

Review

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Common Families of Distributions

Please review the following pdfs.

- Discrete case:

Discrete uniform, Hypergeometric, Binomial, Negative Binomial, Poisson, Geometric distributions.

- Continuous case:

Uniform, Gamma, Normal, Beta, Cauchy, Lognormal, Double exponential distributions.

Exponential families

- A family of pdfs or pmfs is called an exponential family if it can be written as

$$f(x|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = h(x)c(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^k w_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})t_i(x)\right)$$

- Theorem 3.4.2

If X is a random variable with pdf or pmf takes the form of the exponential family distribution then

$$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial w_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \theta_j} t_i(X)\right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \log c(\boldsymbol{\theta});$$

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial w_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \theta_j} t_i(X)\right) = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_j^2} \log c(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - E\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial^2 w_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \theta_j^2} t_i(X)\right)$$

- Reparametrized form

$$f(x|\boldsymbol{\eta}) = h(x)c^*(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \eta_i t_i(x)\right)$$

$\mathcal{H} = \{\boldsymbol{\eta} = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k) : \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x) \exp(\sum_{i=1}^k \eta_i t_i(x)) dx < \infty\}$: Natural parameter space.

Exponential families

- $1 = \int h(x)c(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \exp(\sum_{i=1}^k w_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})t_i(x))dx$
- $0 = \frac{d}{d\theta_j} \int h(x)c(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \exp(\sum_{i=1}^k w_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})t_i(x))dx$
- $0 = \int \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} (h(x)c(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \exp(\sum_{i=1}^k w_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})t_i(x)))dx$
- $0 = \int h(x)(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} c(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \exp(\sum_{i=1}^k w_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})t_i(x))dx +$
 $h(x)c(\boldsymbol{\theta})(\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial w_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \theta_j} t_i(x)) \exp(\sum_{i=1}^k w_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})t_i(x))dx$
- Applying one more derivative will yield the second equality.

Bivariate transformation

- For one-to-one transformations, $(u, v) = (g_1(x, y), g_2(x, y))$
Inverse mapping: $(x, y) = (h_1(u, v), h_2(u, v))$

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$f_{U,V}(u, v) = f_{X,Y}(h_1(u, v), h_2(u, v))|J|$$

- Example
 $X \sim \text{beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ and $Y \sim \text{beta}(\alpha + \beta, \gamma)$: independent random variables.
Let $U = XY$ and $V = X$. Find the joint pdf of (U, V) and the marginal pdf of U .

Bivariate transformation

- $0 \leq u \leq v \leq 1$
- $x = v$ and $y = u/v$,
- $|J| = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1/v & -u/v^2 \end{vmatrix} = 1/v$
- $f_{U,V}(u, v) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} v^{\alpha-1} (1-v)^{\beta-1} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)\Gamma(\gamma)} (u/v)^{\alpha+\beta-1} (1-u/v)^{\gamma-1} \frac{1}{v}$ when $0 \leq u \leq v \leq 1$ and 0 otherwise.
- $f_U(u) = \int_u^1 f_{U,V}(u, v) dv$
- Using a special transformation of $t = \frac{u-v}{1-u}$,
 $f_U(u) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta+\gamma)} u^{\alpha-1} (1-u)^{\beta+\gamma-1}$ when $0 < u < 1$.

Bivariate transformation

- $\mathcal{A} = \{(x, y) : f_{X,Y}(x, y) > 0\}$
- $U = g_1(X, Y)$, $V = g_2(X, Y)$ is one-to-one transformation from A_i onto \mathcal{B} for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$.
- Denote the i th inverse by $x = h_{1i}(u, v)$ and $y = h_{2i}(u, v)$.
 $f_{U,V}(u, v) = \sum_{i=1}^k f_{X,Y}(h_{1i}(u, v), h_{2i}(u, v)) |J_i|$.
- Example: X, Y independent $N(0, 1)$ random variables.
 $U = X/Y$ and $V = |Y|$.
Find the pdf of (U, V) and U .

Bivariate transformation

- $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-x^2/2) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-y^2/2)$

- $A_1 = \{(x,y) : y > 0\}, A_2 = \{(x,y) : y < 0\}$

- On A_1 , $x = uv$ and $y = v$

$$|J_1| = \left| \begin{pmatrix} v & u \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right| = v$$

- Similarly, on A_2 , $x = uv$ and $y = -v$

$$|J_2| = \left| \begin{pmatrix} v & u \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right| = v$$

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$$\begin{aligned} f_{U,V}(u,v) &= \sum_{i=1}^2 f_{X,Y}(h_{1i}(u,v), h_{2i}(u,v)) |J_i| \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \exp(-(u^2 v^2 + v^2)/2) v \end{aligned}$$

when $v > 0$ and 0 otherwise.

- $f_U(u) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\pi} \exp(-(u^2 + 1)v^2/2) v dv = \frac{1}{\pi(1+u^2)}, -\infty < u < \infty.$

Multivariate transformation

- $f_X(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = 24e^{-x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - x_4}$, $0 < x_1 < x_2 < x_3 < x_4 < \infty$.
- Consider the transformation
 $U_1 = X_1$, $U_2 = X_2 - X_1$, $U_3 = X_3 - X_2$, $U_4 = X_4 - X_3$.
Find the joint pdf of U .

Multivariate transformation

- $x_1 = u_1, x_2 = u_2 + u_1, x_3 = u_3 + u_2 + u_1, x_4 = u_4 + u_3 + u_2 + u_1$

- $J = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- $\mathcal{B} = \{(u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4) : u_1 > 0, u_2 > 0, u_3 > 0, u_4 > 0\}$

- $f_{\mathbf{U}}(u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4) = 24 \exp(-4u_1 - 3u_2 - 2u_3 - u_4)$ on \mathcal{B}

- $f_{U_1}(u_1) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty 24 \exp(-4u_1 - 3u_2 - 2u_3 - u_4) du_2 du_3 du_4 = 4 \exp(-4u_1)$

- $f_{U_4}(u_4) = ?$

Inequalities

- Chebychev's inequality

X : a random variable, $g(x)$ is nonnegative function.

$$P(g(X) \geq r) \leq \frac{Eg(X)}{r}$$

⟨ Proof ⟩

$$\begin{aligned} Eg(X) &\geq \int_{\{g(x) \geq r\}} g(x) f_X(x) dx \\ &\geq r \int_{\{g(x) \geq r\}} f_X(x) dx \\ &= rP(g(X) \geq r) \end{aligned}$$

- (Example)

$$P(X > a) = P(e^{tX} > e^{ta}) \leq e^{-ta} M_X(t).$$

Inequalities

- (Lemma) Let a and b be any positive numbers and let p and q be any positive numbers satisfying

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$$

Then $\frac{1}{p}a^p + \frac{1}{q}b^q \geq ab$ with equality if and only if $a^p = b^q$.

- Theorem 4.7.2 (Holder's inequality)

Let X and Y be any two random variables, and let p and q satisfy

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1. \text{ Then}$$

$$|EXY| \leq E|XY| \leq (E|X|^p)^{1/p} (E|Y|^q)^{1/q}.$$

<Proof>

Setting $a = \frac{|X|}{(E|X|^p)^{1/p}}$ and $b = \frac{|Y|}{(E|Y|^q)^{1/q}}$ in the Lemma,

$$1 \geq \frac{E|X||Y|}{(E|X|^p)^{1/p} (E|Y|^q)^{1/q}}.$$

Inequalities

- Theorem 4.7.3 (Cauchy-Schwartz inequality)

For any two random variables X and Y ,

$$|EXY| \leq E|XY| \leq (E|X|^2)^{1/2}(E|Y|^2)^{1/2}$$

- (Liapounov's inequality)

For $s > r$,

$$\{E|X|^r\}^{1/r} \leq \{E(|X|^s)\}^{1/s}, \quad 1 < r < s < \infty.$$

- (Minkowski's inequality) Let X and Y be any two random variables.

Then for $1 \leq p < \infty$,

$$[E|X + Y|^p]^{1/p} \leq (E|X|^p)^{1/p} + (E|Y|^p)^{1/p}$$

(Proof)

$$\begin{aligned} E|X + Y|^p &\leq E|X||X + Y|^{p-1} + E|Y||X + Y|^{p-1} \\ &\leq ((E|X|^p)^{1/p} + (E|Y|^p)^{1/p})(E|X + Y|^{(p-1)q})^{1/q} \\ &= ((E|X|^p)^{1/p} + (E|Y|^p)^{1/p})(E|X + Y|^p)^{1/q} \end{aligned}$$

- Definition

$g(x)$: convex if $g(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq \lambda g(x) + (1 - \lambda)g(y)$ for $0 < \lambda < 1$.

- Theorem 4.7.7 (Jensen's Inequality)

For any random variable X , if $g(x)$ is a convex function then $g(E(X)) \leq E g(X)$.