

# Elements of Statistics

## Chapter 6: Random variables

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### Example 6.1: Triple coin toss (1)

Triple coin toss (H: Heads, T: Tails):

Let  $X$  = Number of heads be a random variable with  $x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ .

Toss	Result	Realisation	Number of heads
1	H H H	1 1 1	3
2	H H T	1 1 0	2
3	H T H	1 0 1	2
4	H T T	1 0 0	1
5	T H H	0 1 1	2
6	T H T	0 1 0	1
7	T T H	0 0 1	1
8	T T T	0 0 0	0

### Example 6.1: Triple coin toss (2)

Construction of the table in R:

```
result <- expand.grid(lapply(
  X = 1:3,
  FUN = function(x) c("H", "T")))
domain <- expand.grid(lapply(
  X = 1:3,
  FUN = function(x) c(1, 0)))
number_of_hats <- rowSums(domain)

Example6_1 <- data.frame(result, domain, number_of_hats)
names(Example6_1) <- c("result", "", "", "domain", "", "",
  "number_of_hats")

save(Example6_1, file="Example6-1.RData")
head(Example6_1, n = 4)
```

	result	domain	number_of_hats
1	H H H	1 1 1	3
2	T H H	0 1 1	2
3	H T H	1 0 1	2
4	T T H	0 0 1	1

### Definition of a random variable

#### Definition 6.1:

Let a probability space  $(\Omega; \mathcal{S}; P)$  be given. A function

$$X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \quad \omega \mapsto X(\omega)$$

is called *random variable*, if the set

$$X^{-1}((-\infty, x]) = \{\omega \in \Omega | X(\omega) \leq x\}$$

belongs to the sigma algebra  $\mathcal{S}$  over  $\Omega$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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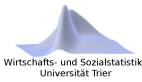
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Example 6.2: see Ex. 6.1 (1)

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 1) &= P(\{(H, T, T), (T, H, T), (T, T, H)\}) \\ &= \frac{3}{8} \end{aligned}$$

```
load("Example6-1.RData")
sum(Example6_1$number_of_hats == 1) /
length(Example6_1$number_of_hats)
```

[1] 0.375

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 1) &= P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

```
sum(Example6_1$number_of_hats==0 |
Example6_1$number_of_hats==1) /
length(Example6_1$number_of_hats)
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[1] 0.5



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Example 6.2: see Ex. 6.1 (2)

$$P(X > 1) = 1 - P(X \leq 1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

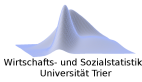
```
sum(Example6_1$number_of_hats > 1) /
length(Example6_1$number_of_hats)
```

[1] 0.5

$$P(0 < X \leq 2) = P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) = \frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{3}{4}$$

```
sum(Example6_1$number_of_hats>0&
Example6_1$number_of_hats<=2) /
length(Example6_1$number_of_hats)
```

[1] 0.75



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Distribution function

Definition 6.2:

The function  $F(x) := P(\{X \leq x\})$ , which assigns to each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  the probability that the random variable  $X$  is less than or equal to  $x$ , is called *distribution function* of  $X$ .

We use the short hand  $P(X \leq x)$ .



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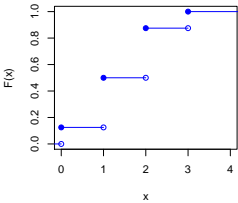
Example 6.3: see Ex. 6.2 (1)

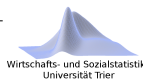
For the random variable  $X$  we have:

- 1. For  $x < 0$ :  $P(X \leq x) = 0$
- 2. For  $0 \leq x < 1$ :  $P(X \leq x) = P(X = 0) = 1/8$
- 3. For  $1 \leq x < 2$ :  $P(X \leq x) = P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) = 1/2$
- 4. For  $2 \leq x < 3$ :  $P(X \leq x) = 1 - P(X = 3) = 7/8$
- 5. For  $x \geq 3$ :  $P(X \leq x) = 1$

Therefore, we have:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ 1/8 & \text{for } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1/2 & \text{for } 1 \leq x < 2 \\ 7/8 & \text{for } 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 1 & \text{for } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$





## Example 6.3: see Ex. 6.2 (2)

Calculation of  $F(x)$  and construction of the graphic in R:

```
load("Example6-1.RData")

x6_3 <- Example6_1$number_of_hats
F_x6_3 <- cumsum(prop.table(x = table(x = x6_3)))

plot(ecdf(x6_3), col = "blue", xlab = "x", ylab = "F(x)",
     main = "", xlim = c(0, 4))
points(0:3, c(0, F_x6_3[-4]), col = "blue")

F_x6_3
```

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      0      1      2      3
0.125 0.500 0.875 1.000
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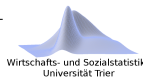
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## Properties of distribution functions

We have:

1.  $0 \leq F(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$
4.  $F$  is monotonously increasing.
5.  $F$  has no more than a countable number of jump discontinuities.
6.  $F$  is right-continuous.

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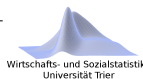
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## Discrete random variables

### Definition 6.3:

A random variable  $X$  is called *discrete* if it cannot take more than a countable number of values (realisations) with a positive probability. If  $x_1, \dots, x_i$  are the realisations of  $X$ , then the probabilities  $P(X = x_1), \dots, P(X = x_i)$  contain the complete information about this random variable.

### Definition 6.4:

The function  $f(x)$ , which is defined for all real  $x$  and given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} P(X = x) & \text{for all possible realisations of } X \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases},$$

is called *probability function* of the (discrete) random variable  $X$ .

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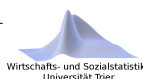
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## Example 6.4: Red and blue balls (1)

An urn contains 3 red and 7 black balls. 3 balls are drawn with replacement. Determine the probability table for the number of red balls drawn.

Furthermore, make suitable plots for the respective probability function and distribution function.

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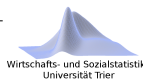
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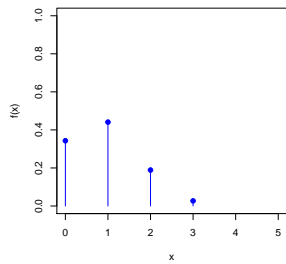


## Example 6.4: Red and blue balls (2)

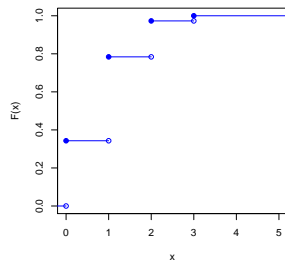
$x_i$	0	1	2	3
$f(x_i)$	0.343	0.441	0.189	0.027

```
x6_4 <- 0:3
f_x6_4 <- c(0.343, 0.441, 0.189, 0.027)
F_x6_4 <- cumsum(f_x6_4)
```

Probability function



Distribution function



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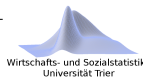
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## Example 6.4: Red and blue balls (3)

Construction of the graphics in R:

```
plot(x = x6_4, y = f_x6_4, type = "h", lwd = 3,
      xlim = c(0,5), ylim = c(0,0.6), col = "blue", xlab="x",
      ylab = "f(x)", main = "Probability function")
points(x = x6_4, y = f_x6_4, col = "blue", pch = 19)
```

```
x_axis <- c(-1, sort(x6_4), 4)
y_axis <- c(0, F_x6_4, 1)
```

```
plot(x = c(0,4), y = c(0,1), main = "Distribution function",
      type = "n", col = "blue", xlab = "x", ylab = "F(x)")
```

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lines(x = x_axis[1:2], y=rep(y_axis[1], 2), col="blue", lwd=2)
lines(x = x_axis[2:3], y=rep(y_axis[2], 2), col="blue", lwd=2)
lines(x = x_axis[3:4], y=rep(y_axis[3], 2), col="blue", lwd=2)
lines(x = x_axis[4:5], y=rep(y_axis[4], 2), col="blue", lwd=2)
lines(x = x_axis[5:6], y=rep(y_axis[5], 2), col="blue", lwd=2)
points(x = x_axis[1:5], y=y_axis[1:5], col="blue", pch=19)
points(x = x_axis[2:5], y=y_axis[1:4], col="blue", pch=1)
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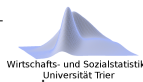
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## Example 6.5: Another random variable (1)

Let a discrete random variable have the following probability and distribution function, respectively:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0.2 \cdot 0.8^x & \text{for } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - 0.8^{x+1} & \text{for } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Definition of  $f(x)$  and  $F(x)$  in R:

```
x6_5 <- 0:10
```

```
# ATTENTION: here functions
f_x <- function(x) {0.2 * 0.8^x}
```

```
F_x <- function(x) {1 - 0.8^(x+1)}
```

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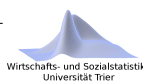
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## Example 6.5: Another random variable (2)

We get the following tabulated results:

$x_i$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$f(x_i)$	0.200	0.160	0.128	0.102	0.082	0.066	0.052	0.042	0.034	0.027	0.021
$F(x_i)$	0.200	0.360	0.488	0.590	0.672	0.738	0.790	0.832	0.866	0.893	0.914

```
round(f_x(x6_5), digits = 3)
```

```
[1] 0.200 0.160 0.128 0.102 0.082 0.066 0.052 0.042 0.034 0.027 0.021
```

```
round(F_x(x6_5), digits = 3)
```

```
[1] 0.200 0.360 0.488 0.590 0.672 0.738 0.790 0.832 0.866 0.893 0.914
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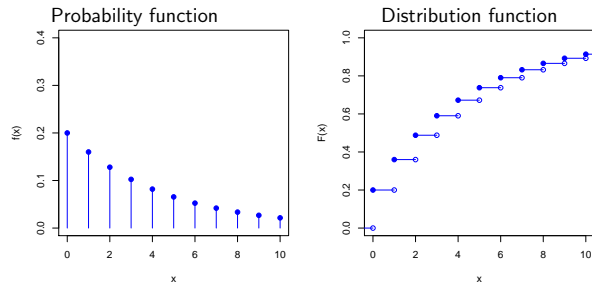
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## Example 6.5: Another random variable (3)



The random variable has a countably infinite number of realisations.  
Here, we are dealing with a geometric distribution with parameter  $p = 0.2$ .

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## Continuous random variables

### Definition 6.5:

If there is a non-negative function  $f(x)$  for a random variable  $X$ , in such a way that the distribution function for all  $x$  can be described by

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(y) dy,$$

we call  $X$  a *continuous random variable*.

### Definition 6.6:

The function  $f(x)$  of Definition 7.5 is called the *density function* of the continuous random variable  $X$ .

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## Properties of continuous random variables

1. The area between the density curve and the abscissa has to sum up to 1. Notice the analogy to the empirical relative frequency distribution (histogram).
2. The probability  $F(x)$  that  $X$  takes on a value which is less than or equal to  $x$  is expressed in terms of the measure of the area between the density curve and the abscissa on the interval  $(-\infty, x]$ . Notice the analogy to the empirical distribution function.
3.  $P(x_1 < X \leq x_2) = F(x_2) - F(x_1)$

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## Properties of continuous random variables (ctd.)

4.  $P(X = x) = 0$   
Density values cannot be interpreted as probabilities!
5.  $X$  continuous  $\Rightarrow$   
 $P(x_1 < X \leq x_2) = P(x_1 \leq X < x_2) =$   
 $P(x_1 \leq X \leq x_2) = P(x_1 < X < x_2)$
6. Interpretation of densities:  $P(x_1 < X \leq x_2) \approx f(x) \cdot \underbrace{(x_2 - x_1)}_{\text{small}}$
7.  $f(x) > 1$  is possible!
8.  $F'(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x$ , for which  $F$  is differentiable.

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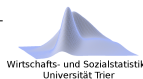
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### Example 6.6: A continuous random variable

Let the continuous random variable  $X$  have the following density function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0.5 & \text{for } 1 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}.$$

Then, we get the distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 1 \\ 0.5x - 0.5 & \text{for } 1 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 1 & \text{for } x > 3 \end{cases}.$$

Application of  $f(x)$  and  $F(x)$  in R:

```
# Distinction from the latest functions
f_x6_6 <- function(x) {0.5}

F_x6_6 <- function(x) {0.5 * x - 0.5}
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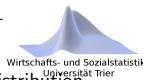
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### Example 6.7: An exponentially distributed RV

Let the continuous random variable  $X$  have the following distribution function:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} & \text{for } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

(exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ ). Then, differentiation yields the density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} & \text{for } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}.$$

Application of  $F(x)$  and  $f(x)$  in R:

```
f_x6_7 <- function(x) {1 - exp(-1/2 * x)}

f_x6_7 <- function(x) {1/2 * exp(-1/2 * x)}
```

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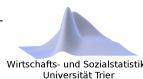
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### Definition 6.7:

Let the random variable  $X$  have the following probability or density function  $f(x)$ , respectively. If

$$\sum_i |f(x_i) \cdot x_i| < \infty \quad \text{or} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x) \cdot x| dx < \infty$$

holds, then

$$E(X) := \sum_i f(x_i) \cdot x_i \text{ or } E(X) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \cdot x dx$$

is called the *expected value* of the discrete or continuous random variable  $X$ , respectively.

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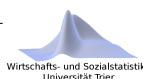
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### Definition 6.8:

Let the random variable  $X$  have the following probability or density function  $f(x)$ , respectively. If

$$\sum_i |f(x_i) \cdot x_i^2| < \infty \quad \text{or} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x) \cdot x^2| dx < \infty$$

holds, then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &:= \sum_i (x_i - EX)^2 \cdot f(x_i) \text{ or} \\ \text{Var}(X) &:= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - EX)^2 \cdot f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

is called the *variance* of the discrete or continuous random variable  $X$ , respectively.

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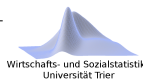
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### Example 6.8: see Ex. 6.4

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_{x=0}^3 x \cdot f(x) \\ &= 0 \cdot 0.343 + 1 \cdot 0.441 + 2 \cdot 0.189 + 3 \cdot 0.027 \\ &= 0.9 \\ \text{Var}(X) &= \sum_{x=0}^3 x^2 \cdot f(x) - E(X)^2 \\ &= 0^2 \cdot 0.343 + 1^2 \cdot 0.441 + 2^2 \cdot 0.189 + 3^2 \cdot 0.027 - 0.9^2 \\ &= 1.44 - 0.9^2 = 0.63 \end{aligned}$$

Calculation of  $E(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$  in R:

```
Mean_X6_8 <- weighted.mean(x = x6_4, w = f_x6_4)
```

```
Var_X6_8 <- sum(f_x6_4*(x6_4 - Mean_X6_8)^2)
```

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Mean_X6_8      Var_X6_8
[1] 0.9         [1] 0.63
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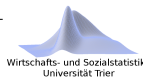
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### Example 6.9: see Ex. 6.6 (1)

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx = \int_1^3 x \cdot 0.5 dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{2} \cdot x^2 \cdot 0.5 \right]_1^3 = \left[ \frac{1}{4} \cdot x^2 \right]_1^3 \\ &= \frac{9}{4} - \frac{1}{4} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Calculation of  $E(X)$  in R:

```
Mean_X6_9 <- integrate(f = function(x){0.5*x}, lower = 1,
                      upper = 3)$value
Mean_X6_9
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[1] 2
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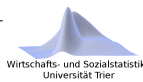
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### Example 6.9: see Ex. 6.6 (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot f(x) dx - E(X)^2 = \int_1^3 x^2 \cdot 0.5 dx - 2^2 \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{6} x^3 \right]_1^3 - 4 \\ &= \frac{27}{6} - \frac{1}{6} - 4 = \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Calculation of  $\text{Var}(X)$  in R:

```
Var_X6_9 <- integrate(f = function(x){0.5*x^2}, lower = 1,
                      upper = 3
                      )$value - Mean_X6_9^2
Var_X6_9
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[1] 0.3333333
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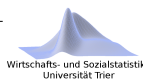
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### Linear transformation of a random variable

Let  $Y = a + b \cdot X$ , then

$$E(Y) = a + b \cdot E(X)$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = b^2 \cdot \text{Var}(X)$$

#### Example 6.10:

X: Filling weight of a package of detergent in kg

Y: Deviation from targeted weight of 5 kg in g

Then  $Y = (X - 5) \cdot 1000 = -5000 + 1000 \cdot X$  and therefore  $a = -5000$  and  $b = 1000$ .

#### Example 6.11: (see Example 6.4)

Now we are interested in the share of black balls

(earlier: number of red balls):

$$Y = \frac{n-X}{n} = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \cdot X \text{ with } n = 3$$

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Standard transformation

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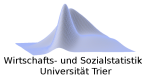
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The special linear transformation

$$Z = \frac{X - E(X)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}} = -\frac{E(X)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}} \cdot X$$

is called standard transformation of random variable  $X$  (see Chapter 4).

We have  $E(Z) = 0$  and  $\text{Var}(Z) = 1$ .



Example 6.12: see Ex. 6.4 and 6.8

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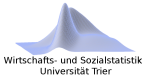
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$X$	0	1	2	3
$Z$	$-0.9/\sqrt{0.63}$	$0.1/\sqrt{0.63}$	$1.1/\sqrt{0.63}$	$2.1/\sqrt{0.63}$
$f(x)$	0.343	0.441	0.189	0.027

Calculation of  $Z$  in R:

```
Z6_12 <- (x6_4 - Mean_X6_8) / sqrt(Var_X6_8)
round(Z6_12, digits = 3)
```

[1] -1.134 0.126 1.386 2.646



Visualisation for Examples 6.11 and 6.12

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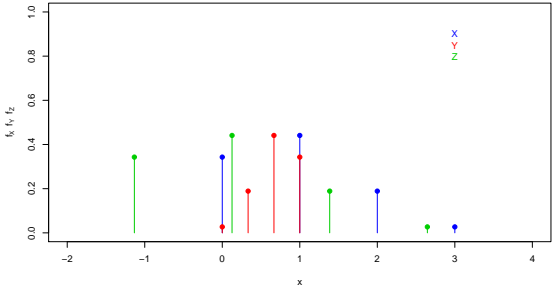
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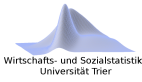
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$$Y = \frac{3 - X}{3} \qquad Z = \frac{X - E(X)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}}$$



Different normal distributions  $N(\mu; \sigma^2)$

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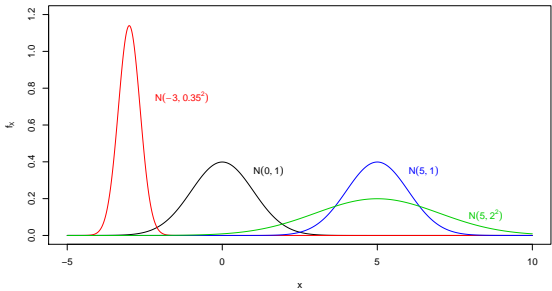
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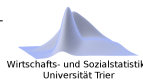
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$$f(x) = \varphi(x | \mu; \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$





## Quantiles of distributions

**Definition of a quantile (see Schaich and Münnich, 2001):**

For a random variable  $X$ , a value  $x$ , which satisfies the inequalities

$$P(X \leq x) \geq p \quad \text{and} \quad P(X \geq x) \leq 1 - p$$

for  $0 < p < 1$ , is called its *quantile of order  $p$*  ( $p$ -quantile).

The median  $x_{0.5}$  (also called the 0.5-quantile), as well as the first and third quartile ( $p = 0.25$  and  $p = 0.75$ , respectively) are particularly interesting.

For continuous random variables (with a strictly monotonous distribution function) the  $p$ -quantile equals  $x_p = F^{-1}(p)$ .

Schaich, E. and Münnich, R. (2001): Mathematische Statistik für Ökonomen: Lehrbuch. Vahlen.

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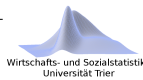
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### Example 6.13: Quantiles of exp. distr. (1)

Let the random variable  $X$  follow an exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ . The distribution function is:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot x} & \text{for } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

The  $p$ -quantile is derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} p &= 1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot x} & | -p & \quad | + e^{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot x} \\ e^{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot x} &= 1 - p & | \ln & \\ -0.5 \cdot x &= \ln(1 - p) & | : (-0.5) & \\ x &= -2 \ln(1 - p) \end{aligned}$$

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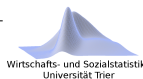
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### Example 6.13: Quantiles of exp. distr. (2)

Therefore, the median is

$$\begin{aligned} x_{0.5} &= -2 \ln(1 - 0.5) = -2 \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -2(\ln 1 - \ln 2) \\ &= -2 \ln 1 + 2 \ln 2 = 2 \ln 2 \approx 1.3863 \end{aligned}$$

and the first quantile is

$$x_{0.25} = -2 \ln \frac{3}{4} \approx 0.5754.$$

Calculation of  $x_{0.5}$  and  $x_{0.25}$  in R:

```
q_050 <- -2 * log(1 - 0.5)
q_025 <- -2 * log(1 - 0.25)
```

```
round(q_050, digits = 4)    round(q_025, digits = 4)
[1] 1.3863                  [1] 0.5754
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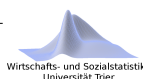
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## Markov's and Tchebysheff's inequality

**Theorem 6.1 (Markov's inequality):** If a random variable  $X$  only takes on non-negative values and the expected value  $E(X)$  exists, the following approximation holds for every  $x^* > 0$ :

$$P(X \geq x^*) \leq \frac{E(X)}{x^*}.$$

**Theorem 6.2 (Tchebysheff's inequality):** If the variance  $\text{Var}(X)$  of a random variable  $X$  exists, the following holds for  $\varepsilon > 0$ :

$$P(|X - E(X)| \geq \varepsilon) \leq \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{\varepsilon^2}.$$

Notice the special case where  $\varepsilon = k \cdot \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$ .

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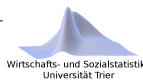
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## Example 6.14: An inequality



Let a non-negative random variable  $X$  have the expected value  $E(X) = 10$  (applies for discrete as well as continuous variables).

We can approximate:

$$P(X \geq 25) \leq \frac{10}{25} = 0.4$$

$$P(X \geq 40) \leq \frac{10}{40} = 0.25$$

$$P(X \geq 5) \leq \frac{10}{5} = 2.$$

The third row is a *trivial* approximation as probabilities are bounded by 0 and 1.

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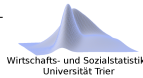
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## Example 6.15: Another inequality



Let the expected value  $E(X) = 2$  and the variance  $\text{Var}(X) = 36$  of a random variable  $X$  be known.

Then we have:

$$P(-8 < X < 12) = P(|X - 2| < 10) \geq 1 - \frac{36}{100} = 0.64$$

$$P(|X - 2| \geq 10) \leq \frac{36}{100} = 0.36$$

$$P(X \leq -3 \vee X \geq 7) = P(|X - 2| \geq 5) \leq \frac{36}{25} = 1.44.$$

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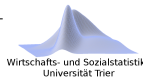
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## Example 6.16: More dimensions (1)



We are looking at two- and multi-dimensional random variables.

a)

Random questioning of a person with replacement (income; age):  
The resulting observation is (1815; 25).

b)

Two rolls of a dice:

The resulting pair of number of pips is (4; 6).

We could as well be interested in the overall sum of pips or the product of the number of pips (10; 24).

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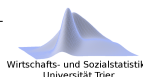
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## Example 6.16: More dimensions (2)



c) An urn contains  $N = 100$  balls, of which 30 are red ( $r$ ), 20 are white ( $w$ ) and 50 are black ( $s$ ). How does the sample space of this experiment look like, if we draw 3 balls?  $X = (\text{number } r, \text{number } w)$

$\omega$	$X(\omega)$	$\omega$	$X(\omega)$	$\omega$	$X(\omega)$
(s,s,s)	(0,0)	(r,s,s)	(1,0)	(w,s,s)	(0,1)
(s,s,r)	(1,0)	(r,s,r)	(2,0)	(w,s,r)	(1,1)
(s,s,w)	(0,1)	(r,s,w)	(1,1)	(w,s,w)	(0,2)
(s,r,s)	(1,0)	(r,r,s)	(2,0)	(w,r,s)	(1,1)
(s,r,r)	(2,0)	(r,r,r)	(3,0)	(w,r,r)	(2,1)
(s,r,w)	(1,1)	(r,r,w)	(2,1)	(w,r,w)	(1,2)
(s,w,s)	(0,1)	(r,w,s)	(1,1)	(w,w,s)	(0,2)
(s,w,r)	(1,1)	(r,w,r)	(2,1)	(w,w,r)	(1,2)
(s,w,w)	(0,2)	(r,w,w)	(1,2)	(w,w,w)	(0,3)

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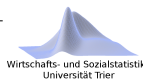
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## Example 6.16: More dimensions (3)

Construction of the table in R:

```
omega <- expand.grid(lapply(X = 1:3,
  FUN = function(x) c("s", "r", "w")))
Number_of_r <- rowSums(omega == "r")
Number_of_w <- rowSums(omega == "w")
X6_16 <- cbind(Number_of_r, Number_of_w)
```

```
Example6_16 <- data.frame(omega, X6_16)
names(Example6_16) <- c("Omega", "", "",
  "Number_of_r", "Number_of_w")
```

```
head(Example6_16)
```

	Omega	Number_of_r	Number_of_w
1	s s s	0	0
2	r s s	1	0
3	w s s	0	1
4	s r s	1	0
5	r r s	2	0
6	w r s	1	1

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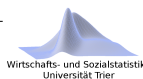
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## Example 6.16: More dimensions (4)

The set of all possible realisations is

$$\{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{N}_0, 0 \leq x_1 + x_2 \leq 3\}.$$

For instance, we could determine  $P(X_1 = x_1; X_2 = x_2)$ ,  $P(X_1 \leq x_1; X_2 \leq x_2)$ ,  $P(X_1 \leq x_1 \vee X_2 \leq x_2)$  or  $P(X_1 \leq x_1 \mid X_2 = x_2)$ .

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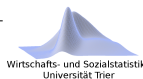
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## Multi-dimensional random variables

Multi-dimensional random variables can be considered as a generalisation of one-dimensional random variables.

The inverse images of half-open  $n$ -intervals must again be part of the sigma algebra over  $\Omega$ .

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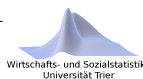
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## Distribution function of multi-dimensional random variables

The function

$$F_X(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n),$$

which gives the probability that  $X_1$  is at most  $x_1$  and  $X_n$  is at most  $x_n$  for all real  $n$ -tuple is called distribution function of the random vector  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ .

Interval probabilities in the two-dimensional case:

$$P(x'_1 < X_1 \leq x''_1, x'_2 < X_2 \leq x''_2) = F(x''_1, x''_2) - F(x'_1, x''_2) - F(x''_1, x'_2) + F(x'_1, x'_2).$$

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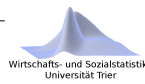
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## Discrete random vectors



### Discrete random vector

A random vector  $\mathbf{X}$  is called a multi-dimensional discrete random variable if each of its components can take on at most a countable number of values.

### Probability function of a discrete random vector

The function  $f(x_1, x_2)$ , which is defined for all real pairs of numbers  $(x_1, x_2)$  and which is characterised by

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} P(X_1 = x_{1j}, X_2 = x_{2k}) & \text{for all } j, k \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

is called the probability function of the discrete random vector  $\mathbf{X}$ .

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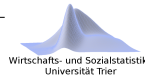
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## Two-dimensional discrete random variables



$X_1 \backslash X_2$	$x_{21}$	$\dots$	$x_{2k}$	$\dots$	$x_{2r}$	$\sum$
$x_{11}$	$f(x_{11}, x_{21})$	$\dots$	$f(x_{11}, x_{2k})$	$\dots$	$f(x_{11}, x_{2r})$	$f_{X_1}(x_{11})$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$x_{1j}$	$f(x_{1j}, x_{21})$	$\dots$	$f(x_{1j}, x_{2k})$	$\dots$	$f(x_{1j}, x_{2r})$	$f_{X_1}(x_{1j})$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$x_{1m}$	$f(x_{1m}, x_{21})$	$\dots$	$f(x_{1m}, x_{2k})$	$\dots$	$f(x_{1m}, x_{2r})$	$f_{X_1}(x_{1m})$
$\sum$	$f_{X_2}(x_{21})$	$\dots$	$f_{X_2}(x_{2k})$	$\dots$	$f_{X_2}(x_{2r})$	1

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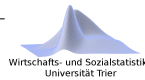
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## Properties of discrete random vectors



1. We have:

$$\sum_j \sum_k f(x_{1j}, x_{2k}) = 1.$$

2. Distribution function:

$$F(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{x_{1j} \leq x_1} \sum_{x_{2k} \leq x_2} f(x_{1j}, x_{2k})$$

3. Interval probabilities:

$$P(x'_1 < X_1 \leq x''_1, x'_2 < X_2 \leq x''_2) = \sum_{x'_{1j} < x_{1j} \leq x''_{1j}} \sum_{x'_{2k} < x_{2k} \leq x''_{2k}} f(x_{1j}, x_{2k})$$

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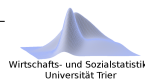
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## Marginal distributions of bivariate distributions



In addition to the joint distribution of the random vector  $(X_1, X_2)$  with the distribution function  $F(x_1, x_2)$ , the *marginal distributions*, ergo the univariate distributions of the random variables involved in the distribution functions  $F_{X_1}(x_1)$  and  $F_{X_2}(x_2)$ , may be considered as well. We obtain those by

$$F_{X_1}(x_1) = \sum_{x_{1j} \leq x_1} \sum_k f(x_{1j}, x_{2k}) \quad \text{or} \quad F_{X_2}(x_2) = \sum_j \sum_{x_{2k} \leq x_2} f(x_{1j}, x_{2k}),$$

and thus by adding up all probabilities of the variable which is not of interest.

The indexation of the marginal distribution functions is used for unique identification.

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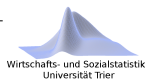
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### Example 6.17: see Ex. 6.16 c) (1)

We are interested in the random vector (number of red balls, number of white balls). For example, we have:

$$f(1,0) = 3 \cdot 0.3^1 \cdot 0.2^0 \cdot 0.5^2 = 0.225$$

Calculation of  $f(1,0)$  in R:

```
Number_of_s <- rowSums(omega == "s")
Example6_16 <- cbind(Example6_16, Number_of_s)
Probs <- 0.3^Example6_16$Number_of_r *
  0.2^Example6_16$Number_of_w *
  0.5^Example6_16$Number_of_s

Example6_16 <- cbind(Example6_16, Probs)

pos <- which(Example6_16$Number_of_r == 1 &
  Example6_16$Number_of_w == 0)
f_1_0 <- sum(Example6_16[pos, 7])
f_1_0
[1] 0.225
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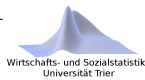
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### Example 6.17: see Ex. 6.16 c) (2)

Finally, we get the following probability table:

$X_1$	$X_2$	$x_{21} = 0$	$x_{22} = 1$	$x_{23} = 2$	$x_{24} = 3$	$\sum$
$x_{11} = 0$		0.125	0.150	0.060	0.008	0.343
$x_{12} = 1$		0.225	0.180	0.036	0.000	0.441
$x_{13} = 2$		0.135	0.054	0.000	0.000	0.189
$x_{14} = 3$		0.027	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.027
	$\sum$	0.512	0.384	0.096	0.008	1.000

Probability table in R:

```
X1_6_17 <- 0:3 ; X2_6_17 <- 0:3
ProbTable6_17 <- matrix(c(0.125, 0.150, 0.060, 0.008,
  0.225, 0.180, 0.036, 0.000,
  0.135, 0.054, 0.000, 0.000,
  0.027, 0.000, 0.000, 0.000),
  ncol = length(X2_6_17),
  byrow = TRUE)
dimnames(ProbTable6_17) <- list(X1_6_17, X2_6_17)
ProbTable_new6_17 <- addmargins(ProbTable6_17)
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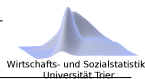
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### Example 6.17: see Ex. 6.16 c) (3)

ProbTable\_new6\_17

	0	1	2	3	Sum
0	0.125	0.150	0.060	0.008	0.343
1	0.225	0.180	0.036	0.000	0.441
2	0.135	0.054	0.000	0.000	0.189
3	0.027	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.027
Sum	0.512	0.384	0.096	0.008	1.000

For  $F(1,2)$  we have:

$X_1$	$X_2$	$x_{21} = 0$	$x_{22} = 1$	$x_{23} = 2$	$x_{24} = 3$	$\sum$
$x_{11} = 0$		0.125	0.150	0.060	0.008	0.343
$x_{12} = 1$		0.225	0.180	0.036	0.000	0.441
$x_{13} = 2$		0.135	0.054	0.000	0.000	0.189
$x_{14} = 3$		0.027	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.027
	$\sum$	0.512	0.384	0.096	0.008	1.000

$$F(1,2) = 0.125 + 0.150 + 0.060 + 0.225 + 0.180 + 0.036 = 0.776$$

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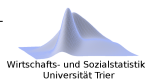
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### Example 6.17: see Ex. 6.16 c) (4)

Determination of the joint distribution function in R:

```
F_x1_x2 <- t(apply(X = apply(X = ProbTable6_17,
  MARGIN = 2, FUN = cumsum),
  MARGIN = 1, FUN = cumsum))
F_x1_x2
```

	0	1	2	3
0	0.125	0.275	0.335	0.343
1	0.350	0.680	0.776	0.784
2	0.485	0.869	0.965	0.973
3	0.512	0.896	0.992	1.000

```
F_x1_x2[rownames(F_x1_x2) == 1, colnames(F_x1_x2) == 2]
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[1] 0.776

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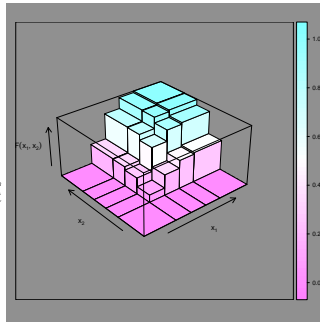
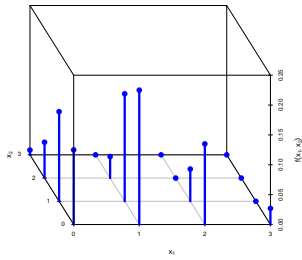
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## Example 6.17: see Ex. 6.16 c) (5)



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## Continuous random vectors

Continuous random vectors are defined analogously to continuous random variables. We have:

$$1. \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_1, x_2) dx_2 dx_1 = 1$$

$$2. F(x_1, x_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} \int_{-\infty}^{x_2} f(y_1, y_2) dy_2 dy_1$$

$$3. P(x'_1 < X_1 \leq x''_1, x'_2 < X_2 \leq x''_2) = \int_{x'_1}^{x''_1} \int_{x'_2}^{x''_2} f(x_1, x_2) dx_2 dx_1$$

$$4. f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{\partial^2 F(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} \text{ (assuming differentiability)}$$

$$5. \text{Marg. distr.: } f(x_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_1, x_2) dx_2 \text{ and } f(x_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_1, x_2) dx_1$$

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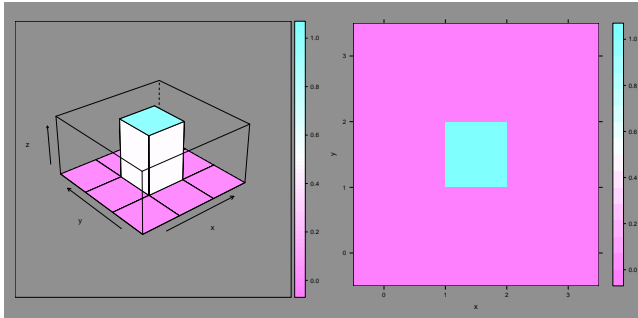
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## Rectangular distribution



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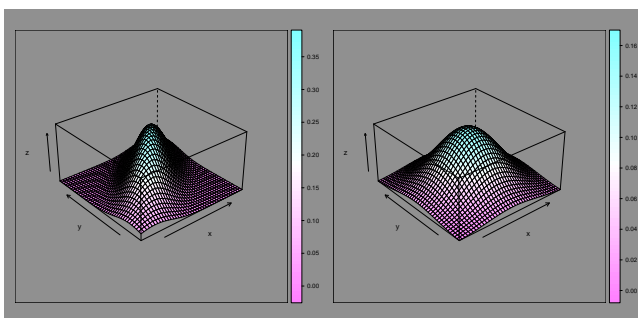
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## Bivariate normal distribution



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## Example 6.18: A continuous random vector (1)

Let the density function of a continuous random vector be

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 6 \cdot \exp(-2x_1) \cdot \exp(-3x_2) & \text{for } x_1, x_2 > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}.$$

Using integration we get the following distribution function:

$$F(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} (1 - \exp(-2x_1)) \cdot (1 - \exp(-3x_2)) & \text{for } x_1, x_2 > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}.$$

For  $x_2 > 0$  we get the following marginal density function for random variable  $X_2$ :

$$f(x_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_1, x_2) dx_1 = \int_0^{\infty} 6 \cdot \exp(-2x_1 - 3x_2) dx_1 = 3 \cdot \exp(-3x_2).$$

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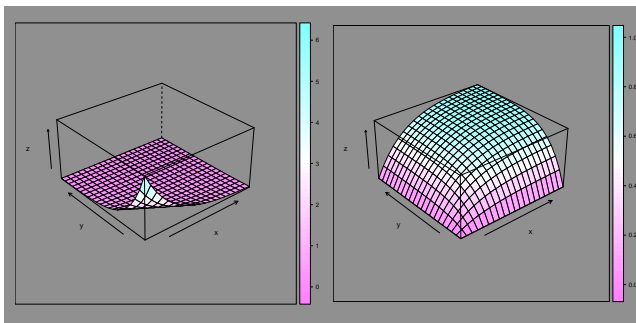
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## Example 6.18: A continuous random vector (2)



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## Stochastic independence

Let  $F(x_1, x_2)$  be the joint distribution function of the random vector  $\mathbf{X}$  and let  $F(x_1)$  and  $F(x_2)$  be the marginal distribution functions. Two random variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are called stochastically independent if and only if we have

$$F(x_1, x_2) = F(x_1) \cdot F(x_2)$$

for all  $(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}$ . Otherwise, they are called stochastically dependent. Stochastic independence may be proven using probabilities or probability functions and density functions as well (see Schaich and Münnich, 2001).

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## Example 6.19: see Ex. 6.17

$$f_{X_1}(0) \cdot f_{X_2}(0) = 0.343 \cdot 0.512 = 0.175616 \neq 0.125 = f(0, 0)$$

$X_1$  and  $X_2$  are stochastically dependent.

Checking in R:

```
(ProbTable_new6_17[1,5] * ProbTable_new6_17[5,1]) ==  
ProbTable_new6_17[1,1]
```

```
[1] FALSE
```

## Example 6.20 (1)

Let the random vector  $\mathbf{X}$  have the following probability table:

$X_1$	$X_2$	2	4	6	$\sum$
1		0.05	0.14	0.01	0.20
5		0.20	0.56	0.04	0.80
$\sum$		0.25	0.70	0.05	1.00

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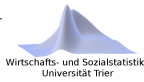
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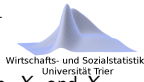
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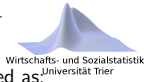
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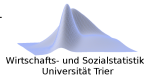
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### Example 6.20 (2)

Probability table in R:

```
ProbTable6_20 <- matrix(c(0.05,0.14,0.01,
                          0.20,0.56,0.04),
                        ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)

X1_6_20 <- c(1, 5)
X2_6_20 <- seq(2, 6, 2)

rownames(ProbTable6_20) <- X1_6_20
colnames(ProbTable6_20) <- X2_6_20

ProbTable6_20 <- addmargins(ProbTable6_20)
```

	2	4	6	Sum
1	0.05	0.14	0.01	0.2
5	0.20	0.56	0.04	0.8
Sum	0.25	0.70	0.05	1.0

### Example 6.20 (3)

We have  $f_{X_1}(x_{1i}) \cdot f_{X_2}(x_{2j}) = f(x_{1i}, x_{2j})$  for all  $i, j$ . Therefore,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are stochastically independent.

Checking of stochastic independence in R:

```
round(ProbTable6_20[3,] * ProbTable6_20[1,4], 4) ==
ProbTable6_20[1,]
```

	2	4	6	Sum
TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE

```
round(ProbTable6_20[3,] * ProbTable6_20[2,4], 4) ==
ProbTable6_20[2,]
```

	2	4	6	Sum
TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE

### Covariance of two random variables

The covariance of two random variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  is defined as

$$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = E((x_1 - E X_1) \cdot (x_2 - E X_2)).$$

For discrete random variables we have:

$$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = \sum_i \sum_j (x_{1i} - E X_1) \cdot (x_{2j} - E X_2) \cdot f(x_{1i}, x_{2j}).$$

Analogously, for continuous random variables we have:

$$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x_1 - E X_1) \cdot (x_2 - E X_2) f(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2.$$

Furthermore, the displacement law holds:

$$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = E(X_1 \cdot X_2) - E X_1 \cdot E X_2.$$

### Example 6.21: see Ex. 6.17 (1)

$$E X_1 = 0 \cdot 0.343 + 1 \cdot 0.441 + 2 \cdot 0.189 + 3 \cdot 0.027 = 0.9$$
$$E X_2 = 0 \cdot 0.512 + 1 \cdot 0.384 + 2 \cdot 0.096 + 3 \cdot 0.008 = 0.6$$

Calculation of  $E X_1$  and  $E X_2$  in R:

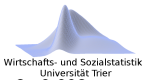
```
f_X1_6_17 <- rowSums(ProbTable6_17)
f_X2_6_17 <- colSums(ProbTable6_17)

Mean_X1 <- sum(f_X1_6_17 * X1_6_17)
Mean_X2 <- sum(f_X2_6_17 * X2_6_17)

Mean_X1_old <- Mean_X1
Mean_X2_old <- Mean_X2
```

Mean_X1	Mean_X2
[1] 0.9	[1] 0.6





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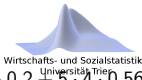
Example 6.21: see Ex. 6.17 (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) &= 0 \cdot 0 \cdot 0.125 + 0 \cdot 1 \cdot 0.150 + 0 \cdot 2 \cdot 0.060 + 0 \cdot 3 \cdot 0.008 \\ &\quad + 1 \cdot 0 \cdot 0.225 + 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0.180 + 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 0.036 + 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 0.000 \\ &\quad + 2 \cdot 0 \cdot 0.135 + 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 0.054 + 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 0.000 + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 0.000 \\ &\quad + 3 \cdot 0 \cdot 0.027 + 3 \cdot 1 \cdot 0.000 + 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 0.000 + 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 0.000 \\ &\quad - 0.9 \cdot 0.6 \\ &= -0.18 \end{aligned}$$

Calculation of  $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)$  in R:

```
Intermed_matrix6_21 <- matrix(
  rep(x = X2_6_17, times = length(X1_6_17)),
  ncol = length(X2_6_17), byrow = TRUE)

Cov_X1_X2 <- sum(Intermed_matrix6_21 * X2_6_17 *
  ProbTable6_17) - Mean_X1 * Mean_X2
Cov_X1_X2_old <- Cov_X1_X2
Cov_X1_X2
[1] -0.18
```



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Example 6.22: see Ex. 6.20

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) &= 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 0.05 + 1 \cdot 4 \cdot 0.14 + 1 \cdot 6 \cdot 0.01 + 5 \cdot 2 \cdot 0.2 + 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 0.56 \\ &\quad + 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 0.04 - (0.2 + 5 \cdot 0.8) \cdot (2 \cdot 0.25 + 4 \cdot 0.7 + 6 \cdot 0.05) \\ &= 15.12 - 15.12 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

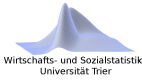
Notice that  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are stochastically independent!

Calculation of  $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)$  in R:

```
i <- 1:3 ; ProbTable6_20 <- ProbTable6_20[-3, -4]
Mean_X1 <- weighted.mean(x = X1_6_20,
  w = prop.table(ProbTable6_20[, 2]))
Mean_X2 <- weighted.mean(x = X2_6_20,
  w = prop.table(ProbTable6_20[2, ]))

Cov_X1_X2 <- (sum(X1_6_20[i] * X2_6_20[i] *
  ProbTable6_20[i, 1]) +
  sum(X1_6_20[2] * X2_6_20[i] *
  ProbTable6_20[2, i])) - Mean_X1 * Mean_X2
Cov_X1_X2
[1] 0
```

Independence and uncorrelatedness



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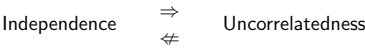
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If  $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = 0$ , then the random variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are called uncorrelated.  
We have:

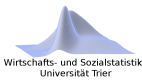


Example 6.23:

$X_1$	$X_2$	-2	0	1	$\sum$
0		0.125	0.000	0.250	0.375
1		0.125	0.250	0.250	0.625
$\sum$		0.250	0.250	0.500	1.000

We have  $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = 0$  but  $f(0, 0) \neq f_{X_1}(0) \cdot f_{X_2}(0)$  as well. Therefore,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are uncorrelated but not independent.

Correlation of two random variables



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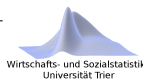
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The correlation coefficient of Bravais-Pearson for two random variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  is defined as:

$$\varrho_{X_1, X_2} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)}{\sqrt{\text{Var } X_1 \cdot \text{Var } X_2}}$$



## Example 6.24: see Ex. 6.21

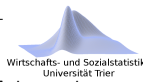
By using  $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = -0.18$  as well as  $\text{Var } X_1 = 0.630$  and  $\text{Var } X_2 = 0.480$ , we finally have:

$$\varrho_{X_1, X_2} = \frac{-0.18}{\sqrt{0.630 \cdot 0.480}} = -0.3273.$$

Calculation of  $\varrho_{X_1, X_2}$  in R:

```
Var_X1 <- sum(f_X1_6_17 * (X1_6_17 - Mean_X1_old)^2)
Var_X2 <- sum(f_X2_6_17 * (X2_6_17 - Mean_X2_old)^2)
Cor_X1_X2 <- Cov_X1_X2_old / (sqrt(Var_X1 * Var_X2))
round(Cor_X1_X2, digits = 4)
[1] -0.3273
```

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## Properties of the correlation coefficient

- Let  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  be the standardised random variables of the random variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . We then have:

$$\varrho_{X_1, X_2} = \text{Cov}(Z_1, Z_2).$$

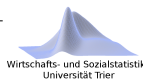
- Generally  $-1 \leq \varrho_{X_1, X_2} \leq 1$ .
- If  $X_2 = a_0 + a_1 \cdot X_1$  and  $a_1 \neq 0$ , it follows that  $|\varrho_{X_1, X_2}| = 1$  (where the reverse holds as well).
- If

$$\begin{aligned} U_1 &= a_0 + a_1 \cdot X_1 & (a_1 \neq 0) \\ U_2 &= b_0 + b_1 \cdot X_2 & (b_1 \neq 0) \end{aligned}$$

are linear transformations of the random variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ , we have

$$\varrho_{U_1, U_2} = \text{sgn}(a_1 \cdot b_1) \cdot \varrho_{X_1, X_2}.$$

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## Example 6.25: (see Example 6.24)

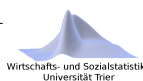
$X_1$ : Number of red balls       $Y_1$ : Share of red balls  
 $X_2$ : Number of white balls     $Y_2$ : Share of white balls

We have  $Y_1 = X_1/3$  and  $Y_2 = X_2/3$ . Furthermore, we already know that  $\varrho_{X_1, X_2} = -0.3273$ .

Finally, we get

- $\varrho_{Y_1, Y_2} = -0.3273$ ,
- $\varrho_{X_1, Y_1} = 1$ ,
- $\varrho_{X_1, Y_2} = -0.3273$ .

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## More than two random variables (1)

- The  $n$  random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are called collectively stochastically independent, if

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = F(x_1) \cdot \dots \cdot F(x_n)$$

(analoguously for density and probability functions).

- The  $n$  random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are called pairwise stochastically independent, if for two arbitrary but different random variables  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  we have:

$$F(x_i, x_j) = F(x_i) \cdot F(x_j)$$

(analoguously for density and probability functions).

- We have:  
 collectively stochastically independent  $\Rightarrow$   
 pairwise stochastically independent  $\Rightarrow$  pairwise uncorrelated

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## More than two random variables (2)

### 4. Variance-covariance matrix:

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Var } X_1 & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) & \cdots & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_n) \\ \text{Cov}(X_2, X_1) & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \text{Cov}(X_{n-1}, X_n) \\ \text{Cov}(X_n, X_1) & \cdots & \text{Cov}(X_n, X_{n-1}) & \text{Var } X_n \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $\Sigma$  is a diagonal matrix, then the  $n$  random variables are pairwise uncorrelated.

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## Functions of random variables

### Example 6.26:

- a) Two rolls of a dice: We are interested in the overall number of pips  
 $Y = X_1 + X_2$ .
- b)  $N = 101$  balls  $(0, \dots, 100)$ :  $n$  balls are drawn with replacement.  
 $Y_1 = \frac{1}{2}(X_1 + X_2)$   
 $Y_2 = \frac{1}{20}(X_1 + \dots + X_{20})$
- c) Construction of cylindric components (technical QC):  
 $X_1$  is the component's diameter and  $X_2$  is its length. Then  
 $Y = \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot X_1^2 \cdot X_2$   
 is its volume.

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## Expected value and variance of linearly transformed random variables

If  $Y = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i$  is a general linear transformation of  $n$  random variables, then

$$E Y = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i E X_i$$

is the expected value of the transformed random variable  $Y$ . We call  $E$  a linear operator! Furthermore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var } Y &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i \cdot a_j \cdot \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \cdot \text{Var } X_i + 2 \cdot \sum_{i < j} a_i \cdot a_j \cdot \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) \end{aligned}$$

is the variance of the transformed random variable  $Y$ .

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## Example 6.27: see Ex. 6.26 b) (1)

An urn contains  $N = 100$  balls  $(1, \dots, 100)$ .  $n = 3$  balls are drawn with replacement, where  $X_i$  is the number drawn in the  $i$ -th draw. Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} E X_i &= \frac{1}{100}(1 + \dots + 100) = 50.5 \\ \text{Var } X_i &= \frac{1}{100}(1^2 + \dots + 100^2) - 50.5^2 = 833.25 \end{aligned}$$

Calculation of  $E X_i$  and  $\text{Var } X_i$  in R:

```
X6_27 <- 1:100
f_x6_27 <- rep(x = 1/100, times = 100)

Mean_X <- sum(f_x6_27 * X6_27)
Var_X <- sum(f_x6_27 * (X6_27 - Mean_X)^2)

Mean_X      Var_X
```

[1] 50.5

[1] 833.25

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Example 6.27: see Ex. 6.26 b) (2)

Now we are interested in the sample mean  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{3}(X_1 + X_2 + X_3)$ . We get:

$$\begin{aligned} E \bar{X} &= \frac{1}{3}(E X_1 + E X_2 + E X_3) = 50.5 \\ \text{Var } \bar{X} &= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 (\text{Var } X_1 + \text{Var } X_2 + \text{Var } X_3) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 833.25 = 277.75 \end{aligned}$$

Notice that the draws are stochastically independent (with replacement). In the model without replacement we would have  $E \bar{X} = 50.5$  and  $\text{Var } \bar{X} = 272.139$ .



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Example 6.28: see Ex. 6.21 (1)

We are now interested in  $Y = 2X_1 + 4X_2 - 1$ . We get:

$$\begin{aligned} E Y &= 2E X_1 + 4E X_2 - 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot 0.9 + 4 \cdot 0.6 - 1 = 3.2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var } Y &= \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^2 a_i a_j \cdot \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) \\ &= 2^2 \cdot \text{Var } X_1 + 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 4 \cdot \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) + 4^2 \cdot \text{Var } X_2 \\ &= 4 \cdot 0.63 - 16 \cdot 0.18 + 16 \cdot 0.48 \\ &= 2.52 + 4.8 = 7.32 \end{aligned}$$



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Example 6.28: see Ex. 6.21 (2)

Calculation of  $E Y$  and  $\text{Var } Y$  in R

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a0 <- -1
a1 <- 2
a2 <- 4

# ATTENTION: Means etc. from Ex. 6.21!
Mean_Y <- a0 + a1 * Mean_X1_old + a2 * Mean_X2_old

Var_Y <- a1^2 * Var_X1 + 2 * a1 * a2 * Cov_X1_X2_old +
          a2^2 * Var_X2
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Mean_Y	Var_Y
[1] 3.2	[1] 7.32

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