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Functions of Random Vectors.

The cdf Method.

Example. Let $Y \sim U(0,1)$

Let $\tilde{Y} = Y^X$ w/ $X > 1$

$$y \in (0,1): F_{\tilde{Y}}(y) = P[Y^X \leq y] \\ = P[Y \leq y^{1/X}] = F_Y(y^{1/X})$$

\Rightarrow for $0 < y < 1$

$$f_{\tilde{Y}}(y) = F'_{\tilde{Y}}(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y^{1/X}) = \frac{d}{dy} (y^{1/X}) \\ = \frac{1}{X} \cdot y^{\frac{1}{X}-1}$$



CDF Method in 2D.

Goal: We want to find the density f_W of a r.v. $g(Y_1, Y_2)$
where (Y_1, Y_2) are jointly continuous w/ pdf f_{Y_1, Y_2}

$$F_W(w) = P[W \leq w] = P[g(Y_1, Y_2) \leq w] = P[(Y_1, Y_2) \in A]$$

$$A = \{ (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : g(y_1, y_2) \leq w \}$$

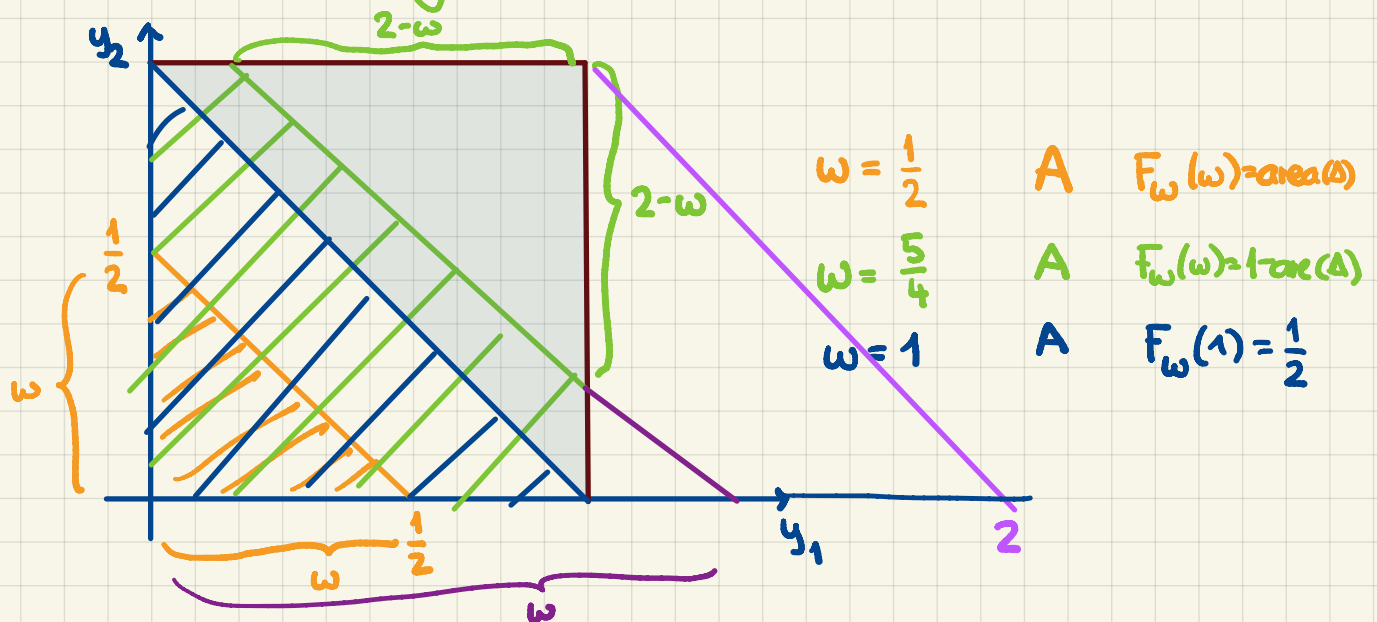
$$F_W(w) = \iint_A f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) dy_2 dy_1$$

Example. Say (Y_1, Y_2) represent points chosen @ random in a unit square $[0,1] \times [0,1] = [0,1]^2$

$$f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = 1_{[0,1]^2}(y_1, y_2)$$

Define $W = Y_1 + Y_2$

i.e., $g(y_1, y_2) = y_1 + y_2$



for $w < 0$: $F_W(w) = 0$ ←

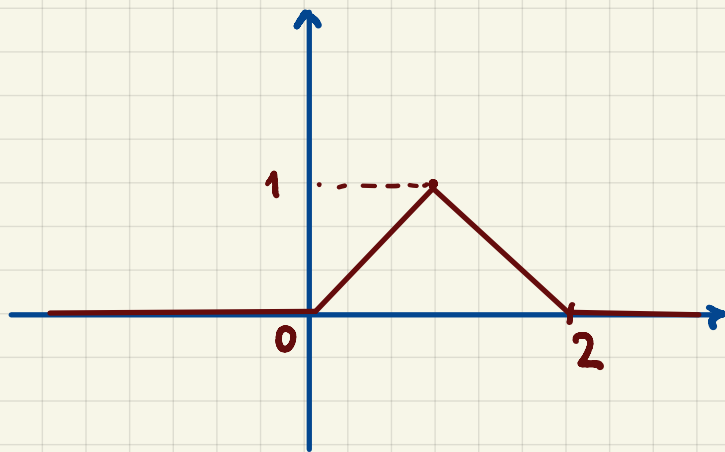
for $0 \leq w < 1$: $F_W(w) = \frac{1}{2}w^2$

for $w = 1$: $F_W(1) = \frac{1}{2}$

for $1 < w \leq 2$: $F_W(w) = 1 - \frac{(2-w)^2}{2} = -1 + \underline{2w} - \frac{1}{2}w^2$

for $w > 2$: $F_W(w) = 1$

$$f_W(w) = \begin{cases} 0 & w < 0 \\ w & w \in [0, 1) \\ 2-w & w \in [1, 2] \\ 0 & w > 2 \end{cases}$$

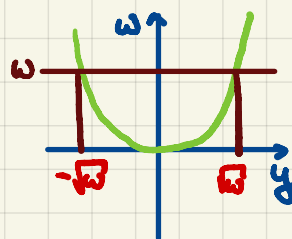


Example. Let $Y \sim N(0,1)$

Set $W = Y^2$, i.e., $W = g(Y)$ w/ $g(y) = y^2$

For all $w \leq 0$: $F_W(w) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For all } w > 0: F_W(w) &= \mathbb{P}[W \leq w] = \mathbb{P}[Y^2 \leq w] \\ &= \mathbb{P}[-\sqrt{w} \leq Y \leq \sqrt{w}] \\ &= F_Y(\sqrt{w}) - F_Y(-\sqrt{w}) \end{aligned}$$



for $w > 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} f_W(w) &= \frac{d}{dw} (F_Y(\sqrt{w}) - F_Y(-\sqrt{w})) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{w}} \underbrace{f_Y(\sqrt{w})}_{\text{circled}} + \left(+\frac{1}{2\sqrt{w}}\right) \cdot \underbrace{f_Y(-\sqrt{w})}_{\text{circled}} \end{aligned}$$

$$f_Y(z) = \varphi(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} \quad \text{for all } z \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$f_W(w) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{w}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot 2 \cdot e^{-\frac{w}{2}} \quad \text{for } w > 0$$

$$f_W(w) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi w}} e^{-\frac{w}{2}} \cdot 1_{(0,\infty)}(w)$$

W is said to have the χ^2 -dist'n w/ 1 degree of freedom

$$W \sim \chi^2(df=1)$$

More generally, for Y_1, \dots, Y_k independent and $N(0,1)$ all

$$X = Y_1^2 + Y_2^2 + \dots + Y_k^2 \sim \chi^2(df=k)$$