

Continuous r. vectors

Ex 2. Let X_1, X_2, X_3 be i.i.d. continuous with pdf $f(x)$.

a) Find $P(X_1 < X_2)$

Answer. $P(X_1 < X_2) = P(X_2 < X_1) = \frac{1}{2}$.

b) Find $P(X_1 < X_2 < X_3)$, $P(X_2 < X_3 < X_1)$.

Answer. Joint pdf of (X_1, X_2, X_3) is $f(x_1)f(x_2)f(x_3)$

$$P(X_1 < X_2 < X_3) = \iiint_{X_1 < X_2 < X_3} f(x_1)f(x_2)f(x_3) dx_1 dx_2 dx_3$$

As in a) we find

$$P(X_1 < X_2 < X_3) = P(X_2 < X_3 < X_1) = P(\text{any ordering}) = \frac{1}{3!}$$

because there are $3!$ ways to order 3 numbers,

$$\Omega = \bigcup_{(i_1, i_2, i_3)} \{X_{i_1} < X_{i_2} < X_{i_3}\},$$

$$1 = P(\Omega) = \sum_{i_1, i_2, i_3} \underbrace{P(X_{i_1} < X_{i_2} < X_{i_3})}_a = 3! a.$$

Functions of r.v.

Claim 1. a) Let X be cont. r.v. with pdf $f(x)$, $Y = g(X)$.

Then

$$E(Y) = E[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f(x) dx$$

b) Let (X, Y) be jointly cont. with pdf $f(x, y)$.

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$$E(V) = E[h(X, Y)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x, y) f(x, y) dx dy.$$

Properties of expectation

1. (Linearity) $E(aX + bY) = aE(X) + bE(Y)$.

2. If $X \leq Y$, then $E(X) \leq E(Y)$; 3. $E(c) = c$.

4. If X, Y are indep., then

$$E[g(X)h(Y)] = E[g(X)]E[h(Y)].$$

Why 4?

$$\begin{aligned} E[g(X)h(Y)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{g(x)}_u \underbrace{h(y)}_v \underbrace{f_X(x)}_w \underbrace{f_Y(y)}_z dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(y) f_Y(y) dy. \end{aligned}$$

Def. Covariance of X, Y is the number

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_1)(Y - \mu_2)], \text{ where } \mu_1 = E(X), \mu_2 = E(Y).$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu_1)(y - \mu_2) f(x, y) dx dy = E(XY) - \mu_1 \mu_2.$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \text{Cov}(X, X)$$

Remark 1. $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ has all the properties listed for discrete r.v. X, Y : variance-covariance expansion, linearity in X and Y .

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$$\rho = \rho(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}, \quad \sigma_1 = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}, \quad \sigma_2 = \sqrt{\text{Var}(Y)}.$$

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Again $-1 \leq \rho \leq 1$, and the following statement holds

Claim 2. Let $\mu_1 = E(X)$, $\mu_2 = E(Y)$, $\sigma_1 = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$, $\sigma_2 = \sqrt{\text{Var}(Y)}$, $\rho = \rho(X, Y)$.

Then

$$\begin{cases} Y - \mu_2 = \rho \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} (X - \mu_1) + V, \text{ where } X \text{ and } \\ V \text{ are uncorrelated } (\text{Cov}(V, X) = 0), E(V) = 0, \\ \text{Var}(V) = \sigma_2^2 (1 - \rho^2) \end{cases}$$

4.4. Examples of r.v.

Def. a) Continuous r.v. X is called normal with parameters μ, σ^2 (we write $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$) if it has pdf

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

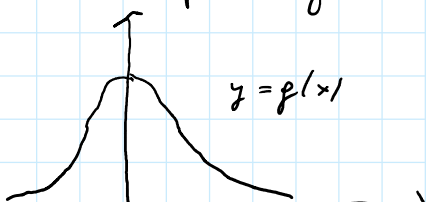
Here $\sigma > 0$, $-\infty < \mu < \infty$.

b) We say Z is standard normal if $Z \sim N(0, 1)$. Z is normal with parameters $\mu = 0$, $\sigma^2 = 1$. Its

pdf

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

$$E(Z) = 0?$$





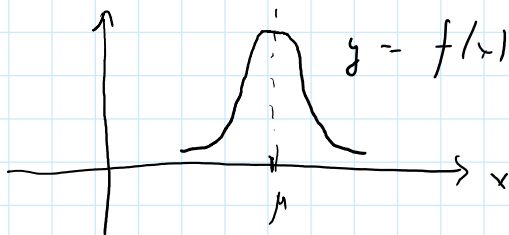
Note 1. $g(x) = g(-x)$: g is even. Therefore

Z and $-Z$ are identically distributed, both $N(0,1)$

(2.) The pdf of $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ is

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma} g\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right), \quad -\infty < x < \infty,$$

where $g(x)$ is pdf of $N(0,1)$.



$$E(X) = \mu?$$

Basic facts

$$1. \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2} dx = \sqrt{2\pi} \quad (\text{polar coordinates})$$

$$2. E(Z) = 0, \quad \text{Var}(Z) = 1, \quad Z \sim N(0,1).$$

Why? $E(Z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{x e^{-x^2/2}}_{\text{odd f}} dx = 0.$

$$\text{Var}(Z) = E(Z^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^2/2} dx = 1.$$

3. a) If $Z \sim N(0,1)$, then $X = \mu + \sigma Z \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$:
hence $E(X) = \mu$, $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$, σ is standard deviation of X .
- b) If $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then $Z = \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0,1)$.