

Multivariate random vectors

$\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_p)'$ X_i is a r.v. on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ say

$$\forall \omega \in \Omega; \text{ assign } \underline{X}(\omega) = \begin{pmatrix} X_1(\omega) \\ \vdots \\ X_p(\omega) \end{pmatrix}$$

Distⁿ fⁿ or joint distⁿ fⁿ $\underline{X}_{p \times 1}$ is a random vector

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\underline{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_p) &= P(\omega: X_1(\omega) \leq x_1, X_2(\omega) \leq x_2, \dots, X_p(\omega) \leq x_p) \\ &= P(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_p \leq x_p) \end{aligned}$$

Note that $F_{\underline{X}}(\cdot)$ as defined above satisfies

- (i) $\lim_{\min_i x_i \rightarrow \infty} F_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) = 1$
- (ii) $\lim_{\text{any } x_i \rightarrow -\infty} F_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) = 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, p$
- (iii) $F_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x})$ is non decreasing in each argument
- (iv) $F_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x})$ is right continuous in each argument

Remark:

$$\lim_{\substack{p \geq 2 \\ x_2 \rightarrow \infty}} F_{\underline{X}}(x_1, x_2) = F_{\underline{X}}(x_1, \infty) = F_{X_1}(x_1)$$

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marginal distⁿ fⁿ of X_1

In general for any $k = 1, \dots, p$

$$\lim_{x_k \rightarrow \infty} F_{\underline{X}}(x_1, \dots, \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ k^{\text{th}}}}{x_k}, \dots, x_p) = F_{X_1, \dots, X_{k-1}, X_{k+1}, \dots, X_p}(x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_p)$$

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marginal joint d.f. of

$$(X_1, \dots, X_{k-1}, X_{k+1}, \dots, X_p)$$

Remark:

$P(\tilde{X} \in B_p)$ can be expressed through joint d.f.

p -dimensional semiclosed rectangle of the form

$$(a_1, b_1] \times (a_2, b_2] \times \dots \times (a_k, b_k] \\ a_i < b_i \text{ for } i=1, \dots, k$$

Consider $p=2$, to have a feel

$$a_1 < b_1; a_2 < b_2$$

$$P(a_1 < X_1 \leq b_1, a_2 < X_2 \leq b_2)$$

$$= P(X_1 \leq b_1, X_2 \leq b_2)$$

$$- P(X_1 \leq a_1, X_2 \leq b_2)$$

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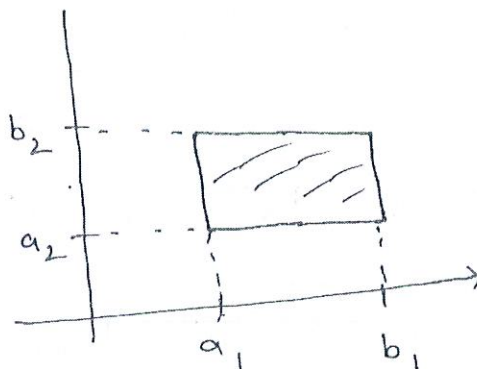
$$+ P(X_1 \leq a_1, X_2 \leq a_2)$$

$$= F_{X_1, X_2}(b_1, b_2) - F_{X_1, X_2}(a_1, b_2) - F_{X_1, X_2}(b_1, a_2) \\ + F_{X_1, X_2}(a_1, a_2)$$

Remark: The four conditions that $F_{\tilde{X}}(\cdot)$ satisfies (i)-(iv) are not n. s. c. for a f^* to be d.f. of random vector.

We additionally need condition (for $p=2$) that

$$P(a_1 < X_1 \leq b_1, a_2 < X_2 \leq b_2) \geq 0 \quad \forall \begin{matrix} a_1 < b_1 \\ a_2 < b_2 \end{matrix}$$



Discrete random vector

Defⁿ: A random vector $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_p)'$ is said to be discrete

If there exist a countable set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^p \Rightarrow$

$$P(\underline{X} \in E) = 1$$

(finite or countably infinite)

p.m.f. or joint p.m.f of (X_1, \dots, X_p)

Let $E = \{\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2, \dots\} ; \underline{e}_i \in \mathbb{R}^p$

$$p_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) = P(\underline{X} = \underline{x}) = \begin{cases} P(X = \underline{e}_i), & \text{if } \underline{x} = \underline{e}_i, i=1, 2, \dots \\ 0, & \text{if } \underline{x} \notin E \end{cases}$$

i.e. $p_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) = P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_p = x_p)$.

Consider a bivariate setup $p=2$ case

(i) marginal p.m.f. of X_i can be obtained by summing over possible values of the other variable

$$\text{e.g. } P(X_1 = x_i) = \sum_y P(X_1 = x_i, X_2 = y) ; i=1, 2, \dots$$

$$\text{Similarly } P(X_2 = y_j) = \sum_x P(X_1 = x, X_2 = y_j) ; j=1, 2, \dots$$

(ii) Conditional distⁿ of X_1 given X_2 or X_2 given X_1

conditional p.m.f of X_2 given X_1

$$p_{X_2|X_1=x_i}(y|x_i) = \frac{P(X_2 = y, X_1 = x_i)}{P(X_1 = x_i)}$$

For each level of fixed x_i , we get a conditional distⁿ

$$\text{Similarly } p_{X_1|X_2=y_j}(x|y_j) = \frac{P(X_1 = x, X_2 = y_j)}{P(X_2 = y_j)}$$

For a p -dimensional random vector $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_p)$, we can obtain p 1-variate marginals for X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p

$\binom{p}{2}$ 2-variate joint marginals for (X_i, X_j)

and so on

One can obtain conditional p.m.f. of $(X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_r})$

given the remaining variables or any subset of

the remaining variables.

Independence \therefore Discrete random variables X_1, \dots, X_p

are independent iff the joint p.m.f. can be expressed

as

$$P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_p = x_p) = \prod_{i=1}^p P(X_i = x_i)$$

$$\forall (x_1, \dots, x_p) \in E$$

Note that in such a case conditional p.m.f.s will be identical to unconditional p.m.f.s.

Example of a multivariate discrete distⁿ

Consider a random experiment with 3 mutually exclusive and exhaustive outcomes, A_1, A_2 & A_3 with probabilities

$\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$, respectively. Repeat the trials n times

Define

X_1 : number of times A_1 occurs out of n trials

X_2 : - - - - - A_2 occurs out of n trials

X_3 : - - - - - A_3 occurs out of n trials

let (x_1, x_2, x_3) denote the observed count in n trials

$$x_i \geq 0, \quad x_i \leq n \quad \forall i=1,2,3 \quad \& \quad \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i = n$$

$$E = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3) : 0 \leq x_i \leq n, \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i = n \right\} - \text{finite number of points}$$

jt p.m.f.

$$P(X_1=x_1, X_2=x_2, X_3=x_3) = \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! x_3!} \theta_1^{x_1} \theta_2^{x_2} \theta_3^{x_3},$$

$0 \leq x_i \leq n$
 $\sum x_i = n$

Note that $x_3 = n - x_1 - x_2$ and

$$\theta_3 = 1 - \theta_1 - \theta_2$$

$$P(X_1=x_1, X_2=x_2) = \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! (n-x_1-x_2)!} \theta_1^{x_1} \theta_2^{x_2} (1-\theta_1-\theta_2)^{n-x_1-x_2}$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq n$$

$$= 0, \quad \text{if } \omega$$

(X_1, X_2) is said to follow a trinomial distⁿ (n, θ_1, θ_2)

Marginal distⁿs:

Marginal p.m.f. of X_1 :

$$P(X_1=x_1) = \sum_{x_2=0}^{n-x_1} \frac{n!}{x_1! (n-x_1)!} \theta_1^{x_1} \frac{(n-x_1)!}{x_2! (n-x_1-x_2)!} \theta_2^{x_2} (1-\theta_1-\theta_2)^{n-x_1-x_2}$$

$$= \binom{n}{x_1} \theta_1^{x_1} (1-\theta_1-\theta_2+\theta_2)^{n-x_1}$$

$$= \binom{n}{x_1} \theta_1^{x_1} (1-\theta_1)^{n-x_1}$$

i.e. $X_1 \sim \text{Bin}(n, \theta_1)$

slly $X_2 \sim \text{Bin}(n, \theta_2)$