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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

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i), \text{ or in other words, } P(\emptyset) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(\emptyset). \text{ Additionally,}$$

$$0 \leq P(\emptyset) \leq 1, \text{ therefore, } P(\emptyset) = 0.$$

- 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

$$\text{axioms we have } P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i), \text{ in other words, } P(S) = P(A) +$$

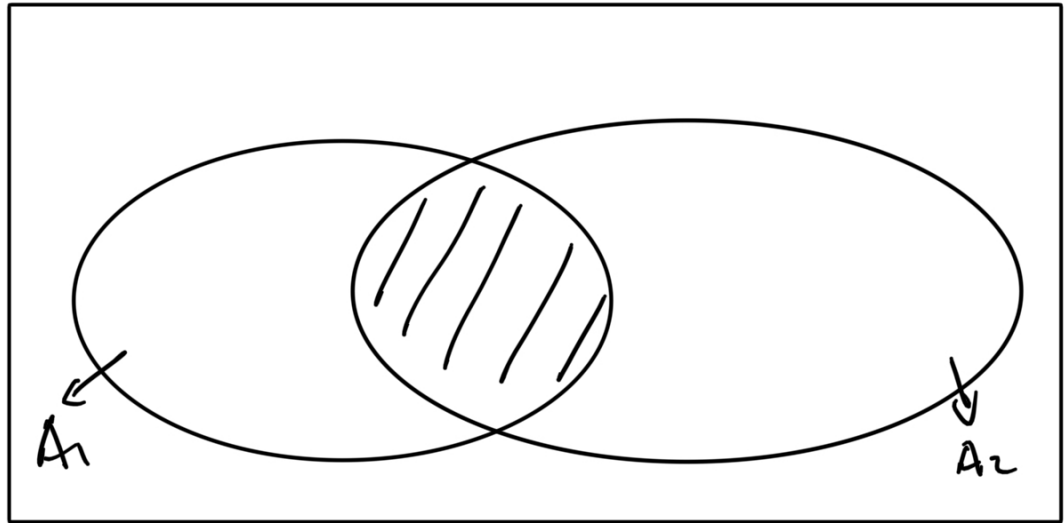
$$P(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i=3}^{\infty} 0, \text{ therefore, } P(A) + P(\bar{A}) = 1.$$

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

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i), \text{ or in other words, } P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + 0.$$

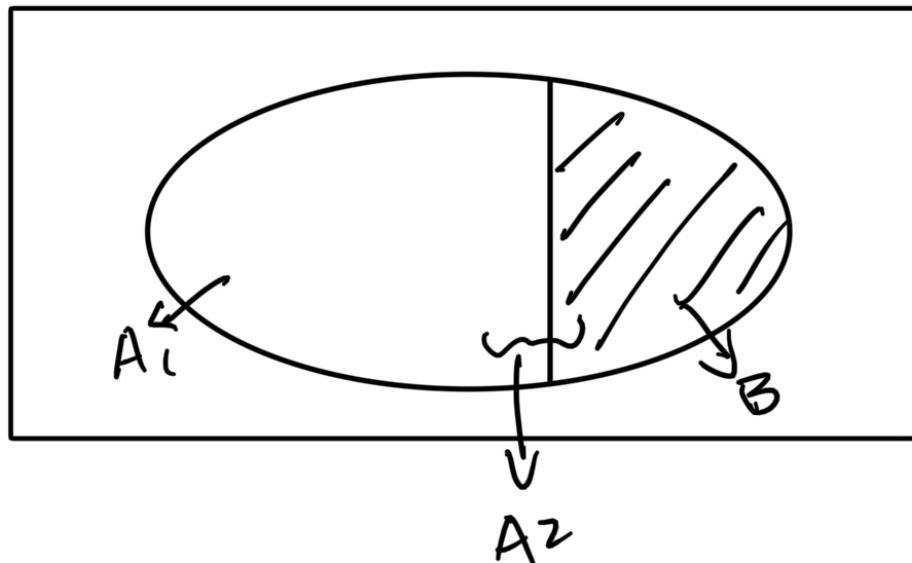
d. In general,  $P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2)$ .



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  $= \{(H, T), (H, H)\}$

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

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

$X : \# \text{ of heads in two tosses.}$

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

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  $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$ .

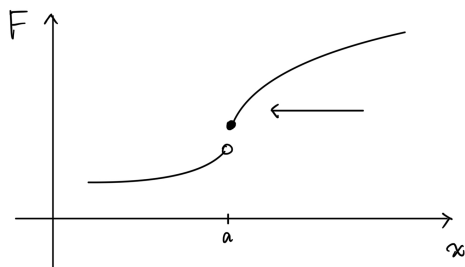
It satisfies the following property:

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

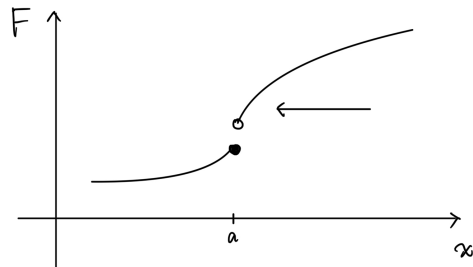
Proof:  $\{X \leq x_1\}$  is an event.  $\{X \leq x_1\} \subseteq \{X \leq x_2\}$  if  $x_1 < x_2$ , since  $\{\omega | X(\omega) \leq x_1\} \subseteq \{\omega | X(\omega) \leq x_2\}$ .

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

- iii.  $F(x)$  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.

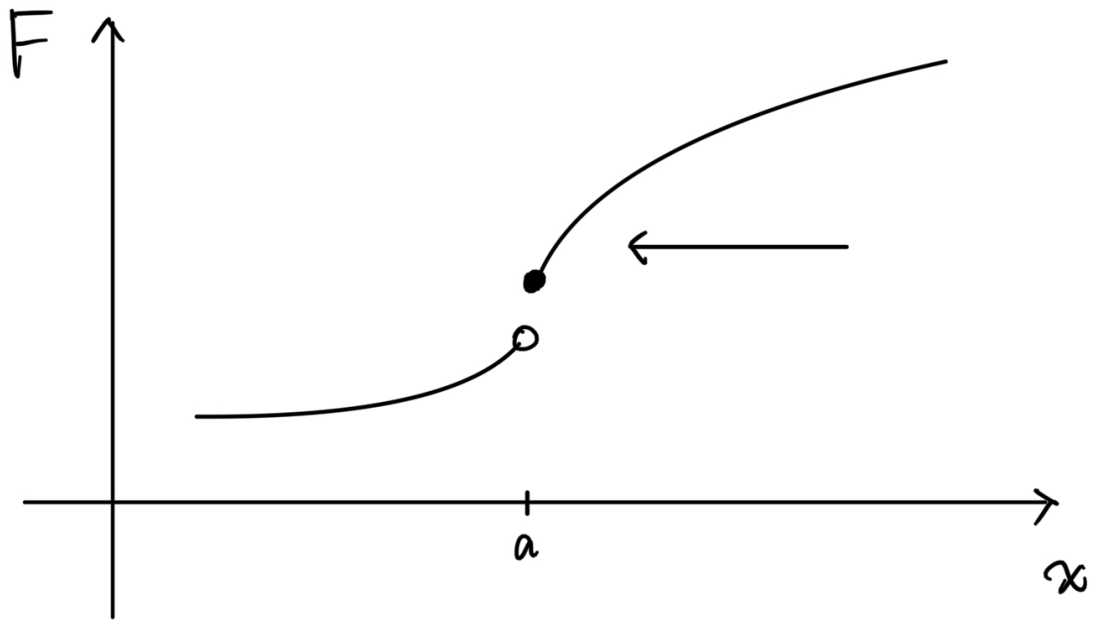
Some extra properties of a c.d.f.:

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



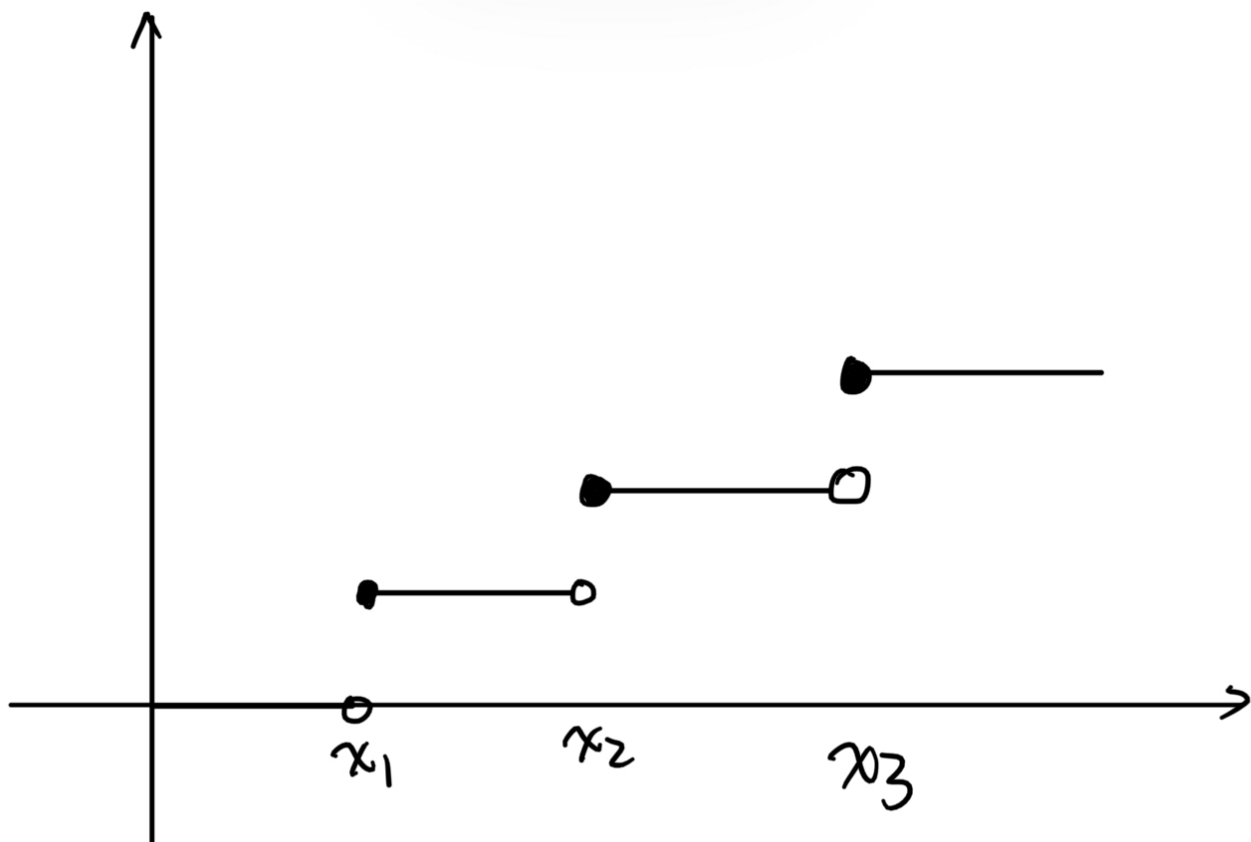
right-continuous

## 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.  $X$ .
  - $f(x) \geq 0$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
  - $\sum_{x \in A} f(x) = 1$ .

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.

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

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

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  $f$ :
  - i.  $f(x) \geq 0$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
  - ii.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$ .
- Extra properties of  $f$ :
  - i.  $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt = F(x) - F(-\infty)$  (find cdf from pdf).
  - ii.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} F'(x) & \text{if } F \text{ is differentiable at } x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  (find pdf from cdf).
  - iii.  $P(X = x) = 0$  and  $f(x) \neq P(X = x)$  for any  $x$ .  
 If  $F$  is differentiable at  $x$ , then  $f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h}$   
 $\implies F(x+h) - F(x) \approx f(x) \cdot h$   
 $\implies P(x < X \leq x+h) \approx f(x) \cdot h$ .
  - 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:

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

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

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

◦ 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.  $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$ .

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

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

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  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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

$$\text{Let } y = \left( \frac{x}{\theta} \right)^\beta \implies x = \theta y^{\frac{1}{\beta}}, dx = \theta \frac{1}{\beta} y^{\frac{1}{\beta}-1} dy.$$

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

Example (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:

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

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  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}, \sigma > 0.$

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

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

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

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

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

## 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  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}.$

i. Show  $f$  is a p.f.

Solution:

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

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

ii. 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:  $Var(X) = E[(X - \mu)]^2 = E(X^2) - \mu^2 = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$  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  $Var(X)$ .

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  $Var(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \mu^2 + \mu - \mu^2 = \mu$ .

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

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

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

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  $x = \frac{y}{1-t\beta} = \frac{\beta y}{1-t\beta}$ ,  $dx = \frac{\beta}{1-t\beta} dy$ .

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

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

iii. Uniqueness of mgf.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

c. 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.  $f(x, y) = kq^2 p^{x+y}$  for  $x = 0, 1, \dots$  and  $y = 0, 1, \dots$ , and 0 elsewhere. Here  $p \in (0, 1)$  is a constant,  $q = 1 - p$ .

a. Find  $k$ .

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

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

Therefore,  $k = 1$

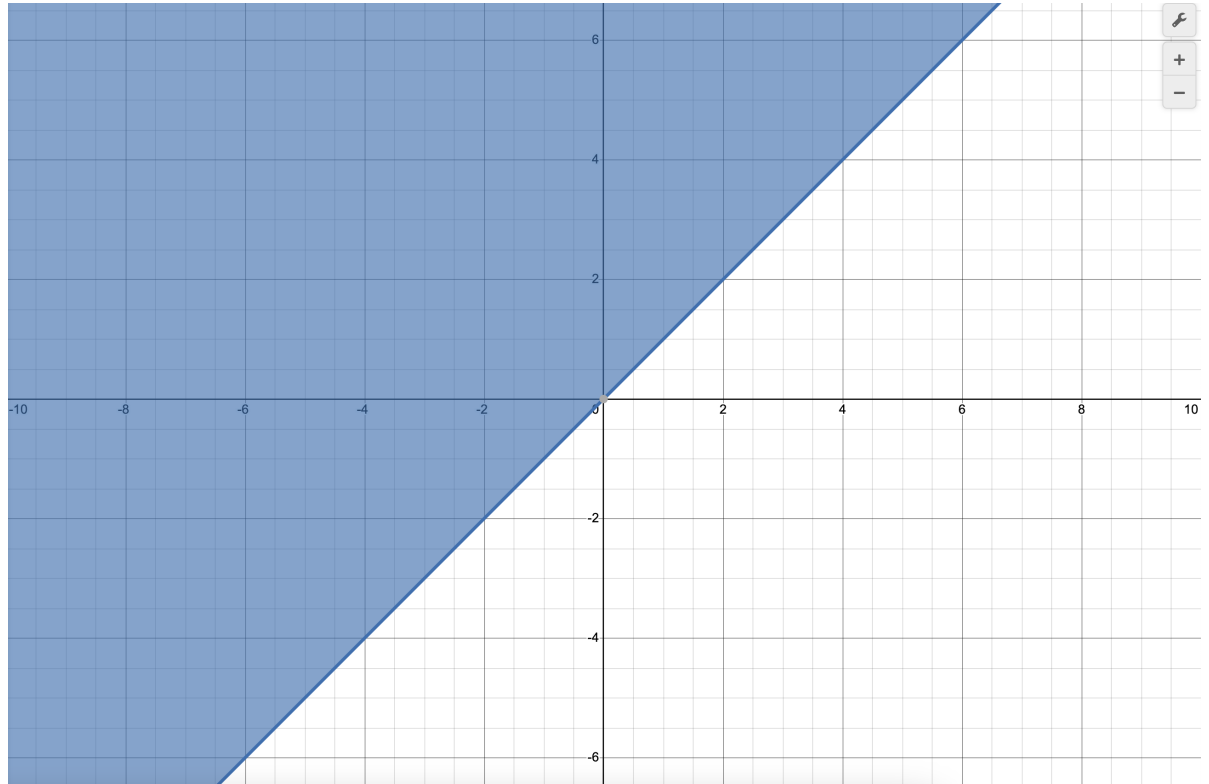
b. Find the marginal p.f. of  $X$  and find marginal p.f. of  $Y$ .

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  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

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

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  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

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

b. Find

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

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

b.  $P(X \leq Y)$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b.  $P(X \leq Y)$

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

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.

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

$$\int_0^{1/2} 2e^{-2x} - 2e^{-1} dx = -e^{-2x} - 2e^{-1}x \Big|_0^{1/2} = 1 - 2e^{-1}.$$

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  $t > 0$ ,  $F_T(t) = P(T \leq t) = P(X + Y \leq t) =$

$$\iint_{(x,y) \in C} 2e^{-x-y} dx dy = \int_0^{t/2} \int_x^{t-x} 2e^{-x-y} dy dx = \int_0^{t/2} (-2e^{-x}e^{-y}) \Big|_x^{t-x} = -e^{-2x} - 2e^{-t}x \Big|_0^{t/2} = 1 - e^{-t} - te^{-t}.$$

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  $y \in [0, 1]$ ,  $f_2(y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_1(x)} = \frac{\frac{3}{2}y(1-x^2)}{\frac{3}{4}(1-x^2)} = 2y$ .

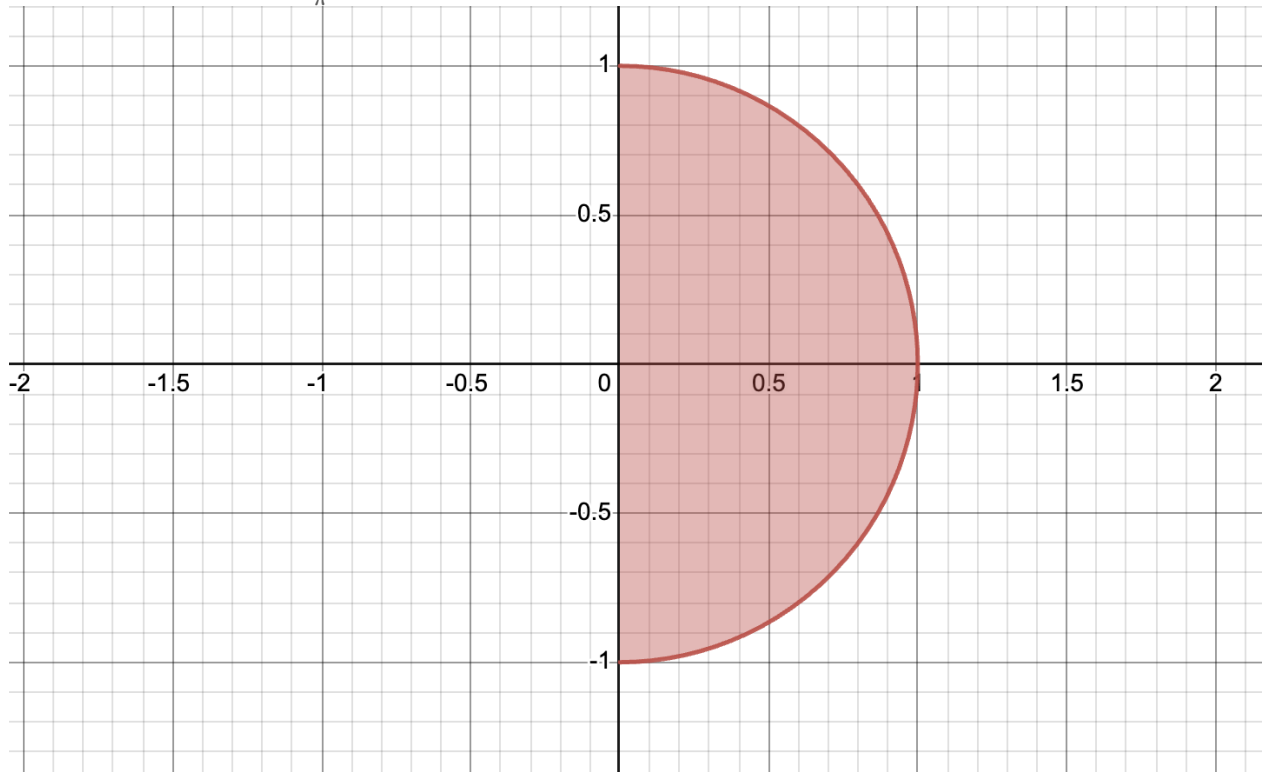
Therefore,  $f_2(y) = \begin{cases} 2y & \text{if } 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

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  $E[h(x, y)] =$ 

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

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:
  - 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.
  - 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

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

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

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

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  $f(x, y) =$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\mu^{x+y} e^{-2\mu}}{x!y!} & \text{if } x = 0, 1, \dots \text{ and } y = 0, 1, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}. \text{ Find } Var(2X + 3Y) = 4Var(X) + 12Cov(X, Y) + 9Var(Y).$$

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  $f(x, y) =$

$$\begin{cases} x + y & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}. \text{ Find } Var(X + Y).$$

Solution:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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  $\rho(X, Y) = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{Var(X)}\sqrt{Var(Y)}}$ .

i. Used to describe linear association between  $X$  and  $Y$ .

ii. Unit free

iii.  $-1 \leq \rho(X, Y) \leq 1$ .

(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:

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

ii.  $\rho(X, Y) = -1 \implies Y = aX + b$  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  $\rho(X, Y)$ .

Solution:  $Cov(X, Y) = -\frac{1}{144}$ ,  $Var(X) = Var(Y) = \frac{11}{144}$ , 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,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(x|y)dx = 1$  for any  $y$ .

- b.  $f_2(y|x) \geq 0$  for any  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $x$  is fixed. Additionally,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(y|x)dy = 1$  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  $y \in (0, 1)$ ,  $f_2(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y)dx = \int_y^1 8xydx = 4x^2y|_y^1 = 4y - 4y^3$ .

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  $x \in (0, 1)$ ,  $f_1(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y)dy = \int_0^x 8xydy = 4xy^2 \Big|_0^x = 4x^3$ .

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:

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

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 pf 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  $Var(X|Y = y)$ .

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

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

$$\frac{2}{1-y^2} \int_y^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{1-y^2} \left( \frac{2x^3}{3} \right) \bigg|_y^1 = \frac{2(1-y^3)}{3(1-y^2)}.$$

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

$$\frac{2}{1-y^2} \int_y^1 x^3 dx = \frac{1}{1-y^2} \left( \frac{2x^4}{4} \right) \bigg|_y^1 = \frac{2(1-y^4)}{4(1-y^2)} = \frac{1+y^2}{2}.$$

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

- Some useful results regarding conditional expectation

i. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  $E[g(Y)|X = x] = E[g(Y)]$  and  $E[h(X)|Y = y] = E[h(X)]$ .

ii. 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.  $E(XY|X = x) = E(xY|X = x) = xE(Y|X = x)$ .

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

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

### 3.8 Joint Moment Generating Function

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

- Application of joint mgf

- Find marginal mgf from joint mgf.

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

- 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  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} e^{-y} & 0 < x < y \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ .

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

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

- 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  $M_Z(t) = E(e^{tZ}) = E(e^{t(X+Y)}) = E(e^{tX} e^{tY}) = E(e^{tX})E(e^{tY}) = e^{\mu_1(e^t - 1)} e^{\mu_2(e^t - 1)} = e^{(\mu_1 + \mu_2)(e^t - 1)}$ , 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  $\text{Mult}(n, p_1, \dots, p_k)$ :
  - Joint mgf
    - $M(t_1, \dots, t_k) = E(e^{t_1 X_1 + \dots + t_k X_k})$
    - $M(t_1, \dots, t_{k-1}) = E(e^{t_1 X_1 + \dots + t_{k-1} X_{k-1}}) = (p_1 e^{t_1} + \dots + p_{k-1} e^{t_{k-1}} + p_k)^n$   
 e.g.  $k = 2$ ,  $M(t_1) = E(e^{t_1 X_1}) = (p_1 e^{t_1} + p_2)^n$ , where  $p_1 + p_2 = 1$ .
  - Marginal distribution  
 $X_i \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .
  - 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,  $M_T(t) = [(p_1 + p_2)e^t + (1 - p_1 - p_2)]^n$ .
  - 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,  $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = -np_i p_j$ .
  - Conditional distribution  
 $X_i | X_i + X_j = t \sim \text{Binomial}(t, p_i / (p_i + p_j))$ .
  - $X_i | X_j = t \sim \text{Binomial}(n - t, p_i / (1 - p_j))$ .

## 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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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:  $Y_1 \sim N(0, 1)$ ,  $Y_2 = R Y_1$ , 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  $E(C^T X) = c_1 \mu_1 + c_2 \mu_2 = C^T \mu$  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 extended, 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  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_n^2$ .

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

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

Therefore,  $f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} & y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ , 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.  $y \leq 0$ ,  $F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = 0$ .

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

Therefore,  $f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{-\theta y} & y \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ , 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.

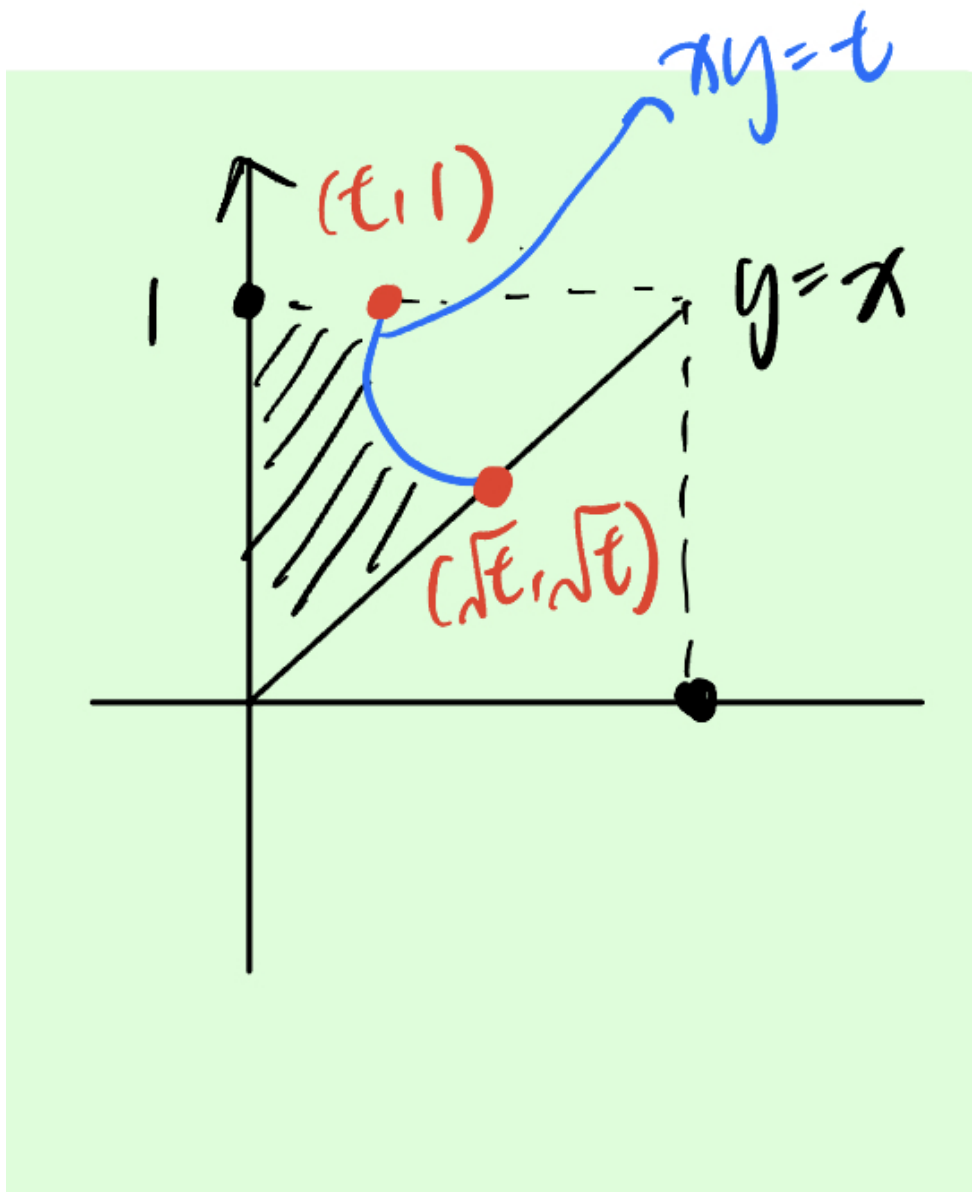
- Case 2.1:  $n = 2, Y = h(X_1, X_2)$

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:

- i.  $t \leq 0, F_T(t) = P(T \leq t) = 0.$
- ii.  $t \geq 1, F_T(t) = P(T \leq t) = 1.$
- iii.  $0 < t < 1, F_T(t) = P(T \leq t) = P(XY \leq t).$

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



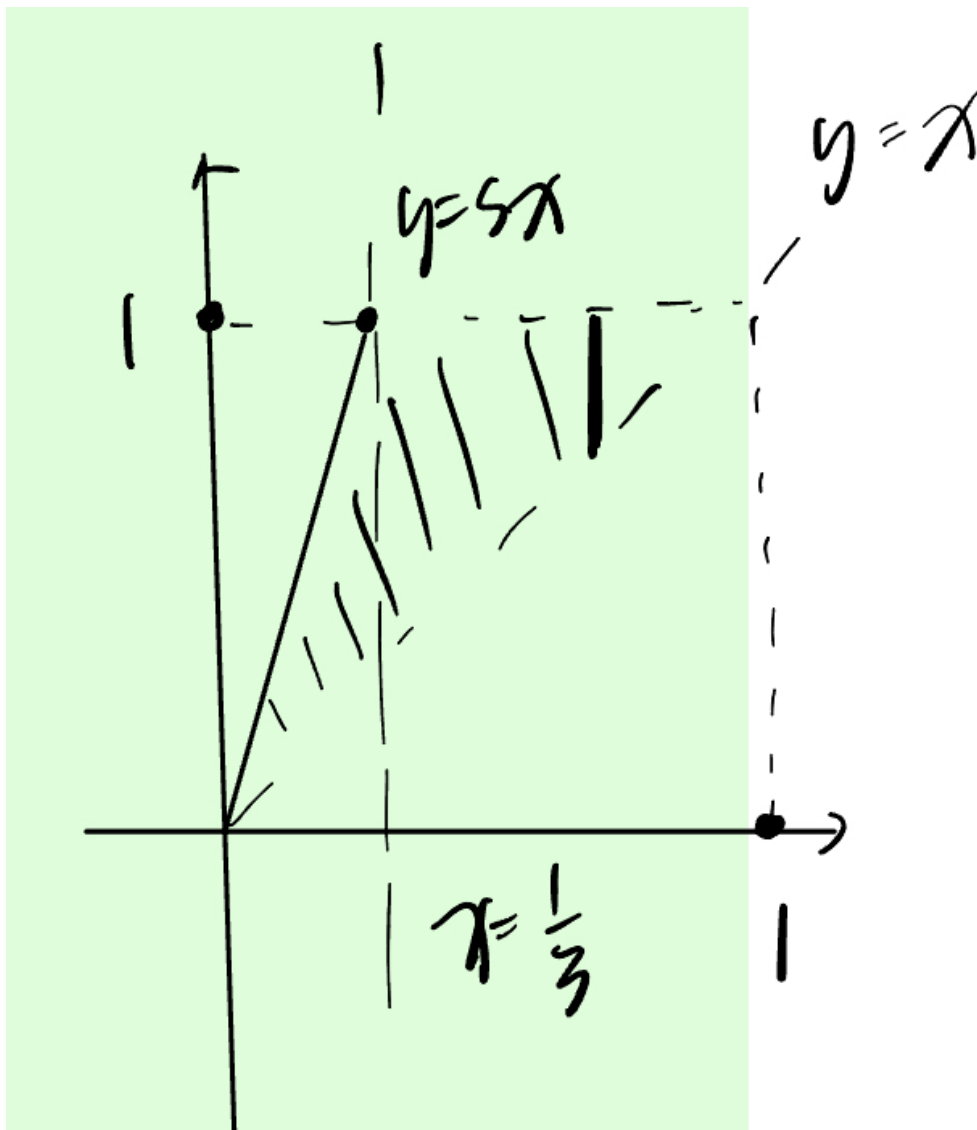
$$P(T > t) = \int_{\sqrt{t}}^1 \int_{t/y}^y 3y dx dy = \int_{\sqrt{t}}^1 3y(y - \frac{t}{y}) dy = \int_{\sqrt{t}}^1 3y^2 - 3t dy = (1 - 3t) - (t^{3/2} - 3t^{1/2}) = 1 - 3t + 2t^{3/2}.$$

$P(T \leq t) = 1 - P(T > t) = 3t - 2t^{3/2}$ . 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:

- $x \leq 0$ ,  $F_{X(n)}(x) = P(X(n) \leq x) = 0$ .
- $x \geq \theta$ ,  $F_{X(n)}(x) = P(X(n) \leq x) = 1$ .

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

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:

$$\text{iv. } x \leq 0, F_{X(1)}(x) = P(X(1) \leq x) = 0.$$

$$\text{v. } x \geq \theta, F_{X(1)}(x) = P(X(1) \leq x) = 1.$$

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

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  $V = X$ , therefore,  $x = v$  and  $y = u - v$ , i.e.,  $v > 0, u - v > 0$ . Therefore,  $0 < v < u$  is the joint support of  $U$  and  $V$ .

The Jacobian of  $x$  and  $y$  with respect to  $u$  and  $v$  is  $J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -1$ .

Therefore, the joint pdf of  $U$  and  $V$  is  $g(u, v) = f(x, y) \cdot |J| = e^{-x-y} = e^{-u}$  for  $0 < v < u < \infty$ . The support of  $U$  is  $A_U = (0, \infty)$ .

Given  $u \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $f_U(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(u, v) dv = \int_0^u e^{-u} dv = ue^{-u}$ .

- How to find the support of transformations?

$$\begin{cases} U = h_1(x, y) \\ V = h_2(x, y) \end{cases}, \text{ what is the support of } U \text{ and } V?$$

Example 1: Suppose the support of  $X$  and  $Y$  is  $0 < x < y < 1$ . Let  $U = X$  and  $V = XY$ .

Question: Find the support of  $U$  and  $V$ .

$$\text{Solution: } \begin{cases} u = x \\ x = xy \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} x = u \\ y = v/u \end{cases}$$

Therefore,  $0 < u < v/u < 1 \implies 0 < u^2 < v < u$  is the support of  $U$  and  $V$ .

Example 2: Suppose the support of  $X$  and  $Y$  is  $0 < x < 1$  and  $0 < y < 1$ . Find the support of  $U = X/Y$  and  $V = XY$ .

$$\text{Solution: } \begin{cases} u = x/y \\ v = xy \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} x = \sqrt{uv} \\ y = \sqrt{v/u} \end{cases}$$

Therefore,  $0 < \sqrt{uv} < 1$  and  $0 < \sqrt{v/u} < 1$ , which tells us  $uv < 1, v/u < 1$ .

Thus,  $0 < v < u < 1/v$  is the joint support.

## 4.3 MGF Technique

Main idea:

1. Find the mgf of the random variable of interest.
2. By the uniqueness property of mgf, we can identify the distribution of the random variable of interest.

- Highlight one special case where the mgf technique is useful:

Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent and  $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . Then, the mgf of  $T$  is  $M_T(t) = E(e^{tT}) = E(e^{t \sum_{i=1}^n X_i}) = E(\prod_{i=1}^n e^{tX_i}) = \prod_{i=1}^n E(e^{tX_i}) = \prod_{i=1}^n M_{X_i}(t)$ .

In particular, if  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid, i.e., they have a common distribution, then having a common mgf, denoted by  $M(t)$ , then  $M_T(t) = [M(t)]^n$ .

Next, we introduce properties of some important distributions (normal,  $\chi^2$ ,  $t$ ,  $F$ ).

### 1. Normal Distribution

- If  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then  $aX + b \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$ .

Proof: Let  $Y = aX + b$ , then  $M_Y(t) = M_X(at)e^{bt} = e^{bt}e^{a\mu t + \frac{1}{2}a^2\sigma^2 t^2} = e^{(a\mu + b)t + \frac{1}{2}a^2\sigma^2 t^2}$ .

Hence, by the uniqueness property of mgf,  $Y \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$ .

An immediate result (z-score): If  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then  $\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$ .

- If  $X_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent, then  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i \sim N\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu_i, \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma_i^2\right)$ .

Proof: Let  $T = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i$ , then the mgf of  $T$  is  $M_T(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n M_{a_i X_i}(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n M_{X_i}(a_i t) = \prod_{i=1}^n e^{a_i \mu_i t + \frac{1}{2} a_i^2 \sigma_i^2 t^2} = e^{\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i \mu_i) t + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma_i^2 t^2}$ .

By the uniqueness property of mgf,  $T \sim N\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu_i, \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma_i^2\right)$ .

In particular, if  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then  $\bar{X} = 1/n \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$ .

Hence  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$ .

### 2. $\chi^2$ distribution

- $\chi_1^2 = Z^2$ , where  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ .

$\chi_k^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k Z_i^2$ , where  $Z_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, 1)$ .

An immediate result:

If  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then  $\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2 \sim \chi_1^2$ .

- If  $Y_i \sim \chi_{k_i}^2$ , where  $k_i \in \mathbb{N}^+$  and  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  are independent.

Then  $T = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \sim \chi_d^2$ , where  $d = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i$ .

Proof:

◦ Step 1:  $\chi_1^2$  is the same as  $\text{Gamma}(\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \beta = \frac{1}{2})$  (See example of  $Y = Z^2$  in 4.1).

◦ Step 2: for  $\chi_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2$ , where  $Z_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, 1)$ . Let  $S = \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2$ , then  $S \sim \chi_n^2$ . So the mgf of  $S$  is  $M_S(t) = E(e^{tS}) = E(e^{t \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2}) = \prod_{i=1}^n M_{Z_i^2}(t) = [M_{Z_i^2}(t)]^n$ . Since  $Z_i^2 \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \beta = \frac{1}{2})$ , then  $M_{Z_i^2}(t) = \left(\frac{1}{1 - \beta t}\right)^\alpha = \left(\frac{1}{1 - 2t}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Then,  $M_S(t) = \left(\frac{1}{1 - 2t}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}$ .

◦ Step 3: Since  $Y_i \sim \chi_{k_i}^2$ , then mgf of  $Y_i$  is  $M_{Y_i}(t) = \left(\frac{1}{1 - 2t}\right)^{\frac{k_i}{2}}$ . Now  $T = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$  and  $Y_i$ s are independent, then  $M_T(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n M_{Y_i}(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{1 - 2t}\right)^{\frac{k_i}{2}} =$

$\left(\frac{1}{1-2t}\right)^{\frac{d}{2}}$ . Therefore, by uniqueness property of mgf,  $T \sim \chi_d^2$ .

### 3. $t$ distribution

Definition: If  $X \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $Y \sim \chi_n^2$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , and  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then

$$\frac{X}{\sqrt{Y/n}} \sim t_n.$$

Note the support of  $t_n$  is  $A_{t_n} = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

- Conclusion:

If  $X_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , let  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  and  $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$ , then

- $\bar{X}$  is independent of  $S^2$ .

Proof: To show this, we only need to prove  $\bar{X}$  is independent of  $(X_1 - \bar{X}, \dots, X_n - \bar{X})^T$ .

Consider  $\begin{pmatrix} \bar{X} \\ X_1 - \bar{X} \\ \dots \\ X_n - \bar{X} \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ \dots \\ X_n \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+1) \times n}$  and first row of  $A$  is  $(1/n, \dots, 1/n)$ .

Here  $\begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ \dots \\ X_n \end{pmatrix}$  follows MVN, the joint distribution of  $\begin{pmatrix} \bar{X} \\ X_1 - \bar{X} \\ \dots \\ X_n - \bar{X} \end{pmatrix}$  is also MVN.

Hence, it suffices to prove  $\bar{X}$  and  $(X_1 - \bar{X}, \dots, X_n - \bar{X})^T$  are uncorrelated, i.e., we need to show  $Cov(\bar{X}, X_i - \bar{X}) = 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $Cov(\bar{X}, X_i - \bar{X}) = Cov(\bar{X}, X_i) - Cov(\bar{X}, \bar{X}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n Cov(X_j, X_i) - Var(X) = \sigma^2/n - \sigma^2/n = 0$ . Hence,  $\bar{X}$  is independent of  $(X_1 - \bar{X}, \dots, X_n - \bar{X})^T$ , which implies  $\bar{X}$  is independent of  $S^2$ .

- $\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$ .

Proof: Firstly, note  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_n^2$ . (let  $Z_i = \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma}$ , then  $\sum Z_i = 0$ , thus

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{X}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2 \\ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{\sigma^2} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu + \bar{X} - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} + 2 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{X} - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} \\ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} (A) &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{\sigma^2} (B) + \frac{n(\bar{X} - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} (C). \end{aligned}$$

Facts:  $A \sim \chi_n^2 = \text{Gamma}(\alpha = n/2, \beta = 2)$ ,  $C \sim \chi_1^2 = \text{Gamma}(\alpha = 1/2, \beta = 2)$ , and  $B$  and  $C$  are independent.

Question:  $B \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$ ?

We use the mgf technique. The mgf of  $A$  is  $M_A(t) = \left(\frac{1}{1-2t}\right)^{n/2}$ , and the mgf of  $C$  is  $M_C(t) = \left(\frac{1}{1-2t}\right)^{1/2}$ . In addition,  $M_A(t) = M_B(t)M_C(t)$ , then  $M_B(t) =$

$\left(\frac{1}{1-2t}\right)^{(n-1)/2}$ , which is the mgf of  $\chi_{n-1}^2$ . Thus, by the uniqueness property of mgf,  $B \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha = n, \beta = 2) = \chi_{n-1}^2$ .

c.  $\frac{(\bar{X}-\mu)}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$

Proof: Rewrite  $\frac{(\bar{X}-\mu)}{S/\sqrt{n}}$  as  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}-\mu)/\sigma}{\sqrt{S^2/\sigma^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}-\mu)/\sigma}{\sqrt{\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2(n-1)}}} \sim t_{n-1}$ .

iv.  $F$  distribution

Definition: If  $X \sim \chi_n^2$  and  $Y \sim \chi_m^2$ , where  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}^+$  and  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  $\frac{X/n}{Y/m} \sim F_{n,m}$ .

Question: If  $X \sim \chi_n^2$ ,  $Y \sim \chi_m^2$  and  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  $X + Y \sim \chi_{n+m}^2$ .

Does  $\frac{X/n}{(X+Y)/(n+m)} \sim F_{n,n+m}$ ?

Solution: No. Consider  $\text{Cov}(X, X+Y) = \text{Cov}(X, X) + \text{Cov}(X, Y) > 0$ .

Hence,  $X$  and  $X+Y$  are not independent. Therefore,  $\frac{X/n}{(X+Y)/(n+m)} \sim F_{n,n+m}$  is not true.

If  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ ,  $Y_1, \dots, Y_m \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$  are independent, let  $S_1^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$  and  $S_2^2 = \frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^m (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$ , then  $\frac{(n-1)S_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$ ,

$\frac{(m-1)S_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} \sim \chi_{m-1}^2$ , and  $\frac{\frac{(n-1)S_1^2}{\sigma_1^2}/n-1}{\frac{(m-1)S_2^2}{\sigma_2^2}/m-1} = \frac{S_1^2/\sigma_1^2}{S_2^2/\sigma_2^2} \sim F_{n-1, m-1}$ .

## 5 Limiting (Asymptotic) Distribution

Problem: We are interested in the distribution of  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)$ , where  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} f(X)$  with  $E(X_i) = \mu$ ,  $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2$ ,  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .

- Note  $f$  is unknown. Therefore, it's impossible to find the exact distribution of  $T$ .

Solution: Find an approximate distribution of  $T$ .

Roughly speaking, we find a cdf  $F$  such that when  $n$  is sufficiently large,  $F(x) \approx P(\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu) \leq x)$ .

### 5.1 Convergence in Distribution

- Definition: Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of r.v.s with cdf  $F_1(x), F_2(x), \dots$ . Let  $X$  be a r.v. with cdf  $F(x)$ . If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = F(x)$  for all  $x$  at which  $F$  is continuous, then we say  $X_n$  converges in distribution to  $X$ , denoted by  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ .
- Remark:
  - $F(x)$  is called the limiting distribution of  $X_n$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

ii. Note it's the convergence of cdf, rather than  $X_n$ .

Assume  $X_1 = \dots = X_N = Z \sim N(0, 1)$ . Take  $X = -Z \sim N(0, 1)$ . Then  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ .

iii. We only need to require  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = F(x)$  holds for continuous points of  $F$ .

e.g. If  $F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq a \\ 0 & x < a \end{cases}$  denotes the cdf of  $X$ , then  $P(X = a) = 1$ . Obviously

the cdf  $F$  is not continuous at  $x = a$ . Hence, if we want to prove  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ , where

$P(X = a) = 1$ , we only need to prove  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq a \\ 0 & x < a \end{cases}$ , we are not

interested in  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(a) = F(a)$ .

iv. This definition applies to both discrete and continuous r.v.s

E.g. Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Unif}[0, 1]$ . Let  $X_{(1)} = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$  and  $X_{(n)} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$ . Find the limiting distribution of

i.  $nX_{(1)}$  and  $n(1 - X_{(n)})$ .

ii.  $X_{(1)}$  and  $X_{(n)}$ .

Solution:

i. The support of  $nX_{(1)}$  is  $[0, n]$ . Now we consider the cdf:

For  $x \leq 0$ ,  $F_n(x) = P(nX_{(1)} \leq x) = 0$ .

For  $x \geq n$ ,  $F_n(x) = P(nX_{(1)} \leq x) = 1$ .

For  $0 < x < n$ ,  $F_n(x) = P(nX_{(1)} \leq x) = P(X_{(1)} \leq x/n) = 1 -$

$P(X_{(1)} > x/n) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i > x/n) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - x/n) = 1 - (1 - x/n)^n$ .

Thus,  $F_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ 1 - (1 - x/n)^n & 0 < x < n \\ 1 & x \geq n \end{cases}$ .

Therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ 1 - e^{-x} & x > 0 \end{cases}$ .

Thus the limiting distribution of  $nX_{(1)}$  is  $F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ 1 - e^{-x} & x > 0 \end{cases}$ .

The support of  $n(1 - X_{(n)})$  is  $[0, n]$ . Now we consider the cdf:

For  $x \leq 0$ ,  $F_n(x) = P(n(1 - X_{(n)}) \leq x) = 0$ .

For  $x \geq n$ ,  $F_n(x) = P(n(1 - X_{(n)}) \leq x) = 1$ .

For  $0 < x < n$ ,  $F_n(x) = P(n(1 - X_{(n)}) \leq x) = P(1 - X_{(n)} \leq x/n) =$

$P(X_{(n)} \geq 1 - x/n) = 1 - P(X_{(n)} < 1 - x/n) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i < 1 - x/n)$

$$x/n) = 1 - (1 - x/n)^n.$$

$$\text{Thus, } F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ 1 - (1 - x/n)^n & 0 < x < n. \text{ (i.e., same as } nX_{(1)}) \\ 1 & x \geq n \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Thus the limiting distribution of } n(1 - X_{(n)}) \text{ is } F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ 1 - e^{-x} & x > 0 \end{cases}.$$

Note: This result is because if  $X \sim \text{Unif}[0, 1]$ , then  $1 - X \sim \text{Unif}[0, 1]$ . Then,

$$X_{(i)} = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i \stackrel{d}{=} \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} (1 - X_i) = 1 - \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i = 1 - X_{(n)}.$$

ii. The support of  $X_{(1)}$  is  $[0, 1]$ . Now we consider the cdf:

$$\text{For } x \leq 0, F_n(x) = P(X_{(1)} \leq x) = 0.$$

$$\text{For } x \geq 1, F_n(x) = P(X_{(1)} \leq x) = 1.$$

$$\text{For } 0 < x < 1, F_n(x) = P(X_{(1)} \leq x) = 1 - P(X_{(1)} > x) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i > x) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - x) = 1 - (1 - x)^n.$$

$$\text{Thus, } F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ 1 - (1 - x)^n & 0 < x < 1. \\ 1 & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ 1 & x > 0 \end{cases}.$$

$$\text{Thus the limiting distribution of } X_{(1)} \text{ is } F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 & x \geq 0 \end{cases}, \text{ or we can say}$$

$$X_{(1)} \xrightarrow{d} 0 \text{ (equivalently, } X_{(1)} \xrightarrow{d} X \text{ for } P(X = 0) = 1).$$

(Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = F(x)$  for any  $x \neq 0$  and  $F(x)$  is not continuous at  $x = 0$ , we do not require  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(0) = F(0)$ .)

The support of  $X_{(n)}$  is  $[0, 1]$ . Now we consider the cdf:

$$\text{For } x \leq 0, F_n(x) = P(X_{(n)} \leq x) = 0.$$

$$\text{For } x \geq 1, F_n(x) = P(X_{(n)} \leq x) = 1.$$

$$\text{For } 0 < x < 1, F_n(x) = P(X_{(n)} \leq x) = P(X_{(n)} < x) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i < x) = \prod_{i=1}^n x = x^n.$$

$$\text{Thus, } F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ x^n & 0 < x < 1. \\ 1 & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 1 \\ 1 & x \geq 1 \end{cases}.$$



Thus the limiting distribution of  $X_{(n)}$  is  $F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 1 \\ 1 & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$ , or we can say  $X_{(n)} \xrightarrow{d} 1$  (equivalently,  $X_{(n)} \xrightarrow{d} X$  for  $P(X = 1) = 1$ ).

## 5.2 Convergence in Probability

- Definition: Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of r.v.s with cdf  $F_1(x), F_2(x), \dots$ . Let  $X$  be a r.v. with cdf  $F(x)$ . If for any (given)  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) = 0$  or equivalently  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - X| \leq \epsilon) = 1$ , then we say  $X_n$  converges in probability to  $X$ , denoted by  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ .

- Remark:

- It is the limit for a probability. That is why we call it convergence in probability.
- Interpretation of  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ : as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $X_n$  cannot be  $\epsilon$  away from  $X$ , that is,  $X_n$  is close to  $X$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Because of this, we expect that  $F_n(x)$  becomes close to  $F(x)$  if  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ .

Theorem: If  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ , then  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ , that is to say, convergence in probability implies convergence in distribution.

However, the converse is not true:

Example: if we take  $X_1 = \dots = X_n = Z \sim N(0, 1)$ , let  $X = -Z \sim N(0, 1)$  then  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ .

Next we show  $X_n \not\xrightarrow{d} X$ .

For  $\epsilon = 1$ ,  $P(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) = P(|2Z| > \epsilon) = P(|Z| > 1/2) = 2P(Z > 1/2) > 0$  for all  $n$ .

- Convergence in probability to a constant: Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of r.v.s and  $a$  be a constant. If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - a| > \epsilon) = 0$  for any (given)  $\epsilon > 0$ , then we say  $X_n$  converges in probability to  $a$ , denoted by  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} a$ .

Theorem:  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} a \iff X_n \xrightarrow{d} a$ . We say  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} a$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_n \leq x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < a \\ 1 & x \geq a \end{cases}$ , or  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ , where  $P(X = a) = 1$ .

Proof: Since convergence in probability implies convergence in distribution, we only need to show  $F_n(x) \rightarrow F(x)$  for all  $x$  at which  $F$  is continuous.

We only need to show  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - a| > \epsilon) = 0$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , if  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} a$ .

- $P(|X_n - a| > \epsilon) \geq 0$
- $P(|X_n - a| > \epsilon) = P(X_n > a + \epsilon) + P(X_n < a - \epsilon) \leq 1 - P(X_n \leq a + \epsilon) + P(X_n \leq a - \epsilon)$ . Since  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} a$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_n \leq a + \epsilon) = 1$  and

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 - P(X_n \leq a + \epsilon) + P(X_n \leq a - \epsilon) = 0$ . Hence, by squeezing theorem,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - a| > \epsilon) = 0$ , and therefore  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} a \implies X_n \xrightarrow{p} a$ .

Example 1:  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} Unif(0, 1)$ . Let  $X_{(1)} = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$  and  $X_{(n)} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$ . Find the limiting distribution of  $X_{(1)}$  and  $X_{(n)}$ .

Solution: We have shown that  $X_{(1)} \xrightarrow{d} 0$  and  $X_{(n)} \xrightarrow{d} 1$ . Hence, by the theorem above,  $X_{(1)} \xrightarrow{p} 0$  and  $X_{(n)} \xrightarrow{p} 1$ .

Example 2: We assume  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} f(x, \theta) = e^{-(x-\theta)}$  for  $x \geq \theta$  and 0 elsewhere. Define  $X_{(1)} = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$  and  $X_{(n)} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$ . Prove  $X_{(1)} \xrightarrow{p} \theta$ .

Method 1: By definition, we only need to show for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_{(1)} - \theta| > \epsilon) = 0$ .

- i.  $P(|X_{(1)} - \theta| > \epsilon) \geq 0$
- ii.  $P(|X_{(1)} - \theta| > \epsilon) = P(\{X_{(1)} > \epsilon + \theta\} \cup \{X_{(1)} > \theta - \epsilon\}) = P(X_{(1)} > \epsilon + \theta) + P(X_{(1)} > \theta - \epsilon) = P(X_{(1)} > \epsilon + \theta) = P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n X_i > \epsilon + \theta) = P(X_1 > \epsilon + \theta)^n = (1 - P(X_1 \leq \epsilon + \theta))^n = (1 - (1 - e^{-(\epsilon+\theta)}))^n = (e^{-(\epsilon+\theta)})^n = e^{-n(\epsilon+\theta)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Hence,  $X_{(1)} \xrightarrow{p} \theta$ .

Method 2: To show  $X_{(1)} \xrightarrow{p} \theta$ , we only need to show  $X_{(1)} \xrightarrow{d} \theta$ . In other words,

$$\text{we need to prove } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_{(1)} \leq x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < \theta \\ 1 & x \geq \theta \end{cases}.$$

For  $x < \theta$ ,  $P(X_{(1)} \leq x) = 0$ .

For  $x \geq \theta$ ,  $P(X_{(1)} \leq x) = 1 - P(X_{(1)} > x) = 1 - P(\bigcap_{i=1}^n X_i > x) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i > x) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-(x-\theta)} = 1 - e^{-n(x-\theta)} \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Hence,  $F_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < \theta \\ 1 - e^{-n(x-\theta)} & x \geq \theta \end{cases}$ , thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_{(1)} \leq x) =$

$\begin{cases} 0 & x < \theta \\ 1 & x \geq \theta \end{cases}$ . Therefore, the limiting cdf is:  $F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < \theta \\ 1 & x \geq \theta \end{cases}$  since  $F$  is not continuous at  $x = \theta$ .

A brief summary:

So far we have two convergence modes:

1. Convergence in distribution:  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ .

2. Convergence in probability:  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ .

Generally speaking:  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \implies X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ , but the converse is not true (consider previous example).

But there is one special case in which two modes are equivalent, i.e.,  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \iff X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ , for this setting, we focus on  $X_{(1)} = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$  and  $X_{(n)} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$ .

- Next, we focus on convergence in distribution in probability for  $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ , where we assume  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} f(x, \theta)$ , where  $\theta$  is unknown.

- Convergence in Probability: Does  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} \mu$ ? (Weak Law of Large Numbers)
- Convergence in distribution: Does  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} N$ ? (Central Limit Theorem)

- To prove the WLLN, Markov inequality is useful.

Suppose  $X$  is an r.v.. For any  $k > 0$  and  $C$  is a positive constant. Then we have  $P(|X| \geq C) \leq \frac{E(|X|^k)}{C^k}$ . (bound probability by the  $k$ th moment)

In particular, we consider  $k = 2$  and replace  $X$  with  $X - \mu$  where  $\mu = E(X)$ , then we have  $P(|X - \mu| \geq C) \leq \frac{E(|X - \mu|^2)}{C^2} = \frac{Var(X)}{C^2}$ .

- The Weak Law of Large Numbers (WLLN)

Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent with a common mean  $\mu < \infty$  and a common variance  $\sigma^2 < \infty$ .

Then  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} \mu$  where  $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .

Proof: We only need to show for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| > \epsilon) = 0$ .

a.  $P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| > \epsilon) \geq 0$

b. By the Markov inequality we have  $P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| > \epsilon) \leq \frac{E[(\bar{X}_n - \mu)^2]}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{Var(\bar{X}_n)}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{Var(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i)}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{1}{n^2 \epsilon^2} Var(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i) = \frac{1}{n^2 \epsilon^2} \sum_{i=1}^n Var(X_i) = \frac{1}{n \epsilon^2} \sigma^2 \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . By squeeze theorem,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| > \epsilon) = 0$ , therefore  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} \mu$ .

Example 3: (Application of WLLN) Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \chi_1^2$ , then  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} 1$ .

Proof:

a.  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid

b.  $E(X_1) = E(\chi_1^2) = E(Z^2) = Var(Z) + (E(Z))^2 \leq \infty$ , where  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ .

c.  $Var(X_1) = Var(\chi_1^2) = Var(Z^2) < \infty$ .

Then, 1st way,  $Var(Z^2) = E(Z^4) - (E(Z^2))^2$ .

2nd way,  $\chi_1^2 \stackrel{d}{=} \text{Gamma}(\alpha = 1/2, \beta = 2)$  Then,  $Var(\chi_1^2) = \alpha \beta^2 = 2 < \infty$ . Lastly, by the WLLN,  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} 1$ .

Example 4: Suppose  $Y_n \sim \chi_n^2$ . Then,  $\frac{Y_n}{n} \xrightarrow{p} 1$ .

Proof: Since  $Y_n \sim \chi_n^2$ ,  $Y_n = \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2$ , where  $Z_1, \dots, Z_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, 1)$ , then  $Y_n/n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2$ .

- $Z_1^2, \dots, Z_n^2$  are iid.
- $E(Z_1^2) = 1 < \infty$ .
- $Var(Z_1^2) = 2 < \infty$ . Then, by the WLLN,  $\frac{Y_n}{n} \xrightarrow{p} 1$ .

Example 5: Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ , then  $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \xrightarrow{p} E(X_i) = \mu$ .

Solution:

- $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid.
- $E(X_1) = \mu < \infty$ .
- $Var(X_1) = \mu < \infty$ .

Then, by the WLLN,  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} \mu$ .

Practice 6: If  $Y_n \sim \text{Poisson}(n)$ , does  $\frac{Y_n}{n} \xrightarrow{p} \mu$ ?

## 5.3 Some Useful Limiting Theorems

In this section, we will discuss some theorems regarding the convergence in distribution of  $\bar{X}_n$  and  $g(\bar{X}_n)$ , where  $g$  is a known function.

- The Central Limit Theorem (CLT)

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be iid with  $E(X_i) = \mu < \infty$  and  $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2 < \infty$ . Let  $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . Then, the limiting distribution of  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma}$  is the cdf of  $N(0, 1)$ , i.e.,  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ .

Proof of CLT relies on the following theorem:

- Theorem: Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of r.v.s such that  $X_n$  has mgf  $M_n(t)$  and  $X$  be a r.v. with mgf  $M(t)$ . If there exist some  $h > 0$  such that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} M_n(t) \rightarrow M(t)$  for any  $|t| < h$ , then  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ .

In other words, convergence in mgf implies convergence in distribution.

Proof: By the theorem above, to show  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ , we only need to show the mgf of  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma}$  converges to the mgf of  $N(0, 1)$ , which is  $M(t) = e^{t^2/2}$ .

Step 1: Find the mgf of  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma}$ , denoted by  $M_n(t)$ . Note:  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma} = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \mu)}{\sigma} = \frac{(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \mu)}{\sigma}$ . Let  $Y_i = \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma}$ , then  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$ .

Obviously  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  are iid, and  $E(Y_i) = 0, \text{Var}(Y_i) = 1$ . Suppose the mgf of  $Y_i$  exists and is  $M_Y(t)$ , then  $M_n(t) = E(e^{t \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i}) = E(\prod_{i=1}^n e^{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} Y_i}) = \prod_{i=1}^n E(e^{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} Y_i}) = \prod_{i=1}^n M_Y(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}) = (M_Y(\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}))^n = [M_Y(0) + M_Y'(0) \cdot t/\sqrt{n} + \frac{M_Y''(0)}{2} \cdot (t/\sqrt{n})^2 + o(1/2)]^n$ . Here, we have [definition of small-o notation](#).

Aside:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{x}{n} + o(1/n))^n = e^x$ . Then,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n(t) = e^{t^2/2}$ , which is the mgf of  $N(0, 1)$ .

Step 2: Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n(t) = M(t)$  for any  $|t| < h$ , by the theorem above,  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ .

### Examples of CLT:

Example 1: Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \chi_1^2$ . Let  $Y_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . Show that  $\frac{Y_n - n}{\sqrt{2n}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ .

Solution: Let  $\bar{X}_n = Y_n/n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .

- i.  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are iid.
- ii.  $E(X_1) = E(\chi_1^2) = E(Z^2) = \text{Var}(Z) + (E(Z))^2 \leq \infty$ , where  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ .
- iii.  $\text{Var}(X_1) = \text{Var}(\chi_1^2) = \text{Var}(Z^2) < \infty$ .

By the CLT,  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - 1)}{\sqrt{2}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ .

Then,  $\frac{Y_n - n}{\sqrt{2n}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n}{\sqrt{2n}} = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - 1)}{\sqrt{2}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ .

Practice 2: Suppose  $Y_n \sim \chi_n^2$ . Show that  $\frac{Y_n - n}{\sqrt{2n}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ .

Example 3: Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ . Let  $Y_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . Find the limiting distribution of  $\frac{Y_n - n\mu}{\sqrt{n\mu}}$ .

Solution: Since  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ .

- i.  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid.
- ii.  $E(X_i) = \mu < \infty$ .
- iii.  $\text{Var}(X_i) = \mu < \infty$ .

Let  $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ , then by the CLT,  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sqrt{\mu}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ .

Note that  $\frac{Y_n - n\mu}{\sqrt{n\mu}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu}{\sqrt{n\mu}} = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sqrt{\mu}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ .

Practice 4: Suppose  $Y_n \sim \text{Poisson}(n\mu)$ . Find the limiting distribution of  $\frac{Y_n - n\mu}{\sqrt{n\mu}}$ .

- Continuous mapping theorem:

Suppose that  $g$  is a continuous function,

1. If  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ , then  $g(X_n) \xrightarrow{d} g(X)$ .

2. If  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ , then  $g(X_n) \xrightarrow{p} g(X)$ .

Example 1:  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} a \implies X_n^2 \xrightarrow{p} a^2$ , if  $X_n \geq 0$ , and  $a \geq 0$ , then  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} a \implies \sqrt{X_n} \xrightarrow{p} \sqrt{a}$ .

Example 2: If  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim N(0, 1)$ , then  $2X_n \xrightarrow{d} 2Z \sim N(0, 4)$ ,  $X_n^2 \xrightarrow{d} Z^2 \sim \chi_1^2$ .

- Slutsky's theorem:

Suppose that  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$  and  $Y_n \xrightarrow{p} a$ , where  $a$  is a constant. Then,

1.  $X_n + Y_n \xrightarrow{d} X + a$ .

2.  $X_n Y_n \xrightarrow{d} aX$ .

3.  $\frac{X_n}{Y_n} \xrightarrow{d} \frac{X}{a}$ , if  $a \neq 0$ .

Comment: If  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$  and  $Y_n \xrightarrow{p} Y$ , then  $X_n + Y_n \xrightarrow{d} X + Y$  does not hold in general.

Example 1: Take  $X_1 = X_2 = \dots = Z \sim N(0, 1)$ ,  $Y_1 = Y_2 = \dots = Z \sim N(0, 1)$ , let  $X = -Z \sim N(0, 1)$ ,  $Y = Z \sim N(0, 1)$ , then  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$  and  $Y_n \xrightarrow{d} Y$ , but  $X_n + Y_n \not\xrightarrow{d} X + Y$ , as  $X + Y = 0$ .

Example 2: If  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $Y_n \xrightarrow{p} b \neq 0$ , then  $X_n + Y_n \xrightarrow{d} X + b \sim N(b, 1)$ ,  $X_n Y_n \xrightarrow{d} bX \sim N(0, b^2)$ ,  $\frac{X_n}{Y_n} \xrightarrow{d} \frac{X}{b} \sim N(0, \frac{1}{b^2})$ .

Example 3: Assume  $X_1, X_2, \dots \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ . Find the limiting distribution of  $U_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}(X_n - \mu)}{\sqrt{\bar{X}_n}}$  and  $V_n = \sqrt{n}(X_n - \mu)$ .

Solution:  $U_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}(X_n - \mu)}{\sqrt{\bar{X}_n}} = \frac{\sqrt{n}(X_n - \mu)}{\sqrt{\mu}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\mu}}{\sqrt{\bar{X}_n}}$ . By the CLT,  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(X_n - \mu)}{\sqrt{\mu}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ . By the WLLN,  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} \mu$ . Now if we take  $g(x) = \frac{\sqrt{\mu}}{\sqrt{x}}$ , then by the continuous mapping theorem  $g(\bar{X}_n) \xrightarrow{p} g(\mu) = 1$ . Lastly, by Slutsky's Theorem,  $U_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}(X_n - \mu)}{\sqrt{\bar{X}_n}} = \frac{\sqrt{n}(X_n - \mu)}{\sqrt{\mu}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\mu}}{\sqrt{\bar{X}_n}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1) \cdot 1 = N(0, 1)$ .

$V_n = \sqrt{n}(X_n - \mu) = \frac{\sqrt{n}(X_n - \mu)}{\sqrt{\mu}} \cdot \sqrt{\mu}$ . By the CLT,  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(X_n - \mu)}{\sqrt{\mu}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ . If we take  $g(x) = \sqrt{\mu}x$ , then by the continuous mapping theorem  $g\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}(X_n - \mu)}{\sqrt{\mu}}\right) \xrightarrow{d} g(N(0, 1)) = \sqrt{\mu}Z \sim N(0, \mu^2)$ .

Note: This proof is identical to the proof of  $P(-1.96 < \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \theta)}{\sqrt{\bar{X}_n(1 - \bar{X}_n)}} < 1.96) \approx 0.95$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . (Confidence interval for  $\theta$ )

Example 4: Assume  $X_1, X_2, \dots \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Unif}[0, 1]$ . Let  $Y_n = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Find the limiting distribution of 1)  $e^{Y_n}$ , 2)  $\sin(1 - Y_n)$ , 3)  $e^{-n(1-Y_n)}$ , 4)  $(Y_n - 1)^2[n(1 - Y_n)]$ .

Solution:  $Y_n \xrightarrow{d} 1$ , then by continuous mapping theorem, 1)  $e^{Y_n} \xrightarrow{d} e^1 = e$ , 2)

$\sin(1 - Y_n) \xrightarrow{d} \sin(1 - 1) = 0$ .

3)  $n(1 - Y_n) \xrightarrow{d} X \sim \exp(1)$ , then by the continuous mapping theorem,

$e^{-n(1-Y_n)} \xrightarrow{d} e^{-X}$ . We let  $Y = e^{-X}$ , then the support of  $Y$  is  $(0, 1)$  for  $y \leq 0$ ,

$F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = 0$ ; for  $y \geq 1$ ,  $F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = 1$ ; for  $0 < y < 1$ ,

$F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(e^{-X} \leq y) = P(-X \leq \ln y) = P(X \geq -\ln y) = 1 - P(X \leq -\ln y) = 1 - F_X(-\ln y) = 1 - (1 - e^{-\ln y}) = y$ . Therefore,

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & y \leq 0 \\ y & 0 < y < 1 \\ 1 & y \geq 1 \end{cases}, \text{ thus } Y \sim \text{Unif}[0, 1].$$

4) Take  $g(x) = (1 + x)^2$ , by continuous mapping theorem,  $(Y_n + 1)^2 \xrightarrow{p} 4$ . Since

$n(1 - Y_n) \xrightarrow{d} X \sim \exp(1)$ , By Slutsky's theorem,  $(Y_n - 1)^2[n(1 - Y_n)] \xrightarrow{d} 4X$ ,

where  $X \sim \exp(1)$ . Let  $Y = 4X$ , the support of  $Y$  is  $(0, \infty)$ , for  $y \leq 0$ ,  $F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = 0$ ; for  $y > 0$ ,  $F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(4X \leq y) = P(X \leq \frac{y}{4}) =$

$$F_X(\frac{y}{4}) = 1 - e^{-\frac{y}{4}}. \text{ Therefore, } F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & y \leq 0 \\ 1 - e^{-\frac{y}{4}} & 0 < y < \infty \\ 1 & y \geq \infty \end{cases}, \text{ thus } Y \sim$$

$\exp(4)$ .

- Delta method:

Question: We want to find the limiting distribution of  $\sqrt{n}[g(\bar{X}_n) - g(\mu)]$ , where  $g$  is a

differentiable function.  $X_1, \dots, X_N \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \exp(\lambda)$ ,  $f(x; \lambda) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$ . The MLE for  $\lambda$  is

$\hat{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\bar{X}}$ . How to establish  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\lambda} - \lambda) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ ?

Delta method: Suppose that  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2)$ , and  $g$  is a differentiable at  $x = \mu$ ,

$g'(\mu) \neq 0$ , then  $\sqrt{n}[g(\bar{X}_n) - g(\mu)] \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2[g'(\mu)]^2)$ .

How to prove this result?

We consider the first-order Taylor expansion of  $g(x)$  around  $x = \mu$ , i.e.,  $g(\bar{X}_n) = g(\mu) + g'(\mu)(\bar{X}_n - \mu) + R_n$ , where  $R_n$  is the remainder term and is ignigible, then  $\sqrt{n}[g(\bar{X}_n) - g(\mu)] \approx \sqrt{n}g'(\mu)(\bar{X}_n - \mu)$ . By continuous mapping theorem, let  $h(x) = g'(\mu)x$ , then

$\sqrt{n}g'(\mu)(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} g'(\mu)Z$ , where  $Z \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ . Therefore,  $\sqrt{n}[g(\bar{X}_n) - g(\mu)] \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2[g'(\mu)]^2)$ .

Example 1: Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} & x > 0 \end{cases}$ . Find the limiting distribution of 1)  $X_n$ , 2)  $Z_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}(X_n - \theta)}{X_n}$ , 3)  $U_n = \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \theta)$ , 4)  $V_n = \sqrt{n}(\ln \bar{X}_n - \ln \theta)$ .

Solution:

- i.  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid;  $E(X_1) = \theta < \infty$ ;  $Var(X_1) = \theta^2 < \infty$ ; By the CLT,  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} \theta$ .
- ii.  $Z_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}(X_n - \theta)}{X_n} \cdot \frac{\theta}{X_n}$ . By the CLT,  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(X_n - \theta)}{\theta} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ . By the WLLN,  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} \theta$ . By the continuous mapping theorem,  $\frac{\theta}{\bar{X}_n} \xrightarrow{p} \frac{\theta}{\theta} = 1$ . By Slutsky's theorem,  $Z_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}(X_n - \theta)}{\theta} \cdot \frac{\theta}{\bar{X}_n} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1) \cdot 1 = N(0, 1)$ .
- iii.  $U_n = \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \theta)$ . By the CLT,  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \theta^2)$ . By the continuous mapping theorem,  $U_n = \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \theta^2)$ .
- iv.  $V_n = \sqrt{n}(\ln \bar{X}_n - \ln \theta) = \sqrt{n}(\ln \frac{\bar{X}_n}{\theta}) = \sqrt{n}(\ln(1 + \frac{\bar{X}_n - \theta}{\theta}))$ . By the Taylor expansion,  $\ln(1 + \frac{\bar{X}_n - \theta}{\theta}) \approx \frac{\bar{X}_n - \theta}{\theta}$ . By the CLT,  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \theta^2)$ . By the continuous mapping theorem,  $\frac{\bar{X}_n - \theta}{\theta} \xrightarrow{d} \frac{N(0, \theta^2)}{\theta} = N(0, \frac{\theta^2}{\theta^2}) = N(0, 1)$ . By Slutsky's theorem,  $V_n = \sqrt{n}(\ln \bar{X}_n - \ln \theta) = \sqrt{n}(\ln \frac{\bar{X}_n}{\theta}) = \sqrt{n}(\ln(1 + \frac{\bar{X}_n - \theta}{\theta})) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1) \cdot 1 = N(0, 1)$ .

Example 2: Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ . Find the limiting distribution of  $Z_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\sqrt{X_n} - \sqrt{\mu})}{\sqrt{\mu}}$ .

Solution: We have shown that  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \mu)$ . If we take  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , then  $g'(\mu) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\mu}} \neq 0$ . By the Delta method,  $\sqrt{n}(\sqrt{\bar{X}_n} - \sqrt{\mu}) = \sqrt{n}(g(\bar{X}_n) - g(\mu)) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \mu(g'(\mu))^2) = N(0, \frac{1}{4})$ .

## 6 Point Estimation

### 6.1 Background and Notation

Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid (is random sample) from  $f(x; \theta)$ . Here  $f(x; \theta)$  is a p.f. for discrete r.v. or p.d.f. for continuous r.v. and  $\theta$  is unknown and consist of finite number of parameters, i.e.  $\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)^T$ ,  $\theta$  can be a scalar ( $k = 1$ ) or a vector ( $k > 1$ ).

> For example:



- > 1.  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ , then  $\theta = \mu$  is a scalar ( $k = 1$ ).
- > 2.  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then  $\theta = (\mu, \sigma^2)^T$  is a vector ( $k > 1$ ).

Some useful notations:

-  $\Theta$ : parameter space. It consists of all possible values  $\theta$  can take.

1.  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ , then  $\Theta = \{\mu | \mu > 0\}$ .

2.  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then  $\Theta = \{(\mu, \sigma^2) | \mu \in \mathbb{R}, \sigma^2 > 0\}$ .

- Data:  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} f(x; \theta)$ , are random variables

- Observation:  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are observed values of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , they are not random.

- Statistic: a function of data, and cannot depend on  $\theta$ .

> e.g.  $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  is a statistic, but  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)$  is not a statistic if  $\mu$  is unknown.

- Estimator: If a statistic  $T = T(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is used to estimate  $\theta$ , then  $T$  is an estimator of  $\theta$ , it is a random variable.

- Estimate: An observed value of  $T = T(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ , also known as realization of  $T$ , denoted by  $t = T(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , it is not random.

> e.g.  $\bar{X}_n$  is an estimator of  $\mu$  if  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . If we observe  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , then  $\bar{x}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$  is an estimate of  $\mu$ .

> Remark: In statistics, we use  $\hat{\theta} = \hat{\theta}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  to denote an estimator of  $\theta$ . If  $\hat{\theta}$  is an observed value, not a r.v., then  $\hat{\theta} = \hat{\theta}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  to denote an estimate of  $\theta$ .

## 6.2 Method of Moments

Problem Setup: Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} f(x; \theta)$ , we want to estimate  $\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)^T$ .

1. Let  $\mu_j = E(X_i^j)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, k$  denote the  $j$ th moment of  $X_i$ . (population moment)

i.  $\mu_j$  is called the  $j$ th population moment.

ii.  $\mu_j = \mu_j(\theta)$ , i.e.  $\mu_j$  is a function of  $\theta$ .

e.g.  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . Here,  $\theta = (\mu, \sigma^2)^T$ .

Then,  $\mu_1 = E(X_1) = \mu = \mu_1(\theta)$ ,  $\mu_2 = E(X_1^2) = \sigma^2 + \mu^2 = \mu_2(\theta)$ .

2. Let  $\hat{\mu}_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, k$  denote the  $j$ th sample moment of  $X_i$ . (sample moment)

3. Idea of method of moment estimator (MM estimator)

Find estimator of  $\theta$ , denoted by  $\hat{\theta}$ , such that  $\hat{\mu}_j = \mu_j(\hat{\theta})$ . Recall  $\theta \xrightarrow{\mu_j} \mu_j(\theta) = \mu_j$ . Intuitively speaking,

i.  $X_1 \sim \text{Poisson}(\theta)$ ,  $\mu_1 = E(X_1) = \theta = \mu_1(\theta)$ . Then the MM estimator satisfies

$$\mu_1(\hat{\theta}) = \hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i.$$

ii.  $X_i \sim \text{Unif}[0, \theta]$ . Then,  $\mu_1 = E(X_1) = \frac{\theta}{2} = g_1(\theta)$ . So the MM estimator satisfies

$$g_1(\hat{\theta}) = \hat{\theta}/2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \text{ then the MM estimator of } \theta \text{ is } \hat{\theta} = 2\bar{X}_n, \text{ where } \bar{X}_n =$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i.$$

$$\text{iii. } X_i \sim f(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta x^{\theta-1} & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \dots \hat{\theta} = \frac{\bar{X}}{1-\bar{X}}, \text{ where } \bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i.$$

iv. Two parameter case:  $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . Hence  $\theta = (\mu, \sigma^2)^T$ . Then,  $\mu_1 = E(X_1) = \mu = g_1(\theta)$ ,  $\mu_2 = E(X_1^2) = \sigma^2 + \mu^2 = g_2(\theta)$ . Then, the MM estimator of  $\theta$  satisfies  $g_1(\hat{\theta}) = \hat{\mu} = \bar{X}_n$ ,  $g_2(\hat{\theta}) = (\hat{\mu})^2 + \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$ . Then,  $\hat{\mu} = \bar{X}_n$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - (\bar{X}_n)^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2$ . Note  $E(\hat{\sigma}^2) \neq \sigma^2$ , so  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  is a biased estimator of  $\sigma^2$ .

## 6.3 Maximum Likelihood Method

In this section we will introduce the most commonly used method for estimating unknown parameters.

- Likelihood function

- Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid from  $f(x; \theta)$ , a p.f. if  $X_i$  is discrete, or a p.d.f. if  $X_i$  is continuous.
- Given  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , which denote the observed values of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , we calculate the joint p.f. or p.d.f. of  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  wrt observed values  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ 
  - Discrete case: joint p.f. of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  wrt  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is  $P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i = x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta)$ .
  - Continuous case: joint p.d.f. of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  wrt  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta)$ .
- We use  $L(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n)$  or  $L(\theta)$  to denote the joint p.f. or pdf evaluated at  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . That is to say,  $L(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \begin{cases} P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n) & \text{discrete case} \\ f_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta) & \text{continuous case} \end{cases} = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta)$ . Here,  $L(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is called the likelihood of  $\theta$ .

Comments:

- Likelihood function measures how likely we get the observed data  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  for a given  $\theta$ .
  - Smaller  $L(\theta)$  indicates it is less likely for such  $\theta$  to generate the observed data  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .
  - Larger  $L(\theta)$  indicates it is more likely for such  $\theta$  to generate the observed data  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .
- Idea of Maximum Likelihood Method:  
Choose  $\theta$  to maximize  $L(\theta)$ . In other words, we choose  $\theta$  such that it is most likely to generate the observed data  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

- Maximum Likelihood Estimator (MLE)

- MLE maximizes  $L(\theta)$ , i.e., if we use  $\hat{\theta} = \hat{\theta}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  to denote the ML estimate, then  $\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} L(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .
- ML estimator:  $\hat{\theta} = \hat{\theta}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ .
- log-likelihood function:  $l(\theta) = \ln L(\theta)$ . Then the ML estimator satisfies  $\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} L(\theta) = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} l(\theta)$ .
- Invariance property of ML estimator: Let  $\eta = g(\theta)$ , i.e.,  $\eta$  is a function of  $\theta$ . Then, the MLE of  $\eta$  is given by  $\hat{\eta} = g(\hat{\theta})$ , where  $\theta$  denotes the MLE of  $\theta$ .

#### Examples of MLE

Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim}$

- Poisson( $\theta$ )
- Unif[0,  $\theta$ ]
- $f(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta x^{\theta-1} & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

Solution:

- Likelihood function for  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is  $L(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\theta^{x_i}}{x_i!} e^{-\theta}$ ,  $x_i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Then, the log-likelihood is,  $l(\theta) = \ln L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln f(x_i; \theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln \frac{\theta^{x_i}}{x_i!} e^{-\theta} = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln \theta^{x_i} - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i! - n\theta$ . Then the ML estimate of  $\theta$  satisfies  $\frac{dl(\theta)}{d\theta} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{\theta} - n = 0$ , then  $\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \bar{x}_n$ . Therefore, the MLE of  $\theta$  is  $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}_n$ .
- Likelihood function for  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is  $L(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1/\theta^n \prod_{i=1}^n 1(0 \leq x_i \leq \theta) = 1/\theta^n 1(x_{(1)} \geq 0) 1(x_{(n)} \leq \theta)$ , where  $x_{(1)} = \min\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ ,  $x_{(n)} = \max\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ . Then, when  $\theta < x_{(n)}$ ,  $L(\theta) = 0$ , when  $\theta \geq x_{(n)}$ ,  $L(\theta)$  is a monotone decreasing function of  $\theta$ . Therefore, the ML estimate of  $\theta$  is  $\hat{\theta} = x_{(n)}$ . Therefore, the MLE of  $\theta$  is  $\hat{\theta} = x_{(n)} = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ .
- Likelihood function for  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is  $L(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \theta x_i^{\theta-1} = \theta^n (\prod_{i=1}^n x_i)^{\theta-1}$ . Then, the log-likelihood is,  $l(\theta) = \ln L(\theta) = \ln \theta^n + (\theta - 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i$ . Then the ML estimate of  $\theta$  satisfies  $\frac{dl(\theta)}{d\theta} = \frac{n}{\theta} + \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i = 0$ , then  $\hat{\theta} = -\frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i}$ . Therefore, the MLE of  $\theta$  is  $\hat{\theta} = -\frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \ln X_i}$ .
- Likelihood function for  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is  $L(\mu, \sigma^2; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$ . Then, the log-likelihood is,  $l(\mu, \sigma^2) = \ln L(\mu, \sigma^2) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln f(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} = -\frac{n}{2} \ln 2\pi - \frac{n}{2} \ln \sigma^2 -$

$\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$ . Then the ML estimate of  $\mu$  satisfies  $\frac{\partial l(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu) = 0$ , then  $\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \bar{x}_n$  and the ML estimate of  $\sigma^2$  satisfies  $\frac{\partial l}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 = 0$ , then  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}_n)^2$ . Therefore, the MLE of  $\mu$  is  $\hat{\mu} = \bar{X}_n$  and the MLE of  $\sigma^2$  is  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2$ .

## 6.4 Properties of ML Estimator

In this section:

1. We consider  $\theta$  is a scalar, i.e.,  $k = 1$ .
2. We consider the ML estimator (a r.v.)
3. The support of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  does not depend on  $\theta$ .

For example, if  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Unif}[0, \theta]$ , then the support of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  depends on  $\theta$ . Then the theories developed in this section do not apply.

We define some notation first:

1. Score function, denoted as  $S(\theta)$ :  $S(\theta) = \frac{dl(\theta)}{d\theta} = \frac{d \ln L(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n)}{d\theta}$ . Typically, the MLE  $\hat{\theta}$  satisfies  $S(\hat{\theta}) = 0$ , when the support of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  does not depend on  $\theta$ .
2. Information function, denoted as  $I(\theta)$ :  $I(\theta) = -\frac{d^2 l(\theta)}{d\theta^2} = -\frac{d^2 \ln L(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n)}{d\theta^2}$ .
3. Fisher information, denoted as  $J(\theta)$ :  $J(\theta) = E(I(\theta)) = E(-\frac{d^2 l(\theta)}{d\theta^2}) = E(-\frac{d^2 \ln L(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n)}{d\theta^2})$ .

Example: If  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} f(x; \theta)$ . Then  $L(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta)$ ,  $l(\theta) = \ln L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln f(x_i; \theta)$ . Then,  $S(\theta) = \frac{dl(\theta)}{d\theta} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d \ln f(x_i; \theta)}{d\theta}$ ,  $I(\theta) = -\frac{d^2 l(\theta)}{d\theta^2} = -\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d^2 \ln f(x_i; \theta)}{d\theta^2}$ ,  $J(\theta) = -E(\frac{dl(\theta)}{d\theta})^2 = -E(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d \ln f(x_i; \theta)}{d\theta})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n -E(\frac{d \ln f(x_i; \theta)}{d\theta})^2$ . Let  $J_1(\theta) = -E(\frac{dl(\theta)}{d\theta})^2 = -E(\frac{d \ln f(x_1; \theta)}{d\theta})^2$ , then  $J(\theta) = nJ_1(\theta)$ .

Example: If  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\theta)$ . Likelihood function:  $L(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\theta^{x_i}}{x_i!} e^{-\theta}$ , log-likelihood function:  $l(\theta) = \ln L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln f(x_i; \theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln \frac{\theta^{x_i}}{x_i!} e^{-\theta} = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln \theta^{x_i} - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i! - n\theta$ . Then, Score function  $S(\theta) = \frac{dl(\theta)}{d\theta} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{\theta} - n$ , Information function  $I(\theta) = -\frac{dS}{d\theta} = -\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{\theta^2}$ , Fisher information  $J(\theta) = E(I(\theta)) = E(-\frac{dS}{d\theta}) = E(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{\theta^2}) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(\frac{x_i}{\theta^2}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\theta^2} E(X_i) = \frac{n}{\theta^2} E(X_1) = \frac{n}{\theta^2} \theta = \frac{n}{\theta}$ .