

Lecture 18: Functions of Random Vector

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Theorem 18.1. Suppose that the joint m.g.f. $M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t})$ is finite on a rectangle $(-\underline{a}, \underline{a}) \in \mathbb{R}^p$, $\underline{a} > 0$. Then $M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t})$ possesses partial derivatives of all order in $(-\underline{a}, \underline{a})$. Furthermore, for non-negative integers k_1, k_2, \dots, k_p

$$E\left(X_1^{k_1} X_2^{k_2} \dots X_p^{k_p}\right) = \left[\frac{\partial^{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_p}}{\partial t_1^{k_1} \partial t_2^{k_2} \dots \partial t_p^{k_p}} M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}) \right]_{\underline{t}=\underline{0}}.$$

Proof. (We give an outline of the proof).

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\underline{X}}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p) &= E\left(e^{\sum_{i=1}^p t_i X_i}\right) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} e^{\sum_{i=1}^p t_i x_i} f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) d\underline{x}, \\ \frac{\partial^{k_1+\dots+k_p}}{\partial t_1^{k_1} \dots \partial t_p^{k_p}} M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} x_1^{k_1} \dots x_p^{k_p} e^{\sum_{i=1}^p t_i x_i} f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) d\underline{x}, \\ \left[\frac{\partial^{k_1+\dots+k_p}}{\partial t_1^{k_1} \dots \partial t_p^{k_p}} M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}) \right]_{\underline{t}=\underline{0}} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} x_1^{k_1} \dots x_p^{k_p} f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) d\underline{x} = E\left(X_1^{k_1} X_2^{k_2} \dots X_p^{k_p}\right). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

Let $\psi_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}) = \ln M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t})$, $\underline{t} \in (-\underline{a}, \underline{a})$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_i) &= \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}) \right]_{\underline{t}=\underline{0}} = \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} \psi_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}) \right]_{\underline{t}=\underline{0}}, \\ E(X_i^m) &= \left[\frac{\partial^m}{\partial t_i^m} M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}) \right]_{\underline{t}=\underline{0}}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, p, \\ \text{Var}(X_i) &= \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_i^2} M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}) \right]_{\underline{t}=\underline{0}} - \left(\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}) \right]_{\underline{t}=\underline{0}} \right)^2 = \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_i^2} \psi_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}) \right]_{\underline{t}=\underline{0}}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, p, \end{aligned}$$

provided $M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t})$ is finite on $(-\underline{a}, \underline{a})$, for some $\underline{a} > 0$. For $i \neq j$, if $M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t})$ is finite on $(-\underline{a}, \underline{a})$, for some $\underline{a} > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) &= E(X_i X_j) - E(X_i)E(X_j) = E((X_i - E(X_i))(X_j - E(X_j))) \\ &= \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_i \partial t_j} M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}) \right]_{\underline{t}=\underline{0}} - \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}) \right]_{\underline{t}=\underline{0}} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t_j} M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}) \right]_{\underline{t}=\underline{0}} = \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_i \partial t_j} \psi_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}) \right]_{\underline{t}=\underline{0}}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\underline{X}}(0, \dots, 0, t_i, 0, \dots, 0) &= E(e^{t_i X_i}) = M_{X_i}(t_i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, p, \\ M_{\underline{X}}(0, \dots, 0, t_i, 0, \dots, 0, t_j, 0, \dots, 0) &= E(e^{t_i X_i + t_j X_j}) = M_{X_i, X_j}(t_i, t_j), \end{aligned}$$

provided the m.g.f. is finite.

18.0.1. Equality in Distribution

Definition 18.2. Two p -dimensional random vectors \underline{X} and \underline{Y} are said to have the same distribution (written as $\underline{X} \stackrel{d}{=} \underline{Y}$) if $F_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) = F_{\underline{Y}}(\underline{x}) \forall \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$.

Theorem 18.3. (a) Let \underline{X} and \underline{Y} be discrete random vectors with p.m.f.s $f_{\underline{X}}(\cdot)$ and $f_{\underline{Y}}(\cdot)$, respectively. Then

$$\underline{X} \stackrel{d}{=} \underline{Y} \iff f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) = f_{\underline{Y}}(\underline{x}) \forall \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p.$$

(b) Let \underline{X} and \underline{Y} be continuous random vectors. Then

$$\underline{X} \stackrel{d}{=} \underline{Y} \iff f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) = f_{\underline{Y}}(\underline{x}) \forall \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p,$$

for some versions $f_{\underline{X}}(\cdot)$ and $f_{\underline{Y}}(\cdot)$ of p.d.f.s of \underline{X} and \underline{Y} , respectively.

(c) Let \underline{X} and \underline{Y} be p -dimensional random vectors and let $\psi : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ be a given function. Then

$$\underline{X} \stackrel{d}{=} \underline{Y} \iff \psi(\underline{X}) \stackrel{d}{=} \psi(\underline{Y})$$

(d) Let \underline{X} and \underline{Y} be p -dimensional random vectors with finite m.g.f.s $M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t})$ and $M_{\underline{Y}}(\underline{t})$ on a rectangle $(-\underline{a}, \underline{a})$, for some $\underline{a} > 0$. Then

$$M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}) = M_{\underline{Y}}(\underline{t}) \forall (-\underline{a}, \underline{a}) \implies \underline{X} \stackrel{d}{=} \underline{Y}.$$

18.0.2. Some Generalizations

Let \underline{X}_i : a p_i -dimensional random vector, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. $F_{\underline{X}_i}$: d.f. of \underline{X}_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, $f_{\underline{X}_i}$: p.m.f. / p.d.f. of \underline{X}_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, $\sum_{i=1}^m p_i = p$, $\underline{X} = (\underline{X}_1, \underline{X}_2, \dots, \underline{X}_m)$: p -dimensional random vector with d.f. $F_{\underline{X}}(\cdot)$ and p.m.f. / p.d.f. $f_{\underline{X}}(\cdot)$.

Definition 18.4. The random vectors $\underline{X}_1, \underline{X}_2, \dots, \underline{X}_m$ are said to be independent if for any subcollection $\{\underline{X}_{i_1}, \underline{X}_{i_2}, \dots, \underline{X}_{i_q}\}$ of $\{\underline{X}_1, \underline{X}_2, \dots, \underline{X}_m\}$ ($2 \leq q \leq m$)

$$F_{\underline{X}_{i_1}, \underline{X}_{i_2}, \dots, \underline{X}_{i_q}}(\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_q) = \prod_{j=1}^q F_{\underline{X}_{i_j}}(\underline{x}_j) \forall \underline{x} = (\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_q) \in \mathbb{R}^{\sum_{j=1}^q p_{i_j}}.$$

Remark 18.5. $\underline{X}_1, \underline{X}_2, \dots, \underline{X}_m$ are independent \implies random variables in any subset of $\{\underline{X}_1, \underline{X}_2, \dots, \underline{X}_m\}$ are independent.

Theorem 18.6. (a) The following statements are equivalent:

- (i) $\underline{X}_1, \underline{X}_2, \dots, \underline{X}_m$ are independent random vectors.
- (ii) $F_{\underline{X}_1, \underline{X}_2, \dots, \underline{X}_m}(\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_m) = \prod_{i=1}^m F_{\underline{X}_i}(\underline{x}_i) \forall \underline{x} = (\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_m) \in \mathbb{R}^p$.
- (iii) $f_{\underline{X}_1, \underline{X}_2, \dots, \underline{X}_m}(\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_m) = \prod_{i=1}^m f_{\underline{X}_i}(\underline{x}_i) \forall \underline{x} = (\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_m) \in \mathbb{R}^p$.
- (iv) $f_{\underline{X}_1, \underline{X}_2, \dots, \underline{X}_m}(\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_m) = \prod_{i=1}^m g_i(\underline{x}_i) \forall \underline{x} = (\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_m) \in \mathbb{R}^p$ for some non-negative real valued function $g_i : \mathbb{R}^{p_i} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$.
- (v) $\Pr(\underline{X}_i \in A_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, m) = \prod_{i=1}^m \Pr(\underline{X}_i \in A_i) \forall A_i \in \mathcal{B}_{p_i}, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$.
- (b) If $\underline{X}_1, \underline{X}_2, \dots, \underline{X}_m$ are independent random vectors, then
 - (i) $E\left(\prod_{i=1}^m \psi_i(\underline{X}_i)\right) = \prod_{i=1}^m E\left(\psi_i(\underline{X}_i)\right)$ for any functions ψ_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$.
 - (ii) $\psi_1(\underline{X}_1), \psi_2(\underline{X}_2), \dots, \psi_m(\underline{X}_m)$ are independent random vectors for any functions $\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_m$.

Definition 18.7. Let Δ be an arbitrary index set. The random vectors $\{\underline{X}_\lambda : \lambda \in \Delta\}$ are said to be independent if random variables in any finite subcollection of $\{\underline{X}_\lambda : \lambda \in \Delta\}$ are independent.

Theorem 18.8. Under the notation of Theorem 18.6, $\underline{X}_1, \underline{X}_2, \dots, \underline{X}_m$ are independent random vectors \iff for some $\underline{a} > 0$ and $\forall \underline{t} = (\underline{t}_1, \underline{t}_2, \dots, \underline{t}_m) \in (-\underline{a}, \underline{a})$,

$$M_{\underline{X}}(\underline{t}_1, \underline{t}_2, \dots, \underline{t}_m) = \prod_{i=1}^m M_{\underline{X}_i}(\underline{t}_i).$$

18.0.3. Functions of Random Vector

Let $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p)$ be a p -dimensional random vector with p.m.f. / p.d.f. $f(\cdot)$. Let $g : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$, where $1 \leq q \leq p$ be a function defined on \mathbb{R}^p and taking values in \mathbb{R}^q . Sometimes it may be of interest to derive the probability distribution of $\underline{Y} = g(\underline{X})$.

Definition 18.9. (a) Let $\underline{X}_1, \underline{X}_2, \dots, \underline{X}_n$ be a collection of iid random vectors each having the (joint) d.f. F and the same p.m.f. / p.d.f. $f(\cdot)$. We call $\underline{X}_1, \underline{X}_2, \dots, \underline{X}_n$ a random sample (r.s.) of size n from a distribution having d.f. F (p.m.f. / p.d.f. $f(\cdot)$). **In other words a random sample is a collection of iid random vectors.**

(b) A function of one or more random vectors that **does not depend on any unknown parameter is called a statistic.**

Example 18.10. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a distribution having p.d.f.

$$f_\theta(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta}, & x > 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $\theta \in \mathfrak{H} = (0, \infty)$ is unknown. Then $\underline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a statistic (called **sample mean**) but $X_1 - \theta$ is not a statistic. Some other statistic are:

$$S_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \text{ or } S_{n-1}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \longrightarrow \text{Sample Variance,}$$

$X_{r:n}$ = r -th smallest of X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n , $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$ so that

$$X_{1:n} \leq X_{2:n} \leq \dots \leq X_{n:n} \longrightarrow r\text{-th order statistic, } r = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$X_{[np]:n}, 0 < p < 1; [x] = \text{largest integer} \leq x \longrightarrow p\text{-th sample quantile,}$$

$$X_{[n/4]:n} \longrightarrow \text{sample lower quantile, } X_{[3n/4]:n} \longrightarrow \text{sample upper quantile,}$$

$$M = \begin{cases} X_{\frac{n+1}{2}:n}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{X_{\frac{n}{2}:n} + X_{\frac{n}{2}+1:n}}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \longrightarrow \text{sample median,}$$

$$S_n = \sqrt{S_n^2} \text{ or } S_{n-1} = \sqrt{S_{n-1}^2} \longrightarrow \text{sample standard deviation,}$$

$$r = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2\right) \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2\right)}} \longrightarrow \text{sample correlation coefficient.}$$

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a distribution having d.f. F and p.m.f. / p.d.f. $f(\cdot)$. Then the joint d.f. of $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ is

$$F_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n F(x_i), \quad \underline{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

and the joint p.m.f. / p.d.f. of \underline{X} is

$$f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i), \quad \underline{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Theorem 18.11. If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample, then

$$(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \stackrel{d}{=} (X_{\beta_1}, X_{\beta_2}, \dots, X_{\beta_n})$$

for any permutation $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n)$ of $(1, 2, \dots, n)$.

Example 18.12. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a given distribution.

(a) If X_1 is a continuous r.v. then $\Pr(X_1 < X_2 < \dots < X_n) = \Pr(X_{\beta_1} < X_{\beta_2} < \dots < X_{\beta_n}) = \frac{1}{n!}$ for any permutation $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n)$ of $(1, 2, \dots, n)$.

(b) If X_1 is a continuous r.v. then for any $r \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, $\Pr(X_i = X_{r:n}) = \frac{1}{n}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

(c) $E\left(\frac{X_i}{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}\right) = \frac{1}{n}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

(d) $E\left(X_i \mid \sum_{j=1}^n X_j = t\right) = \frac{t}{n}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Solution (a)

X_1 is a continuous r.v. $\implies \underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ is a continuous random vector. (Why?)

$\implies (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \stackrel{d}{=} (X_{\beta_1}, X_{\beta_2}, \dots, X_{\beta_n})$ for any permutation $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n)$ of $(1, 2, \dots, n)$ and $\Pr(\text{all } X_i \text{'s are distinct}) = 1$

$\implies (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \stackrel{d}{=} (X_{\beta_1}, X_{\beta_2}, \dots, X_{\beta_n})$ for any permutation $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n)$ of $(1, 2, \dots, n)$ and $\sum_{\beta \in S_n} \Pr(X_{\beta_1} < X_{\beta_2} < \dots < X_{\beta_n}) = 1$, where S_n is the set of all permutation of $(1, 2, \dots, n)$

$\implies \Pr(X_{\beta_1} < X_{\beta_2} < \dots < X_{\beta_n}) = \Pr(X_1 < X_2 < \dots < X_n) = \frac{1}{n!}$.

(b)

For any $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_i, \dots, X_n) \stackrel{d}{=} (X_i, X_2, \dots, X_1, \dots, X_n)$

$\implies X_{r:n}$, r -th smallest of $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_i, \dots, X_n) = r$ -th smallest of $(X_i, X_2, \dots, X_1, \dots, X_n)$ and

$\Pr(X_1 = r\text{-th smallest of } (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_i, \dots, X_n)) = \Pr(X_i = r\text{-th smallest of } (X_i, X_2, \dots, X_1, \dots, X_n))$

$\implies \Pr(X_1 = X_{r:n}) = \Pr(X_i = X_{r:n})$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

since $\Pr(X_{1:n} < X_{2:n} < \dots < X_{n:n}) = 1$, (by (a)), we have $\sum_{i=1}^n \Pr(X_i = X_{r:n}) = 1$

$\implies \Pr(X_1 = X_{r:n}) = \Pr(X_i = X_{r:n}) = \frac{1}{n}$.

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
& (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_i, \dots, X_n) \stackrel{d}{=} (X_i, X_2, \dots, X_1, \dots, X_n) \\
\Rightarrow & E \left(\frac{X_1}{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_i + \dots + X_n} \right) = E \left(\frac{X_i}{X_i + X_2 + \dots + X_1 + \dots + X_n} \right) \\
\Rightarrow & E \left(\frac{X_1}{\sum_{j=1}^n X_j} \right) = E \left(\frac{X_i}{\sum_{j=1}^n X_j} \right) \text{ but } \sum_{i=1}^n E \left(\frac{X_i}{\sum_{j=1}^n X_j} \right) = E \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{\sum_{j=1}^n X_j} \right) = 1 \\
\Rightarrow & E \left(\frac{X_i}{\sum_{j=1}^n X_j} \right) = E \left(\frac{X_1}{\sum_{j=1}^n X_j} \right) = \frac{1}{n}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.
\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}
& (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_i, \dots, X_n) \stackrel{d}{=} (X_i, X_2, \dots, X_1, \dots, X_n) \\
\Rightarrow & E(X_i | X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_i + \dots + X_n = t) = E(X_i | X_i + X_2 + \dots + X_1 + \dots + X_n = t) \\
\Rightarrow & E \left(X_i \middle| \sum_{j=1}^n X_j = t \right) = E \left(X_i \middle| \sum_{j=1}^n X_j = t \right) \text{ but } \sum_{i=1}^n E \left(X_i \middle| \sum_{j=1}^n X_j = t \right) = E \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \middle| \sum_{j=1}^n X_j = t \right) = t.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$E \left(X_i \middle| \sum_{j=1}^n X_j = t \right) = E \left(X_1 \middle| \sum_{j=1}^n X_j = t \right) = \frac{t}{n}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

18.0.4. Distribution Function Technique

Let $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p)$ be a p -dimensional random vector with d.f. F and p.m.f. / p.d.f. $f(\cdot)$. Also, let $g: \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q: \underline{g} = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_q)$, $\underline{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_q) = (g_1(\underline{X}), g_2(\underline{X}), \dots, g_q(\underline{X}))$. We are interested in the distribution of random vector \underline{Y} .

One can first find the d.f. of $\underline{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_q)$

$$F_{\underline{Y}}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_q) = \Pr(g_1(\underline{X}) \leq y_1, g_2(\underline{X}) \leq y_2, \dots, g_q(\underline{X}) \leq y_q), \quad \underline{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_q) \in \mathbb{R}^q,$$

and then find the p.m.f. / p.d.f. of $\underline{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_q)$.

Example 18.13. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a distribution having d.f. F , p.m.f. / p.d.f. f and support S . Let $Y_1 = \min\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ and $Y_2 = \max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$.

(a) Find the joint d.f. of $\underline{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2)$.

(b) Find the marginal d.f.s of Y_1 and Y_2 using findings of (a).

(c) Find the marginal d.f.s of Y_1 and Y_2 directly (that is, without using (a)).

(d) Find the marginal p.m.f. / p.d.f. $\underline{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2)$ using findings in (b).

Solution: (a) For $(y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_Y(y_1, y_2) &= \Pr(Y_1 \leq y_1, Y_2 \leq y_2) \\
 &= \Pr(\min\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\} \leq y_1, \max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\} \leq y_2) \\
 &= \Pr(\max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\} \leq y_2) - \Pr(\min\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\} > y_1, \max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\} \leq y_2) \\
 &= \Pr(X_i \leq y_2, i = 1, 2, \dots, n) - \Pr(X_i > y_1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, X_i \leq y_2, i = 1, 2, \dots, n) \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(X_i \leq y_2) - \Pr(y_1 < X_i \leq y_2, i = 1, 2, \dots, n) \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(X_i \leq y_2) - \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(y_1 < X_i \leq y_2) = \begin{cases} [F(y_2)]^n - [F(y_2) - F(y_1)]^n, & -\infty < y_1 < y_2 < \infty, \\ [F(y_2)]^n, & -\infty < y_2 < y_1 < \infty. \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{Y_1}(y_1) &= \lim_{y_2 \rightarrow \infty} F_Y(y_1, y_2) = 1 - [1 - F(y_1)]^n, \quad -\infty < y_1 < \infty, \\
 F_{Y_2}(y_2) &= \lim_{y_1 \rightarrow \infty} F_Y(y_1, y_2) = [F(y_2)]^n, \quad -\infty < y_2 < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{Y_1}(y_1) &= \Pr(Y_1 \leq y_1) \\
 &= \Pr(\min\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\} \leq y_1) \\
 &= 1 - \Pr(\min\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\} > y_1) \\
 &= 1 - \Pr(X_i > y_1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(X_i > y_1) = 1 - [1 - F(y_1)]^n, \quad -\infty < y_1 < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{Y_2}(y_2) &= \Pr(Y_2 \leq y_2) \\
 &= \Pr(\max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\} \leq y_2) \\
 &= \Pr(X_i \leq y_2, i = 1, 2, \dots, n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(X_i \leq y_2) = [F(y_2)]^n, \quad -\infty < y_2 < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

(d) **Case I:** X_1 is a discrete r.v. Then $S_{X_1} = S_{Y_1} = S_{Y_2}$. For $y_1 \in S_{X_1}$

$$f_{Y_1}(y_1) = \Pr(Y_1 = y_1) = F_{Y_1}(y_1) - F_{Y_1}(y_1-) = [1 - F(y_1-)]^n - [1 - F(y_1)]^n.$$

Thus,

$$f_{Y_1}(y_1) = \begin{cases} [1 - F(y_1-)]^n - [1 - F(y_1)]^n, & \text{if } y_1 \in S_{X_1}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Similarly,

$$f_{Y_2}(y_2) = F_{Y_2}(y_2) - F_{Y_2}(y_2-) = \begin{cases} [F(y_2)]^n - [F(y_2-)]^n, & \text{if } y_2 \in S_{X_1} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Case II: X_1 is a continuous r.v.

Let $F(\cdot)$ be differentiable everywhere (except possibly on a set having length zero (that is, it does not contain any open interval))

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{Y_1}(y) &= \frac{d}{dy} (1 - [1 - F(y)]^n) = n [1 - F(y)]^{n-1} f(y), \quad -\infty < y < \infty, \\
 f_{Y_2}(y) &= \frac{d}{dy} [F(y)]^n = n [F(y)]^{n-1} f(y), \quad -\infty < y < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 18.14. Let X_1 and X_2 be iid r.v.s with common p.d.f.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & 0 < x < 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the d.f. of $Y = X_1 + X_2$. Hence find the p.d.f. of Y .

Solution: The joint p.d.f. of $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2)$ is

$$f_{\underline{X}}(x_1, x_2) = f_{X_1}(x_1)f_{X_2}(x_2) = f(x_1)f(x_2) = \begin{cases} 4x_1x_2, & 0 < x_1 < 1, 0 < x_2 < 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For $y \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$F_Y(y) = \Pr(Y \leq y) = \Pr(X_1 + X_2 \leq y) = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 4x_1x_2 \mathbf{1}_{x_1+x_2 \leq y} dx_1 dx_2.$$

Clearly for $y < 0$, $F_Y(y) = 0$ and for $y \geq 2$, $F_Y(y) = 1$. Now consider $y \in [0, 1)$,

$$F_Y(y) = \int_0^y \int_0^{y-x_1} 4x_1x_2 dx_2 dy_1 = \frac{y^4}{6}.$$

For $y \in [1, 2)$,

$$F_Y(y) = \int_0^{y-1} \int_0^1 4x_1x_2 dx_2 dy_1 + \int_{y-1}^1 \int_0^{y-x_1} 4x_1x_2 dx_2 dx_1 = (y-1)^2 + \frac{(4y-3) - (y+3)(y-1)^3}{6}.$$

Thus,

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y < 0, \\ \frac{y^4}{6}, & 0 \leq y < 1, \\ (y-1)^2 + \frac{(4y-3) - (y+3)(y-1)^3}{6}, & 1 \leq y < 2, \\ 1, & y \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Clearly, Y is continuous r.v. with p.d.f.

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}y^3, & 0 < y < 1, \\ 2(y-1) + \frac{2}{3[1-(y+2)(y-1)^2]}, & 1 < y < 2, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$