

2.5 Jointly cont. r. vectors

Def. (X, Y) is a (jointly) continuous r. vector if there is $f \geq 0$ so that the joint pdf of (X, Y) is

$$F(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \left(\int_{-\infty}^y f(u, v) dv \right) du, \quad -\infty < x, y < \infty.$$

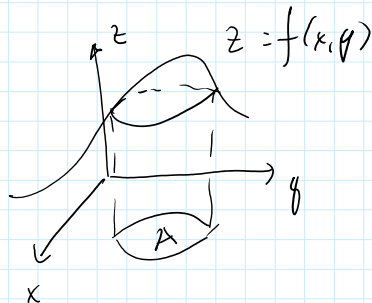
$f(x, y)$ is called joint pdf of (X, Y) .

Note if (X, Y) is continuous, then

(i) $F(x, y)$ is continuous;

(ii) joint pdf

$$f(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2 F(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y}.$$



(iii) For $A \subset \mathbb{R}^2$,

$$P((X, Y) \in A) = \iint_A f(x, y) dx dy, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}.$$

Geometrically, it is the volume under $z = f(x, y)$ above A .

Ex 1. Let (X, Y) be continuous. Find

$$a) P(X=Y) = 0; \quad b) P(Y=h(X)) = 0$$

Answer. a) $P(X=Y) = P((X, Y) \in \Delta) = \iint_{\Delta} f(x, y) dx dy = 0$

$\Delta = \{(x, y) : x=y\}$ is the line: there is no volume above Δ .

b) Similarly, $A = \{ (x, y) : y = h(x) \}$ is a curve...

Also, $P((x, y) = (a, b)) = 0$.

Ex 2. Let (X, Y) be continuous with joint df $F(x, y)$ and joint pdf $f(x, y)$. Then df and pdf of X are

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u, y) dy \right) du, \quad f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy, \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

Answer. For any x, y

$$F(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \left(\int_{-\infty}^y f(u, v) dv \right) du$$

We found that $F_X(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} F(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u, v) dv \right) du,$

$$f_X(x) = F_X'(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, v) dv, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

Similarly, $f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx, \quad -\infty < y < \infty.$

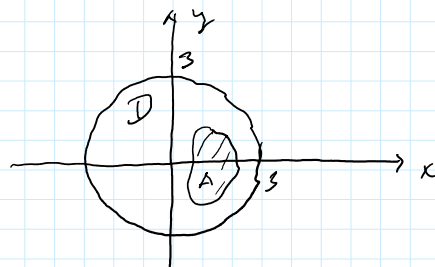
In general, if (X_1, \dots, X_d) is cont. r. vector, then any $(X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_k}), k=1, \dots, d,$ is cont. r. vector.

Ex 3. Dard is flung at $D = \{ (x, y) : x^2 + y^2 < 3^2 \}$.

Let (X, Y) be coordinates of the hit.

"Any point in D is equally likely to be hit"
is modelled by continuous r. vector (X, Y)
with constant joint pdf

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} c, & (x, y) \in D \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

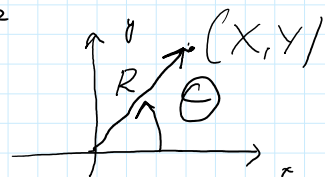


$$P(A) = \iint_A f(x, y) dx dy = \iint_A c dx dy = c \cdot \text{Area}(A)$$

$$P((X,Y) \in A) = \iint_A f(x,y) dx dy = \iint_A c dx dy = c|A|.$$

with $A=D$, $1 = c|D|$, $c = \frac{1}{|D|} = \frac{1}{\pi \cdot 3^2}$.

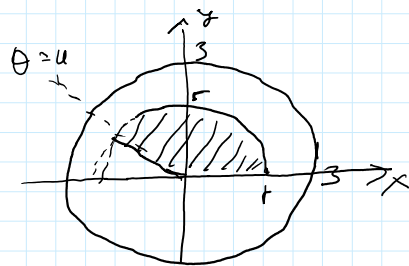
Find joint pdf of $R = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$, θ



Note $R > 0$, $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$

Answer. For $r > 0$, $0 < u < 2\pi$,

$$P(R \leq r, \theta \leq u) = \frac{\frac{u r^2}{2}}{\pi \cdot 3^2} = \frac{u}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{r^2}{3^2}.$$



2.5 Discrete r.v.

Def. (X,Y) is discrete if it takes finite or countable number of values.

Def. Joint pmf of (X,Y) is the function

$$f(x,y) = P(X=x, Y=y), \quad -\infty < x, y < \infty.$$

Ex1. Let (X,Y) be discrete. Find pmf of X .

Answer. The pmf

$$f_X(x) = P(X=x) = \sum_y P(X=x, Y=y) = \sum_y f(x,y).$$

Similarly, $f_Y(y) = \sum_x f(x,y).$

3.2. Independence and pmf.

Def. Discrete r.v. X, Y are independent if

$\{X=x\}, \{Y=y\}$ are independent for all x, y :

$P(X=x, Y=y) = P(X=x)P(Y=y)$ for all x, y , equivalently,
joint pmf $f(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$ for all x, y .

Def. X_1, \dots, X_n are independent if $\{X_1=x_1, \dots, X_n=x_n\}$ is independent family of events for any x_1, \dots, x_n .

Thm. If X, Y are independent, then $h(X)$ and $g(Y)$ are independent for any functions h, g .

3.5. Examples of discrete r.v.

1. $X \sim \text{binomial}(n, p)$: $X = \#$ of "successes" in n independent trials with $P(\text{success}) = p$, $P(\text{failure}) = q = 1-p$,

$$P(X=k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}, \quad k=0, 1, \dots, n.$$

Consider $X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if success in } i\text{th trial} \\ 0 & \text{if failure in } i\text{th trial} \end{cases}$

Then X_1, \dots, X_n are independent Bernoulli(p) and $X = X_1 + \dots + X_n$.

2. (hypergeometric) There are m red and w white balls in the box. $X = \#$ of red balls among n selected" is called hypergeometric r.v. Range of $X = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$, denoting $N = m+w$,

$$(1) \quad P(X=k) = \frac{\binom{m}{k} \binom{N-m}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}}, \quad k=0, 1, \dots, n$$

X is the number of successes but trials are not independent.

Ex 4 - If N, n are large and $\frac{n}{N} \approx p$, then in (1).

$$P(X=k) \approx \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}, \quad k=0,1,\dots,n, \quad q=1-p.$$

3. X is Poisson(λ): it models

- (i) number of earthquakes
 - (ii) number of customer arrivals
 - (iii) number of typos on a printed page.
- ...

Range of $X = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

$$P(X=k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}, \quad k=0,1,\dots$$

Note for $\lambda=1$, $P(X \geq 6) = \sum_{k=6}^{\infty} P(X=k) = 0.0006$

Where Poisson(λ) comes from?

1. Poisson X arises as approximation of binomial(n, p) - r.v. Y , when n is "large", p is "small", $\lambda = n \cdot p$ is "moderate":

$$(2) P(X=k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} \approx e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \quad \text{with } \lambda = n \cdot p, \quad k=0,1,\dots$$

It can be shown,

$$|P(X \in A) - P(Y \in A)| \leq n p \cdot p = n p^2$$

Why (2)? $P(Y=k) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \cdot \frac{1}{k!} p^k \frac{(1-p)^n}{\binom{n}{k}} = \frac{n \cdot (n-1) \dots (n-k+1)}{n^k}$

Why (2)?

$$P(Y=k) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \cdot \frac{1}{k!} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = \frac{n \cdot (n-1) \cdots (n-k+1)}{k!} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$\approx \frac{(np)^k}{k!} \left(1 - \frac{np}{n}\right)^n \approx \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}$$

$\lambda = np$