

MA215 Probability Theory

Assignment 16

1. Suppose that X and Y have joint p.d.f. $f(x, y)$. Let $f_Y(y)$ be the marginal p.d.f. of Y . Show that for $f_Y(y) > 0$,

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} P\{X \leq x \mid y < Y \leq y + \varepsilon\} = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{f(u, y)}{f_Y(y)} du.$$

(This is why we define $P\{X \leq x \mid Y = y\} \triangleq \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{f(u, y)}{f_Y(y)} du$ and call $f_{X|Y}(x \mid y) \triangleq \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}$ the conditional probability density function of X , given that $Y = y$.)

Proof.
$$P\{x \leq X \mid y < Y \leq y + \varepsilon\} = \frac{P\{x \leq X, y < Y \leq y + \varepsilon\}}{P\{y < Y \leq y + \varepsilon\}}$$

$$P\{x \leq X, y < Y \leq y + \varepsilon\} = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_y^{y+\varepsilon} f(u, v) dv du \quad P\{y < Y \leq y + \varepsilon\} = \int_y^{y+\varepsilon} f_Y(v) dv$$

for $\varepsilon > 0$ is very small $\therefore \int_y^{y+\varepsilon} f_Y(v) dv \approx \varepsilon f_Y(y)$ ($\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$)

$$\int_y^{y+\varepsilon} f(u, v) dv \approx \varepsilon f(u, y)$$

$$\therefore P\{x \leq X \mid y < Y \leq y + \varepsilon\} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^x \varepsilon f(u, y) du}{\varepsilon f_Y(y)} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^x f(u, y) du}{f_Y(y)}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} P\{x \leq X \mid y < Y \leq y + \varepsilon\} = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{f(u, y)}{f_Y(y)} du \quad \square$$

2. 设 (X, Y) 服从圆域 $G: x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$ 上的均匀分布. 求条件概率密度 $f_{X|Y}(x \mid y)$.

(X, Y) 在 $G: x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$ 上均匀分布 $\therefore f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} (x^2 + y^2 \leq 1)$

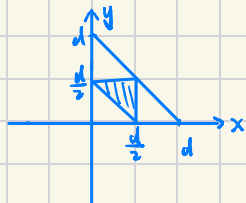
$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\sqrt{1-y^2}}^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{1-y^2} \quad (-1 \leq y \leq 1)$$

$$\therefore f_{X|Y}(x \mid y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-y^2}} \quad (-\sqrt{1-y^2} \leq x \leq \sqrt{1-y^2})$$

3. 将长度为 d 的一根木棒任意截去一段, 再将剩下的木棒任意截为两段. 求这三段木棒能构成三角形的概率.

设截成三段的长度分别为 $x, y, d-x-y$ ($0 < x < d, 0 < y < d$)

若能构成三角形, 则
$$\begin{cases} x+y > \frac{d}{2} \\ d-x > \frac{d}{2} \\ d-y > \frac{d}{2} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x+y > \frac{d}{2} \\ x, y < \frac{d}{2} \end{cases}$$



显然 (X, Y) 在区域 $G: \{(x, y) | x > 0, y > 0, x + y < d\}$ 上均匀分布

区域 $F: \{(x, y) | 0 < x < \frac{d}{2}, 0 < y < \frac{d}{2}, \frac{d}{2} < x + y < d\}$

$$\therefore P(\text{构成三角形}) = \frac{f_F(x, y)}{f_G(x, y)} = \frac{S_F}{S_G} = \frac{\frac{1}{8}d^2}{\frac{1}{2}d^2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

4. 假设在某个系统中, 元件和备用件的平均寿命都是 μ . 如果元件失效, 系统自动用其备用件替代, 但替换出错的概率为 p . 求整个系统的平均寿命.

设系统的平均寿命为 X . 则 $X = \begin{cases} \mu, & \text{替换出错} \\ 2\mu, & \text{替换不出错} \end{cases}$

$$\therefore E(X) = p \cdot \mu + (1-p) \cdot 2\mu = (2-p)\mu.$$