

**check out:**

1. sample mean, variance, moment (sample variance is  $c\chi^2$ )
2. simple random sampling
3. WLLN
4. Chebyshev, Markov, Cauchy-Schwartz

**Change of variables:** given  $Y = g(X)$ , and  $f_X(x)$  the density of  $X$ ,

$$f_Y(y) = \sum_{x:g(x)=y} \left| \frac{dg}{dx} \Big|_{x=g^{-1}(y)} \right| f_X(g^{-1}(y))$$

Example:  $X \sim N(0, 1)$ , and  $Y = X^2$ :

1.  $\text{range}(Y) = [0, \infty)$ ,
2.  $y = g(x) = x^2 \Rightarrow g'(x) = 2x$ , and beware:  $x = \pm\sqrt{y}$ .
3. For  $x = \sqrt{y}$ :

$$\frac{(2\pi)^{-1/2} e^{-(\sqrt{y})^2/2}}{|2\sqrt{y}|} = \frac{e^{-y/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}(2\sqrt{y})}$$

For  $x = -\sqrt{y}$ :

$$\frac{(2\pi)^{-1/2} e^{-(-\sqrt{y})^2/2}}{|-2\sqrt{y}|} = \frac{e^{-y/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}(2\sqrt{y})}$$

Hence,

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{e^{-y/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}(2\sqrt{y})} + \frac{e^{-y/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}(2\sqrt{y})} = \frac{y^{-1/2} e^{-y/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

**Convolution:** for  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$ , if  $W = X + Y$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} f_W(w) &= \int_{\text{supp}(Y)} f_{X,Y}(w-y, y) dy \\ &= \int_{\text{supp}(X)} f_{X,Y}(x, w-x) dx \\ &= \int_{\text{supp}(X)} f_X(x) f_Y(w-x) dx \\ &= f_X * f_Y(w) \end{aligned}$$

**Poisson Process:** if  $N_{(0,1)} = \#$  of arrivals in  $(0, 1)$ , and  $N_{(0,1)} \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ , then  $N_{(0,t)} \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t)$ . If  $T_1$  is the time until the first arrival, then  $T_1 \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ . Hence, if  $T_r$  is time until  $r^{\text{th}}$  arrival,  $T_r = W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_r$  where  $W_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ , hence  $T_r \sim \Gamma(r, \lambda)$ .

**“Thinning” the Poisson Process:** Given a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$ , and supposing each arrival is killed with probability  $p$  (independent of the rest of process), if  $X$  is the Poisson process for the particles who live and  $Y$  is for the particles who die,  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$ ,  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda q)$ ,  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda p)$ . Think about this like a random generator spits out particles of type A or B, with the chance of A being  $p$ . Then, provided the generic observational random variable is  $\text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ , the type A observational random variable will be  $\text{Poisson}(\lambda p)$ .

**$\Gamma$  tricks:** Given  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ ,  $Z^2 \sim \chi_{(1)}^2 = \Gamma(1/2, 1/2)$ . But,  $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2$ ,  $X_i \sim \Gamma(r_i, \lambda)$  has that  $X_1 + X_2 \sim \Gamma(r_1 + r_2, \lambda)$ . Hence, for  $Z_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, 1)$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2 \sim \chi_{(n)}^2 = \Gamma(n/2, 1/2)$ .

**Moments:**

1.  $\mu_k = E(X^k)$  (doesn't always exist)
2. if  $j < k$  and  $\mu_k$  exists, then  $\mu_j$  exists.

**MGF:**

1.  $\psi_X = E(e^{tX})$  (doesn't always exist)
2.  $\psi(0) = 1$
3.  $\psi_{aX+b}(t) = e^{tb} \psi_X(at)$
4. If  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$ ,  $\psi_{X+Y}(t) = \psi_X(t) \psi_Y(t)$
5. If  $\psi_X(t)$  exists in a nhd of 0,  $\mu_k = \psi_X^{(k)}(0) < \infty$ , for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . (Inspiration for  $E(e^{tx}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E(X^k) t^k / k!$ .)
6.  $\psi_X, \psi_Y$  existing in nhd of 0 and  $\psi_X \equiv \psi_Y$  implies  $X \sim Y$ .
7. If  $\{X_n\}$  is a sequence of RV's and  $\psi_{X_n} \rightarrow \psi_X$  a.e. in a nhd of 0, then  $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X$ . That is,  $F_{X_n} \rightarrow F_X$  at all points of continuity of  $F_X$ .

**Common MGF's:**

$X$	$\psi_X(t)$
$c$ , constant	$e^{ct}$
$I_A$ , $P(A) = p$	$pe^t + q$
$\text{Binom}(n, p)$	$(pe^t + q)^n$
$N(\mu, \sigma^2)$	$\exp\{\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2 / 2\}$
$\text{Exp}(\lambda)$	$\lambda(\lambda - t)^{-1} I(t < \lambda)$
$\Gamma(r, \lambda)$	$\lambda^r (\lambda - t)^{-r} I(t < \lambda)$