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where  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n)$  is a permutation of numbers

$\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

### Exchangeable random variables

The components of the random vector  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is called exchangeable if for every formulation  $(i_1, \dots, i_n)$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , we have

$$(X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n) \stackrel{d}{=} (X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_n})$$

Remark A finite collection of i.i.d. random variables is always exchangeable. But there are exchangeable random variables which are i.i.d.

Consider a random vector  $(X, Y, Z) : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^3, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^3))$  with probability density function

$$f(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}(x+y+z), & (x, y, z) \in [0, 1]^3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Exercise Show that  $(X, Y, Z)$  are not independent.

## Moments and moment generating functions.

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Let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$  be a random vector such that and  $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\bar{g}^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Then we can compute

"Expected value of  $E(g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))$

if  $E(|g(x_1, \dots, x_n)|) < \infty$

As before, we shall focus on the random vectors which are of either continuous or discrete type.

Some of the interesting functions are as follows:

$$g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j$$

$$g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{j=1}^n x_j^{k_j} \text{ where } (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n.$$

$$g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{j=1}^n t_j x_j \text{ where } (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

For the joint moments, the following function turns out to be the most important.

$$g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{j=1}^n x_j^{k_j} \text{ where } (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n.$$

Definition (Moment generating function of a random vector)

Let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$

be a random vector. If

$\mathbb{E} \left( e^{\sum_{j=1}^n t_j X_j} \right) < \infty$  for  $|t_j| \leq h_j, j=1, 2, \dots$  for some  $(h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n, (0, \infty)^n$ ,

then we write

$$M(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = \mathbb{E} \left( e^{\sum_{j=1}^n t_j X_j} \right)$$

and call it the moment generating function (m.g.f.) of the random vector  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ .

\* We can define the characteristic function of a random vector in similar way. But we are not going to do that here.

We state some properties of moment generating functions without proof.

### Theorem

The moment generating function of a random vector uniquely determines the joint distribution of the random vector and conversely, if moment generating function exists, it is unique.

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As the joint distribution of a random vector leads to the marginal distributions of its components, it is natural that the marginal distributions can be uniquely determined from the joint moment generating function.

Note that if,

$$M_B(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = \mathbb{E} \left( \exp \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n t_i X_i \right\} \right).$$

then,

$$M(t_1, 0, 0, \dots) = \mathbb{E} \left( \exp \left\{ t_1 X_1 \right\} \right).$$

In general,

$$M(0, 0, \dots, 0, t_j, 0, \dots, 0) = \mathbb{E} \left( \exp \left\{ t_j X_j \right\} \right)$$

turns out to be the moment generating function of the random variable  $X_j$  and hence, uniquely characterizes the marginal distribution of  $X_j$ .

Theorem (Joint moments and moment generating  $f^n$ )

If  $M(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  exists, then the moments of all orders of  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  exist and may be obtained from

$$\frac{\partial^{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_n}}{\partial t_1^{k_1} \partial t_2^{k_2} \dots \partial t_n^{k_n}} \Big|_{t_1=t_2=\dots=t_n=0} = \mathbb{E} \left( \prod_{i=1}^n X_i^{k_i} \right)$$

Theorem

Let  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  be a collection of independent, random variables random vector (that is, defined on the same probability space). Then its components are independent if and only if

$$M(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = \prod_{j=1}^n M(0, 0, \dots, \underset{j}{t_j}, 0, 0, \dots, 0),$$

whenever  $M(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$  exists.

Theorem

Let  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  be a random vector with independent components and moment generating function of  ~~$\text{M}(s)$~~   $X_i$  is given by  $M_i(s)$ , for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then the moment generating function of  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i$  for real numbers  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  is given by

$$M_Y(s) = \prod_{i=1}^n M_i(a_i s).$$

Moments and moment inequalities of random vectors

Recall that if it exists, the correlation function of  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by

$$\text{Exercise } p = \rho_{x,y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X) \text{Var}(Y)}}.$$

where  $(X, Y) : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2))$  be a random vector.

Remark.  $\rho$  is known as a measure of the linear dependence between the random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Remark It follows easily that  $|ab| \leq \frac{1}{2}(a^2 + b^2)$ . and so we can say  $E(|XY|)$  exists if both  $E(X^2)$  and  $E(Y^2)$  exist.

Remark We say  $X$  and  $Y$  to be uncorrelated if

$$\rho_{x,y} = 0.$$

Remark The correlation coefficient  $\rho$  between two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  satisfies  $|\rho| \leq 1$ . The equality  $|\rho| = 1$  holds if and only if there exist constants  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $P(Y = ax + b) = 1$ .

Exercise. Let  $E(X^2) < \infty$ ,  $E(Y^2) < \infty$  and let  $U = ax + b$  and  $V = cy + d$ . Then

$$\rho_{x,y} = \pm \rho_{U,V}$$

where  $(X, Y)$  is a random vector.

Exercise Let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  be a random vector such that  $E|X_i| < \infty$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ . Consider  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  ~~s.t.  $\sum a_i < \infty$~~  and define

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i.$$

Then  $E(S)$  exists and we have  $E(S) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i E(x_i)$ .

Exercise

Let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  be a random vector with independent components ~~s.t.~~ such that  $E(|X_i|) < \infty$ .

Then  $E\left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right)$  exists and

$$E\left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right) = \prod_{i=1}^n E(x_i).$$

Theorem

Let  $(x_i : 1 \leq i \leq n)$  be a random vector composed of independent random variables. Consider  $g_i : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ~~s.t.~~ such that  $\bar{g}_i(B) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$  for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ .   
 ~~such that~~  $E(|g_i(x_i)|) < \infty$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ . ~~such that~~  $E(|g_i(x_i)|) < \infty$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then we have

$$E\left[\prod_{i=1}^n g_i(x_i)\right] = \prod_{i=1}^n E(g_i(x_i)).$$

Exercise

Let  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  be a random vectors. such that—  
 $\mathbb{E}(X_i^2) < \infty$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ . Consider a deterministic  
 $n$ -tuple ~~( $a_1, \dots, a_n$ )~~ and define

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i.$$

Then it follows that

$$\text{Var}(S) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \text{Var}(X_i) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq i, j \neq i} a_i a_j \text{Cor}(X_i, X_j).$$

Hence it follows that

$$\text{Var}(S) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \text{Var}(X_i)$$

if  $X_i$ 's are independent random variables.

Exercise

Let  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  be a finite collection of independent  
 random variables. Consider a deterministic  $n$ -tuple  
 $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = 1.$$

Assume that  $\mathbb{E}(X_i^2) < \infty$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . and  $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma_i^2$

for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ . Define

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i \text{ and so } \text{Var}(S_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma_i^2.$$

Find the weights  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  such that  ~~$\text{Var}(S_n)$~~  is minimum.

An inequality

$$|a+b|^n \leq \epsilon_n (|a|^n + |b|^n)$$

where  $\epsilon_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 \leq n \leq 1 \\ 2^{n-1} & \text{for } n > 1 \end{cases}$

Note that it is enough to consider  $0 < a \leq b$ . Consider

$x = a/b$ . Then

$$\frac{(a+b)^n}{a^n + b^n} = \frac{(1+x)^n}{1+x^n}$$

Define  $f(x) = \frac{(1+x)^n}{1+x^n}$  for  $x \in (0, 1]$ .

$$f'(x) = \frac{(1+x)^n n (1+x)^{n-1} - (1+x)^n n x^{n-1}}{(1+x^n)^2}$$

$$= \frac{n (1+x)^{n-1}}{(1+x^n)^2} \left[ (1+x)^n - n x^{n-1} (1+x) \right]$$

$$= \frac{n (1+x)^{n-1}}{(1+x^n)^2} \left[ (1+x)^n - n x^{n-1} - n x^n \right]$$

$$= \frac{n (1+x)^{n-1}}{(1+x^n)^2} [1 - x^{n-1}] \quad \text{for } x \in (0, 1].$$

It follows that  $f'(x) \geq 0$  if  $n \geq 1$  and  $< 0$  if  $n < 1$ . Thus,

$$\max_{x \in [0, 1]} f(x) = f(0) = 1 \quad \text{if } n \leq 1.$$

$$\max_{0 \leq x \leq 1} f(x) = f(1) = 2^{n-1} \quad \text{if } n > 1.$$

and the desired inequality follows.

### Theorem

Let  $(X, Y) : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2))$  be a random vector. Let  $n > 0$  be a fixed number such that  $\mathbb{E}(|X|^n) < \infty$  and  $\mathbb{E}(|Y|^n) < \infty$ . Then  $\mathbb{E}(|X+Y|^n) < \infty$ , and furthermore,

$$\mathbb{E}(|X+Y|^n) \leq c_n (\mathbb{E}(|X|^n) + \mathbb{E}(|Y|^n)).$$

### Hölder's inequality

Consider two positive real numbers  $p$  and  $q$  such that  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Then we have

$$|xy| \leq \frac{1}{p} |x|^p + \frac{1}{q} |y|^q.$$

The inequality follows from convexity of the function  $x \mapsto -\log x$ . It follows for any two positive real numbers  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  such that  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1$ , we have

$$-\log(\lambda_1 x + \lambda_2 y) \leq -\log \lambda_1 \log x - \log \lambda_2 \log y$$

$$\text{that is, } \log(\lambda_1 x + \lambda_2 y) \geq \log x^{\lambda_1} + y^{\lambda_2}.$$

$$\text{that is, } \lambda_1 x + \lambda_2 y \geq x^{\lambda_1} y^{\lambda_2}$$

for  $x, y > 0$ . Take  $x = |x|^p$  and  $y = |y|^q$  and  $\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{p}$  and  $\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{q}$  to get Hölder's inequality.