

VE401 Probabilistic Methods in Eng.

RC#3 Multi-variate Random Variable

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Discrete Multivariate random variable

joint density function

of the random variable $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$

Discrete: $f_{\mathbf{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P[X_1 = x_1 \text{ and } X_2 = x_2 \dots \text{ and } X_n = x_n]$

Continuous: $P[\mathbf{X} \in \Omega] = \int_{\Omega} f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) dx$

has properties:

(i) $f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) \geq 0$

(ii) discrete: $\sum_{x \in \Omega} f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) = 1$. continuous: $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) dx = 1$

marginal density

f_{X_k} for X_k , $k = 1, \dots, n$

Discrete: $f_{X_k}(x_k) = \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n} f_{\mathbf{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

Continuous: $f_{X_k}(x_k) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) dx_1 \dots dx_{k-1} dx_{k+1} \dots dx_n$

Bivariate Random Variable

Let $((X, Y), f_{XY})$ be a bivariate random variable with marginal densities f_X and f_Y .

Independent

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dom } f_{XY} &= (\text{dom } f_X) \times (\text{dom } f_Y) \\ f_{XY}(x, y) &= f_X(x)f_Y(y) \quad \text{for all } (x, y) \in \text{dom } f_{XY} \end{aligned}$$

conditional density

for X given $Y = y$ is

$$f_{X|y}(x) = \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

Expectations

Let $H : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be some function. Then the expected value of $H \circ (X, Y)$ is

Discrete: $E[H \circ (X, Y)] = \sum_{(x, y) \in \Omega} H(x, y) \cdot f_{XY}(x, y)$

Continuous: $E[H \circ (X, Y)] = \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} H(x, y) \cdot f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy$

specially consider $H(x, y) = x$ and $H(x, y) = y$, giving

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Discrete:} \\ E[X] &= \sum_{(x,y) \in \Omega} x \cdot f_{XY}(x, y), \quad E[Y] = \sum_{(x,y) \in \Omega} y \cdot f_{XY}(x, y) \\ \text{Continuous:} \\ E[X] &= \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} x \cdot f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy, \quad E[Y] = \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} y \cdot f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy \end{aligned}$$

Conditional Expectations

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Discrete:} \\ E[Y | x] &:= \sum_y y \cdot f_{Y|x}(y), \quad E[X | y] := \sum_x x \cdot f_{X|y}(x) \\ \text{Continuous:} \\ E[Y | x] &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}} y \cdot f_{Y|x}(y) dy, \quad E[X | y] := \int_{\mathbb{R}} x \cdot f_{X|y}(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Transformation of Variables

Let (X, f_X) be a continuous multivariate random variable and let $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a differentiable, bijective map with inverse φ^{-1} . Then $Y = \varphi \circ X$ is a continuous multivariate random variable with density

$$f_Y(y) = f_X \circ \varphi^{-1}(y) \cdot |\det D\varphi^{-1}(y)|$$

where $D\varphi^{-1}$ is the Jacobian of φ^{-1} .

Let $((X, Y), f_{XY})$ be a continuous bivariate random variable. Let $U = X/Y$. Then the density f_U of U is given by

$$f_U(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(uv, v) \cdot |v| dv$$

Sum of Two Continuous Random Variables

Sum of Two Continuous Random Variables Let X and Y be continuous random variables with parameters with joint density f_{XY} . Let $U = X + Y$ and prove that the density of U is given by

$$f_U(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(u-v, v) dv$$

Hint: Consider the transformation $(x, y) \mapsto (x + y, y)$.

Sum of Two Exponential Distributions

Let X and Y be independent exponentially distributed random variables with parameters $\beta_1 = 1/3$ and $\beta_2 = 1$ respectively. Let $U = X + Y$ and show that

$$f_U(u) = \begin{cases} (e^{-u/3} - e^{-u}) / 2 & u > 0 \\ 0 & u \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Covariance

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

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

- $\text{Cov}[X, X] = \text{Var}[X]$.
- If X and Y are independent, then $\text{Cov}[X, Y] = 0$.

covariance matrix

$$\text{Var}[X] = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Var}[X_1] & \text{Cov}[X_1, X_2] & \dots & \text{Cov}[X_1, X_n] \\ \text{Cov}[X_1, X_2] & \text{Var}[X_2] & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \text{Cov}[X_{n-1}, X_n] \\ \text{Cov}[X_1, X_n] & \dots & \text{Cov}[X_{n-1}, X_n] & \text{Var}[X_n] \end{pmatrix}$$

for constant $n \times n$ matrix with real coefficients $C \in \text{Mat}(n \times n; \mathbb{R})$

$$\text{Var}[CX] = C \text{Var}[X] C^\top$$

Standardized Random Variable

$$\tilde{X} := \frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X}$$

$$E[\tilde{X}] = 0, \quad \text{Var}[\tilde{X}] = 1$$

Pearson coefficient

of correlation of (X, Y)

$$\rho_{XY} := \frac{\text{Cov}[X, Y]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}[X] \text{Var}[Y]}} = \text{Cov}[\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]$$

- $-1 \leq \rho_{XY} \leq 1$
- $|\rho_{XY}| = 1$ if and only if there exist numbers $\beta_0, \beta_1 \in \mathbb{R}, \beta_1 \neq 0$, such that $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$ almost surely.

Linearity of X and Y

Fisher Transformation

$$\rho_{XY} = \tanh\left(\ln\left(\frac{\sigma_{\tilde{X}} + \tilde{Y}}{\sigma_{\tilde{X} - \tilde{Y}}}\right)\right)$$

- If $\rho_{XY} > 0$, X and Y are positively correlated.
- If $\rho_{XY} < 0$, X and Y are negatively correlated.

Bivariate normal distribution

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\varrho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2(1-\varrho^2)} \left[\left(\frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right)^2 - 2\varrho\left(\frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right)\left(\frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right) + \left(\frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right)^2 \right]}$$

where $-1 < \varrho < 1$

Covariant and Bivariate normal distribution

Let $X = (X_1, X_2)$ be a random vector. Then we define the expectation vector and the variance-covariance matrix as follows:

$$\mathbb{E}[X] := \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{E}[X_1] \\ \mathbb{E}[X_2] \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{Var } X := \begin{pmatrix} \text{Var } X_1 & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) \\ \text{Cov}(X_2, X_1) & \text{Var } X_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let A be a constant 2×2 matrix and $Y = (Y_1, Y_2) = AX$.

1. Show that $\mathbb{E}[AX] = A\mathbb{E}[X]$.
2. Show that $\text{Var}(AX) = A(\text{Var } X)A^T$.
3. Suppose that X_1 and X_2 follow independent normal distributions with means μ_1 and μ_2 and variances σ_1^2 and σ_2^2 , respectively. Show that the joint density is given by

$$f_X(x) = f_X(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\det \Sigma_X}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x - \mu_X, \Sigma_X^{-1}(x - \mu_X) \rangle}$$

where $\mu_X = (\mu_1, \mu_2)$ and $\Sigma_X = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2)$ is the 2×2 matrix with the variances on the diagonal and all other entries vanishing. (1 Mark)

iv) Suppose that X_1 and X_2 follow independent normal distributions with means $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ and variances $\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2 > 0$, respectively. Let $Y = AX$ where A is an invertible $n \times n$ matrix. Show that

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{|\det \Sigma_Y|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle y - \mu_Y, \Sigma_Y^{-1}(y - \mu_Y) \rangle}$$

where $\mu_Y = \mathbb{E}[Y]$, $\Sigma_Y = \text{Var } Y$ and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the euclidean scalar product in \mathbb{R}^2 .

v) Show that (*) can be written as

$$f_Y(y_1, y_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_{Y_1}\sigma_{Y_2}\sqrt{1-\varrho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2(1-\varrho^2)} \left[\left(\frac{y_1 - \mu_{Y_1}}{\sigma_{Y_1}} \right)^2 - 2\varrho \left(\frac{y_1 - \mu_{Y_1}}{\sigma_{Y_1}} \right) \left(\frac{y_2 - \mu_{Y_2}}{\sigma_{Y_2}} \right) + \left(\frac{y_2 - \mu_{Y_2}}{\sigma_{Y_2}} \right)^2 \right]}$$

where μ_{Y_i} is the mean and $\sigma_{Y_i}^2$ the variance of Y_i , $i = 1, 2$, and ϱ is the correlation of Y_1 and Y_2 .