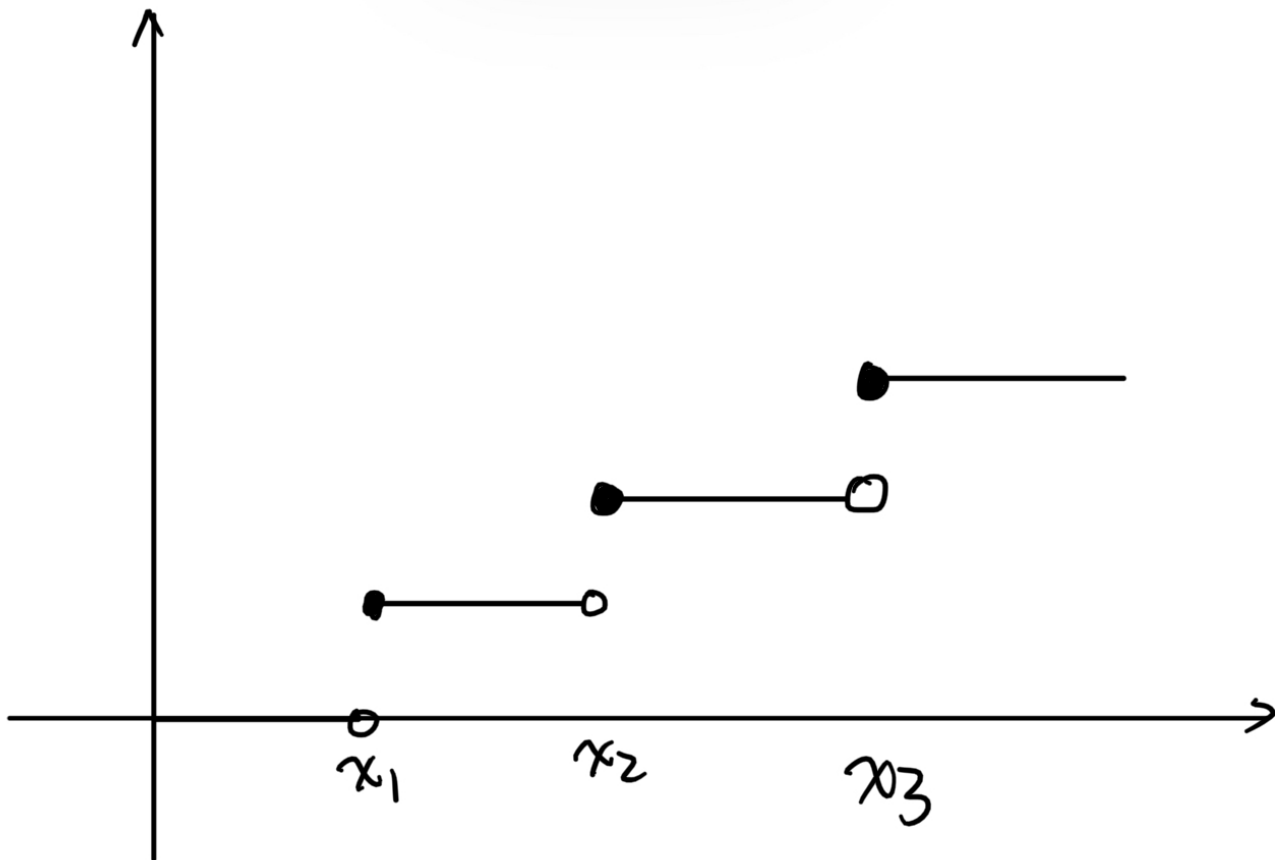
right-continuous

## 2.2 Discrete random variable

Definition:

If a random variable  $X$  can only take on a finite or countably infinite number of values, then  $X$  is called a discrete random variable.

- **cdf** of a discrete r.v. is a right continuous step function



- **Probability function (pf):**  $f(x) = P(X = x)$ .

For a discrete r.v.,  $f(x) \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{if } X \text{ can take value } x \\ = 0 & \text{if } X \text{ cannot take value } x \end{cases}$

- **Support:** The set  $A = \{x : f(x) > 0\}$  is called the support of  $X$ . These are all the possible values that  $X$  can take.
- Properties of a p.f.  $f$  for a discrete r.v.  $X$ .

i.  $f(x) \geq 0$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

ii.  $\sum_{x \in A} f(x) = 1$ .

Proof: The support of  $X$  is a countable set,  $A = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ . Let  $B_i = \{X = x_i\}$  is an event for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .  $B_i$  are pairwise mutually exclusive events, i.e.  $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ . Then,  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i = S$ . Then,  $1 = P(S) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(B_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(X = x_i)$ .

- Some commonly used discrete r.v.

i. Bernoulli r.v.  $X \sim \text{Bern}(p)$ .

$X$  can only take two possible values, 0 and 1.  $A = \{0, 1\}$ .

$f(1) = P(X = 1) = p$ .

ii. Binomial distribution

Toss a coin  $n$  times.

a. different tosses are independent

b. probability of getting a head is fixed, which is denoted by  $p$ .

$X$ : # of heads across  $n$  tosses, then  $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ .

Hence the support of  $X$ ,  $A = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

The p.f. of  $X$  is  $f(x) = P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ ,  $x \in A$ .

$$\sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} = [p + (1-p)]^n = 1$$

iii. Geometric distribution

$X$ : # of failures before the first success.

The support of  $X$  is  $A = \{0, 1, \dots\}$ .

$$f(x) = P(X = x) = (1-p)^x p, x \in A.$$

$$\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} (1-p)^x p = \frac{p}{1-(1-p)} = 1$$

iv. Negative binomial r.v.  $X \sim \text{NegBin}(r, p)$

$X$ : # of failures before the  $r$ th success.

v. Poisson r.v.  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu)$

The support of  $X$ ,  $A = \{0, 1, \dots\}$ .

The probability function  $f(x) = P(X = x) = \frac{\mu^x}{x!} e^{-\mu}, x \in A$ .

$$\sum_{x \in A} f(x) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^x}{x!} e^{-\mu} = e^{-\mu} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^x}{x!} = e^{-\mu} e^{\mu} = 1.$$

$$\text{Aside: } e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}.$$

## 2.3 Continuous random variable

Definition: If the collection of all possible values  $X$  can take is an interval or the real line, then  $X$  is called a continuous r.v.

- Remark: If  $X$  is continuous r.v., its cdf  $F(x)$  is continuous everywhere. Moreover,  $F$  is differentiable almost everywhere. It is not differentiable at at most countable locations.

- Probability density function (pdf):

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} F'(x) & \text{if } F \text{ is differentiable at } x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Support of  $X$ :  $A = \{x | f(x) > 0\}$ .

- Basic property of  $f$ :

$$\text{i. } f(x) \geq 0 \text{ for any } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\text{ii. } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1.$$

- Extra properties of  $f$ :

$$\text{i. } F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt = F(x) - F(-\infty) \text{ (find cdf from pdf).}$$

$$\text{ii. } f(x) = \begin{cases} F'(x) & \text{if } F \text{ is differentiable at } x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ (find pdf from cdf).}$$

$$\text{iii. } P(X = x) = 0 \text{ and } f(x) \neq P(X = x) \text{ for any } x.$$

$$\text{If } F \text{ is differentiable at } x, \text{ then } f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h}$$

$$\implies F(x+h) - F(x) \approx f(x) \cdot h$$

$$\implies P(x < X \leq x+h) \approx f(x) \cdot h.$$

$$\text{iv. } P(a < X \leq b) = F(b) - F(a) = P(a < X < b) = P(a \leq X \leq b)$$

Example (Uniform distribution):

Suppose the cdf is

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & a < x < b \\ 1 & x \geq b \end{cases}$$

Find pdf  $f(x)$ :

$$\text{The pdf is: } f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq a \\ \frac{1}{b-a} & a < x < b \\ 0 & x \geq b \end{cases}$$

Example:

Define a function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\theta}{x^{\theta+1}} & x \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

i. Find for what values of  $\theta$ ,  $f$  is a pdf?

Solution:  $f(x) \geq 0$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , therefore  $\theta \geq 0$ .  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\theta}{x^{\theta+1}} dx$ .

Case 1:  $\theta = 0$ ,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 0 \neq 1$ .

Case 2:  $\theta > 0$ ,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\theta}{x^{\theta+1}} dx = -\frac{1}{x^{\theta}} \Big|_1^{\infty} = 1$ .

ii. Find  $F(x)$  if  $f$  is a pdf.

Solution:  $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$

Case 1:  $x \leq 1$ ,  $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt = 0$ .

Case 2:  $x > 1$ ,  $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt = \int_1^x \frac{\theta}{t^{\theta+1}} dt = -\frac{1}{t^{\theta}} \Big|_1^x = 1 - \frac{1}{x^{\theta}}$ .

iii. Find  $P(2 < X < 3)$  and  $P(-2 < X < 3)$ .

Solution:

$$P(2 < X < 3) = F(3) - F(2) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^{\theta}}\right) - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{\theta}}\right) = \frac{1}{2^{\theta}} - \frac{1}{3^{\theta}}.$$

$$P(-2 < X < 3) = F(3) - F(-2) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^{\theta}}\right) - 0 = 1 - \frac{1}{3^{\theta}}.$$

$$P(-2 < X < 3) = \int_{-2}^3 f(x) dx = \int_{-2}^1 f(x) dx + \int_1^3 f(x) dx = \int_{-2}^1 0 dx + \int_1^3 \frac{\theta}{x^{\theta+1}} dx = -\frac{1}{x^{\theta}} \Big|_1^3 = 1 - \frac{1}{3^{\theta}}.$$

◦ Gamma function,  $\Gamma(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ .

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

a.  $\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha - 1)\Gamma(\alpha - 1)$ .

b.  $\Gamma(n) = (n - 1)!$  when  $n$  is a positive integer,  $\Gamma(1) = 1$ .

c.  $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi}$ .

Example (Gamma distribution):

The pdf is

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

if  $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$  are constants.

Verify  $f$  is a pdf.

Solution:

a.  $f(x) \geq 0$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

b.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 f(x) dx + \int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx = 0 + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\beta^{\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha)} dx$ .

Here, note  $\int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx = \Gamma(\alpha)$ .

Let  $y = \frac{x}{\beta} \implies x = \beta y, dx = \beta dy$ .

Then,  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\beta^{\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha)} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(\beta y)^{\alpha-1} e^{-y}}{\beta^{\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha)} \beta dy = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \Gamma(\alpha) = 1$ .

Example (Weibull distribution):

The pdf is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\beta}{\theta^{\beta}} x^{\beta-1} \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{x}{\theta}\right)^{\beta}\right\} & x > 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$  are constants,  $X \sim \text{Weibull}(\theta, \beta)$ .

Verify  $f$  is a pdf.

Solution:

a.  $f(x) \geq 0$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx &= \int_{-\infty}^0 f(x)dx + \int_0^{\infty} f(x)dx = 0 + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\beta}{\theta^{\beta}} x^{\beta-1} \exp \left\{ -\left(\frac{x}{\theta}\right)^{\beta} \right\} dx. \\ \text{Let } y &= \left(\frac{x}{\theta}\right)^{\beta} \implies x = \theta y^{\frac{1}{\beta}}, dx = \theta^{\frac{1}{\beta}} y^{\frac{1}{\beta}-1} dy. \\ \text{Then, } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\beta}{\theta^{\beta}} (\theta y^{\frac{1}{\beta}})^{\beta-1} \exp \{-y\} \theta^{\frac{1}{\beta}} y^{\frac{1}{\beta}-1} dy = \Gamma(1) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Exmample (Normal distribution/Gaussian distribution):

The pdf is

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

where  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma > 0$  are constants,  $X \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma)$ .

Verify  $f$  is a pdf.

Solution:

$$\text{a. } f(x) \geq 0 \text{ for any } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\text{b. } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = 1.$$

To verify 2, we start from a special case, where  $\mu = 0$ ,  $\sigma = 1$ .

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}, \text{ i.e., } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = 1.$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx. \text{ Let } y = \frac{x^2}{2} \implies x = \sqrt{2y}, dx = \sqrt{2}dy.$$

$$\text{Then, } 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} y^{1-1/2} dy = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma(1/2) = 1.$$

Prove  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$  is a pdf for any  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma > 0$ .

$$\text{a. } f(x) \geq 0 \text{ for any } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\text{b. } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = 1?$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx.$$

$$\text{Let } z = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \implies x = \mu + \sigma z, dx = \sigma dz$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz = 1.$$

## 2.4 Expectation

- Definition of expectation for discrete r.v.

Suppose that  $X$  is a discrete r.v. with support  $A$  and p.f.  $f(x)$ .

Then,  $E(X) = \sum_{x \in A} x f(x)$  provided  $\sum_{x \in A} |x| f(x) < \infty$ .

- Definition of expectation for continuous r.v.

Suppose that  $X$  is a continuous r.v. with support  $A$  and pdf  $f(x)$ .

Then  $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$  provided  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| f(x) dx < \infty$ .

Example (Cauchy distribution):

The pdf of  $X$  is  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Find  $E(X)$ .

Solution:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)} dx = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{\pi(1+x^2)} dx = \frac{\ln(1+x^2)}{\pi} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \infty.$$

Therefore,  $E(X)$  does not exist.

Example:

Suppose p.f.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x(x+1)}$  for  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , the support of  $X$  is  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ .

- Show  $f$  is a p.f.

Solution:

$$\text{i. } f(x) \geq 0 \text{ for any } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\text{ii. } \sum_{x \in A} f(x) = \sum_{x \in A} \frac{1}{x(x+1)} = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x+1} \right) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots = 1.$$

- Find  $E(X)$ .

Solution:  $E(X) = \sum_{x \in A} x f(x) = \sum_{x \in A} x \frac{1}{x(x+1)} = \sum_{x \in A} \frac{1}{x+1} = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x+1} = \infty$ .  
 $E(X)$  does not exist.

More examples of expectations:

i. Binomial Distribution,  $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ .

Solution 1:  $E(X) = \sum_{x \in A} x f(x) = \sum_{x=0}^n x \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} = \sum_{x=1}^n x \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} = \sum_{x=1}^n \frac{n!}{(x-1)!(n-x)!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ .

Let  $y = x - 1$ , then  $\sum_{x=1}^n \frac{n!}{(x-1)!(n-x)!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} = np \sum_{y=0}^{n-1} \frac{(n-1)!}{y!(n-1-y)!} p^y (1-p)^{n-1-y} = np$ , since  $\sum_{y=0}^{n-1} \frac{(n-1)!}{y!(n-1-y)!} p^y (1-p)^{n-1-y}$  is a pf of  $\text{Bin}(n-1, p)$ .

Solution 2: For the  $i$ th trial,  $X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the } i\text{th outcome is a success} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ .

Then,  $P(X_i = 1) = p$ . Let  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ , then  $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ .

$E(X) = E(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \cdot P(X_i = 1) = np$ .

ii. Suppose  $X$  is a continuous r.v. with pdf  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\theta}{x^{\theta+1}} & x \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ , where  $\theta > 0$  is a constant. Find  $E(X)$ , and determine the values of  $\theta$  for which  $E(X)$  exists.

Solution:  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| f(x) dx = \int_1^{\infty} x \frac{\theta}{x^{\theta+1}} dx = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\theta}{x^{\theta}} dx < \infty$  iff  $\theta > 1$ .

When  $\theta > 1$ ,  $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\theta x}{x^{\theta+1}} dx = \theta \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^{\theta}} dx = \left( \frac{\theta}{1-\theta} x^{1-\theta} \right) \Big|_1^{\infty} = \frac{\theta}{\theta-1}$ .

When  $\theta \leq 1$ ,  $E(X)$  does not exist.

#### • Expectation of a function of X

Suppose that  $X$  is a r.v., what is  $E(g(X))$ , where  $g$  is a real function?

For example,  $g(x) = x^2$ .

Let  $Y = g(X)$ , find  $E(Y)$ .

• Case 1: If  $X$  is a discrete r.v. with support  $A$  and p.f.  $f(x)$ , then  $E(g(X)) = \sum_{x \in A} g(x) f(x)$  provided  $\sum_{x \in A} |g(x)| f(x) < \infty$ .

• Case 2: If  $X$  is a continuous r.v. with support  $A$  and pdf  $f(x)$ , then  $E(g(X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f(x) dx$  provided  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(x)| f(x) dx < \infty$ .

• Linearity Property: If  $a$  and  $b$  are two constants, then  $E[ag(X) + bg(X)] = aE(g(X)) + bE(h(X))$ .

• Variance:  $\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - \mu)]^2 = E(X^2) - \mu^2 = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$  where  $\mu = E(X)$ .

• Moments:

•  $k$ th moment about 0:  $E(X^k)$ .

•  $k$ th moment about mean:  $E[(X - \mu)^k]$ , where  $\mu = E(X)$ .

Example (Poisson distribution):

Suppose  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ , where  $\mu > 0$  is a constant.

Find  $E(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$ .

Solution:  $E(X) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x \frac{\mu^x}{x!} e^{-\mu} = \mu e^{-\mu} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^{x-1}}{(x-1)!}$ .

Let  $y = x - 1$ , then  $E(X) = \mu e^{-\mu} \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^y}{y!} = \mu e^{-\mu} e^{\mu} = \mu$ .

$E(X^2) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x^2 \frac{\mu^x}{x!} e^{-\mu} = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{x \mu^x}{(x-1)!} e^{-\mu} = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x-1+1) \mu^x}{(x-1)!} e^{-\mu} = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x-1)^2 \mu^x}{(x-1)!} e^{-\mu} + \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^x}{(x-1)!} e^{-\mu} = \sum_{x=2}^{\infty} \frac{(x-1) \mu^x}{(x-1)!} e^{-\mu} + \sum_{x=2}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^x}{(x-2)!} e^{-\mu}$ .

Let  $y = x - 2$ , then  $\sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^{y+2}}{y!} e^{-\mu} = \mu^2 e^{-\mu} \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^y}{y!} = \mu^2$ .

That means  $E(X^2) = \mu^2 + \mu$ , and  $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \mu^2 + \mu - \mu^2 = \mu$ .

Example (Gamma distribution):

Suppose  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ . Find  $E(X^k)$ ,  $k > 0$ .

pdf of  $X$  is  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\beta^{\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha)} & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ .

Solution:  $E(X^k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} x^k \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\beta^{\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha)} dx$ . Let  $y = \frac{x}{\beta} \implies x = \beta y, dx = \beta dy$ .

Then,  $E(X^k) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(\beta y)^k (\beta y)^{\alpha-1} e^{-y}}{\beta^{\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha)} \beta dy = \frac{\beta^k}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\infty} y^{k+\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy = \frac{\beta^k}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \Gamma(k+\alpha) = \frac{\beta^k \Gamma(k+\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$ .

In particular, if  $k = 1$ ,  $E(X) = \frac{\beta \Gamma(1+\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} = \frac{\beta \alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} = \alpha \beta$ .

$k = 2$ ,  $E(X^2) = \frac{\beta^2 \Gamma(2+\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} = \frac{\beta^2 (\alpha+1) \alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} = \alpha(\alpha+1) \beta^2$ .

$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \alpha(\alpha+1) \beta^2 - (\alpha \beta)^2 = \alpha \beta^2$ .

Alternatively:

$E(X^k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} x^k \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\beta^{\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha)} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{k+\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\beta^{\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha)} dx$

Define  $\alpha^* = k + \alpha$ , then  $E(X^k) = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{\alpha^*-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{\alpha^*-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\beta^{\alpha^*} \Gamma(\alpha^*)} \frac{\beta^{\alpha^*} \Gamma(\alpha^*)}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} dx = \frac{\beta^{\alpha^*} \Gamma(\alpha^*)}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{\alpha^*-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\beta^{\alpha^*} \Gamma(\alpha^*)} dx = \frac{\beta^{\alpha^*} \Gamma(\alpha^*)}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} = \frac{\beta^{k+\alpha} \Gamma(k+\alpha)}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} = \frac{\beta^k \Gamma(k+\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)}.$

## 2.5 Moment generating function

- Definition: Suppose  $X$  is a random variable, then  $M(t) = E(E^{tx})$  is called the moment generating function (mgf) of  $X$  if  $M(t)$  exists for  $t \in (-h, h)$  for some  $h > 0$ .

Example (Gamma distribution):

Suppose  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ . Find the mgf of  $X$ .

Solution:  $M(t) = E(e^{tX}) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{tx} f(x) dx = \int_0^\infty e^{tx} \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-(1/\beta - t)x}}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} dx$ . (Note:  $1/\beta > t$ , otherwise the integral diverges.)

Let  $y = (1/\beta - t)x$ , then  $x = \frac{y}{1/\beta - t} = \frac{\beta y}{1 - t\beta}$ ,  $dx = \frac{\beta}{1 - t\beta} dy$ .

Then,  $M(t) = \int_0^\infty \frac{(\beta y)^{\alpha-1} e^{-y}}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\beta}{1 - t\beta} dy = \frac{\beta^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)(1 - t\beta)} \int_0^\infty y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy = \frac{\beta^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)(1 - t\beta)} \Gamma(\alpha) = \frac{\beta^{\alpha-1} \Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)(1 - t\beta)} = \frac{\beta^{\alpha-1}}{1 - t\beta}.$

Example (Poisson distribution):

Suppose  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ . Find the mgf of  $X$ .

Solution:  $M(t) = E(e^{tX}) = \sum_{x=0}^\infty e^{tx} \frac{\mu^x}{x!} e^{-\mu} = e^{-\mu} \sum_{x=0}^\infty \frac{(\mu e^t)^x}{x!} = e^{-\mu} e^{\mu e^t} \sum_{x=0}^\infty \frac{(\mu e^t)^x}{x!} e^{-e^t \mu} = e^{\mu(e^t - 1)}.$

Example (Normal distribution):

Suppose  $X \sim N(0, 1)$ . Find the mgf of  $X$ .

Solution:  $M(t) = E(e^{tX}) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{tx} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{tx - \frac{x^2}{2}} dx = \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 2tx + t^2) + \frac{1}{2}t^2} dx = e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-t)^2} dx = e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2}.$

Question: How to find the mgf of  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ?

- Three important properties of mgf
  - Suppose the mgf of  $X$  is  $M(t)$ . If  $Y = aX + b$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants, then the mgf of  $Y$  is  $M_Y(t) = e^{bt} M(at)$ .

If  $Y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then  $X = \frac{Y - \mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$ .

$\implies Y = \mu + \sigma X$ , where  $X \sim N(0, 1)$ .

$M_Y(t) = e^{\mu t} M_X(\sigma t) = e^{\mu t} e^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2}.$

- Find the  $k$ th moment of  $X$  about 0 from  $M(t)$ :

$E(X^k) = M^{(k)}(0) = \left. \frac{d^k}{dt^k} M(t) \right|_{t=0}.$

$M(t) = E(e^{tX})$ ,  $M'(t) = E(X e^{tX})$ .

In particular,  $E(X) = M'(0)$ ,  $E(X^2) = M''(0)$ . Then,  $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = M''(0) - [M'(0)]^2.$

Example (Gamma distribution):

If  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $M(t) = \left( \frac{1}{1 - t\beta} \right)^\alpha$ , where  $t < \frac{1}{\beta}$ .

Find  $E(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$ .

Solution:  $M'(t) = \alpha\beta(1 - \beta t)^{-\alpha-1}$ ,  $M''(t) = \alpha(\alpha + 1)\beta^2(1 - \beta t)^{-\alpha-2}.$

Then,  $E(X) = M'(0) = \alpha\beta$ ,  $E(X^2) = M''(0) = \alpha(\alpha + 1)\beta^2.$

- Uniqueness of mgf.

Namely,  $X$  and  $Y$  have the same distribution iff  $X$  and  $Y$  have the same mgf.

Example:  $X$  has mgf  $M(t) = e^{t^2/2}$

- Find mgf of  $Y = 2X - 1$ .

Solution:  $M_Y(t) = e^{-t} M_X(2t) = e^{-t} e^{2t^2}.$

- Find  $E(Y)$  and  $\text{Var}(Y)$ .

Solution:  $M'_Y(t) = (4t - 1)e^{2t^2 - t}$ .  $E(X) = M'_Y(0) = -1.$

$M''_Y(t) = 4e^{2t^2 - t} + (4t - 1)^2 e^{2t^2 - t}$ .  $E(Y^2) = M''_Y(0) = 1 + 4 = 5.$

$\text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - [E(Y)]^2 = 5 - (-1)^2 = 4.$

- What is the distribution of  $Y$ ?

Solution:  $Y \sim N(-1, 4)$ , since  $M_Y(t) = e^{-t} e^{2t^2}.$

## 3 Joint distribution

### 3.1 Joint and Marginal cdfs

- Definition of joint cdf

Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are two r.v.s. The joint cdf of  $X$  and  $Y$  is defined by  $F(x, y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y)$  for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Remark: This definition can be extended to  $n$  r.v.s.  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ .

Joint cdf is  $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = P(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n)$ .

However, we will focus on the case of  $n = 2$ .

- Properties of joint cdf

i. Fix  $y$ ,  $F(x, y)$  is monotone increasing function of  $x$ , i.e.,  $F(x_1, y) \leq F(x_2, y)$  if  $x_1 < x_2$ .

Proof:  $F(x_1, y) = P(X \leq x_1, Y \leq y)$ , since  $\{X \leq x_1, Y \leq y\} \subset \{X \leq x_2, Y \leq y\}$ ,  $F(x_1, y) \leq F(x_2, y)$ .

ii. Fix  $x$ ,  $F(x, y)$  is monotone increasing function of  $y$ , i.e.,  $F(x, y_1) \leq F(x, y_2)$  if  $y_1 < y_2$ .

iii.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x, y) = 0 = \lim_{y \rightarrow -\infty} F(x, y)$ .

Proof:  $F(x, y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y) \leq P(X \leq x)$ , and consider  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} P(X \leq x) = 0$ , additionally, by property of joint cdf,  $F(x, y) \geq 0$ , then by squeeze theorem,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x, y) = 0$ .

iv.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow \infty} F(x, y) = 1$ .

Proof: Consider set  $Axy = \{X \leq x\} \cup \{Y \leq y\}$ , then as  $x, y \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $P(\overline{Axy}) \rightarrow 0$ , then  $F(x, y) = P(Axy) \rightarrow 1$ .

v. How to find marginal cdf from the joint one?

$$F_1(x) = P(X \leq x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} F(x, y).$$

Define  $Ax = \{X \leq x\}$ ,  $By = \{Y \leq y\}$ .

As  $y \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $Ax \cup By \rightarrow Ax$ .

$$F_2(y) = P(Y \leq y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x, y).$$

### 3.2 Joint Discrete r.v.s

- Definition: If both  $X$  and  $Y$  are discrete r.v.s, then as a pair,  $X \& Y_{(X,Y)}$  are joint discrete r.v.s  $X$  and  $Y$ .

- Definition of joint p.f.:

The joint p.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by  $f(x, y) = P(X = x, Y = y)$  for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- Definition of joint support: The support of  $(X, Y)$  is the set  $A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : f(x, y) > 0\}$ .

- Basic properties of joint p.f.:

i.  $f(x, y) \geq 0$  for any  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

ii.  $\sum_{(x,y) \in A} f(x, y) = 1$ .

Question: How to find probability over a region  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ ?

iii.  $P((X, Y) \in C) = \sum_{(x,y) \in C} f(x, y)$ .

Question: How to find marginal p.f. from the joint one?

iv.  $f_1(x) = P(X = x) = P(X = x, Y < \infty) = \sum_{y \in \mathbb{R}} f(x, y)$ .

E.g. Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent discrete r.v.s with joint p.f.  $f(x, y) = kq^2p^{x+y}$  for  $x = 0, 1, \dots$  and  $y = 0, 1, \dots$ , and 0 elsewhere. Here  $p \in (0, 1)$  is a constant,  $q = 1 - p$ .

a. Find  $k$ .

Solution: Since  $f(x, y) \geq 0$  for any  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $k > 0$ . Since  $\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} f(x, y) = 1$ , Then,

$$k \left( \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} p^{x+y} q^2 \right) = kq^2 \left( \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} p^x \right) \left( \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} p^y \right) = kq^2 \left( \frac{1}{1-p} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1-p} \right) = k$$

Therefore,  $k = 1$

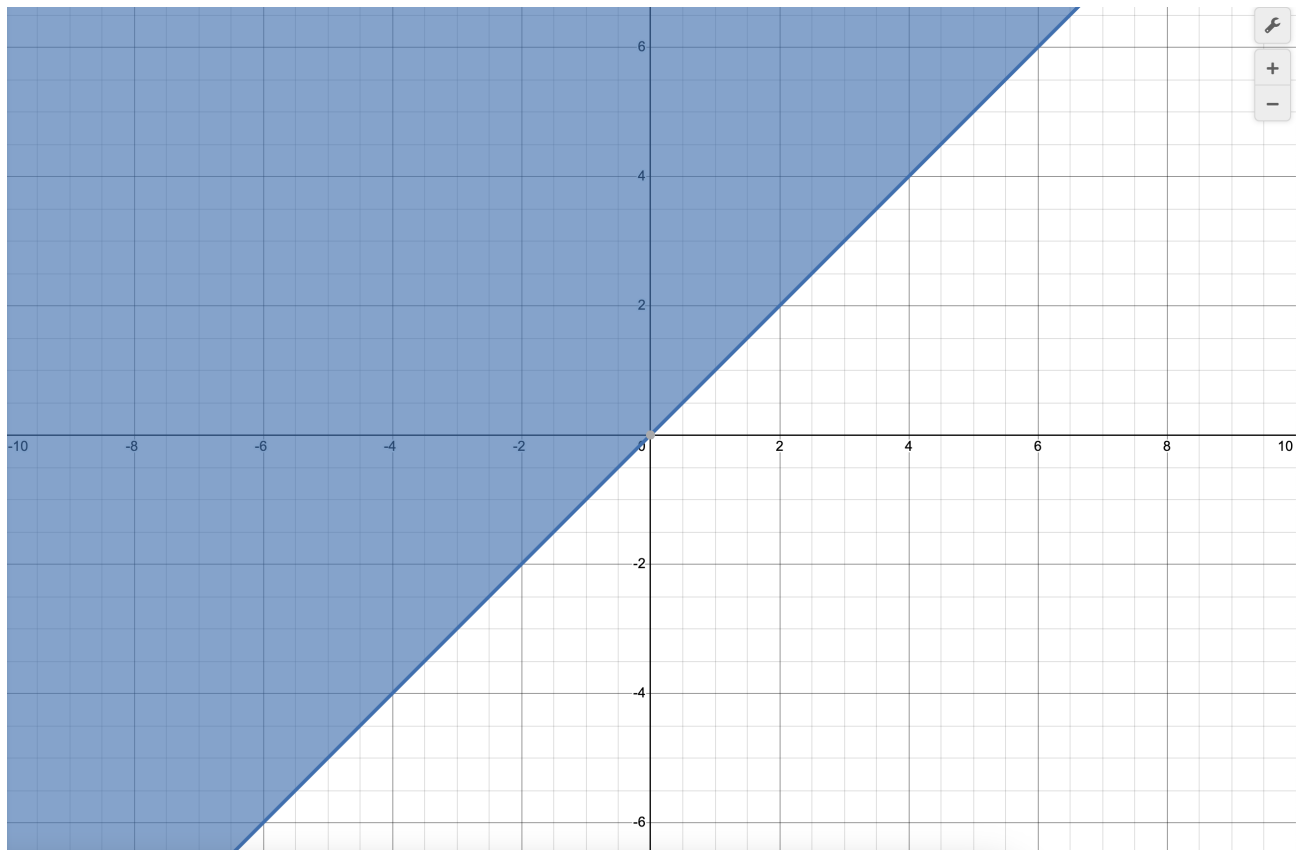
b. Find the marginal p.f. of  $X$  and find marginal p.f. of  $Y$ .

Solution: The support of  $X$  is  $Ax = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ .

Here,  $f_1(x) = \sum_{y \in \mathbb{R}} f(x, y) = 0$  if  $x \notin Ax$

Given  $X \in Ax$ , then  $f_1(x) = \sum_{y \in \mathbb{R}} f(x, y) = \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} f(x, y) = \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} p^{x+y} q^2 = q^2 p^x \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} p^y = q^2 p^x \frac{1}{1-p} = qp^x$ .

c.  $P(X \leq Y)$



Solution:  $P(X \leq Y) = \sum_{(x,y) \in C} f(x,y)$  where  $C = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \leq y\}$ , therefore,  $P(X \leq Y) = \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \sum_{x=0}^y p^{x+y} q^2 = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} p^x q^2 \sum_{y=x}^{\infty} p^y = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} p^x q^2 \frac{p^x}{1-p} = q \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} p^{2x} = q \frac{1}{1-p^2} = \frac{1}{1+p}$ .

### 3.3 Joint Continuous r.v.s

- Definition: If joint cdf of  $(X, Y)$  can be written as  $F(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f(u, v) du dv$  then  $X$  and  $Y$  are joint continuous r.v.s with joint pdf  $f(x, y)$ .

Namely,  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F(x, y) & \text{if exists} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

- Definition of joint support:  $A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : f(x, y) > 0\}$ .
- Properties of joint pdf:

- $f(x, y) \geq 0$  for any  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .
- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = 1$ .

Question: How to find probability over a region  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ ?

iii.  $P((X, Y) \in C) = \iint_{(x,y) \in C} f(x, y) dx dy$ .

Question: How to find marginal pdf from the joint one?

iv.  $f_1(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy$  and  $f_2(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx$ .

E.g.  $X$  and  $Y$  are joint continuous r.v.s with joint pdf  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x + y & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

a. Show  $f$  is a joint pdf.

Solution:  $f(x, y) \geq 0$  for any  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (x + y) dx dy = \int_0^1 \left( \frac{x^2}{2} + xy \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} dy = \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1}{2} + y \right) dy = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1.$$

b. Find

a.  $P(X \leq 1/3, Y \leq 1/2)$

Solution:  $P(X \leq 1/3, Y \leq 1/2) = \int_0^{1/3} \int_0^{1/2} (x + y) dy dx = \int_0^{1/3} \left( xy + \frac{y^2}{2} \right) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=1/2} dx = \int_0^{1/3} \left( \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{8} \right) dx = \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{24} = \frac{5}{72}$ .

b.  $P(X \leq Y)$

$$\text{Solution: } P(X \leq Y) = \iint_C f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^1 dx \int_x^1 (x + y) dy = \int_0^1 dy \int_0^y (x + y) dx = \int_0^1 \left( \frac{x^2}{2} + xy \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=y} dy = \int_0^1 \left( \frac{y^2}{2} + y^2 \right) dy = \frac{1}{2}.$$

c.  $P(X + Y \leq 1/2)$

Solution: Let  $C = \{(x, y) | x + y \leq \frac{1}{2}, 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1\}$ .

$$\text{Then, } P(X + Y \leq 1/2) = \iint_C f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^{1/2} \int_0^{1/2-x} (x + y) dy dx = \int_0^{1/2} \left( xy + \frac{y^2}{2} \right) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=1/2-x} dx = \int_0^{1/2} \left( \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \right) dx = \int_0^{1/2} \left( -\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{8} \right) dx = \left( -\frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x}{8} \right) \Big|_0^{1/2} = \frac{1}{24}.$$

d.  $P(XY \leq 1/2)$

Solution: Find  $P(XY > 1/2)$  first.

$$P(XY > 1/2) = \int_0^{1/2} \int_0^{1/2/x} (x + y) dy dx = \int_0^{1/2} \left( xy + \frac{y^2}{2} \right) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=1/2x} dx = \int_0^{1/2} \left( x - \frac{1}{8x} \right) dx = \left( \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{8x} \right) \Big|_0^{1/2} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } P(XY \leq 1/2) = 1 - P(XY > 1/2) = 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

c. Find marginal pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Solution: The support of  $X$  is  $[0, 1]$ .

$$\text{Given } x \in [0, 1], f_1(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy = \int_0^1 (x + y) dy = \left( xy + \frac{y^2}{2} \right) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=1} = x + \frac{1}{2}.$$

E.g. Suppose  $f(x) = \begin{cases} ke^{-x-y} & 0 < x < y < \infty \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$  is the joint pdf of  $(X, Y)$ .

a. Find  $k$ .

Solution:  $f(x, y) \geq 0$  for any  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , therefore,  $k \geq 0$ .

$$\text{Now, } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^{\infty} \int_x^{\infty} ke^{-x-y} dy dx = \int_0^{\infty} ke^{-x} (-e^{-y}) \Big|_x^{\infty} dx = \int_0^{\infty} ke^{-2x} dx = -\frac{k}{2} e^{-2x} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{k}{2} = 1, \text{ therefore, } k = 2.$$

b. Find:

a.  $P(X \leq \frac{1}{3}, Y \leq \frac{1}{2})$

$$\text{Solution: Let } C = \{(x, y) | x \leq 1/3, y \leq 1/2, 0 < x < y\}. \text{ Then, } P(X \leq \frac{1}{3}, Y \leq \frac{1}{2}) = \iint_C f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^{1/3} \int_x^{1/2} 2e^{-x-y} dy dx = \int_0^{1/3} 2e^{-x} (-e^{-y}) \Big|_x^{1/2} dx = \int_0^{1/3} 2e^{-x} (-e^{-1/2} + e^{-x}) dx = \int_0^{1/3} 2e^{-x} (e^{-x} - e^{-1/2}) dx = \int_0^{1/3} 2e^{-2x} - 2e^{-1/2} e^{-x} dx = -e^{-2x} + 2e^{-1/2} e^{-x} \Big|_0^{1/3} = 1 - 2e^{-1/2} - e^{-2/3} - e^{-5/6}.$$

b.  $P(X \leq Y)$

Solution:  $P(X \leq Y) = 1$

c.  $P(X + Y \geq 1)$

Solution: Let  $C = \{(x, y) | x + y \geq 1, 0 < x < y\}$

Let's find  $P(X + Y < 1)$  first.

$$P(X + Y < 1) = \iint_{x, y \in \mathbb{R}} 2e^{-x-y} dy dx = \int_0^{1/2} \int_x^{1-x} 2e^{-x-y} dy dx = \int_0^{1/2} 2e^{-x} (-e^{-y}) \Big|_x^{1-x} dx = \int_0^{1/2} 2e^{-x} (-e^{-1+x} + e^{-x}) dx = \int_0^{1/2} 2e^{-2x} - 2e^{-1} dx = -e^{-2x} - 2e^{-1} x \Big|_0^{1/2} = 1 - 2e^{-1}.$$

$$\text{Hence, } P(X + Y \geq 1) = 1 - P(X + Y < 1) = 2e^{-1}.$$

c. Find marginal pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Joint support is  $A = \{(x, y) | 0 < x < y < \infty\}$ . The support of  $X$  is  $A_X = \{0 < x < \infty\}$ .

$$\text{Given } x \in (0, \infty), f_1(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy = \int_x^{\infty} 2e^{-x-y} dy = 2e^{-x} (-e^{-y}) \Big|_x^{\infty} = 2e^{-2x}.$$

The support of  $Y$  is  $A_Y = \{0 < y < \infty\}$ .

$$\text{Given } y \in (0, \infty), f_2(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx = \int_0^y 2e^{-x-y} dx = 2e^{-y} (-e^{-x}) \Big|_0^y = 2e^{-y} - 2e^{-2y}.$$

d. Find the distribution of  $T = X + Y$ .

Solution: The support of  $T$  is  $A_T = \{0 < t < \infty\}$ .

a. If  $t \leq 0$ ,  $P(T \leq t) = 0$ .

b. If  $t > 0$ ,  $F_T(t) = P(T \leq t) = P(X + Y \leq t) = \iint_{(x,y) \in C} 2e^{-x-y} dx dy = \int_0^{t/2} \int_x^{t-x} 2e^{-x-y} dy dx = \int_0^{t/2} (-2e^{-x}e^{-y})|_x^{t-x} = -e^{-2x} - 2e^{-t}x|_0^{t/2} = 1 - e^{-t} - te^{-t}$ .  
 The pdf of  $T$  is  $f_T(t) = \frac{d}{dt}F_T(t) = e^{-t} + te^{-t} = e^{-t} - e^{-t} + te^{-t} = te^{-t}$  for  $t > 0$  and 0 otherwise.

### 3.4 Independent of random variables

- Definition: For any two r.v.s  $X$  and  $Y$ , we say  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if and only if  $P(X \in A, Y \in B) = P(X \in A)P(Y \in B)$  for any  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

Here,  $X \in A$  is an event, meaning  $\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \in A\}$ .

e.g. Let  $A = (-\infty, x)$ ,  $B = (-\infty, y)$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Therefore, if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent,  $P(X \leq x, Y \leq y) = P(X \leq x)P(Y \leq y) = F_1(x)F_2(y)$  for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Conclusion:  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if and only if  $F(x, y) = F_1(x)F_2(y)$  for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . (Above shows this is a necessary condition, proof of this is a sufficient condition is beyond the scope of this course.)

Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  has joint p.f. or joint p.d.f, which is denoted by  $f(x, y)$ , and marginal p.f. or marginal p.d.f, denoted by  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(y)$ , then  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent iff  $f(x, y) = f_1(x)f_2(y)$  for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Remark: If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  $g(X)$  and  $h(Y)$  must be independent for any real functions  $g$  and  $h$ .

e.g. If  $X$  is independent of  $Y$ , then  $X^2$  is independent of  $Y^2$ . But  $X^2$  is independent of  $Y^2$ , we cannot conclude  $X$  is independent of  $Y$ .

Suppose  $P(X = 1) = P(X = -1) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Let  $Y = X$ .  $P(X = 1, Y = 1) = P(X = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ , but  $P(X = 1)P(Y = 1) = \frac{1}{4}$ .  
 $P(Y^2 = 1) = P(X^2 = 1) = 1$ .

Example: (Joint Discrete r.v.s)

Consider the joint p.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$  is  $f(x, y) = q^2 p^{x+y}$  for  $x = 0, 1, \dots$  and  $y = 0, 1, \dots$ , and 0 elsewhere. Here  $p \in (0, 1)$  is a constant,  $q = 1 - p$ .

Marginal p.f. of  $X$  is  $f_1(x) = qp^x$  for  $x = 0, 1, \dots$  and 0 elsewhere.

Marginal p.f. of  $Y$  is  $f_2(y) = qp^y$  for  $y = 0, 1, \dots$  and 0 elsewhere.

Thus,  $f(x, y) = f_1(x)f_2(y)$  for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  therefore,  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.

Example (Joint Continuous r.v.s)

Suppose the joint pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$  is  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x + y & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

The marginal pdf of  $X$  is  $f_1(x) = x + \frac{1}{2}$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$  and 0 otherwise.

The marginal pdf of  $Y$  is  $f_2(y) = y + \frac{1}{2}$  for  $y \in [0, 1]$  and 0 otherwise.

Hence,  $f(x, y) \neq f_1(x)f_2(y)$  for  $x \in (0, 1)$  and  $y \in (0, 1)$ , therefore,  $X$  and  $Y$  are not independent.

- Factorization theorem for independence

Condition 1:  $f(x, y) = g(x)h(y)$  for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  for some function  $g$  and  $h$  where  $f(x, y)$  denotes the joint p.f. or joint p.d.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Condition 2: Let  $A$  be the joint support of  $X$  and  $Y$ , and let  $A_1$  be the marginal support of  $X$  and  $A_2$  be the marginal support of  $Y$ . Then,  $A = A_1 \times A_2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in A_1, y \in A_2\}$ . (Interpretation:  $A$  is a rectangle or the range of  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.)

Conditions 1 and 2 are satisfied if and only if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.

Example: If the joint p.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$  is  $f(x, y) = \frac{\mu^{x+y} e^{-2\mu}}{x!y!}$  for  $x = 0, 1, \dots$  and  $y = 0, 1, \dots$  and 0 elsewhere.

i. Is  $X$  independent of  $Y$ ?

Solution: Condition 1:  $f(x, y) = \frac{\mu^{x+y} e^{-2\mu}}{x!y!} = \frac{\mu^x e^{-\mu}}{x!} \frac{\mu^y e^{-\mu}}{y!}$ . If we take  $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu^x e^{-\mu}}{x!} & \text{if } x = 0, 1, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$  and  $h(y) =$

$\begin{cases} \frac{\mu^y e^{-\mu}}{y!} & \text{if } y = 0, 1, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ , then  $f(x, y) = g(x)h(y)$  for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Condition 2:  $A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in A_1, y \in A_2\}$ , where  $A_1 = \{0, 1, \dots\}$  and  $A_2 = \{0, 1, \dots\}$ .

Therefore, by factorization theorem,  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.

ii. Find the marginal p.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Solution: A shortcut:  $f_1(x) = C \cdot g(x)$  for some constant  $C$ .

Property 1:  $f_1(x) \geq 0$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Here  $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu^x e^{-\mu}}{x!} & \text{if } x = 0, 1, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ , therefore,  $C \geq 0$ .

Property 2: The support of  $X$  is  $A_1 = \{0, 1, \dots\}$ . Therefore,  $\sum_0^\infty f_1(x) = \sum_0^\infty C \frac{\mu^x e^{-\mu}}{x!} = C \sum_0^\infty \frac{\mu^x e^{-\mu}}{x!}$ , then  $C = 1$ .

Therefore,  $f_1(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu^x e^{-\mu}}{x!} & \text{if } x = 0, 1, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

Similarly,  $f_2(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu^y e^{-\mu}}{y!} & \text{if } y = 0, 1, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

Example (Joint Continuous r.v.s)

Suppose the joint pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$  is  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}y(1-x^2) & -1 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

i. Is  $X$  independent of  $Y$ ?

Solution: Condition 1:  $f(x, y) = \left(\frac{3}{2}y\right)(1-x^2)$ , then  $g(x) = \begin{cases} 1-x^2 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$  and  $h(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}y & \text{if } 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

Then  $f(x, y) = g(x)h(y)$  for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Condition 2:  $A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in A_1, y \in A_2\}$ , where  $A_1 = [-1, 1]$  and  $A_2 = [0, 1]$ .

Therefore, by factorization theorem,  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.

ii. Find the marginal pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Solution: A shortcut:  $f_1(x) = C \cdot g(x)$  for some constant  $C$ , the support of  $X$  is  $A_1 = [-1, 1]$ .

Property 1:  $f_1(x) \geq 0$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Here  $g(x) = \begin{cases} 1-x^2 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ , therefore,  $C \geq 0$ .

Property 2:  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 C(1-x^2) dx = C \left( x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right) \Big|_{-1}^1 = 2C \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3} \right) = 1$ , therefore,  $C = \frac{3}{4}$ .

Therefore,  $f_1(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4}(1-x^2) & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

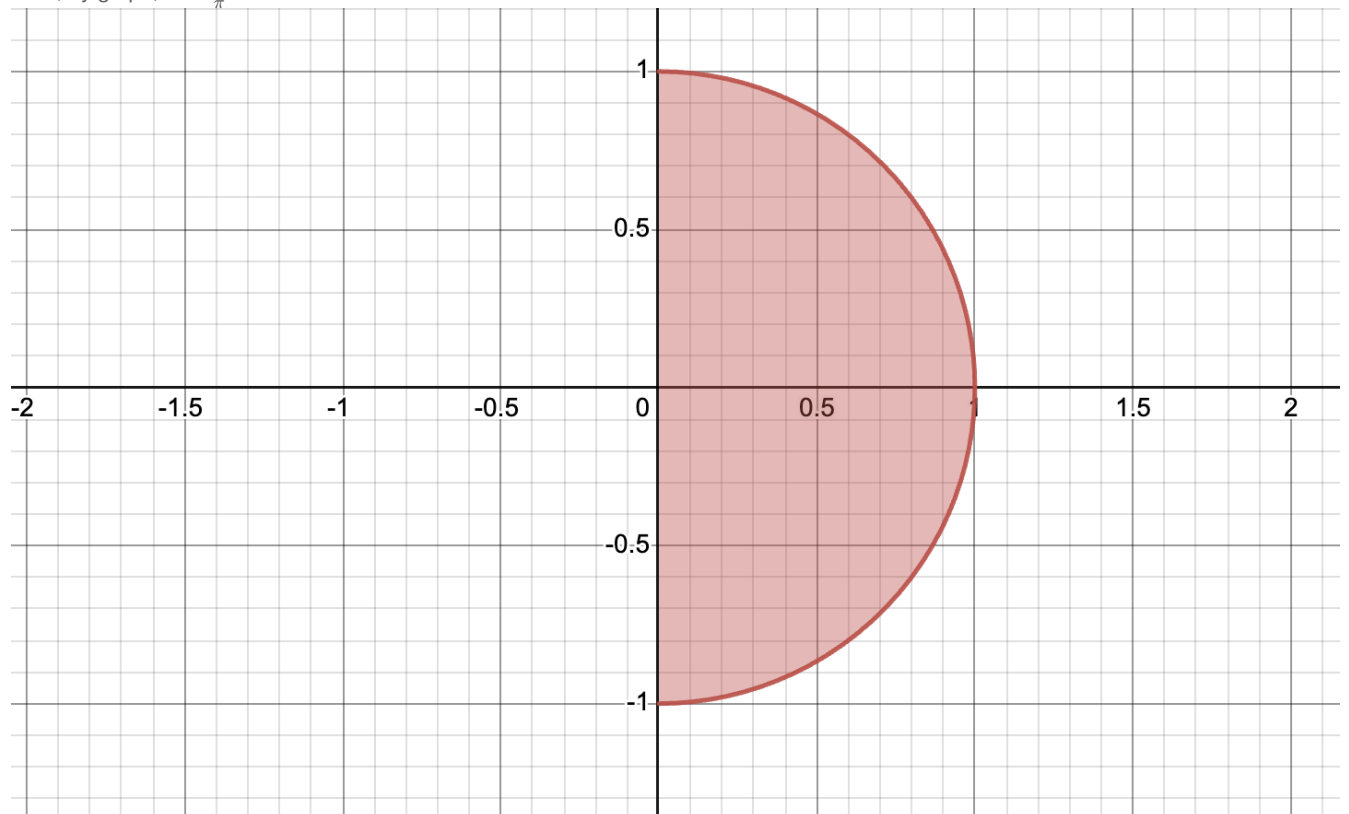
Support of  $Y$  is  $A_2 = [0, 1]$ , given  $y \in [0, 1]$ ,  $f_2(y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_1(x)} = \frac{\frac{3}{2}y(1-x^2)}{\frac{3}{4}(1-x^2)} = 2y$ . Therefore,  $f_2(y) = \begin{cases} 2y & \text{if } 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

Example (Uniform distribution over a region)

Suppose  $(X, Y)$  follows a uniform distribution over  $C = \{(x, y) | x \geq 0, x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ .

Namely,  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } (x, y) \in C \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

Here, by graph,  $c = \frac{2}{\pi}$ .





i. Is  $X$  independent of  $Y$ ?

Solution: Given  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $Y$  can take value in  $[-\sqrt{1-x^2}, \sqrt{1-x^2}]$ , therefore,  $X$  and  $Y$  are not independent.

ii. Find the marginal pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Solution: The support of  $X$  is  $A_1 = [0, 1]$ , given  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $f_1(x) = \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \frac{2}{\pi} dy = \frac{4}{\pi} \sqrt{1-x^2}$ .

The support of  $Y$  is  $A_2 = [-1, 1]$ , given  $y \in [-1, 1]$ ,  $f_2(y) = \int_0^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \frac{2}{\pi} dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{1-y^2}$ .

### 3.5 Joint expectation

- Definition: Suppose  $h(x, y)$  is a bivariate function, then  $E[h(x, y)] = \begin{cases} \sum_x \sum_y h(x, y) f(x, y) & \text{if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are joint discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x, y) f(x, y) dx dy & \text{if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are joint continuous} \end{cases}$ , provided  $E[|h(x, y)|] < \infty$ .

e.g.  $E[XY] = \begin{cases} \sum_x \sum_y (xy) f(x, y) & \text{if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are joint discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (xy) f(x, y) dx dy & \text{if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are joint continuous} \end{cases}$ , provided  $E[|XY|] < \infty$ .

e.g.  $E[X]$  (i.e.  $h(x, y) = x$ )

- Method 1:

$$E(X) = \begin{cases} \sum_x \sum_y x f(x, y) & \text{joint discrete} \\ \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} x f(x, y) dx dy & \text{joint continuous} \end{cases}$$

- Method 2: find the marginal distribution, i.e., the marginal p.f. or marginal p.d.f. of  $X$  first, denoted by  $f_1(x)$ , then

$$E(X) = \begin{cases} \sum_x x f_1(x) & \text{joint discrete} \\ \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} x f_1(x) dx & \text{joint continuous} \end{cases}$$

- Properties of joint expectation:

i. linearity:  $E[ag(X, Y) + bh(X, Y)] = aE[g(X, Y)] + bE[h(X, Y)]$  where  $a, b$  are constants,  $g, h$  are bivariate functions.

ii. Under independence assumption ( $X$  is independent of  $Y$ ),  $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$  and  $E[g(X)h(Y)] = E[g(X)]E[h(Y)]$ . Further, if  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent, then  $E[\prod_{i=1}^n h_i(X_i)] = \prod_{i=1}^n E[h_i(X_i)]$ .

- Covariance of  $X$  and  $Y$

Definition: Covariance of  $X$  and  $Y$  is defined as  $Cov(X, Y) = E[(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))] = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$ .

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  $Cov(X, Y) = 0$ .

An example where  $X$  and  $Y$  are uncorrelated, but not independent.

Let  $X \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $Y = X^2$ , then  $E(X) = 0$ ,  $E(XY) = E(X^3)$ ,  $Cov(X, Y) = 0$ .

Now, we find a pair of  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $P(X \leq a, Y \leq b) \neq P(X \leq a)P(Y \leq b)$ . Consider  $a = -2, b = 1$ , then  $P(X \leq a) = P(X \leq -2) > 0$ ,  $P(Y \leq b) = P(X^2 \leq 1) = P(-1 \leq X \leq 1) > 0$ , but  $P(X \leq a, Y \leq b) = P(X \leq -2, Y \leq 1) = 0$ .

- Results for covariance

i.  $Cov(X, X) = E[(X - \mu_X)(X - \mu_X)] = E[(X - \mu_X)^2] = Var(X)$ .

ii.  $Cov(X + Y, Z) = Cov(X, Z) + Cov(Y, Z)$ .

- Variance formula

$$Var(aX + bY) = Cov(aX + bY, aX + bY)$$

i.  $Cov(aX, aX) + Cov(aX, bY) + Cov(bY, aX) + Cov(bY, bY) = Var(aX) + 2abCov(X, Y) + Var(bY) = a^2Var(X) + 2abCov$

ii. 
$$Var\left(\sum_{i=1}^n\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n Var(X_i) + 2 \sum_{i < j} Cov(X_i, X_j)$$

iii. If  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent,

$$Var\left(\sum_{i=1}^n\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n Var(X_i)$$

Example 1: Suppose the joint p.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$  is  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu^{x+y} e^{-2\mu}}{x!y!} & \text{if } x = 0, 1, \dots \text{ and } y = 0, 1, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ . Find  $Var(2X + 3Y) =$

$4Var(X) + 12Cov(X, Y) + 9Var(Y)$ .

Solution: Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent,  $Cov(X, Y) = 0$ , therefore,  $Var(2X + 3Y) = 4Var(X) + 9Var(Y)$ .  
 Previously, we find  $X \sim Poisson(\mu)$ ,  $Y \sim Poisson(\mu)$ , therefore  $Var(X) = \mu$ ,  $Var(Y) = \mu$ .  
 Hence,  $Var(2X + 3Y) = 4\mu + 9\mu = 13\mu$ .

Example 2: Suppose the joint p.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$  is  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x + y & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ . Find  $Var(X + Y)$ .

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} Var(X + Y) &= Var(X) + 2Cov(X, Y) + Var(Y) \\ &= 2Var(X) + 2Cov(X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

the marginal pdf of  $X$  is  $f_1(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1/2 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

$$\text{then, } E(X) = \int_0^1 x \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) dx = \int_0^1 \left(x^2 + \frac{x}{2}\right) dx = \left(\frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{4}\right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{7}{12}.$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_0^1 x^2 \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) dx = \int_0^1 \left(x^3 + \frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx = \left(\frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^3}{6}\right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{5}{12}.$$

$$Var(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = \frac{5}{12} - \left(\frac{7}{12}\right)^2 = \frac{11}{144}.$$

$$Cov(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y), \text{ where } E(X)E(Y) = \left(\frac{7}{12}\right)^2 = \frac{49}{144}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(XY) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (xy)(x + y) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (x^2y + xy^2) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \left(\frac{x^3y}{3} + \frac{x^2y^2}{2}\right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \left(\frac{y}{3} + \frac{y^2}{2}\right) dy \\ &= \left(\frac{y^2}{6} + \frac{y^3}{6}\right) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=1} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$Cov(X, Y) = 1/3 - 49/144 = -1/144.$$

$$Var(X + Y) = 2Var(X) + 2Cov(X, Y) = 2\frac{11}{144} + 2\frac{-1}{144} = \frac{20}{144}.$$

Alternatively: Let  $T = X + Y$ , we can calculate the moment generating function:  $E(e^{t(X+Y)})$ .

- Correlation coefficient

Definition: Correlation coefficient of  $X$  and  $Y$  is defined as  $\rho(X, Y) = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{Var(X)}\sqrt{Var(Y)}}$ .

- Used to describe linear association between  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- Unit free
- $-1 \leq \rho(X, Y) \leq 1$ .  
 (not required): Use the fact  $|E(XY)| \leq \sqrt{E(X^2)}\sqrt{E(Y^2)}$  to prove  $-1 \leq \rho(X, Y) \leq 1$ .

- Properties of correlation coefficient:

- $\rho(X, Y) = 1 \implies Y = aX + b$  for some constants  $a > 0$  and  $b$ .
- $\rho(X, Y) = -1 \implies Y = aX + b$  for some constants  $a < 0$  and  $b$ .

Example: Suppose  $(X, Y)$  has joint pdf  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x + y & 0 \leq x \leq y, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ . Find  $\rho(X, Y)$ .

$$\text{Solution: } Cov(X, Y) = -\frac{1}{144}, Var(X) = Var(Y) = \frac{11}{144}, \text{ therefore, } \rho(X, Y) = \frac{-1/144}{\sqrt{11/144}\sqrt{11/144}} = -\frac{1}{11}.$$

### 3.6 Conditional distribution

- Definition (Joint Discrete Case)

Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are joint discrete random variable with joint p.f. denoted by  $f(x, y)$ . Then, conditional p.f. of  $X$  given  $Y = y$  is  $f_1(x|y) =$

$\frac{f(x,y)}{f_2(y)}$ , provided that  $f_2(y) > 0$ .

Idea: Let event  $A = \{X = x\}$ ,  $B = \{Y = y\}$ , then  $f_1(x|y) = P(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_2(y)}$ .

Similarly, the conditional p.f. of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  is  $f_2(y|x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_1(x)}$ , provided that  $f_1(x) > 0$ .

• Property: Conditional p.f.s  $f_1(x|y)$  and  $f_2(y|x)$  are probability functions, i.e.:

a.  $f_1(x|y) \geq 0$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $y$  is fixed. Additionally,  $\sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}} f_1(x|y) = 1$  for any  $y$ , where  $R$  is the conditional support of  $x$  and may depend on  $y$ .

b.  $f_2(y|x) \geq 0$  for any  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $x$  is fixed. Additionally,  $\sum_{y \in \mathbb{R}} f_2(y|x) = 1$  for any  $x$ .

• Definition (Joint Continuous Case)

Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are joint continuous random variable with joint p.d.f. denoted by  $f(x, y)$ . Then, conditional p.d.f. of  $X$  given  $Y = y$  is

$f_1(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_2(y)}$ , provided that  $f_2(y) > 0$ .

Similarly, the conditional p.d.f. of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  is  $f_2(y|x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_1(x)}$ , provided that  $f_1(x) > 0$ .

• Property: Conditional p.d.f.s  $f_1(x|y)$  and  $f_2(y|x)$  are probability density functions, i.e.:

a.  $f_1(x|y) \geq 0$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $y$  is fixed. Additionally,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(x|y) = 1$  for any  $y$ .

b.  $f_2(y|x) \geq 0$  for any  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $x$  is fixed. Additionally,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(y|x) = 1$  for any  $x$ .

Example 1: Let  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 8xy & 0 < y < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

Find:

1.  $f_1(x|y)$

Solution:  $f_1(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_2(y)}$ .

The support of  $Y$  is  $A_2 = (0, 1)$ , given  $y \in (0, 1)$ ,  $f_2(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx = \int_y^1 8xy dx = 4x^2 y \Big|_y^1 = 4y - 4y^3$ .

Therefore,  $f_1(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_2(y)} = \frac{8xy}{4y-4y^3}$  for  $0 < y < x < 1$  and 0 otherwise.

2.  $f_2(y|x)$

Solution:  $f_2(y|x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_1(x)}$ .

The support of  $X$  is  $A_1 = (0, 1)$ , given  $x \in (0, 1)$ ,  $f_1(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy = \int_0^x 8xy dy = 4xy^2 \Big|_0^x = 4x^3$ .

Therefore,  $f_2(y|x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_1(x)} = \frac{8xy}{4x^3}$  for  $0 < y < x < 1$  and 0 otherwise.

Example 2: The joint pdf is  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x + y & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

Find  $f_1(x|y)$  and  $f_2(y|x)$ .

Solution: The marginal pdf of  $Y$  is  $f_2(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} + y & 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

Given  $y \in [0, 1]$   $f_1(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_2(y)} = \frac{x+y}{\frac{1}{2}+y}$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and 0 otherwise.

The marginal pdf of  $X$  is  $f_1(x) = \begin{cases} x + \frac{1}{2} & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

Given  $x \in [0, 1]$   $f_2(y|x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_1(x)} = \frac{x+y}{x+\frac{1}{2}}$  for  $0 \leq y \leq 1$  and 0 otherwise.

Example 3: The joint p.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$  is  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} q^2 p^{x+y} & x = 0, 1, \dots \text{ and } y = 0, 1, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ , where  $p \in (0, 1)$  is a constant,  $q = 1 - p$ .

Find  $f_1(x|y)$  and  $f_2(y|x)$ .

Solution: The marginal p.f. of  $Y$  is  $f_2(y) = \begin{cases} qp^y & y = 0, 1, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

Given  $y \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$ ,  $f_1(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_2(y)} = \frac{q^2 p^{x+y}}{qp^y} = qp^x$  for  $x = 0, 1, \dots$  and 0 otherwise.

The marginal p.f. of  $X$  is  $f_1(x) = \begin{cases} qp^x & x = 0, 1, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

Given  $x \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$ ,  $f_2(y|x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_1(x)} = \frac{q^2 p^{x+y}}{qp^x} = qp^y$  for  $y = 0, 1, \dots$  and 0 otherwise.

• Applications of conditional distribution:

i. Check independence:

$X$  and  $Y$  are independent if and only if  $f_1(x|y) = f_1(x)$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , or  $f_2(y|x) = f_2(y)$  for any  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Proof sketch:  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent  $\iff f(x, y) = f_1(x)f_2(y)$  for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then,  $f_1(x|y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_2(y)} = \frac{f_1(x)f_2(y)}{f_2(y)} = f_1(x)$  for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

ii. Use conditional distribution to find joint distribution:

$$f(x, y) = f_1(x|y)f_2(y) = f_2(y)f_1(x) \text{ as } f_1(x|y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_2(y)} \text{ and } f_2(y|x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_1(x)}.$$

Example 1:  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ .  $X|Y = y \sim \text{Binomial}(y, p)$ , where  $p \in (0, 1)$  is a constant. Find the marginal p.f. of  $X$ .

Solution: The joint p.f. of  $(X, Y)$  is  $f(x, y) = f_2(y)f_1(x|y) = \frac{\mu^y e^{-\mu}}{y!} \binom{y}{x} p^x (1-p)^{y-x}$  for  $x = 0, 1, \dots, y$  and  $y = 0, 1, \dots$ .

The support of  $X$  is  $A = \{0, 1, \dots\}$ , given  $x \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$ ,  $f_1(x) = \sum_{y=x}^{\infty} f(x, y) = \sum_{y=x}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^y e^{-\mu}}{y!} \binom{y}{x} p^x (1-p)^{y-x} = \sum_{y=x}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^y e^{-\mu}}{y!} \frac{y!}{x!(y-x)!} p^x (1-p)^{y-x} = \frac{(\mu p)^x}{x!} e^{-\mu p} \sum_{y=x}^{\infty} \frac{(\mu(1-p))^{y-x}}{(y-x)!}$ . Let  $t = y - x$ , then,  $f_1(x) = \frac{(\mu p)^x}{x!} e^{-\mu p} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\mu(1-p))^t}{t!} = \frac{(\mu p)^x}{x!} e^{-\mu p} e^{\mu(1-p)} = \frac{(\mu p)^x}{x!} e^{-\mu p}$ . Then,  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu p)$ .

Example 2: Suppose  $Y$  has pdf  $f_2(y) = \frac{y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$  for  $y > 0$ , i.e.  $Y \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, 1)$ , and the conditional pdf of  $X$  given  $Y = y$  is  $f_1(x|y) = y e^{-xy}$  for  $x > 0$ , i.e.  $X|Y = y \sim \text{Gamma}(1, 1/y)$ . Find the marginal pdf of  $X$ .

Solution:  $f(x, y) = f_2(y)f_1(x|y) = \frac{y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y e^{-xy}$  for  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$ . The support of  $X$  is  $(0, \infty)$ .

Given  $x > 0$ ,  $f_1(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y e^{-xy} dy = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y^{(\alpha+1)-1} e^{-(x+1)y}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} dy$ . Aside: If  $Y \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ , then  $f(x) = \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha}$  for  $x > 0$ .

Let  $\bar{\alpha} = \alpha + 1$ ,  $\beta = \frac{1}{x+1}$ , then,  $f_1(x) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y^{\bar{\alpha}-1} e^{-y/\beta}}{\Gamma(\bar{\alpha})\beta^{\bar{\alpha}}} dy = \frac{\beta^{\bar{\alpha}}}{\Gamma(\bar{\alpha})} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y^{\bar{\alpha}-1} e^{-y/\beta}}{\beta^{\bar{\alpha}}} dy = \frac{(\frac{1}{x+1})^{\alpha+1} \Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} = \frac{\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{1}{(x+1)^{\alpha+1}} = \frac{\alpha}{(x+1)^{\alpha+1}}, x > 0$ .

## 3.7 Conditional expectation

Since  $f_2(y|x)$  is a probability function (if  $X$  and  $Y$  are joint discrete) or probability density function (if  $X$  and  $Y$  are joint continuous). We can define expectation with respect to  $f_2(y|x)$ .

- Definition of conditional expectation (mean):

The conditional expectation of  $g(y)$  given  $X = x$  is defined as  $E[g(Y)|X = x] = \begin{cases} \sum_y g(y) f_2(y|x) & \text{if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are joint discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(y) f_2(y|x) dy & \text{if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are joint continuous} \end{cases}$ .

In particular, we are particularly interested in :

- $E[Y|X = x](g(y) = y)$
- $\text{Var}(Y|X = x) = E[Y^2|X = x] - (E[Y|X = x])^2$ .
- $E(e^{tY}|X = x)(g(y) = e^{ty})$ .

Example: The joint pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$  is  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 8xy & 0 < y < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ . Find  $E[X|Y = y]$  and  $\text{Var}(X|Y = y)$ .

Solution: The conditional pdf of  $X$  given  $Y = y$  is  $f_1(x|y) = \frac{2x}{1-y^2}, 0 < y < x < 1$ .

Given  $y \in (0, 1)$ ,  $E(X|Y = y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f_1(x|y) dx = \int_y^1 x \cdot \frac{2x}{1-y^2} dx = \frac{2}{1-y^2} \int_y^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{1-y^2} \left( \frac{2x^3}{3} \right) \Big|_y^1 = \frac{2(1-y^3)}{3(1-y^2)}$ .

Given  $y \in (0, 1)$ ,  $E(X^2|Y = y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot f_1(x|y) dx = \int_y^1 x^2 \cdot \frac{2x}{1-y^2} dx = \frac{2}{1-y^2} \int_y^1 x^3 dx = \frac{1}{1-y^2} \left( \frac{2x^4}{4} \right) \Big|_y^1 = \frac{2(1-y^4)}{4(1-y^2)} = \frac{1+y^2}{2}$ .

$\text{Var}(X|Y = y) = E(X^2|Y = y) - (E(X|Y = y))^2 = \frac{1+y^2}{2} - \left( \frac{2(1-y^3)}{3(1-y^2)} \right)^2 = \frac{1+y^2}{2} - \left( \frac{2(1-y^3)}{3(1-y^2)} \right)^2$

- Some useful results regarding conditional expectation

- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  $E[g(Y)|X = x] = E[g(Y)]$  and  $E[h(X)|Y = y] = E[h(X)]$ .
- Substitution rule:  $E[h(X, Y)|X = x] = E[h(x, Y)|X = x] = h(x, Y)$ .  
 e.g.  $E[X + Y|X = x] = E[x + Y|X = x] = E[x|X = x] + E[Y|X = x] = x + E[Y|X = x]$ .  
 e.g.  $E(XY|X = x) = E(xY|X = x) = xE(Y|X = x)$ .

- Double Expectation Theorem:  $E[E[g(Y)|X]] = E[g(Y)]$ .

Note:  $E[g(Y)|X] \neq E[g(Y)|X = x]$ .

Two step method to find  $E[g(Y)|X]$ :

Step 1: For any  $x$  taken from the support of  $X$ , calculate  $E[g(Y)|X = x]$ , denoted by  $h(x)$ .

i.e.  $h(x) = E[g(Y)|X = x] = \begin{cases} \sum_y g(y) f_2(y|x) & \text{if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are joint discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(y) f_2(y|x) dy & \text{if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are joint continuous} \end{cases}$ .

Step 2:  $E[g(Y)|X] = h(X)$ .

Hence,  $E[g(y)|X]$  is a function of  $X$ , that is why it is a random variable.

Example 1: Suppose  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ ,  $X|Y = y \sim \text{Binomial}(y, p)$ , where  $p \in (0, 1)$  is a constant.

a. Find  $E[X]$ .

Method 1: We've found  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu p)$ , therefore,  $E[X] = \mu p$ . It is computationally intensive.

Method 2:  $E[X] = E[E[X|Y]]$ .

Apply the two step method:

Step 1: Given  $y \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$ ,  $E[X|Y = y] = yp$ .

Step 2:  $E[X|Y] = Yp$ .

Therefore,  $E[X] = E[E[X|Y]] = E[Yp] = pE[Y] = p\mu$ .

Method 3:  $E(e^{tX}) = E[E(e^{tX}|Y)]$ .

Apply the two step method:

Step 1: Given  $y \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$ ,  $E(e^{tX}|Y = y) = [pe^t + (1 - p)]^y$ .

Step 2:  $E(e^{tX}|Y) = [pe^t + (1 - p)]^Y$ .

b. Find  $\text{Var}(X)$ .

Method 1: We've found  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu p)$ , therefore,  $\text{Var}(X) = \mu p$ .

Method 2: By double expectation theorem,  $\text{Var}(X) = E[\text{Var}(X|Y)] + \text{Var}[E(X|Y)]$ .

As  $E(X|Y) = Yp$ ,  $\text{Var}[E(X|Y)] = \text{Var}(Yp) = p^2\text{Var}(Y) = p^2\mu$ . ( $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ )

For  $E(\text{Var}(X|Y))$ , apply the two step method:

Step 1: Given  $y \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$ ,  $\text{Var}(X|Y = y) = yp(1 - p)$ .

Step 2:  $\text{Var}(X|Y) = Yp(1 - p)$ .

Therefore,  $E[\text{Var}(X|Y)] = E[Yp(1 - p)] = p(1 - p)E[Y] = p(1 - p)\mu$ .

$\text{Var}(X) = E[\text{Var}(X|Y)] + \text{Var}[E(X|Y)] = p(1 - p)\mu + p^2\mu = p\mu$ .

Example 2 (Random variables of different types):

Suppose  $X \sim \text{Unif}[0, 1]$ ,  $Y|X = x \sim \text{Binomial}(10, x)$ , find  $E(Y)$  and  $\text{Var}(Y)$ .

Solution: By double expectation theorem,  $E(Y) = E[E(Y|X)]$ .

Step 1: Given  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $E(Y|X = x) = 10x$ .

Step 2:  $E(Y|X) = 10X$ .

Therefore,  $E(Y) = E[E(Y|X)] = E(10X) = 10E(X) = 10 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 5$ .

$\text{Var}(Y) = E[\text{Var}(Y|X)] + \text{Var}[E(Y|X)]$ .

$\text{Var}[E(Y|X)] = \text{Var}(10X) = 100\text{Var}(X)$

For any  $x \in [0, 1]$

Step 1:  $\text{Var}(Y|X = x) = 10x(1 - x)$ .

Step 2:  $\text{Var}(Y|X) = 10X(1 - X)$ .

Therefore,  $E[\text{Var}(Y|X)] = E[10X(1 - X)] = E(10X) - 10E(X^2) = 10E(X) - 10(\text{Var}(X) + (E(X))^2) = 10 \cdot \frac{1}{2} - 10(\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{4}) = 5 - 10 \cdot \frac{1}{3}$ .

$\text{Var}(Y) = E[\text{Var}(Y|X)] + \text{Var}[E(Y|X)] = 5 - 10 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + 100 \cdot \frac{1}{12} = \frac{5}{3}$ .

### 3.8 Joint Moment Generating Function

- Definition: If  $X$  and  $Y$  are two r.v.s, then  $M(t_1, t_2) = E(e^{t_1X + t_2Y})$  is called the joint moment generating function (mgf) of  $X$  and  $Y$ , if  $M(t_1, t_2) < \infty$  for  $|t_1| < h_1$ ,  $|t_2| < h_2$ , where  $h_1, h_2 > 0$ .

- Application of joint mgf

i. Find marginal mgf from joint mgf.

Given  $M(t_1, t_2) < \infty$  for  $|t_1| < h_1$  and  $|t_2| < h_2$ . Then,  $M_X(t_1) = E(e^{t_1X}) = M(t_1, 0)$  for  $|t_1| < h_1$  and  $M_Y(t_2) = E(e^{t_2Y}) = M(0, t_2)$  for  $|t_2| < h_2$ .

ii. Independence of r.v.s

$X$  and  $Y$  are independent if and only if  $M(t_1, t_2) = M_X(t_1)M_Y(t_2)$  for  $|t_1| < h_1$  and  $|t_2| < h_2$ .

Example 1 (Joint mgf):

Suppose the joint pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} e^{-y} & 0 < x < y \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

i. Find the joint mgf of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Solution:  $M(t_1, t_2) = E(e^{t_1 X + t_2 Y}) = \iint_{\mathbb{R}} e^{t_1 x + t_2 y} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^\infty \int_x^\infty e^{t_1 x + t_2 y} e^{-y} dy dx = \int_0^\infty e^{t_1 x} \int_x^\infty e^{(t_2-1)y} dy dx = \int_0^\infty e^{t_1 x} \left( \frac{e^{(t_2-1)y}}{t_2-1} \right) \Big|_x^\infty dx = \int_0^\infty e^{t_1 x} \left( \frac{e^{(t_2-1)x}}{t_2-1} \right) dx = \frac{1}{t_2-1} \int_0^\infty e^{(t_1+t_2-1)x} dx = \frac{1}{t_2-1} \left( \frac{e^{(t_1+t_2-1)x}}{t_1+t_2-1} \right) \Big|_0^\infty = \frac{1}{1-t_2} \left( \frac{1}{1-(t_1+t_2)} \right).$

ii. Are they independent?

Solution:  $M_X(t_1) = M(t_1, 0) = \frac{1}{1-t_1}$ ,  $M_Y(t_2) = M(0, t_2) = \frac{1}{1-t_2}$ . Therefore,  $M_X(t_1)M_Y(t_2) = \frac{1}{(1-t_1)(1-t_2)} \neq M(t_1, t_2)$ , therefore,  $X$  and  $Y$  are not independent.

Example 2 (Additivity of Poisson r.v.s):

Suppose  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_1)$ ,  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_2)$ ,  $X$  is independent of  $Y$ .

Prove  $X + Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_1 + \mu_2)$ .

Solution: We first find the mgf of  $X + Y$ .

Let  $Z = X + Y$ , then the mgf of  $Z$  is  $M_Z(t) = E(e^{tZ}) = E(e^{t(X+Y)}) = E(e^{tX} e^{tY}) = E(e^{tX})E(e^{tY}) = e^{\mu_1(e^t-1)+\mu_2(e^t-1)} = e^{(\mu_1+\mu_2)(e^t-1)}$ , which is the mgf of  $\text{Poisson}(\mu_1 + \mu_2)$ .

By the uniqueness property of mgf,  $X + Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_1 + \mu_2)$ .

### 3.9 Multinomial Distribution

- Definition:  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  are joint discrete r.v.s with joint p.f.  $f(x_1, \dots, x_k) = P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_k = x_k) = \frac{n!}{x_1! \dots x_k!} p_1^{x_1} \dots p_k^{x_k}$ , where  $x_i = 0, 1, \dots, n$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .  $\sum_i = 1^k x_i = n$ ,  $0 < p_i < 1$  and  $\sum_i = 1^k p_i = 1$ . Then,  $(X_1, \dots, X_k)$  follows multinomial distribution, with notation  $(X_1, \dots, X_k) \sim \text{Mult}(n, p_1, \dots, p_k)$ .

- Properties of  $\text{Mult}(n, p_1, \dots, p_k)$ :

i. Joint mgf

a.  $M(t_1, \dots, t_k) = E(e^{t_1 X_1 + \dots + t_k X_k})$

b.  $M(t_1, \dots, t_{k-1}) = E(e^{t_1 X_1 + \dots + t_{k-1} X_{k-1}}) = (p_1 e^{t_1} + \dots + p_{k-1} e^{t_{k-1}} + p_k)^n$

e.g.  $k = 2$ ,  $M(t_1) = E(e^{t_1 X_1}) = (p_1 e^{t_1} + p_2)^n$ , where  $p_1 + p_2 = 1$ .

ii. Marginal distribution

$X_i \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .

iii. Let  $T = X_i + X_j$ ,  $i \neq j$ . Then,  $T \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p_i + p_j)$ .

e.g. Suppose  $i = 1, j = 2$ , set  $t_1 = t_2 = t$ ,  $t_3 = \dots = t_k = 0$  in the joint mgf of  $\text{Mult}(n, p_1, \dots, p_k)$ , then,  $M_T(t) = [(p_1 + p_2)e^t + (1 - p_1 - p_2)]^n$ .

iv. Joint Moment

$E(X_i) = np_i$  and  $\text{Var}(X_i) = np_i(1 - p_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .

Question: What is  $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$  for  $i \neq j$ ?

$\text{Var}(X_i + X_j) = \text{Var}(X_i) + \text{Var}(X_j) + 2\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$ .

We know  $\text{Var}(X_i) = np_i(1 - p_i)$ ,  $\text{Var}(X_j) = np_j(1 - p_j)$ ,  $\text{Var}(X_i + X_j) = n(p_i + p_j)[1 - (p_i + p_j)]$ .

Therefore,  $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = -np_i p_j$ .

v. Conditional distribution

$X_i | X_i + X_j = t \sim \text{Binomial}(t, p_i/(p_i + p_j))$ .

vi.  $X_i | X_j = t \sim \text{Binomial}(n - t, p_i/(1 - p_j))$ .

### 3.10 Bivariate Normal Distribution

- Definition:

Suppose that  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are joint continuous r.v.s with joint pdf  $f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi|\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu)\}$ , where  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mu =$

$\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\rho \in (-1, 1)$ , and  $|\Sigma|$  denotes the determinant of  $\Sigma$ , i.e.  $|\Sigma| = \sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 (1 - \rho^2)$ .

Then,  $(X_1, X_2)$  follows bivariate normal distribution, with notation  $X \sim \text{BVN}(\mu, \Sigma)$ .

- Properties:

i. Joint mgf

$M(t_1, t_2) = E(e^{t_1 X_1 + t_2 X_2}) = E(e^{t^T X}) = e^{t^T \mu + \frac{1}{2} t^T \Sigma t}$ , where  $t = \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

ii. Marginally

$M_{X_1}(t_1) = M(t_1, t_2 = 0) = e^{t_1 \mu_1 + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_1^2 t_1^2}$ ,  $M_{X_2}(t_2) = M(t_1 = 0, t_2) = e^{t_2 \mu_2 + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_2^2 t_2^2}$ .

Then,  $X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$  and  $X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ ,  $E(X_1) = \mu_1$ ,  $\text{Var}(X_1) = \sigma_1^2$ ,  $E(X_2) = \mu_2$ ,  $\text{Var}(X_2) = \sigma_2^2$ .

$$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = E(X_1 X_2) - E(X_1)E(X_2).$$

What is  $E(X_1 X_2)$ ?

iii. We find the conditional distribution of  $X_1$  given  $X_2$ ,  $X_1|X_2 = x_2$ .

Conclusion:  $X_1|X_2 = x_2$  is normally distributed.

Then, to find  $E(X_1|X_2 = x_2)$  and  $\text{Var}(X_1|X_2 = x_2)$ .

$$E(X_1|X_2 = x_2) = \mu_1 + \rho \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2}(x_2 - \mu_2).$$

$$\text{Var}(X_1|X_2 = x_2) = \sigma_1^2(1 - \rho^2).$$

Finding  $X_2|X_1 = x_1$  is normal.

$$E(X_2|X_1 = x_1) = \mu_2 + \rho \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}(x_1 - \mu_1).$$

$$\text{Var}(X_2|X_1 = x_1) = \sigma_2^2(1 - \rho^2).$$

iv.  $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = \rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2$ .

Proof: To find  $E(X_1 X_2)$ , we apply double expectation theorem.

$$E(X_1 X_2) = E(E(X_1 X_2|X_2))$$

$$\text{Step 1: } E(X_1 X_2|X_1 = x_1) = x_1 E(X_2|X_1 = x_1) = x_1(\mu_2 + \rho \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}(x_1 - \mu_1))$$

$$\text{Step 2: } E(X_1 X_2) = E(x_1(\mu_2 + \rho \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}(x_1 - \mu_1))) = \mu_2 E(X_1) + \rho \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} E(X_1^2) - \mu_1 E(X_1) - \rho \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \mu_1 E(X_1) = \mu_2 \mu_1 + \rho \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} (\sigma_1^2 + \mu_1^2) - \mu_1^2 - \rho \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \mu_1^2 = \mu_1 \mu_2 + \rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = E(X_1 X_2) - E(X_1)E(X_2) = \mu_1 \mu_2 + \rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2 - \mu_1 \mu_2 = \rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2.$$

$$\text{Furthermore, } \rho(X_1, X_2) = \rho = \frac{\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X_1)}\sqrt{\text{Var}(X_2)}} = \frac{\rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}.$$

v.  $\rho = 0$  if and only if  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent.

Common Mistake: If  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are normally distributed, and  $\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2) = 0$ , then  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are independent.

Counter Example:  $Y_1 \sim N(0, 1)$ ,  $Y_2 = RY_1$ , where  $P(R = 1) = P(R = -1) = 1/2$ ,  $R$  is independent of  $X$ .

Show that  $Y_2 \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2) = 0$ .

If joint distribution  $(Y_1, Y_2)$  follows BVN, then  $Y_1 + Y_2$  follows normal distribution, then  $P(Y_1 + Y_2 = 0) = 0$ , however,  $P(Y_1 + Y_2 = 0) = P(R = -1) = 1/2$ , then the joint distribution of  $(Y_1, Y_2)$  is not BVN.

vi. If  $X \sim \text{BVN}(\mu, \Sigma)$  and  $C = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$  is a constant vector, then  $C^T X = c_1 X_1 + c_2 X_2$  is normally distributed with mean  $E(C^T X) =$

$$c_1 \mu_1 + c_2 \mu_2 = C^T \mu \text{ and variance } \text{Var}(C^T X) = C^T \Sigma C.$$

Here we only consider a single linear combination of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ .

Furthermore, such a fact can be extend, and used to prove normal tests, i.e., if  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  are normally distributed with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , then  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k X_i$  is normally distributed with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\frac{\sigma^2}{k}$ .

Common Mistake: For normally distributed r.v.s  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ ,  $c_1 Y_1 + c_2 Y_2$  is normally distributed.

vii. If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}$ , then  $Y = AX + b \sim \text{BVN}$ , with mean vector  $E(Y) = AE(X) + b = A\mu + b$ , and variance  $\text{Var}(Y) = \text{Cov}(AX + b, AX + b) = A\Sigma A^T$ .

viii.  $(X - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (X - \mu) \sim \chi_2^2$

We define  $\chi_1^2 = Z^2$ , where  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ , and  $\chi_k^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k Z_i^2$ , where  $Z_1, \dots, Z_k$  are independent and identically distributed as  $N(0, 1)$ .

Proof: Since  $\Sigma$  is symmetric, then  $\Sigma = Q\Lambda Q^T$ , where  $Q$  is orthogonal (i.e.  $QQ^T = Q^T Q = I$ ), and  $\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  are eigenvalues of  $\Sigma$ .

Let  $\Sigma^{1/2} = Q\Lambda^{1/2}Q^T$ , where  $\Lambda^{1/2} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\lambda_2} \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $\Sigma^{1/2}\Sigma^{1/2} = \Sigma$ , and  $\Sigma^{-1/2} = Q\Lambda^{-1/2}Q^T$ , where  $\Lambda^{-1/2} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_2}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

Now,  $(X - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (X - \mu) = (X - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1/2} \Sigma^{-1/2} (X - \mu)$ . Let  $Z = \Sigma^{-1/2} (X - \mu)$ , then  $Z$  is normally distributed with mean  $E(Z) = \Sigma^{-1/2} E(X - \mu) = \Sigma^{-1/2} (\mu - \mu) = 0$ , and variance  $\text{Var}(Z) = \Sigma^{-1/2} \text{Var}(X - \mu) \Sigma^{-1/2} = \Sigma^{-1/2} \Sigma \Sigma^{-1/2} = I$ , so  $Z_1, Z_2$  are independent and identically distributed as  $N(0, 1)$ .

Therefore,  $(X - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (X - \mu) = Z^T Z = Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 \sim \chi_2^2$ .

A simple fact: if  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then  $\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2 \sim \chi_1^2$ .

That also means if  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_n^2$ .

## Chapter 4: Functions of Random Variables

Problems we want to answer:

- Given  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , which are continuous r.v., and their pdf is known, we are interested in finding the distribution of  $Y = h(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ , where  $h$  is a function.

Three main methods to be introduced:

1. cdf technique
2. one-to-one bivariate transformation
3. mgf technique

## 4.1 CDF Technique

Define  $Y = h(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ , where  $h$  is a function.

Main idea:

- Step 1: Find the cdf of  $Y$ ,  $F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y)$ .
- Step 2: Find the pdf of  $Y$ ,  $f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy}F_Y(y)$ .

Case 1:  $Y$  is a function of one single random variable ( $n = 1$ ), i.e.  $Y = h(X)$ , where the distribution of  $X$  is known.

Example ( $\chi_1^2$ ): If  $X \sim N(0, 1)$ , find the distribution of  $Y = X^2$ .

Solution: The support of  $Y$  is  $A_Y = [0, \infty)$ .

$$1. y \leq 0, F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = 0.$$

$$2. y > 0, F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(X^2 \leq y) = P(-\sqrt{y} \leq X \leq \sqrt{y}) = \int_{-\sqrt{y}}^{\sqrt{y}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx.$$

$$\text{The for } y \rightarrow 0, \text{ the pdf of } y \text{ is } f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy}F_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y}{2}} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y}{2}} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}}.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} & y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}, \text{ which is the pdf of Gamma}(\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \beta = \frac{1}{2}).$$

Example 2: The pdf of  $X$  is  $f(x) = \frac{\theta}{x^{\theta+1}}$  for  $x \geq 1$ , where  $\theta > 0$  is a constant. Find the distribution of  $Y = \log X (\ln X)$ .

Solution: The support of  $Y$  is  $A_Y = [0, \infty)$ .

$$1. y \leq 0, F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = 0.$$

$$2. y > 0, F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(\ln X \leq y) = P(X \leq e^y) = \int_1^{e^y} \frac{\theta}{x^{\theta+1}} dx = \left( -\frac{1}{x^\theta} \right) \Big|_1^{e^y} = 1 - e^{-\theta y}.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{-\theta y} & y \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}, \text{ which is the pdf of Exponential}(\lambda = \theta).$$

Case 2:  $Y$  is a function of more than one random variable ( $n > 1$ ), i.e.  $Y = h(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ , where the distribution of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is known.

- Case 2.1:  $n = 2, Y = h(X_1, X_2)$

Example: Joint pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$  is  $f(x, y) = 3y$  if  $0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1$ , and 0 otherwise. Find the distribution of  $T = XY$  and  $S = Y/X$ .

Solution: The support of  $T$  is  $A_T = [0, 1]$ . Now we consider the cdf:

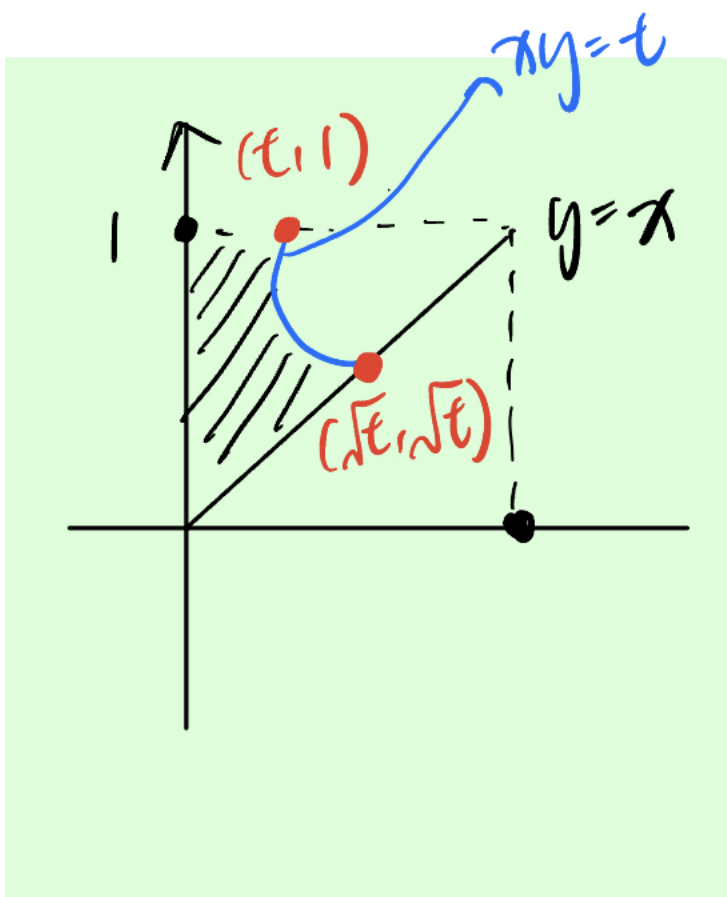
$$\text{i. } t \leq 0, F_T(t) = P(T \leq t) = 0.$$

$$\text{ii. } t \geq 1, F_T(t) = P(T \leq t) = 1.$$

$$\text{iii. } 0 < t < 1, F_T(t) = P(T \leq t) = P(XY \leq t).$$

We calculate  $P(T > t)$  instead.



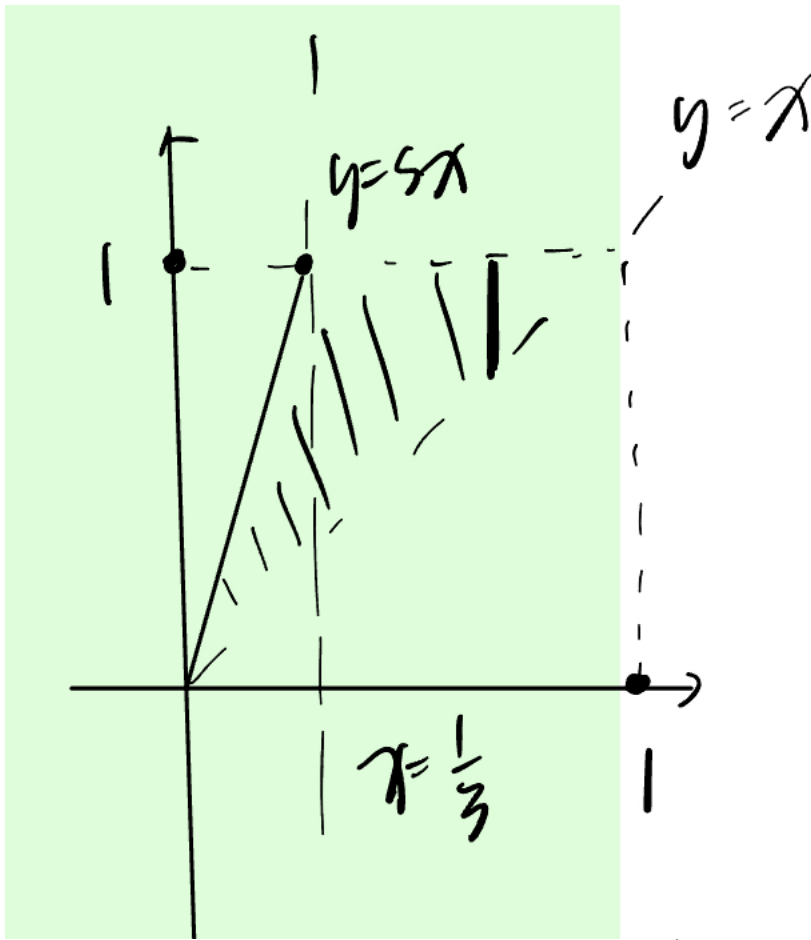


$$P(T > t) = \int_{\sqrt{t}}^1 \int_{t/y}^y 3y dx dy = \int_{\sqrt{t}}^1 3y(y - \frac{t}{y}) dy = \int_{\sqrt{t}}^1 3y^2 - 3t dy = (1 - 3t) - (t^{3/2} - 3t^{1/2}) = 1 - 3t + 2t^{3/2}.$$

$P(T \leq t) = 1 - P(T > t) = 3t - 2t^{3/2}$ . Therefore, the p.d.f. of  $T$  is  $f_T(t) = 3 - 3t^{1/2}$  when  $0 < t < 1$ , and 0 otherwise.

For  $S$ , the support of  $S$  is  $A_S = [1, \infty)$ . Now we consider the cdf:

iv.  $s \leq 1$ ,  $F_S(s) = P(S \leq s) = 0$ .



$$v. s > 1, F_S(s) = P(S \leq s) = P(Y/X \leq s) = P(Y \leq sX) = \int_0^1 \int_{y/s}^y 3y dx dy = \int_0^1 3y(y - y/s) dy = \int_0^1 (3y^2 - 3y^2/s) dy = (y^3 - 3y^3/2s) \Big|_0^1 = 1 - 1/s.$$

Hence, the pdf of  $S$  is  $f_S(s) = \frac{1}{s^2}$  when  $s > 1$ , and 0 otherwise.

- Case 2.2:  $n > 2, Y = h(X_1, \dots, X_n)$

In particular, we are interested in the distribution of order statistics. More specifically, assume  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid r.v.s with pdf  $f(x)$ . Define the order statistics  $Y_1 = \min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ , denoted as  $X(1)$ , and  $Y_n = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ , denoted as  $X(n)$ .

Example (Order Statistics): Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Unif}[0, \theta]$ . Find the distribution of  $X(1)$  and  $X(n)$ .

Solution: For  $X(n)$ , the support of  $X(n)$  is  $A_{X(n)} = [0, \theta]$ . Now we consider the cdf:

- $x \leq 0, F_{X(n)}(x) = P(X(n) \leq x) = 0.$
- $x \geq \theta, F_{X(n)}(x) = P(X(n) \leq x) = 1.$
- $0 < x < \theta, F_{X(n)}(x) = P(X(n) \leq x) = P(\max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \leq x) = P(\bigcap_{i=1}^n \{X_i \leq x\}) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i \leq x) = \left(\frac{x}{\theta}\right)^n.$

Then the pdf of  $X(n)$  is  $f_{X(n)}(x) = \frac{nx^{n-1}}{\theta^n}$  when  $0 < x < \theta$ , and 0 otherwise.

For  $X(1)$ , the support of  $X(1)$  is  $A_{X(1)} = [0, \theta]$ . Now we consider the cdf:

- $x \leq 0, F_{X(1)}(x) = P(X(1) \leq x) = 0.$
- $x \geq \theta, F_{X(1)}(x) = P(X(1) \leq x) = 1.$
- $0 < x < \theta, F_{X(1)}(x) = P(X(1) \leq x) = P(\min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \leq x) = 1 - P(\min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} > x) = 1 - P(\bigcap_{i=1}^n \{X_i > x\}) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i > x) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\int_x^\theta \frac{1}{\theta} dx_i\right) = 1 - \left(\frac{\theta-x}{\theta}\right)^n.$

Then the pdf of  $X(1)$  is  $f_{X(1)}(x) = \frac{n(\theta-x)^{n-1}}{\theta^n}$  when  $0 < x < \theta$ , and 0 otherwise.

## 4.2 One-to-One Bivariate Transformation

Problem we are going to solve:

Given the joint pdf of  $(X, Y)$  denoted by  $f(x, y)$ , we want to find  $U = h_1(X, Y)$  and  $V = h_2(X, Y)$ .

- Definition of one-to-one function: These two transformations ( $h_1$  and  $h_2$ ) is one-to-one bivariate transformation if there exist other two functions ( $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ ) such that  $x = \omega_1(U, V)$  and  $y = \omega_2(U, V)$ . Note:  $U = h_1(x, y)$  and  $V = h_2(x, y)$ .
- Notation: Jacobian of  $U = h_1(x, y)$  and  $V = h_2(x, y)$ :

$$\frac{\partial(U, V)}{\partial(x, y)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix}$$

, determinet of  $2 \times 2$  matrix.

- Theorem: The p.d.f. of  $U$  and  $V$  is  $f_{U,V}(u, v) = f_{X,Y}(\omega_1(u, v), \omega_2(u, v)) \left| \frac{\partial(U, V)}{\partial(x, y)} \right|$ .

Example 1:  $X \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $Y \sim N(0, 1)$ , assume  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent. Find the joint pdf of  $U = X + Y$  and  $V = X - Y$ .

Solution: Since  $U = X + Y$  and  $V = X - Y$ , then support of  $U$  and  $V$  is  $A_U = (-\infty, \infty)$  and  $A_V = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

then,  $x = \frac{U+V}{2}$  and  $y = \frac{U-V}{2}$ .

$$\frac{\partial(U, V)}{\partial(x, y)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

Then, the joint pdf of  $U$  and  $V$  is  $g(u, v) = f(x, y) \cdot |J| = f_1(x) \cdot f_2(y) \cdot 1/2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4\pi} e^{-\frac{u^2+v^2}{4}}$ .

Example 2: Suppose the joint pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$  is  $f(x, y) = e^{-x-y}$  for  $0 < X < \infty$  and  $0 < Y < \infty$ , and 0 elsewhere. Find the pdf of  $U = X + Y$ .

Solution: Define  $V = X$ , then  $U = X + Y$  and  $V = X$ , therefoer,  $x = v$  and  $y = u - v$ .