

$\vec{X}$  continuous rv  $P(\vec{X} \in A) = \int \dots \int_A f_{\vec{X}}(\vec{x}) dx_1 \dots dx_n$

$t = x_1 + x_2 \Leftrightarrow x_2 = t - x_1$

let  $T = X_1 + X_2 \sim f_T(t) = ?$

First note  $f_T(t) = F'_T(t)$  CDF method

usually it is difficult to find the CDF of continuous rv's, so this is not the usual method. The usual method is to use the convolution formula (which we will now derive)

$$F_T(t) = P(T \leq t) = P(\vec{X} \in A_t) = \iint_{A_t} f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{t-x_1} f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) dx_2 dx_1 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{-\infty}^t f_{X_1, X_2}(x, v-x) dv dx = \int_{-\infty}^t \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{X_1, X_2}(x, v-x) dx \right) dv$$

let  $x_1 = x$   
 $x_2 = v - x \Rightarrow v = x_2 + x \Rightarrow dx_2 = dv$   
 $\Rightarrow x_2 = -\infty \Rightarrow v = -\infty$   
 $x_2 = t - x \Rightarrow v = t$

$f_T(t) = \frac{d}{dt}$

Leibnitz's Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} g(x, y) dy \right] = g(x, b(x)) b'(x) + g(x, a(x)) a'(x) + \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [g(x, y)] dy$$

If the outer derivative is a third variable, then

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_{a(t)}^{b(t)} g(x, y) dy \right] = g(x, b(t)) b'(t) + g(x, a(t)) a'(t) + \int_{a(t)}^{b(t)} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [g(x, y)] dy$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_c^{b(t)} g(x, y) dy \right] = g(x, b(t)) b'(t) + g(x, c) \frac{d}{dt} [c]$$

$\Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{X_1, X_2}(x, t-x) dx = f_T(t) = f_{X_1}(x) * f_{X_2}(x)$  general convolution formula

if  $X_1, X_2$  independent

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{X_1}(x) f_{X_2}(t-x) dx = \int_{\text{supp}[X_1]} f_{X_1}^{\text{old}}(x) f_{X_2}^{\text{old}}(t-x) \mathbb{1}_{t-x \in \text{supp}[X_2]} dx$$

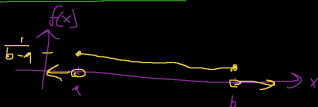
$X_1, X_2 \stackrel{\text{id}}{\sim}$

$$\Downarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) f(t-x) dx = \int_{\text{supp}[X]} f^{\text{old}}(x) f^{\text{old}}(t-x) \mathbb{1}_{t-x \in \text{supp}[X]} dx$$

continuous uniform rv

$X \sim U(a, b) = \frac{1}{b-a} \mathbb{1}_{x \in [a, b]}$

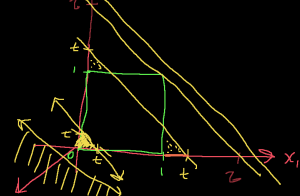
$\underbrace{\frac{1}{b-a}}_{\text{fold}(x)} \underbrace{\mathbb{1}_{x \in [a, b]}}_{f(x)}$



standard uniform rv is when  $a = 0, b = 1$

$X \sim U(0, 1) = \mathbb{1}_{x \in [0, 1]}$

$X_1, X_2 \stackrel{\text{id}}{\sim} U(0, 1), T = X_1 + X_2 \sim f_T(t) = ?$



we want to compute CDF which means we want to find volumes in regions under the diagonal line

$$F_T(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \leq 0 \\ t^2/2 & \text{if } t \in (0, 1] \\ -\frac{t^2}{2} + 2t - 1 & \text{if } t \in (1, 2) \\ 1 & \text{if } t \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = f_{X_1}(x_1) f_{X_2}(x_2) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_1 \in [0, 1] \text{ \& } x_2 \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & \text{o/t} \end{cases}$

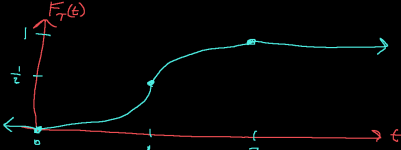
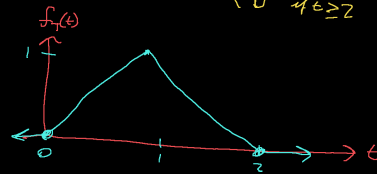
if  $t \in (1, 2)$

$$F_T(t) = \frac{t^2}{2} - \cancel{\frac{(t-1)^2}{2}} = \frac{t^2}{2} - (t^2 - 2t + 1) = -\frac{t^2}{2} + 2t - 1$$

$\Rightarrow f_T(t) = F'_T(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \leq 0 \\ t & \text{if } t \in (0, 1] \\ 2-t & \text{if } t \in (1, 2) \\ 0 & \text{if } t \geq 2 \end{cases}$

$X_1 \leftarrow X_2$

"Convolution"



We just derived the PDF of the convolution by finding its CDF and taking the derivative. Why can't we just use our fancy formula?

old old version

$$f_T(t) = \int_{\text{supp}[X]} f^{\text{old}}(x) f^{\text{old}}(t-x) \mathbb{1}_{t-x \in \text{supp}[X]} dx = \int_0^1 (1)(1) \mathbb{1}_{\substack{x \in [-1, t] \\ x-t \in [-1, 0] \\ t-x \in [0, 1]}} dx = \int_0^1 \mathbb{1}_{x \in [-1, t]} dx$$

Let's do some examples. How about  $t = -37$ ?  $\int_0^1 \mathbb{1}_{x \in [-38, -37]} dx = 0$



How about  $+37$ ?  $\int_0^1 \mathbb{1}_{x \in [36, 37]} dx = 0$



$t \in (1, 2)$  e.g.  $t = 1.63$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \leq 0 \\ t & \text{if } t \in (0, 1] \\ 2-t & \text{if } t \in (1, 2) \\ 0 & \text{if } t \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$\int_0^1 \mathbb{1}_{x \in [0.63, 1.63]} dx = \int_{0.63}^1 dx = 0.37$



$X_1, X_2, \dots \stackrel{\text{id}}{\sim} \text{Exp}(\lambda) := \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \mathbb{1}_{x \in [0, \infty)}, T_2 = X_1 + X_2 \sim f_T(t) = ?$

$$f_T(t) = \int_{\text{supp}[X]} f^{\text{old}}(x) f^{\text{old}}(t-x) \mathbb{1}_{t-x \in \text{supp}[X]} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \lambda e^{-\lambda(t-x)} \mathbb{1}_{t-x \in [0, \infty)} dx$$

$$= \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda t} \int_0^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{x \in (-\infty, t]} dx = \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda t} \int_0^t dx = t \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda t} = \text{Erlang}(2, \lambda)$$

$\mathbb{1}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$