

Transformation of RVs



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CSE400 - Fundamentals of Probability in Computing

Lecture - 11: Transformation of Random Variables

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Outline

1. Transformation of Random Variables

Learning of transformation techniques for random variables.

2. Function of Two Random Variables

Joint transformations and derived distributions.

3. Illustrative Example

Detailed derivation for the case: $Z = X + Y$

Transformation of RVs + Function of Two RVs + Example

1. Transformation of Random Variables

Let

$$Y = g(X)$$

Two cases:

1. +ve (Monotonicity)

2. -ve

S1:

$$\begin{aligned}F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) \\&= P(g(X) \leq y) \\&= P(X \leq g^{-1}(y)) \\&= F_X(g^{-1}(y))\end{aligned}$$

S2: Diff. w.r.t. y

$$\begin{aligned}f_Y(y) &= \frac{d}{dy} [F_X(g^{-1}(y))] \\&= f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y) \\&= f_X(x) \frac{dx}{dy} \Big|_{x=g^{-1}(y)}\end{aligned}$$

For -ve case:

S1:

$$\begin{aligned}F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) \\&= P(X \geq g^{-1}(y)) \\&= 1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y))\end{aligned}$$

S2:

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| \Big|_{x=g^{-1}(y)}$$

S3: Change the limits for Y

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{f_X(x)}{\left| \frac{dy}{dx} \right|} \Big|_{x=g^{-1}(y)}$$

(+ve / -ve indicated)

Example

$X \sim$ Uniformly over $(-1,1)$

$$Y = g(X) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi X}{2}\right)$$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & -1 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Sol:

$$y = \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)$$

$$x = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin^{-1}(y)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi \sqrt{1-y^2}}, \quad -1 < y < 1$$

0, otherwise

2. Function of Two Random Variables

Illustrative Example

$$Z = X + Y$$

Find:

(i) PDF of Z , $f_Z(z)$

(ii) $f_Z(z)$, if X & Y are independent

(iii) Let $X \sim N(0, 1)$ & $Y \sim N(0, 1)$. Prove that $Z \sim N(0, 2)$

(iv) If X & Y are exponential distribi RVs with parameter λ , find $f_Z(z)$

Detailed derivation for the case: $Z = X + Y$

$$\begin{aligned} F_Z(z) &= P(Z \leq z) \\ &= P(X + Y \leq z) \\ &= \int \int f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy \end{aligned}$$

Horizontal Strip:

$$= \int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{x=-\infty}^{z-y} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy$$

Vertical Strip:

$$= \int_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{y=-\infty}^{z-x} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy dx$$

$$Z = X + Y$$

$$x : 0, z = y$$

$$y : 0, z = x$$

$$z = -\infty$$

$$y = 0$$

$$z = x + y$$

$$x - y$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

(Region and strip representation as shown in diagram)

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