

Stat 110

Unit 8: Transformations Ch. 8 in the text



Unit 8 Outline

- Change of Variables
- Convolutions
- Gamma Distribution
- Beta Distribution
- Beta-Gamma Connections
- Order Statistics (optional)

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Change of Variables (1D)

- Let X be a continuous r.v. with PDF f_X , and let $Y = g(X)$, where g is differentiable and strictly increasing (or strictly decreasing). Then the PDF of Y is:

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right|$$

where $x = g^{-1}(y)$. The support of Y is all $g(x)$ with x in the support of X .

- This can be easily remembered based on the expression:

$$f_Y(y)dy = f_X(x)dx$$

- Note: if it's easier, you can find $|dy/dx|$ and take its reciprocal (but $f(y)$ should be expressed only in terms of y)

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Change of Variables Example (1D)

- Let $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and let $Y = e^X$ (we saw in Unit 6 that the distribution of Y is Log-Normal). Find the PDF of Y .
- We are going to use the change of variables formula on the previous slide. So let's write some useful stuff down:

$y = e^x$ which means that: $x = \log(y)$ [that's base e of course]
So $dx/dy = d[\log(y)]/dy = 1/y$. Thus:

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \left| \frac{1}{y} \right| = \frac{1}{y\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(\log(y)-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

- And the support of y is $e^{-\infty} = 0$ to $e^{\infty} = \infty$.

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Change of Variables (multiD)

- Let \mathbf{X} be a continuous random vector with PDF $f_{\mathbf{X}}$, and let $\mathbf{Y} = g(\mathbf{X})$, where g is an invertible function from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^n . Then the PDF of Y is:

$$f_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}) = f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right|$$

The vertical bars mean “take the absolute value of the determinant of $\partial \mathbf{x} / \partial \mathbf{y}$ ”.

- What is $\partial \mathbf{x} / \partial \mathbf{y}$?
- It's the *Jacobian matrix*, which is the matrix of all of the partial derivatives.

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Jacobian Matrix

- The Jacobian matrix, $\partial \mathbf{x} / \partial \mathbf{y}$, is the matrix of all of the partial derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial y_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial y_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

- As in the 1D case,

$$\left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right| = \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|^{-1}$$

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Change of Variables multiD Example

- Let $U \sim \text{Unif}(0, 2\pi)$ and $T \sim \text{Expo}(1)$, with T and U independent. Let $X = \sqrt{2T}\cos(U)$ and $Y = \sqrt{2T}\sin(U)$. Find the joint PDF of (X, Y) . Are they independent? What are their marginal distributions?
- What is the joint PDF of U and T ?

$$f_{T,U}(t, u) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-t}, \text{ for } u \in (0, 2\pi) \text{ and } t > 0.$$

- Viewing (X, Y) as a point in the plane, what is the squared distance from the origin, in terms of U and T ?

$$X^2 + Y^2 = 2T \cos^2(U) + 2T \sin^2(U) = 2T$$

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Change of Variables multiD Example

- So $(\sqrt{2T}, U)$ is the polar coordinates expression of (X, Y) .
- We can recover (T, U) from (X, Y) , so the transformation is invertible and the change of variables formula applies.
- Let's start by calculating the Jacobian matrix:

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(t, u)} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}} \cos(u) & -\sqrt{2t} \sin(u) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}} \sin(u) & \sqrt{2t} \cos(u) \end{pmatrix}$$

which has absolute determinant of $|\cos^2(u) + \sin^2(u)| = 1$.

- Note, we will need $\partial(t, u) / \partial(x, y)$ in the change of variables expression. So we need to invert the above (which is 1 ☺).

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Change of Variables multiD Example

- So let's put everything together:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X,Y}(x, y) &= f_{T,U}(t, u) \left| \frac{\partial(t, u)}{\partial(x, y)} \right| = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-t} \cdot 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-(x^2+y^2)/2} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y^2/2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- For all real values of x and y .
- What does this factor into?
- Hole cow! We started with independent Uniform and Exponential, and ended up with two independent $N(0, 1)$!
- This is called the Box-Muller method for generating Normal r.v.s. (It's very well known).

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Change of Variables Outline

- Often times we may want to create a new random variable, $Z = g(X, Y)$, from some combination (not a simple addition) of two other random variables, X and Y (like for the Cauchy distribution in HW #9). Here's how you do it:
 - 1) Write down the joint PDF of (X, Y)
 - 2) Use the change of variables formula where $Z = g(X, Y)$, and simply define $W = X$ (or $W = Y$) to get the joint PDF of (Z, W)
 - 3) Integrate out the unwanted variable, W , and you are left with the PDF of the desired new r.v. Z .
- Sometimes step 3 is easy as the result may be two independent r.v.s.
- This is a very common approach in Stat 110 and 111.

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Convolutions

- If X and Y are independent discrete r.v.s, then the PMF of their sum $T = X + Y$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} P(T = t) &= \sum_x P(Y = t - x)P(X = x) \\ &= \sum_y P(X = t - y)P(Y = y) \end{aligned}$$

- If X and Y are independent continuous r.v.s, then the PDF of their sum $T = X + Y$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} f_T(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(t - x)f_X(x)dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(t - y)f_Y(y)dy \end{aligned}$$

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Convolutions Example #1: Exponentials

- Let i.i.d. $X, Y \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda)$. Find the distribution of $T = X + Y$.
- Since they are **independent** (a must) and we are trying to determine the distribution of the sum, we can use the convolution formula (continuous case here):
- First think: what are the bounds on $X = x$ here if we end up with $T = t$?

$$\begin{aligned} f_T(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(t - x)f_X(x)dx = \int_0^t (\lambda e^{-\lambda(t-x)}) (\lambda e^{-\lambda x}) dx \\ &= \lambda^2 \int_0^t e^{-\lambda t} dx = \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda t} \int_0^t dx = \lambda^2 t e^{-\lambda t} \end{aligned}$$

- This is a known distribution which we'll see in a bit:
 $T \sim \text{Gamma}(2, \lambda)$

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Convolutions Example #2: Uniform

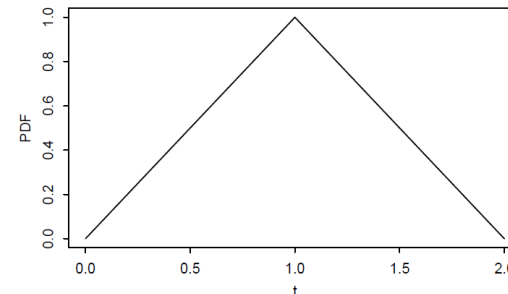
- Let i.i.d. $X, Y \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$. Find the distribution of $T = X + Y$.
- Again we can use the convolution formula:
- First think: what are the bounds on $X = x$ here if we end up with $T = t$? And what are the bounds on t ?
 $0 < x < 1$ and $0 < t - x < 1 \rightarrow x > t - 1$ and $x < t$.
- So the lower bound on x is $\max(0, t - 1)$ and upper bound is $\min(1, t)$. Thus we break the integral into two parts (depends on how t compares to the value 1):

$$f_T(t) = \begin{cases} \int_0^t dx = t & \text{for } 0 < t \leq 1 \\ \int_{t-1}^1 dx = 2 - t & \text{for } 1 < t \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

- What's that plot look like? That's why it's called the triangle distribution!

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Plot of Resulting Triangle Distribution



- What distribution does this resemble?
- The results of adding up 2 dice rolls! That's the discrete analogue to this problem: sum of i.i.d. $X, Y \sim \text{DUnif}(1, 2, \dots, 6)$.

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Story of the Gamma Distribution

- The Gamma distribution is a generalization of the Exponential distribution. Instead of waiting for one success under memorylessness, a Gamma r.v. represents the total waiting time for multiple successes (a of them in fact).
- We already saw that if we are summing up two i.i.d. $\text{Expo}(\lambda)$, then the result will be $\text{Gamma}(2, \lambda)$
- If we sum up n i.i.d. $\text{Expo}(\lambda)$, then the result will be $\text{Gamma}(a = n, \lambda)$
- However in the Gamma distribution, a is not forced to be an integer (but has that nice relationship to the Exponential distribution if it is).
- Note, $\text{Gamma}(1, \lambda)$ is the same distribution of $\text{Expo}(\lambda)$.

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Gamma Distribution Definition

- A r.v. X has a **Gamma distribution**, $X \sim \text{Gamma}(a, \lambda)$, with parameters a and λ ($a > 0$ and $\lambda > 0$) if its PDF is:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} (\lambda x)^a e^{-\lambda x} \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} (\lambda x)^{a-1} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

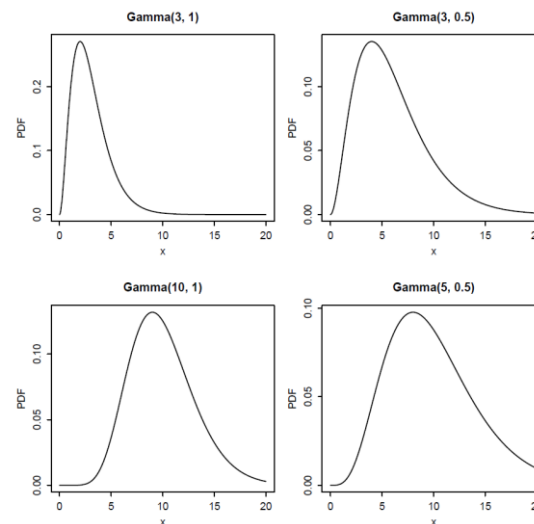
for $x > 0$, where $\Gamma(a)$ is chosen to make the PDF integrate to 1.

- By definition, the normalizing constant, sometimes called the *Gamma function*, satisfies:

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

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Plots of
Gamma
PDFs



That pesky Gamma function

- Recall, the normalizing constant, the *Gamma function*:

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

- Here are some nice properties of it (just do integration by parts of the above integral to show the following hold):
 - $\Gamma(a+1) = (a)\Gamma(a)$ for all $a > 0$.
 - $\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$ if n is a positive integer.
- These properties makes things tenable, especially when calculating Expectations. We will use them along with **doing integrals by pattern (PDF) recognition!**

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More Gamma Details

- Let $X \sim \text{Gamma}(a, 1)$. Calculate $E(X)$ and $\text{Var}(X)$. Hint: use **PDF recognition** to calculate the integral.

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_0^{\infty} x \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} (x)^{a-1} \frac{e^{-x}}{x} dx \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(a+1)} (x)^{a+1} \frac{e^{-x}}{x} dx = \frac{a\Gamma(a)}{\Gamma(a)} \cdot 1 = a \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_0^{\infty} x^2 \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} x^{a-1} \frac{e^{-x}}{x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{a(a+1)}{\Gamma(a+2)} x^{a+2} \frac{e^{-x}}{x} dx = a(a+1)$$

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

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Gamma Mean and Variance

- Let $X \sim \text{Gamma}(a, 1)$ and define $Y = X/\lambda$. Show that $Y \sim \text{Gamma}(a, \lambda)$, and calculate $E(Y)$ and $\text{Var}(Y)$.
- Note: $y = x/\lambda$ means that $x = \lambda y$.

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} x^a \frac{e^{-x}}{x} \lambda$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} (\lambda y)^a \frac{e^{-\lambda y}}{\lambda y} \lambda = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} (\lambda y)^a \frac{e^{-\lambda y}}{y}$$

- This is the PDF of a $\text{Gamma}(a, \lambda)$ distribution.
- $E(Y) = E(X/\lambda) = a/\lambda$. $\text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(X/\lambda) = \text{Var}(X)/\lambda^2 = a/\lambda^2$.

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A sum of n i.i.d. $\text{Expo}(\lambda)$ is $\text{Gamma}(n, \lambda)$

- Let i.i.d. $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda)$. Show that $Y = X_1 + \dots + X_n \sim \text{Gamma}(n, \lambda)$ based on MGFs.
- Recall the MGF of an $\text{Expo}(\lambda)$ is $\lambda/(\lambda - t)$. Thus the MGF of $Y = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ is $M_Y(t) = [\lambda/(\lambda - t)]^n$.
- The MGF of a $\text{Gamma}(n, \lambda)$ is (good old PDF recognition):

$$E(e^{tY}) = \int_0^\infty e^{ty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} (\lambda y)^n \frac{e^{-\lambda y}}{y} dy$$

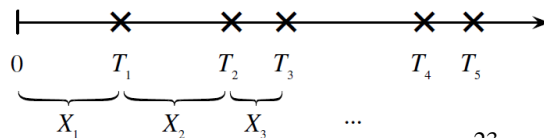
$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} (\lambda y)^n \frac{e^{-(\lambda - t)y}}{y} dy$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^n}{(\lambda - t)^n} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} ((\lambda - t)y)^n \frac{e^{-(\lambda - t)y}}{y} dy = \frac{\lambda^n}{(\lambda - t)^n} \cdot 1$$

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Gamma and Poisson Connections

- This also allows us to connect the Gamma distribution to the story of the Poisson process. In Unit 5 we saw that in a Poisson process of rate λ , the interarrival times, X_i , are i.i.d. $\text{Expo}(\lambda)$ r.v.s. But the total waiting time T_n for the n^{th} arrival is the sum of the first n interarrival times.
- Therefore, $T_n \sim \text{Gamma}(n, \lambda)$. The interarrival times in a Poisson process are Exponential r.v.s, while the raw arrival times are Gamma r.v.s. Note: the T_n are not independent.
- A picture is worth a thousand words:



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Story of the Beta Distribution

- The Beta distribution is a generalization of the standard Unif(0,1) distribution.
- Instead of the PDF having constant density on the interval (0,1), the PDF is allowed to vary (and not necessarily symmetric on the interval).
- This will eventually be tied in with the Gamma distribution.
- Note: the Beta(1,1) is equivalent to the Unif(0,1).

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Beta Distribution Definition

- A r.v. X has a **Beta distribution**, written as $X \sim \text{Beta}(a,b)$, with parameters a and b ($a > 0$ and $b > 0$) if its PDF is:

$$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1}$$

for $0 < x < 1$, where $\beta(a,b)$ is chosen to make the PDF integrate to 1.

- By definition, the normalizing constant, sometimes called the *Beta function*, satisfies:

$$\beta(a,b) = \int_0^1 x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx = \frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)}$$

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More Beta Details

- Let $X \sim \text{Beta}(a,b)$. Find the mean and variance of X .
- Good old **PDF recognition!** $E(X)$ first:

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_0^1 x \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx \\ &= \frac{a}{(a+b)} \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(a+b+1)}{\Gamma(a+1)\Gamma(b)} x^a (1-x)^{b-1} dx = \frac{a}{(a+b)} \end{aligned}$$

- And $E(X^2)$:

$$E(X^2) = \int_0^1 x^2 \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx = \frac{a(a+1)}{(a+b)(a+b+1)}$$

- Thus $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = ab/[(a+b)^2(a+b+1)]$

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Connecting Beta and Gamma

- (Bank-post office). While running errands, you need to go to the bank, and then to the post office. Let $X \sim \text{Gamma}(a, \lambda)$ be your waiting time in line at the bank, and let $Y \sim \text{Gamma}(b, \lambda)$ be your waiting time in line at the post office (with the same λ for both). Assume X and Y are independent. What is the joint distribution of $T = X + Y$ (your total wait at the bank and post office) and $W = X/(X+Y)$ (the fraction of your waiting time spent at the bank)?
- What should be the distribution of T ?
 - $T \sim \text{Gamma}(a+b, \lambda)$
- We'll see that the distribution of W is $\text{Beta}(a, b)$.
- Let's derive it using our Change of Variables approach (2D)

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Change of Variables multiD Example

- What's the joint PDF of $X \sim \text{Gamma}(a, \lambda)$ and $Y \sim \text{Gamma}(b, \lambda)$?

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} (\lambda x)^a e^{-\lambda x} \frac{1}{x} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(b)} (\lambda y)^b e^{-\lambda y} \frac{1}{y} \right)$$

- Let's calculate the Jacobian matrix (Note: $t = x + y$, $w = x/(x+y)$ means that $x = tw$ and $y = t(1-w)$):

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(t, w)} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w & t \\ 1-w & -t \end{pmatrix}$$

- And its absolute determinant is $|-wt - t(1-w)| = t$.

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Change of Variables multiD Example

- So let's put everything together:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X,Y}(x, y) &= f_{X,Y}(x, y) \left| \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(t, w)} \right| = \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} (\lambda x)^a e^{-\lambda x} \frac{1}{x} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(b)} (\lambda y)^b e^{-\lambda y} \frac{1}{y} \right) \cdot t \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} (\lambda tw)^a e^{-\lambda tw} \frac{1}{tw} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(b)} (\lambda t(1-w))^b e^{-\lambda t(1-w)} \frac{1}{t(1-w)} \right) \cdot t \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} w^{a-1} (1-w)^{b-1} (\lambda t)^{a+b} e^{-\lambda t} \frac{1}{t} \\ &= \left(\frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} w^{a-1} (1-w)^{b-1} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(a+b)} (\lambda t)^{a+b} e^{-\lambda t} \frac{1}{t} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- For $0 < w < 1$ and $t > 0$.
- Hole cow! What distributions do we have!?

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Order Statistics

- The final transformation to consider is the one that takes n random variables X_1, \dots, X_n and sorts them in order from min to max: $\min(X_1, \dots, X_n) \dots \max(X_1, \dots, X_n)$.
- These transformed r.v.s are called the *order statistics*. These are often useful when we want to worry about the distribution of extreme values.
- They often are used as summaries of an experiment: the realizations of a random experiment. Often the best or worst 2.5%, 5%, 25%, etc... are reported.

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Order Statistics

- For r.v.s X_1, \dots, X_n the *order statistics* are the r.v.s $X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$ where:

$$X_{(1)} = \min(X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

$$X_{(2)} = \text{second smallest of } X_1, \dots, X_n$$

$$\vdots$$

$$X_{(n-1)} = \text{second largest of } X_1, \dots, X_n$$

$$X_{(n)} = \max(X_1, \dots, X_n).$$

- Note: $X_{(1)} \leq X_{(2)} \leq \dots \leq X_{(n)}$ by definition.
- Which order statistics is the sample median (if n is odd)?

$$X_{((n+1)/2)}$$

- Are the order statistics independent or dependent?

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Order Statistics

- The transformation from the original X_j to $X_{(j)}$ is not invertible. Why? Because given the resulting order statistics, say $\min(X, Y) = 1$ and $\max(X, Y) = 2$, we cannot transform back to determine what the original values were (whether X was the 1 or the 2).
- We instead need to take a direct approach.
- When dealing with the distribution of the j^{th} order statistic, it makes sense to deal with the CDF.
- Let's start with the easiest: the maximum, $X_{(n)}$, and the minimum, $X_{(1)}$.

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Order Statistics

- Let X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. and continuous. Let F be their CDF.
- What is the CDF of $X_{(n)}$? By definition of CDFs:

$$F_{X_{(n)}}(x) = P(\max(X_1, \dots, X_n) \leq x)$$

$$= P(X_1 \leq x, \dots, X_n \leq x)$$

$$= P(X_1 \leq x)P(X_2 \leq x) \dots P(X_n \leq x)$$

$$= [F(x)]^n$$

- What is the CDF of $X_{(1)}$?

$$F_{X_{(1)}}(x) = P(\min(X_1, \dots, X_n) \leq x) = 1 - P(\min(X_1, \dots, X_n) > x)$$

$$= 1 - P(X_1 > x, \dots, X_n > x)$$

$$= 1 - [P(X_1 > x)P(X_2 > x) \dots P(X_n > x)]$$

$$= 1 - [1 - F(x)]^n$$

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CDF of Order Statistics

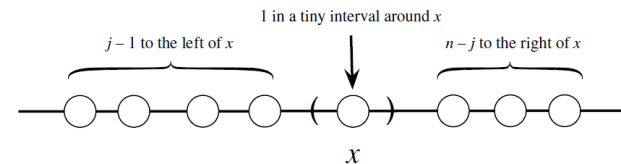
- What about the event of $(X_{(j)} \leq x)$?
- This means we need at least j of the X_i to fall at or below x .
- Let's define a new random variable, N , to count exactly that: the number of that fall below x .
- What distribution will N have?
- What will be the probability of success (falling at or below x) for each X_i in terms of the CDF F ?
- Thus $N \sim \text{Bin}(n, p = F(x))$. So...

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X_{(j)}}(x) &= P(X_{(j)} \leq x) = P(\text{at least } j \text{ of the } X_i \text{ fall at or below } x) \\ &= P(N \geq j) \\ &= \sum_{k=j}^n \binom{n}{k} [F(x)]^k [1 - F(x)]^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

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PDF of Order Statistics

- To find the PDF of the order statistic, then we just need to differentiate the CDF on the previous slide.
- But this is ugly. Instead we will take a direct approach:
- The probability that the j^{th} order statistic falls into an infinitesimal interval of length dx around x is: $f_{X_{(j)}}(x) \cdot dx$
- This can only happen if **one** of the X_i falls in this area, and **exactly $j-1$** fall below it, and **exactly $n-j$** fall above it.
- Here's the illustration:



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PDF of Order Statistics

- What's the probability of this happening? Break it down:
- What the probability of exactly one of the X_i falls in this area $f(x)dx$?
- There are n choices of X_i , each with has probability $f(x)dx$
- Next, we need exactly $j-1$ out of the remaining $n-1$ to fall to the left of x . This is exactly the Binomial distribution, with probability: $\binom{n-1}{j-1} [F(x)]^{j-1} [1 - F(x)]^{n-j}$
- Put that all together, and drop the dx from both sides, and we get the PDF of $X_{(j)}$:

$$f_{X_{(j)}}(x) = n \binom{n-1}{j-1} f(x) [F(x)]^{j-1} [1 - F(x)]^{n-j}$$

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Order Statistics of Unif(0,1)

- Let i.i.d. $U_1, \dots, U_n \sim \text{Unif}(0,1)$.
Then for $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $f(x) = 1$, and $F(x) = x$.
- Then the PDF of the j^{th} order statistic, $U_{(j)}$, is (using the PDF from the previous slide):

$$f_{U_{(j)}}(x) = n \binom{n-1}{j-1} x^{j-1} (1-x)^{n-j}$$

- What named PDF is this?
So $U_{(j)} \sim \text{Beta}(a=j, b=n-j+1)$, with $E(U_{(j)}) = j/(n+1)$.

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