

# RC5 Frequentist Inference

## Variable Transformation

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## 1 Variable Transformation

In this section, I'm afraid that you **must** learn how to do it by hand, which is not because MMA code can not perform this job but the exam will force you to do it by hand.

**Theorem:**

The basic rule for transformation of densities considers an invertible, smooth mapping  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  with **inverse**  $f^{-1} = g$ , i.e. the composition  $g \circ f(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{z}$ . If we use this mapping to transform a random variable  $\mathbf{z}$  with distribution  $q(\mathbf{z})$ , the resulting random variable  $\mathbf{z}' = f(\mathbf{z})$  has a distribution :

$$q(\mathbf{z}') = q(\mathbf{z}) \left| \det \frac{\partial f^{-1}}{\partial \mathbf{z}'} \right| = q(\mathbf{z}) \left| \det \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \right|^{-1}$$

where the last equality can be seen by applying the chain rule (inverse function theorem) and is a property of Jacobians of invertible functions.

### 1.1 Univariable Injection

**Exercise 1.1** Given the random variable  $X$  whose PDF is:  $f_X(x) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}$ . Find the PDF of  $1/X$

### 1.2 Univariable non Injection

**Exercise 1.2.1** Given  $X$  whose PDF is

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} cx^2 & x \in [-1, 1] \\ 0 & \text{other wise.} \end{cases}$$

find  $c$  and  $f_Y(y)$   $Y = X^2$ .

**Exercise 1.2.2** Let  $U$  be a standard uniform random variable. Derive a formula that will convert  $U$

into a Pareto (2, 5) random variable  $X$  with the density  $f(x) = 50x^{-3}$  and the cumulative distribution function  $F(x) = 1 - \left(\frac{5}{x}\right)^2, x \geq 5$ . Compute  $X$  using your algorithm if our computer generated  $U = 0.36$

### 1.3 Triple piece wise function

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent random variables such that

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \leq x < 1/2 \\ 2x & 1/2 \leq x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

What is  $a$  and  $m$ ? Let  $Z = \max\{X, Y\}$ . Then

$$f_Z(z) = \begin{cases} 0 & z < 0 \\ a \cdot z^m & 0 \leq z \leq 1/2 \\ b \cdot z^n & 1/2 \leq z \leq 1 \\ 0 & z > 1 \end{cases}$$

### 1.4 Multivariable function

**Exercise 1.4.1** Let  $(X, Y)$  be a continuous bivariate random variable with density  $f_{XY} : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi} (x^2 + y^2) & \text{for } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find  $E[X]$  and  $E[Y]$ .
- (b) Find  $\text{Var}[X]$  and  $\text{Var}[Y]$ .
- (c) Find the correlation coefficient  $\rho_{XY}$ .
- (d) Find the density of  $U = X/Y$ .

**Exercise 1.4.2** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  are i.i.d. random variables and their joint PDF

$$f_{XY}(x, y)$$

Find  $Z = X + Y, X - Y, XY, \frac{X}{Y}$ 's PDF.

**Exercise 1.4.3** From SJTU Final, Optional

$X, Y$  are two independent random variables, which follow  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ , show that the PDF of  $Z = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$  is

$$f_z(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{z}{\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2\sigma^2}}, & z \geq 0, \\ 0, & z < 0. \end{cases}$$

(we call  $Z$  follows a Rayleigh distribution of parameter  $\sigma$  ( $\sigma > 0$ ))

Solution:

Prove:  $F_Z(z) = P(\sqrt{X^2 + Y^2} \leq z)$

$$= \begin{cases} 0, & z < 0, \\ \iint_{\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \leq z} f(x, y) dx dy, & z \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\underline{x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta} \begin{cases} 0, & z < 0, \\ \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^z f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) r dr, & z \geq 0, \end{cases} \text{ so } Z \text{'s PDF is}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_Z(z) &= \begin{cases} 0, & z < 0 \\ \int_0^{2\pi} z f(z \cos \theta, z \sin \theta) d\theta, & z \geq 0 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0, & z < 0 \\ \int_0^{2\pi} z \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2\sigma^2}} d\theta, & z \geq 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0, & z < 0 \\ \frac{z}{\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2\sigma^2}}, & z \geq 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$