

# Review of Chapters 4-5

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# Why to Study Bivariate RV?

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# Full Description: Joint pmf and pdf

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2. pdf for continuous RV:  $f(x,y) : \overline{S} \rightarrow (0,\infty)$ 
  - (1)  $f(x,y) > 0, \quad (x,y) \in \overline{S}$
  - (2)  $\iint_{\overline{S}} f(x,y) dx dy = 1$
  - (3)  $P((X,Y) \in A) = \iint_A f(x,y) dx dy, \quad A \subseteq \overline{S}$

## Partial Description: Mathematical Expectation

$$E[u(X, Y)] = \begin{cases} \sum_{(x,y) \in \bar{S}} u(x, y) f(x, y), & \text{discrete RV} \\ \iint_{\bar{S}} u(x, y) f(x, y) dx dy, & \text{continuous RV} \end{cases}$$

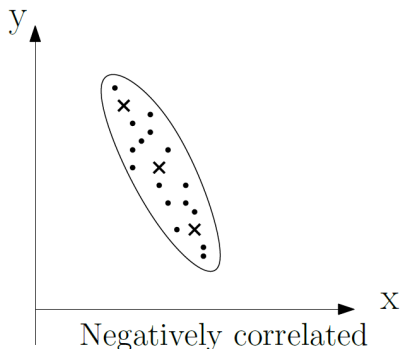
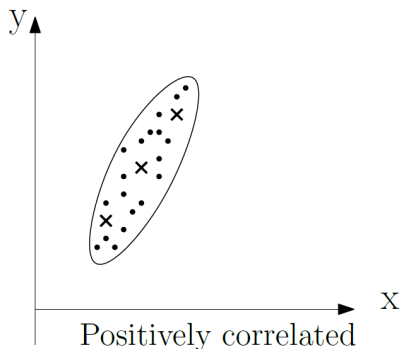
### ► Covariance and Correlation Coefficient

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]$$

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(x)}\sqrt{\text{Var}(Y)}}, \quad |\rho| \leq 1$$

# Covariance and Correlation Coefficient

1.  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) > 0$ ,  $(X - E[X])$  and  $(Y - E[Y])$  tend to have the same sign;  $\rho = 1 \Rightarrow X - E[X] = c(Y - E[Y])$  with  $c > 0$
2.  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) < 0$ ,  $(X - E[X])$  and  $(Y - E[Y])$  tend to have the opposite sign;  $\rho = -1 \Rightarrow X - E[X] = c(Y - E[Y])$  with  $c < 0$





# How to Derive Joint Distributions

1. by definition: go back to the original sample space, calculate the probability, and then derive the joint pmf or pdf
2. independent RV: the joint pmf or pdf is the product of the marginal ones

# Independent Random Variables

X and Y are said to be independent if

$$f(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$

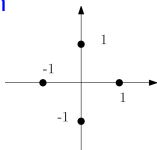
The **implication** of independent RVs: for any  $A \subset \overline{S_X}$  and  $B \subset \overline{S_Y}$ , the two events  $X \in A$  and  $Y \in B$  are independent.

A necessary condition for X and Y to be independent

$$\overline{S} = \overline{S_X} \times \overline{S_Y}$$

Independence $\Rightarrow$ Uncorrelation
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1. The **Converse** is **not true** in general.
2. The **Converse** is however **true** for **multivariate normal (Gaussian) distribution**



# How to Derive Marginal Distributions

Given two discrete or continuous RVs  $(X,Y)$  taking values in  $\overline{S}$  and their joint pmf or joint pdf  $f(x,y)$ , define accordingly the marginal pmf or marginal pdf to **assign the probability of events for RV  $X$** :

$$\overline{S}_X = \{\text{all possible values of } X\}, \overline{S}_Y(x) = \{y | (x,y) \in \overline{S}\}, \text{ for } x \in \overline{S}_X$$

$$\overline{S}_Y = \{\text{all possible values of } Y\}, \overline{S}_X(y) = \{x | (x,y) \in \overline{S}\}, \text{ for } y \in \overline{S}_Y$$

1. marginal pmf for discrete RV:  $f_X(x) : \overline{S}_X \rightarrow (0, 1]$

$$f_X(x) = \sum_{y \in \overline{S}_Y(x)} f(x,y)$$

2. marginal pdf for continuous RV:  $f_X(x) : \overline{S}_X \rightarrow (0, \infty)$

$$f_X(x) = \int_{\overline{S}_Y(x)} f(x,y) dy$$

# How to Derive Conditional Distributions

## Conditional pmf and pdf

Given two discrete or continuous RVs  $(X,Y)$  taking values in  $\overline{S}$  and their joint pmf or joint pdf  $f(x,y)$ , and marginal pmf or marginal pdf  $f_X(x)$ , define accordingly the conditional pmf or conditional pdf to assign the probability of events for RV  $Y$  given that  $X = x$ :

$$h(y|x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_X(x)}, \quad f_X(x) > 0, y \in \overline{S_Y}(x)$$

In particular, for  $A \subseteq \overline{S_Y}(x)$ ,

$$P(Y \in A | X = x) = \sum_{y \in A} h(y|x), \quad \text{or} \quad \int_{y \in A} h(y|x) dy$$

## Conditional mathematical expectation

$$E[u(Y)|X = x] = \begin{cases} \sum_{y \in \overline{S_Y}(x)} u(y)h(y|x), & \text{discrete RV} \\ \int_{\overline{S_Y}(x)} u(y)h(y|x)dy, & \text{continuous RV} \end{cases}$$

# How to Calculate Mathematical Expectations?

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(X, Y) &= \sum_{(x,y) \in \overline{S}} (x - E[X])(y - E[Y])f(x, y) \\ &= \sum_{x \in \overline{S}_X} (x - E[X]) \sum_{y \in \overline{S}_Y(x)} (y - E[Y])f(x, y) \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{x \in \overline{S}_X} (x - E[X])f_X(x)}_{\text{expectation of function of } X} \underbrace{\sum_{y \in \overline{S}_Y(x)} (y - E[Y])h(y|x)}_{\text{expectation of function of } Y|X = x}\end{aligned}$$

The calculation of  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$  is converted to that of mathematical expectation of functions of two univariate RV, which could be easier if the distributions of two univariate RV are known.

# Typical Bivariate Distribution: Trinomial Distribution

**Description:** The random experiment has three mutually exclusive and exhaustive outcomes:

- ▶ “perfect”,
- ▶ “second”
- ▶ “defective”

We repeat the experiment  $n$  independent times, and moreover, the probabilities

- ▶  $p_X$ : the probability of “perfect”,
- ▶  $p_Y$ : the probability of “second”
- ▶  $p_Z$ : the probability of “defective”

remain the same for each repetition. Such  $n$  repetitions can be called a trinomial experiment.

For the trinomial experiment, we are interested in the number of perfects, the number of seconds and the number of defectives.

# Typical Bivariate Distribution: Trinomial Distribution

If  $(X, Y) \sim \text{Trinomial}(n, p_X, p_Y)$ , then

1. Joint pmf:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{n!}{x!y!(n-x-y)!} p_X^x p_Y^y (1 - p_X - p_Y)^{n-x-y}, (x, y) \in \bar{S},$$
$$\bar{S} = \{(x, y) | x + y \leq n, x = 0, 1, \dots, n, y = 0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

2. Marginal pmf:  $X \sim b(n, p_X)$  and  $Y \sim b(n, p_Y)$
3. Conditional pmf:

$$Y|X = x \sim b(n - x, \frac{p_Y}{1 - p_X}), \quad X|Y = y \sim b(n - y, \frac{p_X}{1 - p_Y})$$

4. Covariance and correlation coefficient:

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = -np_X p_Y$$



# Typical Bivariate Distribution: Normal Distribution

## Definition

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be 2 continuous RVs and have the joint pdf

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}q(x, y)\right], x \in R, y \in R$$

where  $|\rho| < 1$  and

$$q(x, y) = \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \left[ \left( \frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left( \frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X} \right) \left( \frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y} \right) + \left( \frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y} \right)^2 \right] \geq 0$$

Then  $X$  and  $Y$  are said to be bivariate normally distributed.

Key components: Scaled exponential function with a quadratic and negative function as its exponent.

# Typical Bivariate Distribution: Normal Distribution

## 1. Marginal distribution is normal

$$X \sim N(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2) \text{ and } Y \sim N(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$$

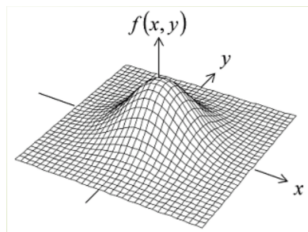
## 2. Conditional distribution is normal

given  $X = x$ ,  $Y$  is normally distribution with

$$E[Y|X = x] = \mu_Y + \rho\sigma_Y \frac{x - \mu_X}{\sigma_X},$$

$$\text{Var}(Y|X = x) = (1 - \rho^2)\sigma_Y^2.$$

## 3. Uncorrelation is equivalent to independence



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Mathematical expectation of a function  $u(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ :

$$E[u(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)] =$$

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \bar{S}} u(x_1, \dots, x_n) \cdot f(x_1, \dots, x_n) & \text{"discrete RVs"} \\ \int_{\bar{S}} u(x_1, \dots, x_n) f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1, \dots, dx_n & \text{"continuous RV"} \end{cases}$$

Note: Mathematical Expectation is a linear operator.

# How to Derive Joint Distributions

1. by definition: go back to the original sample space, calculate the probability, and then derive the joint pmf or pdf, **which is in general very complicated**
2. independent RV: the joint pmf or pdf is the product of the marginal ones and **it is thus in general assumed that the multivariate RVs  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent**

As a result of the independence of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , it is easier to derive

- ▶ marginal and conditional distributions, which are same
- ▶ mathematical expectation, which still involves multiple summation or integral



# Independent Random Variables

RVs  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are said to be **independent** if

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = f_{X_1}(x_1)f_{X_2}(x_2) \cdots f_{X_n}(x_n)$$

A necessary condition for  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  to be **independent**

$$\overline{S} = \overline{S}_{X_1} \times \cdots \overline{S}_{X_n}$$

**Random sample of size n** from a common distribution: n independent and identically distributed, **i.i.d.**, RVs  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ .

# Functions of Independent Multivariate RVs

- ▶ by definition: for functions of one RV

Assume  $Y = u(X)$  has an inverse function  $X = v(Y)$  and for continuous case, further assume  $Y = u(X)$  is strictly increasing or decreasing and  $v'(y)$  exists. Then the pmf or pdf of  $Y$  is

$$g(y) = \begin{cases} f(v(y)), & y \in u(\bar{S}) & \text{discrete RV} \\ f(v(y))|v'(y)|, & y \in u(\bar{S}) & \text{continuous RV} \end{cases}$$

For continuous RV:

1. cdf of  $Y$ :  $G(y) = P(Y \leq y), \quad y \in u(\bar{S})$
2. pdf of  $Y$ :  $g(y) = G'(y), \quad y \in u(\bar{S})$

Note: You need to check whether the assumptions hold before you apply the above formulas!

# Functions of Independent Multivariate RVs

- ▶ by definition: for functions of one RV
- ▶ by mgf technique: for more general cases

## Theorem 5.3-1

Assume  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent and  $Y = u_1(X_1)u_2(X_2) \cdots u_n(X_n)$ . If  $E[u_i(X_i)]$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , exist, then

$$E(Y) = E[u_1(X_1) \cdots u_n(X_n)] = E[u_1(X_1)] \cdots E[u_n(X_n)]$$

# Functions of Independent Multivariate RVs

## Theorem 5.3-2

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent random variables with respective means  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n$  and variances  $\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2$ , then the mean and the variance of

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i,$$

where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are constants, are, respectively,

$$E(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu_i \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma_i^2.$$

# Sample Mean and Sample Variance

## Definition

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be **independent and identically distributed** with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then

- ▶ the sample mean is defined as

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i,$$

and an estimator of mean  $\mu$ , because  $E(\bar{X}) = \mu$ .

- ▶ the sample variance is defined as

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2,$$

and an estimator of the variance  $\sigma^2$ , because  $E(S^2) = \sigma^2$ .

# Moment Generating Function Technique

Mgf, if exists, uniquely determines the distribution of the RV. So distribution of a random variable can be found through its mgf, e.g., normal or Gaussian  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ :  $M(t) = \exp(\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2)$

## Theorem 5.4-1

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent random variables with respective moment generating functions  $M_{X_i}(t)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ , where  $-h_i < t < h_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , for positive numbers  $h_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then the moment-generating function of  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i$  is

$$M_Y(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n M_{X_i}(a_i t), \text{ where } -h_i < a_i t < h_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

# Functions of Independent Multivariate $\chi^2$ RVs

## Theorem 5.4-2

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be independent chi-square random variables with  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$  degrees of freedom, respectively. Then  $Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$  is  $\chi^2(r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_n)$ .

## Corollary 5.4-2

Let  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n$  have standard normal distributions,  $N(0, 1)$ . If these random variables are independent, then  $W = Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 + \dots + Z_n^2$  has a distribution that is  $\chi^2(n)$ .

# Functions of Independent Multivariate Normal RVs(1/2)

## Theorem 5.5-1

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are  $n$  independent normal variables with means  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n$  and variances  $\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2$ , respectively, then

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i$$

has the normal distribution

$$Y \sim N \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu_i, \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma_i^2 \right)$$



# Functions of Independent Multivariate Normal RVs(1/2)

## Theorem 5.5-2

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample of size  $n$  from the normal distribution  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . Then the sample mean  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  and the sample variance  $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$  are independent, and

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

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sigma} \right)^2 \sim \chi^2(n-1)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \sim \chi^2(n)$$

## Functions of Independent Multivariate Normal RVs(2/2)

### Theorem 5.5-3 (Student's t distribution)

Let

$$T = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{U/r}}$$

where  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ ,  $U \sim \chi^2(r)$ , and  $Z$  and  $U$  are independent. Then  $T$  has a student's  $t$  distribution

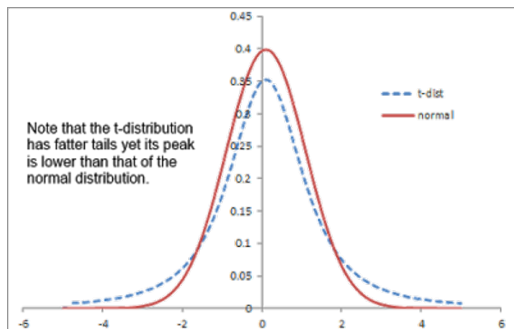
$$f(t) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{r+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi r} \Gamma(\frac{r}{2})} \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{t^2}{r})^{\frac{r+1}{2}}}, \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

Student's  $t$  distribution is a heavy tailed distribution in contrast with the normal distribution.

# Functions of Independent Multivariate Normal RVs(2/2)

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Recall that if  $Y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(a \leq Y \leq b) &= P\left(\frac{a - \mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{Y - \mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{b - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{b - \mu}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{a - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is the cdf of  $N(0, 1)$



## Approximation for discrete distribution

To find a continuous distribution whose pdf is “close” to the histogram of the discrete distribution.

Let  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ , where  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. random sample drawn from discrete distributions with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , then

$$P(Y = k) \approx P(k - \frac{1}{2} < Y < k + \frac{1}{2})$$

discrete RV

approximate by continuous RV

pmf  $f(y)$

by CLT for large  $n$ ,  $Y$  can be approximated by  $N(n\mu, n\sigma^2)$  in the sense that the pdf of the normal distribution is close to the histogram of  $Y$

hard to calculate

easy to calculate

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If the random variable  $X$  has a finite mean  $\mu$  and finite nonzero variance  $\sigma^2$ , then for every  $k \geq 1$ ,

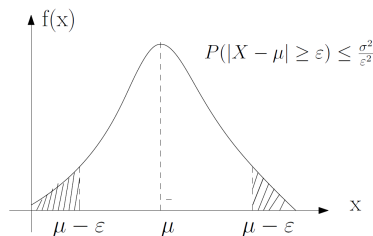
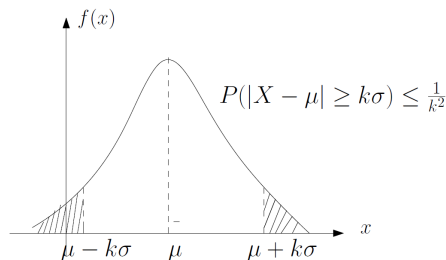
$$P(|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$$

Or equivalently, if  $\epsilon = k\sigma$ , then

$$P(|X - \mu| \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{\epsilon^2}$$

# Chebyshev's inequality

Graphical interpretation:



This links to the interpretation of  $\sigma^2$ : a measure of dispersion of the values that  $X$  can take with respect to its mean  $\mu$ .

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## Convergence of $b(n, p)$

1. as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  with  $\lambda = np$  being a constant, and let  $Z_n \sim b(n, p)$  and  $Z \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ , then  $Z_n \xrightarrow{d} Z$ .
2. as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  with  $p$  being a constant, and let  $Z_n \sim b(n, p)$  and  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ , then

$$\frac{Z_n/n - p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)/n}} \xrightarrow{d} Z$$

# Final Exam

- ▶ The exam will cover Chapters 1-5, excluding Sections 3.4, 5.2
- ▶ The final exam contains 10 regular questions, which are in the similar format of the ones in the assignments. Among the 10 questions, 5 of them are taken from the assignments and created by merging a couple of questions.
- ▶ You are allowed to bring ONE sheet of A4 paper, on which you can write/draw anything you want, but all notes on the paper must be hand-written by yourself (you can print out on a blank A4 paper your own notes hand-written on iPad or the similar, but it is NOT allowed to print out other's notes).
- ▶ Tables of probabilities for distributions will be provided.
- ▶ You can bring a non-electronic dictionary, but no mathematical formula, notations, etc should be found in your dictionary.
- ▶ Please bring your student ID card to the exam for verification of identity and attendance taking.
- ▶ Those who arrive more than 30 minutes late shall NOT be permitted to take the exam.
- ▶ Calculators are allowed in the exam.



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