Probability Theory and Random Processes (MA225)

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Functions of Random Variables: Technique 1

In Technique 1, we try to find the JCDF of $\boldsymbol{Y} = g(\boldsymbol{X})$ given the distribution of $\boldsymbol{X}$. As before, we will discuss this technique using examples.

Example 1: Let X_1 and X_2 be *i.i.d.* $U(0,\, 1)$ random variables. Find the CDF of $Y = X_1 + X_2$.

Example 2: Let the JPDF of $(X_1,\, X_2)$ be given by

$$f_{X_1,\, X_2}(x_1,\, x_2) = \begin{cases} e^{-x_1} & \text{if } 0 < x_1 < x_2 < \infty \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the JCDF of $Y_1 = X_1 + X_2$ and $Y_2 = X_2 - X_1$.

Functions of RVs: Technique 2 for DRV

Theorem: Let $\boldsymbol{X} = (X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n)$ be a DRV with JPMF $f_{\boldsymbol{X}}$ and support $S_{\boldsymbol{X}}$. Let $g_i : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ for all $i = 1, 2, \ldots, k$. Let $Y_i = g_i(\boldsymbol{X})$ for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, k$. Then $\boldsymbol{Y} = (Y_1, , \ldots, Y_k)$ is a DRV with JPMF

$$f_{\boldsymbol{Y}}(y_1, \ldots, y_k) = \begin{cases} \sum\limits_{\boldsymbol{x} \in A_{\boldsymbol{y}}} f_{\boldsymbol{X}}(\boldsymbol{x}) & \text{if } (y_1, \ldots, y_k) \in S_{\boldsymbol{Y}} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $A_{\boldsymbol{y}} = \{\boldsymbol{x} \in S_{\boldsymbol{X}} : g_i(\boldsymbol{x}) = y_i, \; i = 1, \ldots, k\}$ and $S_{\boldsymbol{Y}} = \{(g_1(\boldsymbol{x}), \ldots, g_k(\boldsymbol{x})) : \boldsymbol{x} \in S_{\boldsymbol{X}}\}$.

Functions of RVs: Technique 2 for DRV

Example 3: $X_1 \sim P(\lambda_1)$ and $X_2 \sim P(\lambda_2)$ and they are independent. Then $X_1 + X_2 \sim P(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$.

Example 4: $X_1 \sim Bin(n_1, p)$ and $X_2 \sim Bin(n_2, p)$ and they are independent. Then $X_1 + X_2 \sim Bin(n_1 + n_2, p)$.

Example 5: $X_i \sim Bin(n_i, p)$, $i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$ and X_i's are independent.Then $\sum_{i=1}^{m} X_i \sim Bin(\sum_{i=1}^{m} n_i, p)$.