

Lecture 6: Joint Distributions

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Outline

① Discrete Multivariate R.V.s

② Continuous Multivariate R.V.s

③ Covariance and Correlation

④ Multinomial Distribution

⑤ Multivariate Normal

① latent \rightarrow prob. \rightarrow conditional prob.

prior/posterior

Random variable.

single

(discrete / continuous)
distribution

Story

two random variables

(independence)

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≥ 3 r.v.s

Joint distribution

Marginal distribution

Multivariate Distribution

③ Conditional Expectation → estimation / learning (prediction)



- Joint distribution provides complete information about how multiple r.v.s interact in high-dimensional space
- Marginal distribution is the individual distribution of each r.v.
- Conditional distribution is the updated distribution for some r.v.s after observing other r.v.s

Outline

3 Key themes:

1 Discrete Multivariate R.V.s

2 Continuous Multivariate R.V.s

3 Covariance and Correlation

4 Multinomial Distribution

5 Multivariate Normal

① Decomposition / Integration.

First-step
Conditioning
Prob/expectation

② Transformation
(invariance)

PGF
MGF

③ Approximation

Asymptotic approximation
CLT : $n \rightarrow \infty$

Finite-size approximation

Joint CDF

Definition

The *joint CDF* of r.v.s X and Y is the function $F_{X,Y}$ given by

$$F_{X,Y}(x, y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y).$$

The joint CDF of n r.v.s is defined analogously.

Joint PMF

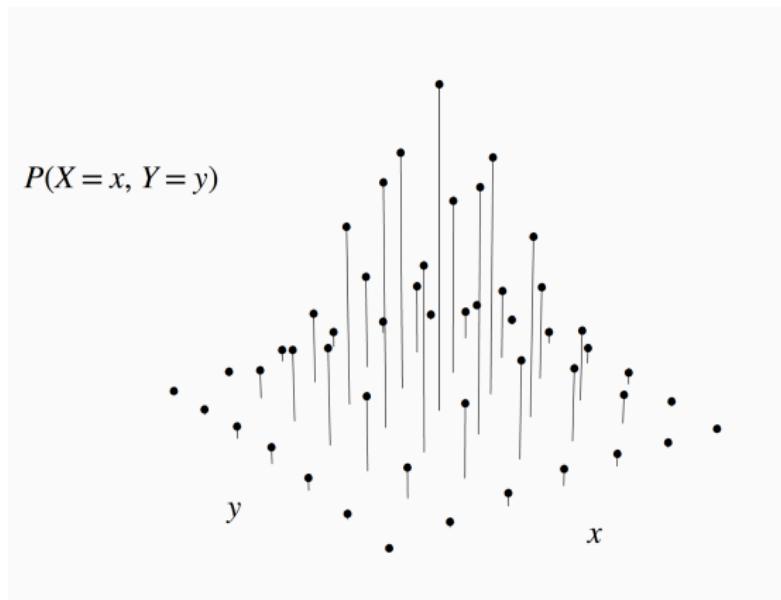
Definition

The joint PMF of discrete r.v.s X and Y is the function $p_{X,Y}$ given by

$$p_{X,Y}(x,y) = P(X=x, Y=y).$$

The joint PMF of n discrete r.v.s is defined analogously.

Joint PMF



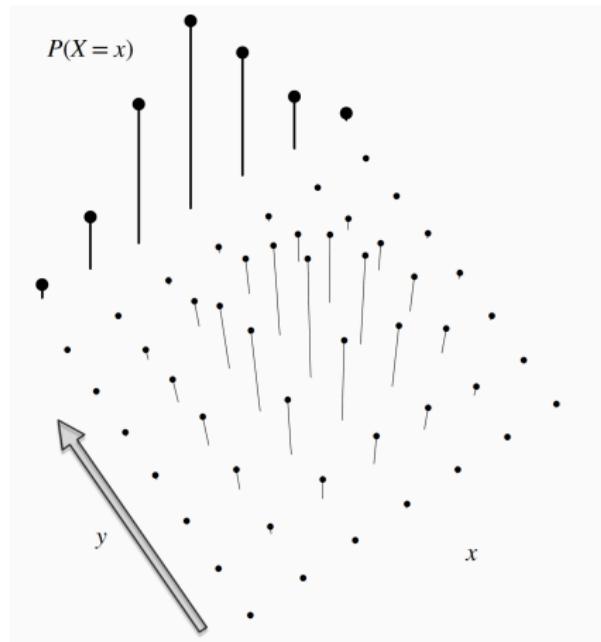
Marginal PMF

Definition

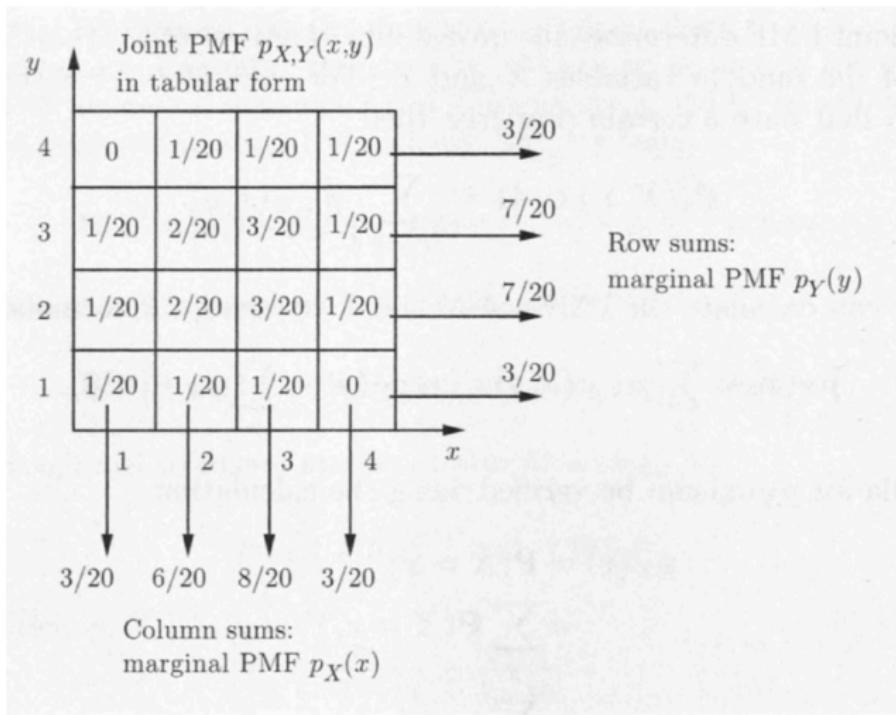
For discrete r.v.s X and Y , the *marginal PMF* of X is

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

Marginal PMF



Example



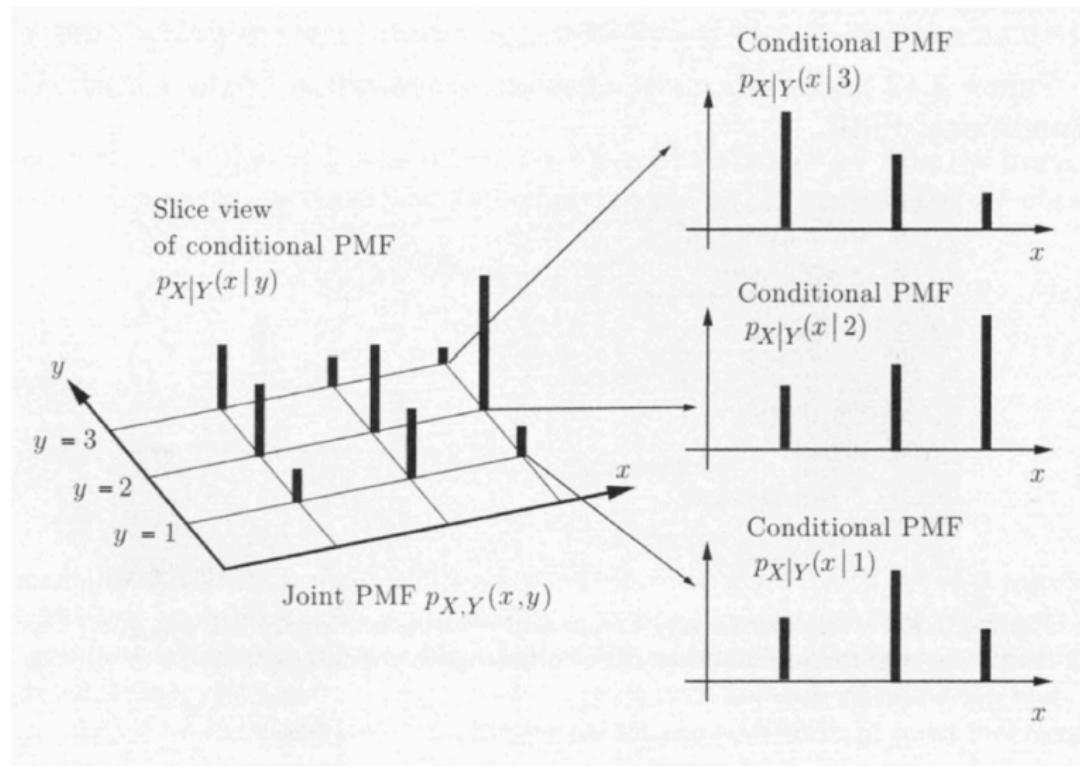
Conditional PMF

Definition

For discrete r.v.s X and Y , the *conditional PMF* of X given $Y = y$ is

$$P_{X|Y}(x|y) = P(X = x | Y = y) = \frac{P(X = x, Y = y)}{P(Y = y)}.$$

Conditional PMF



Independence of Discrete R.V.s

Definition

Random variables X and Y are *independent* if for all x and y ,

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = F_X(x) F_Y(y)$$

If X and Y are discrete, this is equivalent to the condition

$$P(X = x, Y = y) = P(X = x)P(Y = y)$$

for all x and y , and it is also equivalent to the condition

$$P(Y = y|X = x) = P(Y = y)$$

for all y and all x such that $P(X = x) > 0$.

Example: Chicken-egg

Suppose a chicken lays a random number of eggs, N , where $N \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$. Each egg independently hatches with probability p and fails to hatch with probability $q = 1 - p$. Let X be the number of eggs that hatch and Y the number that do not hatch, so $X + Y = N$. What is the joint PMF of X and Y ?

Solution

Solution

Related Theorem

Theorem

If $X \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda p)$, $Y \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda q)$, and X and Y are independent, then $N = X + Y \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$ and $X|N = n \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$.

Related Theorem

Theorem

If $N \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$ and $X|N = n \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$, then $X \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda p)$,
 $Y = N - X \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda q)$, and X and Y are independent.

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Conditional PDF Given an Event

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- The conditional PDF $f_{X|A}$ of a continuous random variable X , given an event A with $\mathbf{P}(A) > 0$, satisfies

$$\mathbf{P}(X \in B | A) = \int_B f_{X|A}(x) dx.$$

- If A is a subset of the real line with $\mathbf{P}(X \in A) > 0$, then

$$f_{X|\{X \in A\}}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{f_X(x)}{\mathbf{P}(X \in A)}, & \text{if } x \in A, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n be disjoint events that form a partition of the sample space, and assume that $\mathbf{P}(A_i) > 0$ for all i . Then,

$$f_X(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{P}(A_i) f_{X|A_i}(x)$$

(a version of the total probability theorem).

Proof

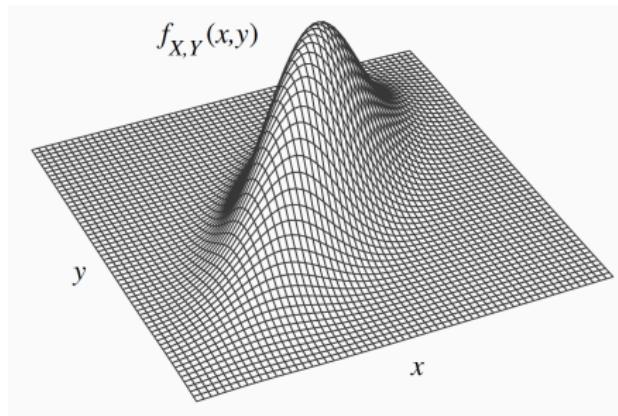
Joint PDF

Definition

If X and Y are continuous with joint CDF $F_{X,Y}$, their joint PDF is the derivative of the *joint CDF* with respect to x and y :

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F_{X,Y}(x,y).$$

Joint PDF



Marginal PDF

Definition

For continuous r.v.s X and Y with joint PDF $f_{X,Y}$, the *marginal PDF* of X is

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy$$

This is the PDF of X , viewing X individually rather than jointly with Y .

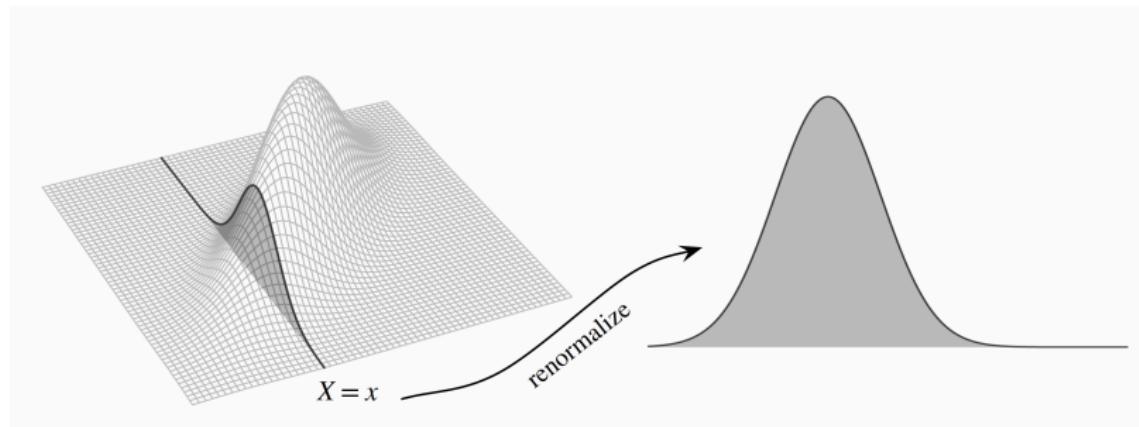
Conditional PDF

Definition

For continuous r.v.s X and Y with joint PDF $f_{X,Y}$, the *conditional PDF* of Y given $X = x$ is

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_X(x)}.$$

Conditional PDF



Technique Issue

- What is the meaning of conditioning on zero-probability event $X = x$ for a continuous r.v. X .
- We are actually conditioning on the event that X falls within a small interval of x : $X \in (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon)$ and then taking a limit as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$.

Example

The joint PDF of X and Y is given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{12x(2-x-y)}{5} & \text{if } 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Compute the conditional PDF of X given that $Y = y$, where $0 < y < 1$.

Example

Suppose that the joint PDF of X and Y is given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-x/y-y}}{y} & \text{if } 0 < x < \infty, 0 < y < \infty \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find $P\{X > 1 | Y = y\}$.

Continuous form of Bayes' Rule and LOTP

Theorem

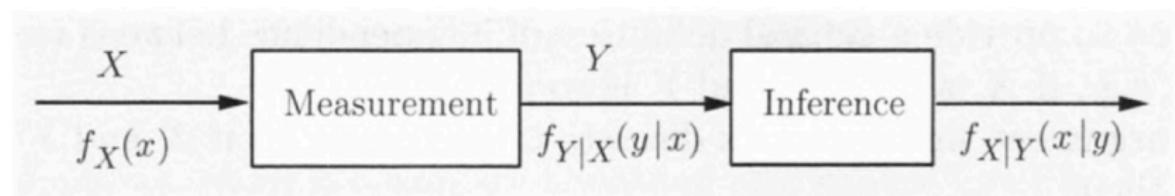
For continuous r.v.s X and Y ,

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{X|Y}(x|y) f_Y(y)}{f_X(x)}$$

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X|Y}(x|y) f_Y(y) dy$$

Proof

Bayes' Rule: Inference Perspective



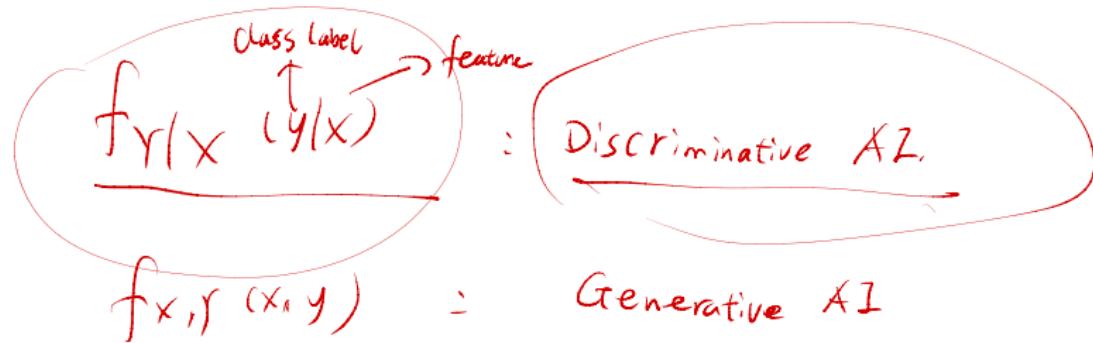
Example

A light bulb produced by the GE company is known to have an exponential distributed lifetime Y . However, the company has been experiencing quality control problems. On any given day, the parameter λ of the PDF of Y is actually a random variable. uniformly distributed in the interval $[1, 3/2]$. We test a light bulb and record its lifetime. What we can say about the underlying parameter λ ?

General Bayes' Rule

$$f_X(x) \cdot p(x \in [x-\epsilon, x+\epsilon]) \approx p(Y=y|x)$$

	Y discrete	Y continuous
X discrete	$P(Y=y X=x) = \frac{P(X=x Y=y)P(Y=y)}{P(X=x)}$	$f_Y(y X=x) = \frac{P(X=x Y=y)f_Y(y)}{P(X=x)}$
X continuous	$P(Y=y X=x) = \frac{f_X(x Y=y)P(Y=y)}{f_X(x)}$	$f_{Y X}(y x) = \frac{f_{X Y}(x y)f_Y(y)}{f_X(x)}$



Proof

X_1, \dots, X_n

Stochastic processes

Stochastic

information
of X_1, \dots, X_n

Markov : \rightarrow Markov chain

Martingale : \rightarrow Martingale

\rightarrow Branching processes

\rightarrow Poisson process.

Proof

General LOTP ②

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(X \in (x-\varepsilon, x+\varepsilon))}{2\varepsilon} = \sum_{(i,y)} \frac{P[X \in (x-\varepsilon, x+\varepsilon) | Y=y]}{2\varepsilon} P(Y=y)$$

$$f_X(x) = \sum_y f_{X|Y}(x|Y=y) \cdot P(Y=y)$$

	Y discrete	Y continuous
X discrete	$P(X=x) = \sum_y P(X=x Y=y)P(Y=y)$	$P(X=x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(X=x Y=y)f_Y(y)dy$ ①
X continuous	$f_X(x) = \sum_y f_{X Y}(x Y=y)P(Y=y)$ ② ✓	$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X Y}(x y)f_Y(y)dy$

$$\underline{f_X(x)/2\varepsilon}$$

Proof ① $P(X=x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} P(X=x|Y=y) f_Y(y) dy$

X : discrete, Y : continuous

$$P(X=x|Y=y) = \frac{f_Y(y|X=x)}{f_Y(y)} \cdot P(X=x)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X=x|Y=y) \cdot f_Y(y) = f_Y(y|X=x) \cdot P(X=x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(X=x|Y=y) f_Y(y) dy &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y|X=x) \cdot \underbrace{P(X=x)}_{= P(X=x)} dy \\ &= P(X=x) \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y|X=x) dy \\ &= P(X=x) \cdot (\text{sum of } f_Y(y|X=x)) = P(X=x) \end{aligned}$$

Example

① $Y = N + S$; conditioning on $S=s$ ($s=1$ or -1)

$$\text{discrete} \quad \text{continuous}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad P(S=1 | Y=y) = \frac{f_{Y|S}(y|1)}{f_{Y|S}(y|-1)} \cdot P(S=1) = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(y-1)^2}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(y+1)^2}} \cdot p$$

A binary signal S is transmitted, and we are given that $P(S=1) = p$ and $P(S=-1) = 1-p$. The received signal is $Y = N + S$, where N is normal noise, with zero mean and unit variance, independent of S . What is the probability that $S=1$, as a function of the observed value y of Y ?

LoTP

$$\textcircled{3} \quad f_{Y|S}(y|1) = f_{Y|S}(y|-1) \cdot P(S=1) + f_{Y|S}(y|-1) \cdot P(S=-1)$$

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

$$P(S=1) = p \text{ prior.}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad P(S=1 | Y=y) = \frac{P \cdot e^y}{P \cdot e^y + (1-p) \cdot e^{-y}}$$

posterior.

$(S=1, X(1,1))$

$y > 0$
 $e^{-y} < 1$

$$P(e^{-y})e^{-y} \\ ce^{-y} \\ ce^{-y} = 1$$

$$= \frac{P}{P + (1-p)e^{-y}}$$

$$= \begin{cases} > p \\ = p \\ < p \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} y > 0 \\ y = 0 \\ y < 0 \end{cases}$$

Example: Comparing Exponentials of Different Rates

$$\textcircled{1} \quad P(T_1 < T_2) \stackrel{\text{Laplace}}{=} \int_0^\infty P(T_1 < T_2 | T_2 = t) \cdot f_{T_2}(t) \cdot dt$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad P(T_1 = T_2) = 0$$
$$= \int_0^\infty P(T_1 < t | T_2 = t) \cdot \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 t} dt$$

$$P(T_1 < T_2) = P(T_1 = \min(T_1, T_2)) = \int_0^\infty P(T_1 < t) \cdot \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 t} dt$$

Let $T_1 \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda_1)$, $T_2 \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda_2)$, T_1 and T_2 are independent.
Find $P(T_1 < T_2)$.

$$\begin{aligned} & P(T_1, \dots, T_n | \text{Expo}(\lambda_1), \dots, \text{Expo}(\lambda_n)) \\ & \quad \text{independent.} \\ & P(T_1 = \min(T_1, \dots, T_n)) = \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n} \\ & = \int_0^\infty (1 - e^{-\lambda_1 t}) \cdot \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 t} dt \\ & = \frac{\int_0^\infty \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 t} dt}{1 - \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}} - \int_0^\infty \lambda_2 e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)t} dt \\ & = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \end{aligned}$$

$\min(T_1, \dots, T_n) \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n)$

Independence of Continuous R.V.s

Definition

Random variables X and Y are *independent* if for all x and y ,

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = F_X(x) F_Y(y)$$

If X and Y are continuous with joint PDF $f_{X,Y}$, this is equivalent to the condition

$$\underline{f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)}$$

for all x and y , and it is also equivalent to the condition

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = f_Y(y)$$

for all y and all x such that $f_X(x) > 0$.

Proposition

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 8xy & ; 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

domain (x,y)
couple

Theorem

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 4x(1-x^2) & ; 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}, f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 4y^3, & ; 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Suppose that the joint PDF $f_{X,Y}$ of X and Y factors as

pre...
decouple domain
of X and Y

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = g(x) h(y)$$

$(-\infty, +\infty)$

for all x and y , where g and h are nonnegative functions. Then X and Y are independent. Also, if either g or h is a valid PDF, then the other one is a valid PDF too and g and h are the marginal PDFs of X and Y , respectively. (The analogous result in the discrete case also holds.)

Proof

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = g(x)h(y) \stackrel{?}{=} c \cdot g(x) \cdot \frac{1}{c} h(y)$$

$c > 0$ is a constant.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \text{Let } c = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(y) dy \Rightarrow 1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{c} h(y) dy$$

Renormalization
Key idea:

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{c g(x)} \cdot \frac{1}{c} h(y) dy \\ &= \underline{c g(x)} \cdot \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{c} h(y) dy}{1} = \underline{c g(x)}. \end{aligned}$$

is a valid PDF,
 $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dx = 1$

$$\Rightarrow c = 1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1 \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{c g(x)} dx = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(y) dy = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \quad f_Y(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{c g(x)} \cdot \frac{h(y)}{c} dx \\ &= \underline{\frac{1}{c} h(y)} \cdot \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c g(x) dx}{1} = \underline{\frac{1}{c} h(y)}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow h \text{ is a valid PDF.}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \underline{c g(x)} \cdot \underline{\frac{1}{c} h(y)} = \underline{f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)} \Rightarrow X, Y \text{ are independent}$$

2D LOTUS

$$\text{No Lotus: } (x, y) \rightarrow g(x, y) \rightarrow E[g(x, y)]$$

$$\text{Lotus: } (x, y) \rightarrow E[g(x, y)]$$

Theorem

Let g be a function from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R} . If X and Y are discrete, then

$$\underline{E(g(X, Y))} = \sum_x \sum_y \underline{g(x, y)} \underline{P(X = x, Y = y)}.$$

If X and Y are continuous with joint PDF $f_{X,Y}$, then

$$E(g(X, Y)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{g(x, y)} \underline{f_{X,Y}(x, y)} dx dy.$$

Expected Distance between Two Uniforms

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad E(|X-Y|) &\stackrel{\text{Let us}}{=} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |x-y| f_X(x) f_Y(y) dy = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |x-y| dx dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_y^1 (x-y) dx dy + \int_0^1 \int_0^y (y-x) dx dy = \frac{1}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

(2)

For $X, Y \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \text{Unif}(0, 1)$, find $E(|X - Y|)$, $E(\max(X, Y))$, and $E(\min(X, Y))$.
 $M = \max(X, Y)$; $L = \min(X, Y)$;
 $\frac{M+L}{2} = X+Y$.

$$\Rightarrow E(M+L) = E(X+Y) \Rightarrow E(M) + E(L) = E(X) + E(Y) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1,$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad M-L = \max(X, Y) - \min(X, Y) = \begin{cases} X-Y & \text{if } X \geq Y, \\ Y-X & \text{if } X < Y \end{cases} = |X-Y|$$

$$\Rightarrow E(M-L) = E(|X-Y|) = \frac{1}{3} \quad E(M) = \frac{2}{3}, E(L) = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Expected Distance between Two Normals

① Method 1: $E(|X-Y|) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x-y| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dx dy$

② Method 2: $X \sim N(0, 1)$; $-Y \sim N(0, 1)$.

$$\underline{X-Y \sim N(0, 2)}$$

$$\underline{X-Y = \sqrt{2}Z, Z \sim N(0, 1)}$$

For $X, Y \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, find $E(|X - Y|)$.

$$\Rightarrow E(|X-Y|) = E(|\sqrt{2}Z|) = \sqrt{2} E(|Z|).$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(|Z|) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |z| \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz = 2 \int_0^{\infty} z \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow E(|X-Y|) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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Covariance

Definition

The covariance between r.v.s X and Y is

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E \underbrace{((X - EX)(Y - EY))}_{\text{in red}}.$$

Multiplying this out and using linearity, we have an equivalent expression:

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E \underbrace{(XY)}_{\text{in red}} - E(X)E(Y).$$

Key Properties of Covariance

- ① • $\text{Cov}(X, X) = \text{Var}(X)$.
- ② • $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Cov}(Y, X)$.
- $\text{Cov}(X, c) = 0$ for any constant c .
- $\text{Cov}(a \cdot X, Y) = a \cdot \text{Cov}(X, Y)$ for any constant a .
- $\text{Cov}(X + Y, Z) = \text{Cov}(X, Z) + \text{Cov}(Y, Z)$.
- ④ • $\text{Cov}(X + Y, Z + W) = \text{Cov}(X, Z) + \text{Cov}(X, W) + \text{Cov}(Y, Z) + \text{Cov}(Y, W)$.
- $\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$. *proof.*
- For n r.v.s X_1, \dots, X_n ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X+Y) &\stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} \text{Cov}(X+Y, X+Y) \\ &\stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{=} \underline{\text{Cov}(X, X)} + \text{Cov}(X, Y) \\ &\quad + \text{Cov}(Y, X) + \underline{\text{Cov}(Y, Y)} \\ &\stackrel{\textcircled{3}}{=} \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X_1 + \dots + X_n) &= \text{Var}(X_1) + \dots + \text{Var}(X_n) \\ &\quad + 2 \sum_{i < j} \text{Cov}(X_i, Y_j).\end{aligned}$$

Proof

Correlation

Definition

Linear Correlation

The correlation between r.v.s X and Y is

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}}.$$

(This is undefined in the degenerate cases $\text{Var}(X) = 0$ or $\text{Var}(Y) = 0$.)

Definition

Given r.v.s X and Y , if $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$ or $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = 0$, X and Y are uncorrelated.

Uncorrelated

$$\begin{aligned} X, Y \text{ are independent.} \\ \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])] \\ &= \underbrace{E[(X - E[X])]}_0 \cdot \underbrace{E[(Y - E[Y])]}_0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem

If X and Y are independent, then they are uncorrelated.

Uncorrelated $\not\Rightarrow$ Independent

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \frac{E(XY)}{0} - \frac{E(X)E(Y)}{0} = 0.$$

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

1^o. $E(X) = 0$; $\Rightarrow E(X) \cdot E(Y) = 0$

$$E(X^3) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^3 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = 0$$
$$g(-x) = -g(x)$$

2^o. $E(XY) = \underline{E(X^3)} = 0$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} g(x) dx$$

5^o $\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$.

X, Y are linearly uncorrelated

$$+ \int_{-\infty}^0 g(x) dx \quad \left(\int_0^{\infty} g(x) dx \right)$$

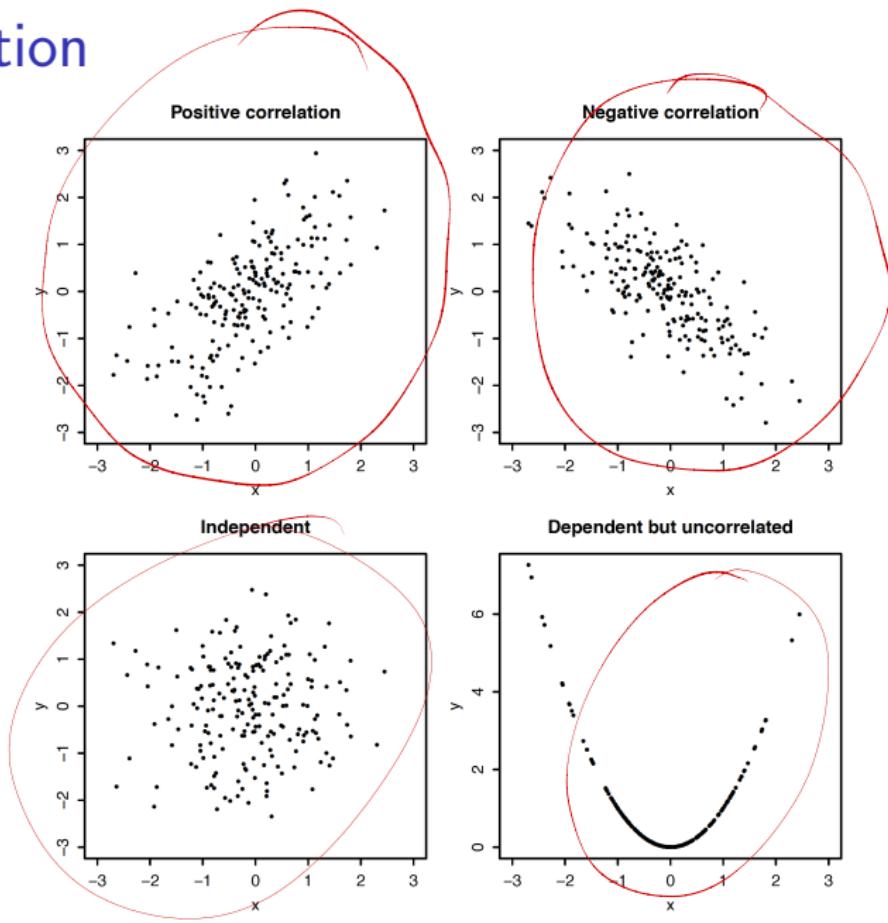
but, X, Y are dependent.

(Potentially nonlinear correlated)

Covariance & Correlation

- Measure a tendency of two r.v.s X & Y to go up or down together
- Positive covariance (Correlation): when X goes up, Y also tends to go up
- Negative covariance (Correlation): when X goes up, Y tends to go down

Correlation



Correlation Bounds

Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality

$$E[X \cdot Y] \leq E[X^2] \cdot E[Y^2]$$

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \right)^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2$$

$$\left(\int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx \right)^2 \leq \int_a^b f(x)^2 dx \cdot \int_a^b g(x)^2 dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1^{\text{o}}. \quad & f(t) = E[(X-tY)^2] = E[X^2 - 2tXY + t^2Y^2] \\ & = E[X^2] - 2t E[XY] + t^2 E[Y^2] \\ & = t^2 E[Y^2] - 2t E[XY] + E[X^2] \end{aligned}$$

Theorem

$$\Delta = (2 E[XY])^2 - 4 \cdot E[X^2] \cdot E[Y^2] \leq 0 \Rightarrow E[XY]^2 \leq E[X^2] \cdot E[Y^2]$$

For any r.v.s X and Y ,

$$-1 \leq \text{Corr}(X, Y) \leq 1.$$

$$2^{\text{o}}. \quad X = E[X], Y = E[Y]. \xrightarrow{\text{C.S.}} E^2[(X-E[X])(Y-E[Y])] \leq E[(X-E[X))^2] \cdot E[(Y-E[Y))^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Cov}^2(X, Y) \leq \text{Var}(X) \cdot \text{Var}(Y)$$

$$\frac{\text{Cov}^2(X, Y)}{\text{Var}(X) \cdot \text{Var}(Y)} \leq 1 \Rightarrow \text{Corr}^2(X, Y) \leq 1$$

$$-1 \leq \text{Corr}(X, Y) \leq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} & \leq \|a\| \cdot \|b\| \\ \left| \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\|a\| \cdot \|b\|} \right| & \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

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Story

$k=2 \rightarrow \text{Binomial}$

Each of n objects is independently placed into one of k categories. An object is placed into category j with probability p_j , where the p_j are nonnegative and $\sum_{j=1}^k p_j = 1$. Let X_1 be the number of objects in category 1, X_2 the number of objects in category 2, etc., so that $X_1 + \dots + X_k = n$. Then $X = (X_1, \dots, X_k)$ is said to have the Multinomial distribution with parameters n and $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_k)$. We write this as $\mathbf{X} \sim \text{Mult}_k(n, \mathbf{p})$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P} &= (p_1, p_2) \\ p_1 + p_2 &= 1 \\ p_1 &= \end{aligned}$$

Multinomial Joint PMF

Method 1^o. $\binom{n}{n_1} \cdot \binom{n-n_1}{n_2} \cdot \binom{n-n_1-n_2}{n_3} \cdots \binom{\frac{n-n_1-\cdots-n_{k-1}}{n_k}}{n_k} = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \cdots n_k!}$

Method 2^o. $\frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \cdots n_k!}$

Theorem

If $\mathbf{X} \sim \text{Mult}_k(n, \mathbf{p})$, then the joint PMF of \mathbf{X} is

$$P(X_1 = n_1, \dots, X_k = n_k) = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \cdots n_k!} \cdot p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_k^{n_k}$$

for n_1, \dots, n_k satisfying $n_1 + \cdots + n_k = n$.

Proof

Multinomial Marginals

Successful event: object $\rightarrow j^{\text{th}}$ category.

Theorem

If $\mathbf{X} \sim \text{Mult}_k(n, \mathbf{p})$, then $X_j \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_j)$.

Multinomial Lumping

event A = "fall into i^{th} category".

B = "----- j^{th} -----".

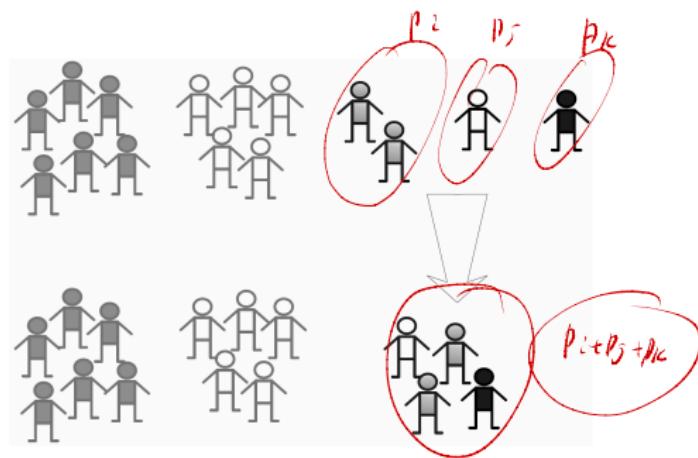
$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ &= P(A) + P(B) = P_i + P_j \end{aligned}$$

Theorem

If $\mathbf{X} \sim \text{Mult}_k(n, p)$, then for any distinct i and j
 $X_i + X_j \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_i + p_j)$. The random vector of counts obtained
from merging categories i and j is still Multinomial. For example,
merging categories 1 and 2 gives

$$(X_1 + X_2, X_3, \dots, X_k) \sim \text{Mult}_{k-1}(n, (p_1 + p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n)).$$

Multinomial Lumping



Multinomial Conditioning

Given n_1 objects in Category 1, the remaining $n-n_1$ objects.

Landing into categories 2, ..., k $\sim \text{Multi}_{k-1}(n-n_1, p')$

Theorem

If $\mathbf{X} \sim \text{Multi}_k(n, p)$, then

$$P^0 \cdot \frac{p_j}{\sum_{j \neq 1}} = \text{Prob} \left(\underbrace{\text{Landing into category } j}_{A} \mid \text{not landing into category 1} \right)$$

$$(X_2, \dots, X_k) \mid \underline{X_1 = n_1} \sim \text{Multi}_{k-1}(n - n_1, (p'_2, \dots, p'_k)),$$

where $p'_j = p_j / (\sum_{i=2}^k p_i)$.

$$p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_k = 1$$

$$= \frac{\text{Prob. (Landing into category } j)}{\text{Prob. (not landing into category 1)}}$$

$$p'_2 + \dots + p'_k = 1$$

$$= \frac{p_j}{1-p_1}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Prob. (not landing into category 1)}}{\sum_{i=2}^k p_i} = p'_j$$

Renormalization.

Covariance in A Multinomial

$Z \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$; $\text{Var}(Z) = np(1-p)$.

1^o. w.l.o.g. $i=1$; $j=2$.

$$X_1 \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_1)$$

$$X_2 \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_2)$$

$$X_1 + X_2 \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_1 + p_2)$$

Theorem

Let $(X_1, \dots, X_k) \sim \text{Mult}_k(n, \mathbf{p})$, where $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_k)$. For $i \neq j$, $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = -np_i p_j < 0$

$$2^o. \quad \underline{\text{Var}(X_1 + X_2)} = \underline{\text{Var}(X_1)} + \underline{\text{Var}(X_2)} + 2\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)$$

$$\underline{n(p_1+p_2)(1-p_1-p_2)} = \underline{n p_1(1-p_1) + n p_2(1-p_2)} + 2\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = -np_1 p_2 < 0$$

Proof

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Multivariate Normal Distribution

Definition

A random vector $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_k)$ is said to have a Multivariate Normal (MVN) distribution if every linear combination of the X_j has a Normal distribution. That is, we require

$$\underline{t_1 X_1 + \cdots + t_k X_k}$$

to have a Normal distribution for any choice of constants t_1, \dots, t_k . If $t_1 X_1 + \cdots + t_k X_k$ is a constant (such as when all $t_i = 0$), we consider it to have a Normal distribution, albeit a degenerate Normal with variance 0. An important special case is $k = 2$; this distribution is called the Bivariate Normal (BVN).

Non-example of MVN

$$\textcircled{1} \quad X \sim N(0, 1), \quad S = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$X = (X_1, \dots, X_K)$ if $X_j \sim N(\mu_j, \sigma_j^2)$
 $X \neq \text{MVN}$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad Y = S \cdot X \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad P(X+Y=0)$$

$$= P(S=-1) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$X+Y$ is NOT continuous.
⇒ Normal.

$$(X, Y) \neq \text{MVN}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & P(Y \leq y) = P(S \cdot X \leq y) \\ & \stackrel{\text{LoTP}}{=} P(SX \leq y | S=1) \cdot P(S=1) \\ & \quad + P(SX \leq y | S=-1) \cdot P(S=-1) \\ & = P(X \leq y | S=1) \cdot \frac{1}{2} + P(-X \leq y | S=-1) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ & = P(X \leq y) \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{P(-X \leq y)}{P(X \geq -y)} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ & = \underline{P(X \leq y)} \quad \frac{P(-X \leq y)}{P(X \geq -y)} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ & \Rightarrow Y \sim N(0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

Actual MVN

Sum of independent Normal \rightarrow Normal.

① $Z, w \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} N(0, 1)$

② $(Z+2w, 3Z+5w)$ is a MVN.

$$\forall t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t_1(Z+2w) + t_2(3Z+5w)$$

$$= (t_1 + 3t_2) \underline{Z} + (2t_1 + 5t_2) \underline{w}$$

\sim Normal.

Theorem

$$(X_1, X_2, X_3) \xrightarrow{\text{MVN}} \text{If } t_1, t_2, t_3 \in \mathbb{R}, \\ t_1 X_1 + t_2 X_2 + t_3 X_3 \sim \text{Normal}.$$

Theorem

If (X_1, X_2, X_3) is Multivariate Normal, then so is the subvector $(\underline{X_1, X_2})$.

Let $t_3 = 0$, $t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem

Theorem

If $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ and $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_m)$ are MVN vectors with \mathbf{X} independent of \mathbf{Y} , then the concatenated random vector $\mathbf{W} = (X_1, \dots, X_n, Y_1, \dots, Y_m)$ is Multivariate Normal.

Parameters of MVN

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}(x^2+y^2-2\rho xy)\right\}$$

Joint PDF

$$\rho=0 \quad f_{X,Y}(x,y) = h(x) \cdot g(y)$$

X and Y are independent!

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\det(\Sigma)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}((x,y)\Sigma^{-1}(x,y)^T)\right\}$$

Parameters of an MVN random vector (X_1, \dots, X_k) are:

- the mean vector (μ_1, \dots, μ_k) , where $E(X_j) = \mu_j$.
- the covariance matrix, which is the $k \times k$ matrix of covariance between components, arranged so that the row i , column j entry is $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$.

Standard Bivariate Normal. (X, Y)

$X \sim N(0, 1)$

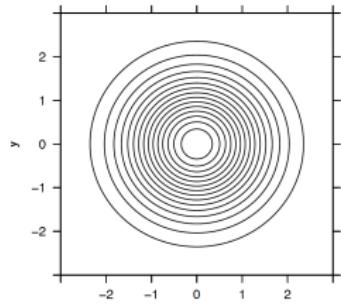
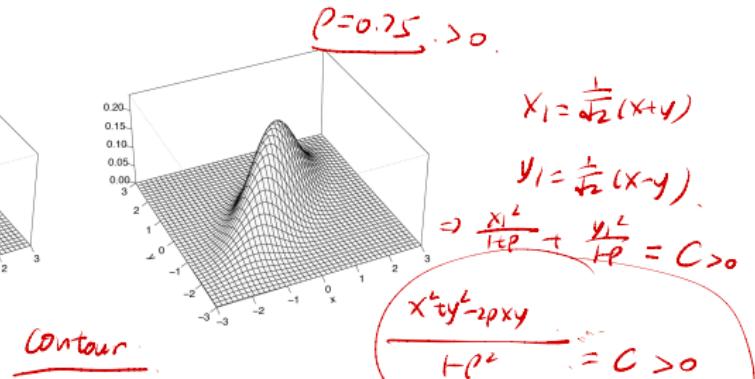
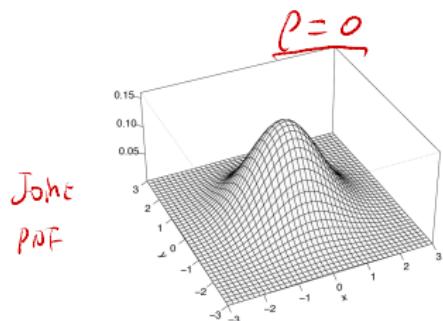
$Y \sim N(0, 1)$

$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \rho \in (-1, 1)$

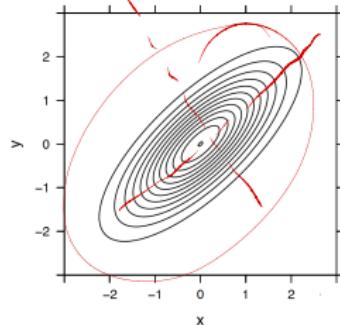
Mean vector $(0, 0)$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Covariance matrix } \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Var}(X) & \text{Cov}(X, Y) \\ \text{Cov}(Y, X) & \text{Var}(Y) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right.$$

Joint PDF of Bivariate Normal Distributions



$(\rho=0)$; $x^2 + y^2 = C > 0$



$(\rho > 0)$; $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

Joint MGF

① $W \sim \text{Normal.}$ MGF. $= e^{\underline{E[w]} + \frac{1}{2}\text{Var}(w)}$

$$E[e^{tw}] = \underbrace{(e^{\underline{E[w] \cdot t} + \frac{1}{2}\text{Var}(w) \cdot t^2}}_{}) \checkmark$$

② (X_1, \dots, X_k) MVN. \Rightarrow Joint MGF. $E[e^{t_1x_1 + \dots + t_kx_k}]$

Definition

The joint MGF of a random vector $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_k)$ is the function which takes a vector of constants $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, \dots, t_k)$ and returns

$$M(\mathbf{t}) = E(e^{\mathbf{t}'\mathbf{X}}) = E(e^{\underline{t_1X_1 + \dots + t_kX_k}}).$$

We require this expectation to be finite in a box around the origin in \mathbb{R}^k ; otherwise we say the joint MGF does not exist.

Theorem

Theorem

Within an MVN random vector, uncorrelated implies independent.
That is, if $\mathbf{X} \sim \text{MVN}$ can be written as $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2)$, where \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_2 are subvectors, and every component of \mathbf{X}_1 is uncorrelated with every component of \mathbf{X}_2 , then \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_2 are independent.
In particular, if (X, Y) is Bivariate Normal and $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = 0$, then X and Y are independent.

Proof

① Recall fact : $X \sim N(H, V)$, $M_X(t) = e^{Ht + \frac{1}{2}V^2t^2}$

② Bivariate Normal (X, Y) , $X \sim N(H_1, \sigma_1^2)$, $Y \sim N(H_2, \sigma_2^2)$
 $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \rho$.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(X+Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

$$= \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\rho \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \quad M_{X,Y}(s, t) &= \underset{\substack{\text{Joint MGF}}}{E[e^{sX+tY}]} = \exp \left\{ sH_1 + tH_2 + \frac{1}{2}\text{Var}(sX+tY) \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ sH_1 + tH_2 + \frac{1}{2}(s^2\sigma_1^2 + t^2\sigma_2^2 + 2st\sigma_1\sigma_2\rho) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \rho = 0$$

Unrelated

$$\Rightarrow M_{X,Y}(s, t) = \exp \left\{ sH_1 + tH_2 + \frac{1}{2}s^2\sigma_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma_2^2 \right\}$$

$$= \exp \left\{ sH_1 + \frac{1}{2}s^2\sigma_1^2 \right\} \cdot \exp \left\{ tH_2 + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma_2^2 \right\}$$

$$= \underline{M_X(s)} \cdot \underline{M_Y(t)} \quad \Rightarrow X \text{ and } Y \text{ are independent.}$$

Bivariate Normal Generation

1^o. $Z = aX + bY$, $(a, b, c, d) \in \mathbb{R}$? $\Rightarrow (Z, W)$ bivariate Normal.

$$W = cX + dY$$

$$Z, W \sim \underline{\mathcal{N}(0, 1)}$$

$$\underline{\text{Corr}(Z, W) = \rho}$$

$$2^o. E(Z) = E(ax+by) = a \overset{o}{E[X]} + b \overset{o}{E[Y]} = 0; \\ E[W] = 0$$

Suppose that we have access to i.i.d. r.v.s $X, Y \sim \underline{\mathcal{N}(0, 1)}$, but want to generate a Bivariate Normal (Z, W) with $\underline{\text{Corr}(Z, W) = \rho}$ and Z, W marginally $\underline{\mathcal{N}(0, 1)}$, for the purpose of running a simulation.
How can we construct Z and W from linear combinations of X and Y ?

$$3^o. \underline{\text{Var}(Z) = \text{Var}(ax+by) = \text{Var}(ax) + \text{Var}(by) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y)} \\ = a^2 + b^2 = 1.$$

$$\underline{\text{Var}(W) = \text{Var}(cx+dy) = c^2 + d^2 = 1}$$

$$4^o. \text{Corr}(Z, W) = \text{Cov}(Z, W) / \rho = \rho \Rightarrow \text{Cov}(ax+by, cx+dy) = \rho \\ \Rightarrow ac \text{Cov}(X, X) + bd \text{Cov}(Y, Y) + 0 = \rho \Rightarrow \underline{ac + bd = \rho}$$

Solution

$$5^{\circ} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a^2 + b^2 = 1 \\ c^2 + d^2 = 1 \\ \underline{ac + bd = p} \end{array} \right.$$

Find one solution is enough.

$$b=0; \Rightarrow a^2 = 1 \Rightarrow a=1; c=p.$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 = 1 - p^2 \Rightarrow \text{pick } d = \sqrt{1-p^2}$$

$$6^{\circ}. \quad Z = ax + by = \underline{x}.$$

$$W = cx + dy = \underline{p x + \sqrt{1-p^2} y}.$$

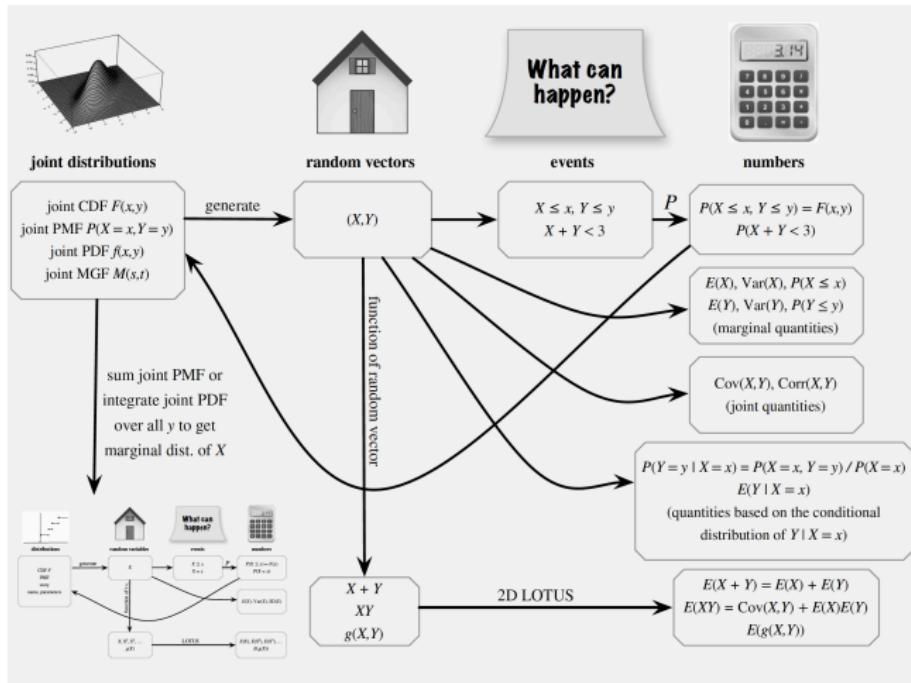
(Z, W) is the desired bivariate Normal distribution.

$$\underbrace{\text{Joint PDF?}}_{(Z, W) = \underline{f(x, y)}}.$$

Summary 1: Discrete & Continuous

	Two discrete r.v.s	Two continuous r.v.s
Joint CDF	$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y)$	$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y)$
Joint PMF/PDF	$P(X = x, Y = y)$ <ul style="list-style-type: none">Joint PMF is nonnegative and sums to 1: $\sum_x \sum_y P(X = x, Y = y) = 1.$	$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F_{X,Y}(x,y)$ <ul style="list-style-type: none">Joint PDF is nonnegative and integrates to 1: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy = 1.$To get probability, integrate joint PDF over region of interest.
Marginal PMF/PDF	$\begin{aligned} P(X = x) &= \sum_y P(X = x, Y = y) \\ &= \sum_y P(X = x Y = y)P(Y = y) \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X Y}(x y)f_Y(y) dy \end{aligned}$
Conditional PMF/PDF	$\begin{aligned} P(Y = y X = x) &= \frac{P(X = x, Y = y)}{P(X = x)} \\ &= \frac{P(X = x Y = y)P(Y = y)}{P(X = x)} \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} f_{Y X}(y x) &= \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_X(x)} \\ &= \frac{f_{X Y}(x y)f_Y(y)}{f_X(x)} \end{aligned}$
Independence	$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq x, Y \leq y) &= P(X \leq x)P(Y \leq y) \\ P(X = x, Y = y) &= P(X = x)P(Y = y) \end{aligned}$ <p>for all x and y.</p>	$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq x, Y \leq y) &= P(X \leq x)P(Y \leq y) \\ f_{X,Y}(x,y) &= f_X(x)f_Y(y) \end{aligned}$ <p>for all x and y.</p>
LOTUS	$P(Y = y X = x) = P(Y = y)$ <p>for all x and y, $P(X = x) > 0$.</p>	$f_{Y X}(y x) = f_Y(y)$ <p>for all x and y, $f_X(x) > 0$.</p>

Summary 2: Multivariate Distribution



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