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Topic:: Joint continuous distributions

Read:: FASt 3.8

X_1, X_2, X_3 all normal, independent, μ_i, σ_i

$$X_1 + X_2 + X_3 \stackrel{?}{\sim} \text{Norm}\left(\frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \mu_3}{1}, \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2}\right)$$

Yes

Joint Distributions for Continuous r.v.s

Definition 1: Let $f: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a nonnegative function for which the multiple integral

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) dx_k \cdots dx_2 dx_1 = 1.$$

Then f is called a **probability density function**. A continuous **random vector** $\mathbf{X} = \langle X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k \rangle$ whose components X_i are continuous random variables is said to have (joint) pdf f if, for subsets A of \mathbb{R}^k ,

$$P(\mathbf{X} \in A) = \int_A f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}.$$

We write $f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})$, or $f_{X_1, \dots, X_k}(x_1, \dots, x_k)$.

The joint cdf of \mathbf{X} , denoted by $F_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})$ is evaluated as

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) &= P(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_k \leq x_k) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} \int_{-\infty}^{x_2} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{x_k} f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k) dt_k \cdots dt_2 dt_1. \end{aligned}$$

Likewise, the pdf can be obtained from the cdf via differentiation:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k).$$

We will generally consider bivariate distributions for random vectors $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2)$, but most results carry over naturally to multivariate distributions.

Definition 2: Suppose X, Y are jointly distributed continuous r.v.s with pdf $f_{X,Y}(x, y)$. Define the **marginal density function** for X (resp. Y) to be

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy \quad (\text{and } f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx).$$

Given the marginal distributions, we can define conditional ones via the ratio

$$f_{X|Y=y}(x) = f_{X|Y}(x | y) := \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

of joint to marginal pdf. Here, $f_{X|Y=y}(x)$ is the **conditional distribution** of X given $Y = y$.

If

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y),$$

then X, Y are **independent**.

Example 1:

$$\text{Let } f(x, y) = \begin{cases} kxy^2, & 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

(a) Find the value of k for which f is a densit function.

(b) Determine if X and Y are independent.

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Lemma 1 (Lemma 3.8.7, p. 186 in FASt): If X, Y are independent continuous r.v.s, then for each x, y ,

(i) $f_X(x) = f_{X|Y}(x|y)$, and

(ii) $f_Y(y) = f_{Y|X}(y|x)$.

Example 2:

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pdfpdf for X Suppose $X, Y \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ are independent.(a) What is the joint pdf $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$?

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1 & , 0 \leq x, y \leq 1 \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(b) Let $S = X + Y$. What are the cdf and pdf of S ?

$$= P(S \leq \Delta) = \begin{cases} 0, & \Delta < 0 \text{ or } \Delta > 2 \\ P(X+Y \leq \Delta) = P(Y \leq \Delta - X) = \int f_Y(y) \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0, & \Delta < 0 \text{ or } \Delta > 2 \\ \frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 & 0 \leq \Delta < 1 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2}(2-\Delta)^2 & 1 \leq \Delta \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$f_S(\Delta) = \begin{cases} 0 & \\ \Delta & , 0 \leq \Delta < 1 \\ 2 - \Delta & \end{cases}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2(2-\Delta) \cdot (+1)$$

Lemma 2 (Lemma 3.8.8, p. 188 in FAST): Let X, Y be independent r.v.s, t and s transformations. Then $t(X), s(Y)$ are independent.

X, Y ind. X^2, Y^3

Theorem 1 (Theorem 3.8.9, p. 188 in FAST): Let X, Y be r.v.s. Then

- (i) $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$.
- (ii) $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$, if X, Y are independent.
- (iii) $\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$, with $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$ when X, Y are independent.

proof?
No, it's 2:02.

Theorem 2 (Theorem 3.8.10, p. 189 in FAST): Let M_X, M_Y be moment generating functions, defined on an interval containing 0, for independent r.v.s X, Y . Then $M_{X+Y}(t) = M_X(t)M_Y(t)$, with M_{X+Y} defined on the intersection of intervals of definition for M_X, M_Y .

$$M_{X+Y}(t) = E(e^{t(X+Y)}) = E(\underline{e^{tX}} \cdot \underline{e^{tY}}) = \underline{E(e^{tX})} \cdot \underline{E(e^{tY})}$$

$$= M_X(t) \cdot M_Y(t)$$

Example 3:

(a) The sum of two independent normal r.v.s is another normal r.v.

Note: For $X_1 \sim \text{Norm}(\mu_1, \sigma_1)$, $M_{X_1}(t) = e^{\mu_1 t + \sigma_1^2 t^2 / 2}$.

$$X_2 \sim \text{Norm}(\mu_2, \sigma_2)$$

$$M_{X_1+X_2}(t) = M_{X_1}(t) \cdot M_{X_2}(t) = e^{\mu_1 t + \sigma_1^2 t^2 / 2} \cdot e^{\mu_2 t + \sigma_2^2 t^2 / 2}$$

$$= e^{(\mu_1 + \mu_2)t + (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)t^2 / 2} \Rightarrow X_1 + X_2 \sim \text{Norm}(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2})$$

(b) The sum of two independent binomial r.v.s with the same probability π of success is another binomial r.v.

Note: For $X_1 \sim \text{Binom}(m, \pi)$, $M_{X_1}(t) = (\pi e^t + 1 - \pi)^m$.

$$X_2 \sim \text{Binom}(n, \pi)$$

$$X_1 + X_2 \text{ has } M_{X_1+X_2}(t) = M_{X_1}(t) M_{X_2}(t) = (\pi e^t + 1 - \pi)^m (\pi e^t + 1 - \pi)^n$$

$$= (\pi e^t + 1 - \pi)^{m+n}$$

Definition 3: Suppose $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ is a random vector with joint pdf $f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})$. Suppose there is a single density function $f(x)$ that serves as the pdf for the marginal distribution for each X_j , so that

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = f_{\mathbf{X}}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{j=1}^n f(x_j).$$

Then the r.v.s X_1, \dots, X_n are said to be **independent and identically distributed**, or i.i.d..

In particular, if the X_j are independent with each $X_j \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$, we will denote this by $\mathbf{X} \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \text{Exp}(\lambda)$.

Lemma 3: Suppose X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. and that each $E(X_i) = \mu$, each $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2$. Let $S = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$, and $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n}S$. Then

- (i) $E(S) = n\mu$ and $\text{Var}(S) = n\sigma^2$.
- (ii) $E(\bar{X}) = \mu$ and $\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$.

Lemma 4: Suppose $\mathbf{X} \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \text{Norm}(\mu, \sigma)$, and define S, \bar{X} as in the previous lemma. Then

- (i) $S \sim \text{Norm}(n\mu, \sigma\sqrt{n})$, and
- (ii) $\bar{X} \sim \text{Norm}(\mu, \sigma/\sqrt{n})$.

Proof: By induction on Theorem 2, we have that

$$M_S(t) = \prod_{j=1}^n M_{X_j}(t) = \prod_{j=1}^n e^{\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2 / 2} = e^{n\mu t + n\sigma^2 t^2 / 2},$$

which is the mgf for a normal r.v. with distribution $\text{Norm}(n\mu, n\sigma^2)$. This proves (i).

For (ii), Theorem 3.3.6 (p. 133) gives that $M_{\bar{X}}(t) = M_{S/n}(t) = M_S(t/n) = e^{\mu t + (\sigma^2/n)t^2/2}$, which is the mgf for an r.v. distributed as $\text{Norm}(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$. \square

Question: What if the components X_i of \mathbf{X} have different means μ_i and standard deviations σ_i ?