

Lecture 9: Transformation of Random Variables & their Distributions

Suppose we have a random variable X and another random Y is defined as $Y = g(X)$. If we assume just for the sake of it that X is a continuous random variable with a p.d.f. Sometimes

Specially in statistics, we need to know the density of Y . We can also have more than one random variables, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n and suppose we know their joint pmf/pdf. Then we might want to know the pmf/pdf of

$$Y = g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

In this chapter we shall show how can we compute $F_Y(y)$. There are several approaches and as we will see what kind of technique to use depends on the problem at hand.

Section 1: Distribution function Approach

One of the simplest approaches to is to compute the distribution function of Y and then differentiate it to get the p.d.f

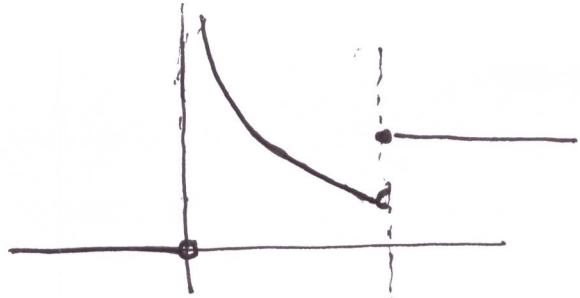
$$\text{We have } F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(g(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq y)$$

$$\therefore \text{Then } f_Y(y) = \frac{dF_Y}{dy}$$

E.g. 1. Let $X \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$, then if $Y = g(x) = X^2$. We shall find the distribution of Y .

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) = P(X^2 \leq y) = \int_{\{x: x^2 \leq y\}} f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\sqrt{y}} dx \quad (0 < y < 1) \\ &= \sqrt{y}, \quad \text{when } 0 < y < 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y \leq 0 \\ \sqrt{y}, & 0 < y < 1 \\ 1, & y \geq 1 \end{cases}$$



$$\therefore f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}, & 0 < y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

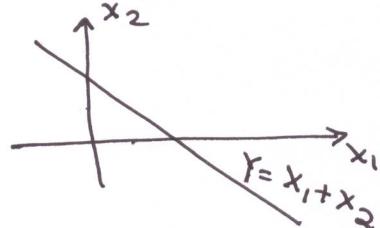
E.g. 2: If X_1 is a continuous r.v. & X_2 is a continuous r.v. whose joint density is given as

From
Miller & Miller
Freund's
Mathematical

$$f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 6e^{-3x_1 - 2x_2} & ; x_1 > 0, x_2 > 0 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Find the distribution of $Y = X_1 + X_2$ and also its probability density

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) \\ &= P(X_1 + X_2 \leq y) \\ &= P(x_1 \leq y - x_2, x_2 \leq y) \\ &= \int_0^y \int_0^{y-x_2} 6e^{-3x_1 - 2x_2} dx_1 dx_2 \\ &= 1 + 2e^{-3y} - 3e^{-2y}. \quad (\text{when: } y > 0) \end{aligned}$$



Thus $f_Y(y) = 6(e^{-2y} - e^{-3y})$, for $y > 0$

& $f_Y(y) = 0$, elsewhere.

Section 2: Transformation Approach : Single r.v.

So in this section we consider the case $Y = u(X)$, and given a probability mass/density of X , we would like to know what is the probability distribution of Y .

Consider the following simple example from Miller and Miller []

Eg 1: X be the r.v. denoting the number of heads in a toss of four coins a fair coin four times.

Find the distribution of $Y = \frac{1}{1+x}$

[E.g. from
Miller and
Miller

Freund's Mathematical
Statistics]

The distribution of X is given as

x	$f_x(x)$	Here $X \sim B(4, \frac{1}{2})$
0	$\frac{1}{16}$	
1	$\frac{4}{16}$	
2	$\frac{6}{16}$	
3	$\frac{4}{16}$	
4	$\frac{1}{16}$	

So Y takes the values, $1, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}$
corresponding to $x=0, x=1, x=2, x=3, x=4$, respectively

y	$g_Y(y)$
1	$\frac{1}{16}$
$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{4}{16}$
$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{6}{16}$
$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{4}{16}$
$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{16}$

So we have $g_Y(y) = f_X(\frac{1}{y} - 1)$. But observe that

$$x = \frac{1}{y} - 1.$$

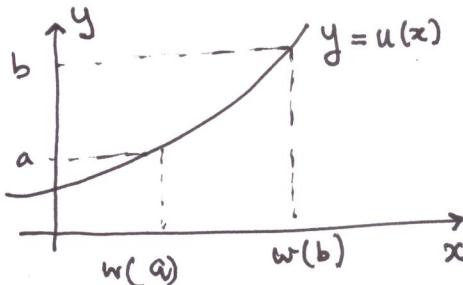
For the continuous case however we need to rely on the following result.

Theorem 9.1: Let X be a random variable, which is continuous one with p.d.f $f_X(x)$. Let $y = u(x)$ be a function of x , which is differentiable and monotone (either increasing or decreasing) over $\text{Range}(e^X)$ the set $\{x \in \text{Range } X : f_X(x) \neq 0\}$. Then for these values of x , the function u has an inverse w , for which $x = w(y)$. Then the probability density is given of $Y = u(X)$ is given as

$$g_Y(y) = f_X[w(y)] |w'(y)|, \text{ provided } w'(y) \neq 0$$

and $g_Y(y) = 0$, elsewhere. We assume u and w are differentiable.

Proof: Let us first consider the case when $y = u(x)$ is increasing



$$\text{Now } P[a < Y < b] = P[w(a) < x < w(b)] \\ = \int_{w(a)}^{w(b)} f_X(x) dx$$

Now substitute in the integral, $x = w(y)$. \therefore when $x = w(a)$, we have $y = a$, & when $x = w(b)$, we have $y = b$.

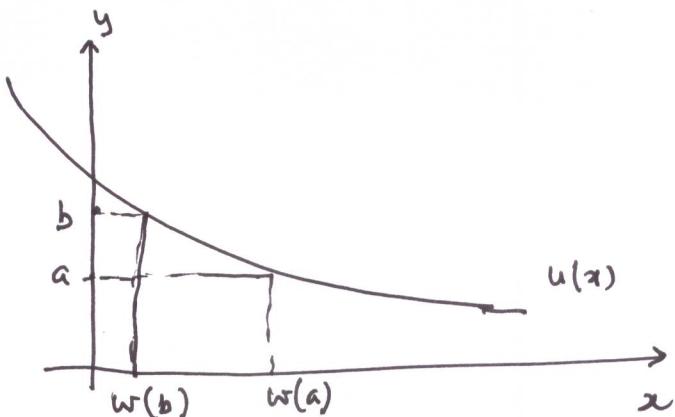
$$y = b \text{ and } dx = w'(y) dy.$$

$$\therefore P[a < x < b] = \int_a^b f_X(w(y)) w'(y) dy$$

Thus the probability density is given by the function

$$g_Y(y) = f_X(w(y)) w'(y).$$

Let us consider now u to be decreasing



In this case we have

$$\begin{aligned} P[a < Y < b] &= P[w(b) < X < w(a)] \\ &= \int_{w(b)}^{w(a)} f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_b^a f_X(w(y)) w'(y) dy \\ &= - \int_a^b f_X(w(y)) w'(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

In this case we have

$$g_Y(y) = - f_X(w(y)) w'(y)$$

$$\text{In fact. } w'(y) = \frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{\frac{dy}{dx}} \text{ i.e. } w'(y) = \frac{1}{u'(x)}$$

In fact when u is increasing $w'(y)$ is positive and when u is decreasing $-w'(y)$ is positive. Hence compactly we write

$$g_Y(y) = f_X[w(y)] |w'(y)|$$

$$\text{or } g_Y(y) = f_X(u^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| ; \left(\begin{matrix} \text{Here} \\ w \equiv u^{-1} \end{matrix} \right)$$

$$g_Y(y) = f_X(u^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right|$$

$u'(x) \neq 0$
and $x = u^{-1}(y)$.

E.g 12: Let $X \sim N(0, 1)$. Then find the density of

$$Z = u(X) = X^2.$$

Note that the function $Z = x^2$, is decreasing when $x < 0$ and increasing when $x > 0$. So conditions of the Theorem a.i are not met.

The key to this is to take an additional step and have a random variable on whose range the given transformation This brings us to the case what happens if $u(x)$ behaves differently on different parts of $\{x \in \text{Ran}(x) : u(x) \neq 0\}$.

Assume that we can partition the set $\{x \in \text{Ran}(x) : u(x) \neq 0\}$ into a finite partition $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^k$, i.e.

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^k A_n = \{x \in \text{Ran}(x) : u(x) \neq 0\}$$

$$\& A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset, \forall i \neq j, i, j = 1, \dots, k.$$

So each A_n , the function u is either increasing or decreasing.

Thus define

$$u_n(x) = \begin{cases} u(x), & x \in A_n \\ 0, & x \text{ is otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$\therefore u_n$ has a unique inverse in A_n . Thus

$$y = u_n(x) \Rightarrow x = u_n^{-1}(y), \text{ for } x \in A_n$$

Then we can get the pdf on the individual A_n and then sum

i.e.

$$g_Y(y) = \sum_{n=1}^k f_X(u_n^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} u_n^{-1}(y) \right|$$

$$g_Y(y) = \sum_{n=1}^k f_X(g_{u_n^{-1}}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} u_n^{-1}(y) \right|$$

So in our particular case we have

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 \neq 0\} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}, x < 0\} \cup \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > 0\}$$

\downarrow
 A_1

\downarrow
 A_2

So on $(-\infty, 0)$ we have $x_1 = -\sqrt{y}$ & on $(0, \infty)$ we have
 $x = +\sqrt{y}$. Here $y > 0$. as $y = x^2 > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} g_Y(y) &= f_X(-\sqrt{y}) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} + f_X(\sqrt{y}) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y/2} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi y}} e^{-y/2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi y}} e^{-y/2} \right) \\ &\therefore g_Y(y) = \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi y}} e^{-y/2}, \quad y > 0} \end{aligned}$$

Of course $g_Y(y) = 0$, if $y \leq 0$.

In fact g_Y is often said to be the pdf of a χ^2 -distri random variable with degrees of freedom 1. ↴
 (more on this later).

obs: $Y \sim \text{Gamma}(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$

χ^2 -with one deg of freedom

Section 3: Distribution of the sum and difference of two r.v.

In this section we will be concerned with the distribution of the sum and differences of two random variables. These notions would play an important role in sampling theory. So we begin by presenting the analysis in forms of theorems, so that the reader appreciates the importance of these results. We present these results from "Introduction to the Theory of Statistics" by Mood, Graybill, Boyes.

Theorem 9.1: Let X and Y be two continuous random variables, with joint pdf $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$. Let $Z = X+Y$ and $V = X-Y$, then we have

$$\text{A) } f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, z-x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(z-y, y) dy$$

$$\text{B) } f_V(v) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, x-v) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(v+y, y) dy$$

We will just prove the first part of case A). The rest can be proved in an analogous way.

Proof:

$$F_Z(z) = P(Z \leq z)$$

$$= P(X+Y \leq z)$$

$$= \iint_{\substack{x+y \leq z}} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{z-x} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy \right] dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^z \left[f_X(x, u-x) du \right] dx \quad [\text{By substituting } y=u-x]$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^z \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, u-x) dx \right] du$$

$$\therefore f_Z(z) = \frac{dF_Z(z)}{dz} = \frac{d}{dz} \int_{-\infty}^z \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, u-x) dx \right] du$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, z-x) dx \quad [\text{Use the fundamental theorem of Calculus but for the improper integrals.}]$$

Corollary 9.1: Let X and Y are now assumed to be independent, and $Z = X + Y$.

Then,

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(z-x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(z-y) f_Y(y) dy$$

Section 4: The distribution of products and ratio

Theorem 9.2: Let X and Y are continuous random variables with joint p.d.f $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$ and let $Z = XY$ and $V = \frac{X}{Y}$.

Then;

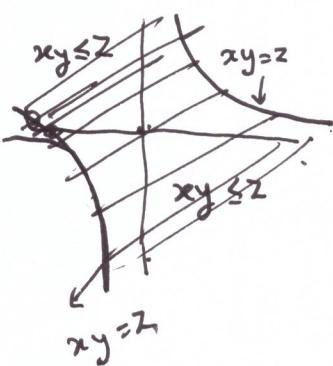
$$\begin{aligned} a) f_Z(z) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|x|} f_{X,Y}\left(x, \frac{z}{x}\right) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|y|} f_{X,Y}\left(\frac{z}{y}, y\right) dy \end{aligned}$$

$$b) f_V(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y| f_{X,Y}(uy, y) dy$$

We shall only prove the first part of a), the rest can be similarly worked out by the reader.

$$F_Z(z) = P(Z \leq z) = \iint_{xy \leq z} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^0 \left[\int_{z/x}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy \right] dx + \int_0^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{z/x} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy \right] dx$$



Let us now substituting $u = xy$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_Z(z) &= \int_{-\infty}^0 \left[\int_z^{-\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, \frac{u}{x}) \frac{dx}{x} \right] dx \\
 &\quad + \int_0^\infty \left[\int_{-\infty}^z f_{X,Y}(x, \frac{u}{x}) \frac{du}{x} \right] dx \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^z \left[\int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{|x|} f_{X,Y}(x, \frac{u}{x}) dx \right] du \\
 &\quad + \int_{-\infty}^z \left[\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{|x|} f_{X,Y}(x, \frac{u}{x}) dx \right] du \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^z \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|x|} f_{X,Y}(x, \frac{u}{x}) dx \right] du.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_Z(z) &= \frac{dF_Z(z)}{dz} \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|x|} f_{X,Y}(x, \frac{u}{x}) dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

Example: Let X and Y are independent uniform random variables in $(0,1)$. Compute the distribution of $Z = XY$.

We have $f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|x|} f_{X,Y}(x, \frac{z}{x}) dx$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|x|} f_X(x) f_Y(\frac{z}{x}) dx, \quad \text{by independence of } X \text{ and } Y. \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} \cdot \text{Now } f_Y(\frac{z}{x}) = 1, \text{ if } 0 < \frac{z}{x} < 1 \\
 &\quad \& f_X(x) = 1, \text{ if } 0 < x < 1
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore f_Y\left(\frac{z}{x}\right) = \mathbb{I}_{(0,1)}\left(\frac{z}{x}\right)$$

$$f_X(x) = I_{(0,1)}(x)$$

$$I_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases}$$

Indicator function or
characteristic function

Now $I_{(0,1)}(x) I_{(0,1)}\left(\frac{z}{x}\right)$

$$= I_{(0,1)}(x) I_{(z,1)}(x) \quad (\text{Try to establish this})$$

$$\therefore f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|x|} I_{(0,1)}(x) I_{(0,1)}\left(\frac{z}{x}\right) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|x|} I_{(0,1)}(x) I_{(z,1)}(x) dx$$

$$= I_{(0,1)} \left[\int_{-\infty}^x \right]$$

$$= I_{(0,1)}(x) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|x|} I_{(z,1)}(x) dx$$

$$= I_{(0,1)}(x) \int_z^1 \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\boxed{f_Z(z) = -\log z I_{(0,1)}(z)}$$

i.e. $\boxed{f_Z(z) = -\log z, \quad z \in (0,1)}$

$$\hat{f}_Z(z) = 0, \quad \text{otherwise.}$$

Section 5: Further Transformation Techniques

Suppose now we have the following transformation.

$$Y = u(x_1, x_2).$$

How are we going to get the pmf or pdf in this case.

Our key idea is the following. Suppose we keep x_2 fixed and vary x_1 , then y becomes a function of x_1 . Suppose under this fixed x_2 , the function $u(x_1, x_2)$ is increasing or decreasing and thus has an inverse, i.e. x_1 can be written as a function of y , i.e. $x_1 = w_1(y, x_2)$. So

using Theorem 9.1 we write,

$$g_Y(y, x_2) = f_{x_1, x_2}(x_1, x_2) \left| \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y} \right|$$

or we may have that $u(x_1, x_2)$ satisfies the requirements of Theorem 9.1 if x_1 is kept fixed and thus we will have

$$g_Y(x_1, y) = f_{x_1, x_2}(x_1, x_2) \left| \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y} \right|.$$

Whatever be the case, we can from $g_Y(x_1, y) \sim g_Y(y, x_2)$ can be integrated out with respect to x_1 or x_2 , to get the marginal distribution of Y .

Let us see an example

Let x_1 and x_2 be two random variables which are independent and each follow uniform distribution in $(0, 1)$.

Let us fix set $Y = x_1 + x_2$. Compute the pdf of Y . Here

Y varies from 0 to 2 as x_1 and x_2 vary from 0 to 1. If x_2 is kept fixed we have

$$\therefore x_1 = Y - x_2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore g_Y(y, x_2) &= I_{(0,1)}(y-x_2) I_{(0,1)}(x_2) / 1 \\ &= I_{(0,1)}(y-x_2) I_{(0,1)}(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_Y(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_Y(y, x_2) dx_2 \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} I_{(0,1)}(y-x_2) I_{(0,1)}(x_2) dx_2 \end{aligned}$$

When $y - x_2 \in (0,1)$, then $0 < y - x_2 < 1$

$\therefore x_2 < y$ & $y < x_2 + 1$. Now if we set also
~~set $y \in (0,1)$, then if $y > 1$, & $y < 2$, then $y - x_2 < 1$~~
 $\Rightarrow y-1 < x_2 < 1$

Now observe that

$$I_{(0,1)}(y-x_2) I_{(0,1)}(x_2) = I_{(0,y)}(x_2) I_{(0,1)}(y) + I_{(y-1,1)}(x_2) I_{[1,2]}(y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore g_Y(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[I_{(0,y)}(x_2) I_{(0,1)}(y) + I_{(y-1,1)}(x_2) I_{[1,2]}(y) dx_2 \right] \\ &= I_{(0,1)}(y) \int_0^y I_{(0,y)}(x_2) dx_2 + I_{[1,2]}(y) \int_{y-1}^1 I_{(y-1,1)}(x_2) dx_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= y I_{(0,1)}(y) + I_{[1,2]}(y)(2-y)$$

$$\therefore g_Y(y) = \begin{cases} y & \text{if } 0 < y < 1 \\ 2-y & \text{if } 1 \leq y < 2 \end{cases}$$

& $g_Y(y) = 0$, elsewhere.

Now what happens if we have

$$Y_1 = u_1(x_1, x_2)$$

$$Y_2 = u_2(x_1, x_2)$$

Then if we know the joint distribution of x_1, x_2 can we find the joint distribution of Y_1, Y_2 . The following theorem tells us how to do it.

Theorem 9.2 :

Let x_1 and x_2 are continuous random variables, with joint pdf $f_{x_1, x_2}(x_1, x_2)$. If the transformations $y_1 = u_1(x_1, x_2)$ and $y_2 = u_2(x_1, x_2)$ are bijective mappings over the set $\{(x_1, x_2) \in \text{Range}(x_1) \times \text{Range}(x_2) : f_{x_1, x_2}(x_1, x_2) \neq 0\}$.

Then over the above set we can uniquely write

$$x_1 = w_1(y_1, y_2)$$

$$x_2 = w_2(y_1, y_2)$$

Then the joint distribution $Y_1 = u_1(x_1, x_2)$ & $Y_2 = u_2(x_1, x_2)$

is given as

$$g_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = f(w_1(y_1, y_2), w_2(y_1, y_2)) |\det J|$$

where J is the Jacobian matrix of the map

$$\phi(x_1, x_2) = \begin{pmatrix} w_1(y_1, y_2) \\ w_2(y_1, y_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi(y_1, y_2) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w_1(y_1, y_2) \\ w_2(y_1, y_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

given as

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_2} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Jacobian matrix
is the derivative
of the map
 $\Phi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

Let us provide some interesting examples.

Eg (A): Let x_1 & x_2 are independent standard normal variables.

$$\text{Let } Y_1 = x_1 + x_2 \quad \Delta \quad Y_2 = \frac{x_1}{x_2}$$

Find $g_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2)$.

$$\text{Here } y_1 = u_1 (x_1, x_2) = x_1 + x_2.$$

$$\Delta y_2 = u_2 (x_1, x_2) = x_1/x_2.$$

Then,

$$x_1 = w_1(y_1, y_2) = \frac{y_1 y_2}{1 + y_2}$$

$$x_2 = w_2(y_1, y_2) = \frac{y_1}{1 + y_2}$$

$$\therefore J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{y_2}{1+y_2}, & \frac{y_1}{(1+y_2)^2} \\ \frac{1}{1+y_2}, & -\frac{y_1}{(1+y_2)^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \det J = -\frac{y_1}{(1+y_2)^2} \quad \therefore |\det J| = \frac{|y_1|}{(1+y_2)^2}$$

$$\therefore g_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(y_1 y_2)^2}{(1+y_2)^2} + \frac{y_1^2}{(1+y_2)^2} \right]} \right] \frac{|y_1|}{(1+y_2)^2}$$

$$\therefore g_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{|y_1|}{(1+y_2)^2} \left[e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{[(1+y_2^2)y_1^2]}{[1+y_2]^2}} \right].$$

Question: Can you find the marginal distribution of Y_2 .

E.g (B): Let $x_1 \sim \text{Gamma}(n_1, \lambda_1)$
 $x_2 \sim \text{Gamma}(n_2, \lambda_2)$

and x_1 and x_2 are independent. Then

find the joint distribution of $y_1 = x_1 + x_2$ with

$$y_1 = x_1 + x_2 \quad \& \quad y_2 = \frac{x_1}{x_2}.$$

Find the marginal distribution of y_1 .

Our first approach would be to compute first the joint distribution of $g_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2)$ and then compute out the marginal;

Here

$$x_1 = w_1(y_1, y_2) = \frac{y_1 y_2}{1+y_1 y_2}$$

$$x_2 = w_2(y_1, y_2) = \frac{y_1}{1+y_2}$$

$$\therefore |\det J| = \frac{y_1}{(1+y_2)^2} \quad (\text{note } y_1 \text{ & } y_2 \text{ are positive as } x_1 \in (0, \infty) \text{ & } x_2 \in (0, \infty))$$

For $y_1 \in (0, \infty)$ & $y_2 \in (0, \infty)$ we have

$$\therefore g_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \frac{y_1}{(1+y_2)^2} \frac{1}{\Gamma(n_1)} \frac{1}{\Gamma(n_2)} \lambda^{n_1+n_2} \left(\frac{y_1 y_2}{1+y_2}\right)^{n_1-1} \left(\frac{y_1}{1+y_2}\right)^{n_2-1} - \lambda(x_1 + x_2)$$

$$\therefore g_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \frac{y_1}{(1+y_2)^2 \Gamma(n_1) \Gamma(n_2)} \lambda^{n_1+n_2} \left(\frac{y_1 y_2}{1+y_2}\right)^{n_1-1} \left(\frac{y_1}{1+y_2}\right)^{n_2-1} e^{-\lambda y_1}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^{n_1+n_2}}{\Gamma(n_1) \Gamma(n_2)} y_1^{n_1+n_2-1} e^{-\lambda y_1} \frac{y_2^{n_1-1}}{(1+y_2)^{n_1+n_2}}$$

$$\text{Now } B(n_1, n_2) = \frac{\Gamma(n_1) \Gamma(n_2)}{\Gamma(n_1+n_2)} \Rightarrow B(n_1, n_2) \Gamma(n_1+n_2) = \Gamma(n_1) \Gamma(n_2)$$

$$\therefore \Rightarrow g_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \underbrace{\left(\frac{\lambda^{n_1+n_2}}{\Gamma(n_1+n_2)} \cdot y_1^{n_1+n_2-1} e^{-\lambda y_1} \right)}_{g_{Y_1}(y_1)} \times \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{B(n_1, n_2)} \frac{y_2^{n_1-1}}{(1+y_2)^{n_1+n_2}} \right)}_{g_{Y_2}(y_2)}$$

Thus γ_1 and γ_2 are independent random variables, with

$$Y_1 \sim \text{Gamma}(n_1+n_2, \lambda)$$

If $n_1 = n_2 = 1$, compute $g_{Y_2}(y_2)$.

Section 6: The mgf technique.

When we have $Y = u(x_1, x_2)$, then, sometimes it is useful to compute the mgf of Y and see if it matches with mgf of any distribution known to us. This is truly effective when x_1, x_2 are independent. In fact this works pretty well even if we have a larger number of independent variables.

For example if we have x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n as independent random variables, then, if

$$Y = x_1 + \dots + x_n$$

$$\text{Then } m_Y(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n m_{x_i}(t). \quad (\text{Prove it in the assignment})$$

Consider again for example that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are independent random variables with

$$x_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_i)$$

$$\therefore m_{x_i}(t) = e^{\lambda_i(e^t - 1)}$$

$$\text{Let } Y = x_1 + \dots + x_n.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore m_Y(t) &= \prod_{i=1}^n m_{x_i}(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n e^{\lambda_i(e^t - 1)} \\ &= e^{(\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n)(e^t - 1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n).$$

Now consider another example.

Let x_1, x_2 are standard normal variables.

Find the joint distribution of Y_1 and Y_2

$$\text{where } Y_1 = x_1 + x_2 \quad \& \quad Y_2 = x_2 - x_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_{Y_1, Y_2}(t_1, t_2) &= E[e^{t_1 Y_1 + t_2 Y_2}] \\ &= E[e^{t_1(x_1+x_2) + t_2(x_2-x_1)}] \\ &= E[e^{(t_1-t_2)x_1 + (t_1+t_2)x_2}] \\ &= E[e^{(t_1-t_2)x_1} e^{(t_1+t_2)x_2}] \\ &= E[e^{(t_1-t_2)x_1}] E[e^{(t_1+t_2)x_2}] \end{aligned}$$

(Since x_1, x_2 are indept.)

$$\begin{aligned} m_{Y_1, Y_2}(t_1, t_2) &= m_{X_1}(t_1-t_2) m_{X_2}(t_1+t_2) \\ &= e^{\frac{1}{2}(t_1-t_2)^2} e^{\frac{1}{2}(t_1+t_2)^2} \\ &= e^{\frac{t_1^2}{2}} e^{\frac{t_2^2}{2}} \\ &= e^{t_1^2} e^{t_2^2} \\ &= m_{Y_1}(t_1) m_{Y_2}(t_2) \quad (\text{See next page}) \end{aligned}$$

Now $m_{Y_1, Y_2}(t_1, t_2) \neq m_{Y_1}(t_1) m_{Y_2}(t_2)$. We shall establish this fact when x_1, x_2 are independent

~~Let $Y_1 = u_1(x_1, x_2)$~~
 ~~$Y_2 = u_2(x_1, x_2)$.~~

$$\begin{aligned} m_{Y_1, Y_2}(t_1, t_2) &= E[e^{t_1 Y_1 + t_2 Y_2}] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{t_1 u_1(x_1, x_2) + t_2 u_2(x_1, x_2)} f_{x_1, x_2}(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$m_{Y_1, Y_2}(t_1, t_2) = e^{2t_1^2/2} e^{2t_2^2/2} \longrightarrow (*)$$

Now set $t_2 = 0$

$$m_{Y_1, Y_2}(t_1, 0) = E[e^{t_1 Y_1}] = m_{Y_1}(t_1)$$

$$\text{But } m_{Y_1, Y_2}(t_1, 0) = e^{2t_1^2/2}$$

$$\therefore m_{Y_1}(t_1) = e^{2t_1^2/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_1 \sim N(0, 2)$$

Similarly setting $t_1 = 0$, we have $\cancel{Y_2 \sim N(0, 2)}$
 i.e. $m_{Y_2}(t_2) = e^{2t_2^2/2}$
 $\therefore Y_2 \sim N(0, 2)$.

$\therefore m_{Y_1, Y_2}(t_1, t_2) = m_{Y_1}(t_1) m_{Y_2}(t_2)$.
 Thus Y_1 & Y_2 are both independent and identically distributed normal random variable with mean 0 and variance 2

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[End of the Probability Part]