

Continuous Random Vectors

Let $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p)$ be a p -dimensional random vector with d.f. F .

Defⁿ: The r.v. \underline{X} is called a continuous r.v. if there exists a non-negative funⁿ $f: \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. for any rectangle set A in \mathbb{R}^p

$$Pr(\underline{X} \in A) = \int \int \int \dots \int_A f(\underline{t}) dt_1 dt_2 \dots dt_p.$$

Whereas the funⁿ $f(\cdot)$ is called prob density funⁿ.

In particular if for fixed $\underline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_p) \in \mathbb{R}^p$ if $A = (-\infty, x_1] \times (-\infty, x_2] \times \dots \times (-\infty, x_p]$ then

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_p) = \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} \int_{-\infty}^{x_2} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{x_p} f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p) dt_1 dt_2 \dots dt_p.$$

(1) If \underline{X} is a continuous r.v. then its d.f. F is a continuous funⁿ.

(2) For a continuous r.v. if its p.d.f. $f(\underline{x})$ is a piece-wise continuous function then from the fundamental theorem of

multivariable calculus

$$f(\underline{x}) = \frac{\partial^p}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2 \dots \partial x_p} F(\underline{x}), \quad \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p.$$

Whenever the derivative is defined.

(3) If \underline{X} is a continuous r.v. with p.d.f. $f(\cdot)$ then $P(\underline{X} = \underline{a}) = 0$.

(4) It can be shown that if \underline{X} is a p -dimensional r.v. with continuous d.f. $F(\cdot)$ s.t.

$$\frac{\partial^p}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_p} F(x_1, \dots, x_p)$$

exists everywhere except (possibly) on a set c comprising of countable number of curves (having 0 volume in \mathbb{R}^p) and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^p - c} \frac{\partial^p}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_p} F(x_1, \dots, x_p) dx_1 \dots dx_p = 1$$

Then \underline{X} is a continuous r.v. with p.d.f

$$f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial^p}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_p} F(x_1, \dots, x_p) & \text{if } \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p - c \\ 0 & \text{if } \underline{x} \in c. \end{cases}$$

⑤ Let $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_p)$ be a continuous r.v. with joint p.d.f $f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x})$. Then for $q \in \{1, \dots, p-1\}$ and $\underline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_q) \in \mathbb{R}^q$, the marginal of (X_1, \dots, X_q) is a continuous r.v. with pdf

$$f_{X_1, \dots, X_q}(x_1, \dots, x_q) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{\underline{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_q, t_{q+1}, t_{q+2}, \dots, t_p) dt_{q+1} \dots dt_p$$

Thus marginal distⁿ of a continuous r.v. \underline{X} are continuous with pdf of marginal distribution obtained by integrating out unwanted variables in the pdf of \underline{X} .

Conditional Distribution: Let $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p)$ be a p -dimensional r.v. with joint pdf $f_{\underline{X}}(\cdot)$. Let $q \in \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$, $\underline{X}_1 = (X_1, \dots, X_q)$ & $\underline{X}_2 = (X_{q+1}, \dots, X_p)$.

Then the conditional pdf of \underline{X}_2 given $\underline{X}_1 = \underline{x}_1$ is

$$\text{defined by}$$

$$f_{\underline{X}_2 | \underline{X}_1}(\underline{x}_2 | \underline{x}_1) = \frac{f_{\underline{X}_1, \underline{X}_2}(\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2)}{f_{\underline{X}_1}(\underline{x}_1)} = \frac{f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2)}{f_{\underline{X}_1}(\underline{x}_1)}$$

Result: Let $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_p)$ be a continuous r.v. with joint p.d.f $f_{\underline{X}}(\cdot)$ and marginal pdfs $f_{X_i}(\cdot)$ $i=1, 2, \dots, p$. Then X_1, \dots, X_p are independent iff

$$f_{X_1, \dots, X_p}(x_1, \dots, x_p) = \prod_{i=1}^p f_{X_i}(x_i)$$

Example: Let $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, X_3)$ have the joint p.d.f.

$$f_{\underline{X}}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x_1 x_2} & , 0 < x_3 < x_2 < x_1 < 1 \\ 0 & , \text{o/w.} \end{cases}$$

- show that $f_{\underline{X}}(\cdot)$ is a proper pdf.
- Find the marginal p.d.f. of (X_2, X_3)
- Find the marginal p.d.f. of X_1
- Find the conditional pdf of X_1 given $(X_2, X_3) = (x_2, x_3)$ where $0 < x_3 < x_2 < 1$.
- Are X_1, X_2 & X_3 independent.

Soln (a) clearly $f_{\underline{x}}(\underline{x}) \geq 0 \quad \forall \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, Also

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f_{\underline{x}}(\underline{x}) d\underline{x} = \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_1} \int_0^{x_2} \frac{1}{x_1 x_2} dx_3 dx_2 dx_1 = 1$$

So $f_{\underline{x}}(\underline{x})$ is a pdf.

(b) The marginal p.d.f of (x_2, x_3) is obtained as

$$f_{x_2, x_3}(x_2, x_3) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{\underline{x}}(\underline{x}) d\underline{x} = \int_{x_2}^1 \frac{1}{x_1 x_2} dx_1, \\ 0 < x_3 < x_2 < 1.$$

$$= -\frac{\ln x_2}{x_2}, \quad 0 < x_3 < x_2 < 1.$$

$$\text{So } f_{x_2, x_3}(x_2, x_3) = \begin{cases} -\frac{\ln x_2}{x_2}, & 0 < x_3 < x_2 < 1 \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

(c) The marginal of x_1

$$f_{x_1}(x_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{\underline{x}}(\underline{x}) dx_2 dx_3,$$

Now $0 < x_1 < 1,$

$$f_{X_1}(x_1) = \int_0^{x_1} \int_0^{x_2} \frac{1}{x_1 x_2} dx_3 dx_2 = 1$$

Thus

$$f_{X_1}(x_1) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < x_1 < 1 \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

(d) The condition of X_1 given $(X_2, X_3) = (x_2, x_3)$ is

$$f_{X_1|X_2, X_3}(x_1|x_2, x_3) = \frac{f_X(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{f_{X_2, X_3}(x_2, x_3)}, \quad x_2 < x_1 < 1$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{x_1 x_2}}{-\frac{\ln x_2}{x_2}}, \quad x_2 < x_1 < 1.$$

$$= -\frac{1}{x_1 \ln x_2}, \quad x_2 < x_1 < 1.$$

So the conditional distⁿ of X_1 given $(X_2, X_3) = (x_2, x_3)$ is

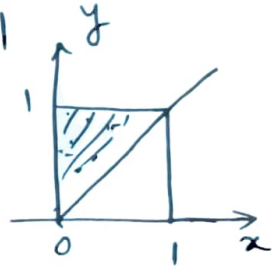
$$f_{X_1|X_2, X_3}(x_1|x_2, x_3) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{x_1 \ln x_2}, & x_2 < x_1 < 1 \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

(e) Find the marginal of x_2 & x_3 and check

$$f_x(z) \neq f_{x_1}(x_1) f_{x_2}(x_2) f_{x_3}(x_3).$$

So x_1, x_2, x_3 are not independent

Example: $f_{x,y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 10xy^2, & 0 < x < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$



(a) check it is a pdf.

$$\int_0^1 \left[\int_0^y 10xy^2 dx \right] dy = 1. \quad \text{also } f_{x,y}(x,y) \geq 0.$$

so it is a pdf.

(b) Find marginal distⁿ of x and y .

Marginal distⁿ of x is

$$f_x(x) = \int_x^1 10xy^2 dy, \quad 0 < x < 1$$

$$= \frac{10}{3} x(1-x^3), \quad 0 < x < 1$$

$$\text{So } f_x(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{10}{3} x(1-x^3), & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

pdf
Marginal of Y is

$$f_Y(y) = \int_0^y 10xy^2 dx, \quad 0 < y < 1$$

$$= 5y^4, \quad 0 < y < 1$$

So $f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 5y^4, & 0 < y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$

(c) Find the condition distribution X given $Y=y$
and Y given $X=x$.

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}, \quad f_Y(y) \neq 0.$$

So for $0 < y < 1$

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{10xy^2}{5y^4}, \quad 0 < x < y.$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{2x}{y^2}, & 0 < x < y \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

Similarly the marginal of Y given $X=x$.

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_X(x)}, \quad f_X(x) \neq 0.$$

For $0 < x < 1$.

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{10xy^2}{\frac{10}{3}x(1-x^3)}, \quad x < y < 1$$

$$\text{So } f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3y^2}{x(1-x^3)}, & x < y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

for a given $0 < x < 1$.

Find the following probabilities.

- (i) $P(X < 1/4)$ (ii) $P(Y > 3/4)$ (iii) $P(0 < X+Y < 1/2)$
 (iv) $P(X < 1/2 | Y = 3/4)$ (v) $P(Y < 1/2 | X = 1/4)$
 (vi) $P(0 < X < 1/2, \frac{1}{4} < Y < 3/4)$

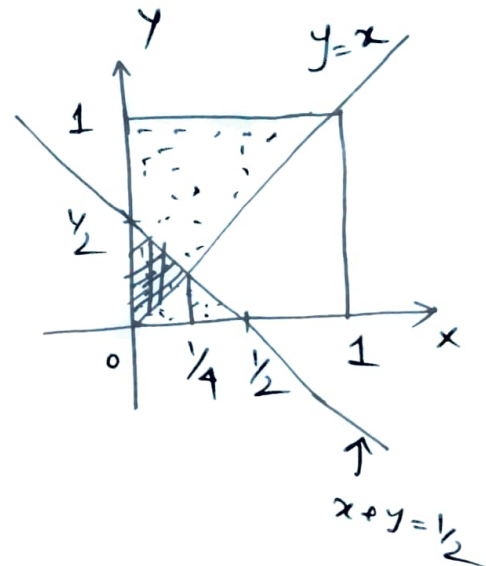
$$(i) P(X < \frac{1}{4}) = \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}} f_X(x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}} \frac{10}{3} x(1-x^3) dx =$$

$$(ii) P(Y > \frac{3}{4}) = \int_{\frac{3}{4}}^1 5y^4 dy$$

$$(iii) P(0 < X+Y < \frac{1}{2})$$

$$= \int_{x=0}^{\frac{1}{4}} \int_{y=x}^{\frac{1}{2}-x} 10xy^2 dy dx$$

$$= \frac{10}{3} \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}} x \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}-x \right)^3 - x^3 \right] dx$$



$$(iv) P(X < \frac{1}{2} | Y = \frac{3}{4})$$

Now the conditional distⁿ of $X | Y = \frac{3}{4}$ is

$$f_{X|Y}(x|Y=\frac{3}{4}) = \begin{cases} \frac{2x}{9/16}, & 0 < x < \frac{3}{4} \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{32x}{9}, & 0 < x < \frac{3}{4} \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

So

$$P(X < 1/2 | Y = 3/4) = \int_0^{1/2} \frac{32}{9} x dx = 4/9.$$

(v)

$$P(Y < 1/2 | X = 1/4)$$

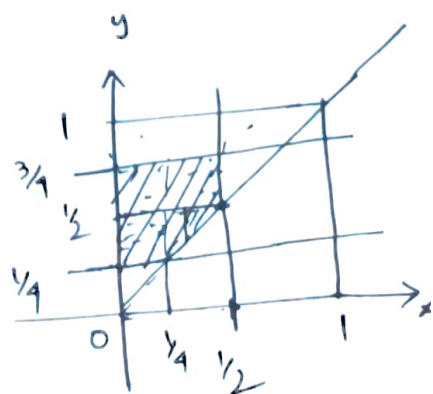
$$\text{Now } f_{Y|X}(y|x=1/4) = \begin{cases} \frac{3y^2}{1/4(1-(1/4)^3)} & , 1/4 < y < 1 \\ 0 & , \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{64}{21} y^2 & , 1/4 < y < 1 \\ 0 & , \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$$P(Y < 1/2 | X = 1/4) = \int_{1/4}^{1/2} \frac{64y^2}{21} dy$$

$$(vi) P(0 < X < 1/2, \frac{1}{4} < Y < 3/4)$$

$$= \int_{y=1/4}^{1/2} \int_{x=0}^y 10xy^2 dx dy + \int_{x=0}^{1/2} \int_{y=1/4}^{3/4} 10xy^2 dy dx$$



Let $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p)$ - p dimensional r.v. with pmf/pdf $f_{\underline{X}}(\cdot)$ and support S . $g: \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is funⁿ

Defⁿ: we say that the expected value of $g(\underline{x})$ (denoted by $E(g(\underline{x}))$) is finite and eq^u

$$E(g(\underline{x})) = \begin{cases} \sum_{\underline{x} \in S} g(\underline{x}) f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) & \text{if } \underline{x} \text{ is discrete} \\ \int \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\underline{x}) f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) d\underline{x} & \text{if } \underline{x} \text{ is continuous.} \end{cases}$$

Some special Expectations:

For non-negative integers k_1, \dots, k_p

(a) $\mu'_{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_p} = E(X_1^{k_1} X_2^{k_2} \dots X_p^{k_p})$ provided it is finite is called a joint moment of order $k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_p$ of \underline{X}

(b) $\mu_{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_p} = E\left(\left(X_1 - E(X_1)\right)^{k_1} \left(X_2 - E(X_2)\right)^{k_2} \dots \left(X_p - E(X_p)\right)^{k_p}\right)$ provided it is finite is called a joint central moment of order $k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_p$ of \underline{X} .

Note: If we take $k_i \neq 0$, & $k_j = 0$, $i \neq j$

$$\mu'_{0,0,\dots,k_i,0,\dots,0} = E(X_i^{k_i}) = \mu'_{k_i}$$

$$\mu_{0,0,\dots,k_i,0,\dots,0} = E\left((X_i - E(X_i))^{k_i}\right) = \mu_{k_i}$$

(c) The quantity

$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = E\left((X_1 - E(X_1))(X_2 - E(X_2))\right)$ is called covariance between X_1 & X_2 .

Note: (i) In particular we denote

$$\mu_i = E(X_i), \quad \sigma_i^2 = E(X_i - \mu_i)^2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) &= E\left((X_1 - E(X_1))(X_2 - E(X_2))\right) \\ &= E\left((X_1 - \mu_1)(X_2 - \mu_2)\right) \\ &= E\left(X_1 X_2 - \cancel{X_1 \mu_2} - \mu_2 X_1 + \mu_1 \mu_2\right) \\ &= E(X_1 X_2) - E(X_1)E(X_2) \end{aligned}$$

(iii) $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_1) = \text{Var}(X_1).$

The correlation-coefficient: Let X and Y be two random variable then the correlation coefficient between X & Y is defined as

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X,Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{E(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))}{\sqrt{E(X - E(X))^2 E(Y - E(Y))^2}}$$

Consider r.v.s U and V with

$$E(U) = 0, \quad E(U^2) = 1 \quad E(V) = 0, \quad E(V^2) = 1.$$

Consider

$$E(U - V)^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow E(U^2 + V^2 - 2UV) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E(UV) \leq 1. \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Similarly, $E(U + V)^2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow E(U^2 + V^2 + 2UV) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E(UV) \geq -1$$

$$\text{So } -1 \leq E(UV) \leq 1.$$

Hence $E(UV) = 1$ iff $P(U=V) = 1$

& $E(UV) = -1$ iff $P(U=-V) = 1$.

Now for any r.v. X & Y .

$$E(X) = \mu_x, \quad E(Y) = \mu_y, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \sigma_x^2, \quad \text{Var}(Y) = \sigma_y^2$$

Define $U = \frac{X - \mu_x}{\sigma_x}, \quad V = \frac{Y - \mu_y}{\sigma_y}$

$$E(U) = E\left(\frac{X - \mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right) = 0, \quad E(U^2) = E\left(\frac{X - \mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$E(V) = E\left(\frac{Y - \mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right) = 0, \quad E(V^2) = E\left(\frac{Y - \mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$-1 \leq E(UV) \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 \leq \frac{E((X - \mu_x)(Y - \mu_y))}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 \leq \rho_{X,Y} \leq 1.$$

$$\rho_{X,Y} = 1 \Leftrightarrow P\left(\frac{X - \mu_x}{\sigma_x} = \frac{Y - \mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right) = 1$$

$a > 0$

$$\text{or } P(X = aY + b) = 1,$$

$$\rho_{x,y} = -1 \Leftrightarrow P\left(\frac{x - \mu_x}{\sigma_x} = -\frac{y - \mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right) = 1$$

$$\text{or } P(x = ay + b) = 1, \quad a < 0.$$

So correlation coefficient is a measure of linear relationship between two random variable.

If $\rho_{x,y} = 0$ we say that x & y are uncorrelated

Result ①: Let $a_i, i=1, 2, \dots, p$ and $b_j, j=1, 2, \dots, p$ are real constants and let $x_i, i=1, 2, \dots, p, y_j, j=1, \dots, p$ be r.v.s then

$$(a) \quad E\left(\sum_{i=1}^p a_i x_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^p a_i E(x_i)$$

$$(b) \quad \text{Cov}\left(\sum_{i=1}^p a_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^p b_j y_j\right) = \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^p a_i b_j \text{Cov}(x_i, y_j)$$

$$(c) \quad \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^p a_i x_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^p a_i^2 \text{Var}(x_i) + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} a_i a_j \text{Cov}(x_i, x_j)$$

Result: Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p be independent random variables let $g_i: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $i=1, 2, \dots, p$ be given

fun then

(a) $E\left(\prod_{i=1}^p g_i(x_i)\right) = \prod_{i=1}^p E(g_i(x_i))$. In particular

$$E(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p) = E(X_1) E(X_2) \dots E(X_p).$$

(b) For any A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p of subsets of \mathbb{R}^p

$$P_r(X_1 \in A_1, \dots, X_p \in A_p) = \prod_{i=1}^p P_r(X_i \in A_i)$$

Remark: (i) Let X & Y are independent then

$$E(XY) = E(X) E(Y).$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Corr}(X, Y) = 0.$$

If X, Y are independent then $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = 0$

But the converse is not true.

(ii) If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p are independent Then

$$\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = 0, \quad i \neq j$$

Also we have

$$\text{Var} \left(\sum_{i=1}^p a_i X_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^p a_i^2 \text{Var}(X_i)$$

Joint Moment Generating funⁿ:

$\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p)$, a p -dimensional r.v. with pdf/pmf $f_{\underline{X}}(\cdot)$. The joint m.g.f. of \underline{X}

is defined as

$$M_{\underline{X}}(t) = E \left(e^{\sum_{i=1}^p t_i X_i} \right) \text{ is defined in a}$$

nbhd of $\underline{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$.

(1) If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p are independent Then

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\underline{X}}(t) &= E \left(e^{\sum_{i=1}^p t_i X_i} \right) \\ &= E \left(\prod_{i=1}^p e^{t_i X_i} \right) = \prod_{i=1}^p E(e^{t_i X_i}) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^p M_{X_i}(t_i). \end{aligned}$$

The converse is also true i.e. if $M_{\underline{X}}(t) = \prod_{i=1}^p M_{X_i}(t_i)$

Then x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p are independent.

(ii) Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p be independent r.v.s and let

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^p x_i. \quad \text{Then} \quad M_Y(t) = \prod_{i=1}^p M_{x_i}(t).$$

Defⁿ: x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p are called independent and identically distributed (i.i.d) if they are independent and have same probability distribution.

So if x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p are i.i.d. then

$$M_Y(t) = \left(M_{x_1}(t) \right)^p.$$