Ch8. Random Vectors

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Definition 8.1

A random vector is a column vector $\mathbf{X} = [X_1, ..., X_n]^T$, where each X_i is a random variable



Definition 8.2

A sample value of a random vector is a column vector $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, ..., x_n]^T$, where the *i*-th component x_i is a sample value of a random variable X_i



Definition 8.3

(a) The CDF of a random vector **X** is

$$F_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = F_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

(b) The PMF of a discrete random vector **X** is

$$P_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = P_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

(c) The PDF of a continuous random vector **X** is

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = f_{X_1,\dots,X_n}(x_1,\dots,x_n)$$



Definition 8.4

For random vectors \mathbf{X} with n, \mathbf{Y} with m components:

(a) The joint CDF of X and Y is

$$F_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}) = F_{X_1,...,X_n,Y_1,...,Y_m}(x_1,...,x_n,y_1,...,y_m)$$

(b) The joint PMF of discrete random vectors **X** and **Y** is

$$P_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}) = P_{X_1,...,X_n,Y_1,...,Y_m}(x_1,...,x_n,y_1,...,y_m)$$

(c) The joint PDF of continuous random vectors **X** and **Y** is

$$f_{X,Y}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = f_{X_1, \dots, X_n, Y_1, \dots, Y_m}(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m)$$



Example 8.1

Random vector X has PDF

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 6e^{-\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{x}}, & x \ge 0\\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Where $\mathbf{a} = [1, 2, 3]^T$. What is the CDF of **X**?



Independent Random Vectors

Definition 8.5

Random vectors X and Y are independent if

Discrete: $P_{X,Y}(x, y) = P_X(x)P_Y(y)$

Continuous: $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$



Independent Random Vectors

Example 8.2

Random variables $Y_1, ..., Y_4$ have the joint PDF

$$f_{Y_1,\dots,Y_4}(y_1,\dots,y_4) = \begin{cases} 4, & 0 \le y_1 \le y_2 \le 1, & 0 \le y_3 \le y_4 \le 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Let $\mathbf{V} = [Y_1, Y_4]^T$ and $\mathbf{W} = [Y_2, Y_2]^T$. Are \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{W} independent?



Theorem 8.1

For random variable $W = g(\mathbf{X})$,

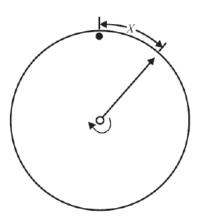
Discrete: $P_W(w) = P[W = w] = \sum_{\mathbf{x}: g(\mathbf{x}) = w} P_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x})$

Continuous: $F_W(w) = P[W \le w] = \int ... \int_{g(\mathbf{x}) \le w} f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) dx_1 ... dx_n$



Example 8.3

Consider the spinning wheel experiment. Let Y be a random variable which is the maximum position of pointers in n experiment. Find the CDF and PDF of Y





Theorem 8.2

Let **X** be a vector of n *i.i.d.* continuous random variables, each with CDF $F_X(x)$ and PDF $f_X(x)$

(a) For
$$Y = \max\{X_1, ..., X_n\}, F_Y(y) = (F_X(y))^n, f_Y(y) = n(F_X(y))^{n-1}f_X(y)$$

(b) For
$$W = \min\{X_1, ..., X_n\}$$
,

$$F_W(w) = 1 - (1 - F_X(w))^n$$
, $f_W(w) = n(1 - F_X(w))^{n-1}F_X(w)$



Theorem 8.3

For a random vector \mathbf{X} , the random variable $g(\mathbf{X})$ has expected value

Discrete:
$$E[g(\mathbf{X})] = \sum_{x_1 \in S_{X_1}} ... \sum_{x_n \in S_{X_n}} g(\mathbf{x}) P_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})$$

Continuous:
$$E[g(\mathbf{X})] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ... \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\mathbf{x}) f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) dx_1 ... dx_n$$



Theorem 8.4

When the component of X are independent random variables,

$$E[g_1(X_1)g_2(X_2) \dots g_n(X_n)] = E[g_1(X_1)]E[g_2(X_2)] \dots E[g_n(X_n)]$$



Theorem 8.5

Given the continuous random vectors X, Y is derived such that

 $Y_k = aX_k + b$ for constant a > 0 and b. The CDF and PDF of Y are

$$F_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}) = F_{\mathbf{X}}\left(\frac{y_1 - b}{a}, \dots, \frac{y_n - b}{a}\right), \qquad f_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{a^n} f_{\mathbf{X}}\left(\frac{y_1 - b}{a}, \dots, \frac{y_n - b}{a}\right)$$



Definition 8.6

Expected value of a random vector is a column vector

$$E[\mathbf{X}] = \mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}} = [E[X_1], \dots, E[X_n]]^T$$



Example 8.4

If $\mathbf{X} = [X_1, X_2, X_3]^T$. What are the components of $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T$?



Definition 8.7

For a random matrix **A** with random variables A_{ij} as its i, j-th component element, $E[\mathbf{A}]$ is a matrix with i, j-th element $E[A_{ij}]$



Definition 8.8 (correlation matrix)

Correlation of a random vector \mathbf{X} is an $n \times n$ matrix $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{X}}$ with i, j-th element $[\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{X}}]_{i,j} = E[X_i X_j]$.



Definition 8.9 (covariance matrix)

Covariance of a random vector \mathbf{X} is an $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{C}_X with i,j-th element $[\mathbf{C}_X]_{i,j} = Cov[X_i,X_j]$.



Theorem 8.7

For a random vector \mathbf{X} with correlation matrix $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{X}}$, covariance matrix $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{X}}$, and vector expected value $\mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}}$,

$$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{X}} - \mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}})^T$$



Example 8.7

Find the expected value E[X], correlation matrix R_X , and covariance matrix C_X of the 2D random vector X with PDF

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 \le x_1 \le x_2 \le 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Definition 8.10

Cross-correlation of random vectors, X with n components and Y with m components, is an $n \times m$ matrix R_{XY} with i,j-th element

$$R_{XY}(i,j) = E\big[X_iY_j\big]$$

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}} = E[\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}^T]$$



Two Random Vectors

Definition 8.11

Cross-covariance of a pair of random vectors \mathbf{X} with n, \mathbf{Y} with m components, is an $n \times m$ matrix $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{XY}}$ with $[\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{XY}}]_{ij} = Cov[X_i, Y_j]$



Two Random Vectors

Theorem 8.8

For a random vector \mathbf{X} with n components, random vector \mathbf{Y} with m components is derived as $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b}$,

$$\begin{split} & \mu_Y = A \mu_X + b \\ & R_Y = A R_X A^T + (A \mu_X) b^T + b (A \mu_X)^T + b b^T \\ & C_Y = A C_X A^T \end{split}$$



Two Random Vectors

Theorem 8.9

For two random vectors \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} such that $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b}$

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{X}}\mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}}\mathbf{b}^T, \qquad \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{X}}\mathbf{A}^T$$



Definition 8.12

X is the Gaussian (μ_X, C_X) random vector with expected value μ_X and covariance C_X if and only if

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} [\det(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{X}})]^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}})^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{X}}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}})\right)$$

where $\det(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{X}}) > 0$



Theorem 8.10

A Gaussian random vector \mathbf{X} has independent components if and only if $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{X}}$ is a diagonal matrix



Example 8.10

The outdoor temperature at 6:00, 12:00, 18:00 are Gaussian random variables, X_1, X_2, X_3 with variance 16 degrees². The expected values are 50, 62, and 58 degrees. The covariance matrix is given by

$$C_X = \begin{bmatrix} 16.0 & 12.8 & 11.2 \\ 12.8 & 16.0 & 12.8 \\ 11.2 & 12.8 & 16.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Write the joint PDF of X_1 and X_2



Definition 8.13

The n-th standard normal random vector \mathbf{Z} is the n-dimensional

Gaussian random vector with $\mu_X=0$ and $C_Z=I$



Theorem 8.12

For a Gaussian (μ_X, C_X) random vector, let **A** be an $n \times n$ matrix with $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{C}_X$. Then the random vector $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{X} - \mu_X)$ is a standard normal random vector



Theorem 8.13

Given the n-dimensional standard normal random vector \mathbf{Z} , an invertible $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} , and an n-dimensional vector \mathbf{b} ,

 $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{AZ} + \mathbf{b}$ is an *n*-dimensional Gaussian random vector with

$$\mu_{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{b}$$
 and $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$

