

Lecture 6: Probability and Distributions

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What Do We Want?



Modeling: Approximate reality with a simple (mathematical) model

Experiment

- Flip two coins
- Observation: a random outcome
- o for example, (H, H)

All outcomes

- (H, H), (H, T), (T, H), (T, T)
- Our goal: Build up a probabilistic model for an experiment with random outcomes
- Probabilistic model?
 - Assign a number to each outcome or a set of outcomes
 - Mathematical description of an uncertain situation
- Which model is good or bad?

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Probabilistic Model



Goal: Build up a probabilistic model. Hmm... How?

The first thing: What are the *elements* of a probabilistic model?

Elements of Probabilistic Model

- 1. All outcomes of my interest: Sample Space Ω
- 2. Assigned numbers to each outcome of Ω : Probability Law $\mathbb{P}(\cdot)$

Question: What are the conditions of Ω and $\mathbb{P}(\cdot)$ under which their induced probability model becomes "legitimate"?

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Sample Space Ω



The set of all outcomes of my interest

- 1. Mutually exclusive
- 2. Collectively exhaustive
- 3. At the right granularity (not too concrete, not too abstract)
- 1. Toss a coin. What about this? $\Omega = \{H, T, HT\}$
- 2. Toss a coin. What about this? $\Omega = \{H\}$
- 3. (a) Just figuring out prob. of H or T. $\Longrightarrow \Omega = \{H, T\}$
 - (b) The impact of the weather (rain or no rain) on the coin's behavior.

$$\Longrightarrow \Omega = \{(H, R), (T, R), (H, NR), (T, NR)t\},\$$

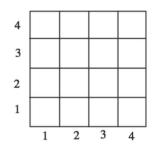
where R(Rain), NR(No Rain).

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Examples: Sample Space Ω

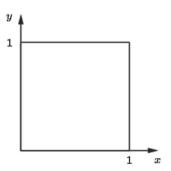


- Discrete case: Two rolls of a tetrahedral die
 - $\Omega = \{(1,1), (1,2), \dots, (4,4)\}$



Continuous case: Dropping a needle in a plain

$$-\Omega = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 0 \le x, y \le 1\}$$



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Probability Law



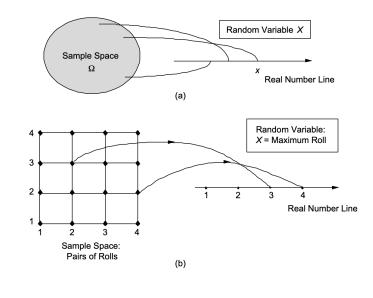
- Assign numbers to what? Each outcome?
- What is the probability of dropping a needle at (0.5, 0.5) over the 1×1 plane?
- Assign numbers to each subset of Ω : A subset of Ω : an event
- $\mathbb{P}(A)$: Probability of an event A.
 - $\circ\,$ This is where probability meets set theory.
 - \circ Roll a dice. What is the probability of odd numbers? $\mathbb{P}(\{1,3,5\}),$ where $\{1,3,5\}\subset\Omega$ is an event.
- Event space A: The collection of subsets of Ω . For example, in the discrete case, the power set of Ω .
- Probability Space $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P}(\cdot))$

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Random Variable: Idea



- In reality, many outcomes are numerical, e.g., stock price.
- Even if not, very convenient if we map numerical values to random outcomes, e.g., '0' for male and '1' for female.



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Random Variable: More Formally



- Mathematically, a random variable X is a function which maps from Ω to \mathbb{R} .
- Notation. Random variable X, numerical value x.
- Different random variables X, Y,, etc can be defined on the same sample space.
- For a fixed value x, we can associate an event that a random variable X has the value x, i.e., $\{\omega \in \Omega \mid X(w) = x\}$
- Generally,

$$\mathbb{P}_X(S) = \mathbb{P}(X \in S) = \mathbb{P}(X^{-1}(S)) = \mathbb{P}(\{\omega \in \Omega : X(w) \in S\})$$

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Conditioning: Motivating Example



- Pick a person a at random
 - event A: a's age ≤ 20
 - event B: a is married
- (Q1) What is the probability of A?
- (Q2) What is the probability of A, given that B is true?
- Clearly the above two should be different.
- Question. How should I change my belief, given some additional information?
- Need to build up a new theory, which we call conditional probability.

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Conditional Probability



- $\mathbb{P}(A \mid B)$: $\mathbb{P}(\cdot \mid B)$ should be a new probability law.
- Definition.

$$\mathbb{P}(A \mid B) := \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathbb{P}(B)}, \quad \textit{for} \quad \mathbb{P}(B) > 0.$$

- Note that this is a definition, not a theorem.
- All other properties of the law $\mathbb{P}(\cdot)$ is applied to the conditional law $\mathbb{P}(\cdot|B)$.
- For example, for two disjoint events A and C,

$$\mathbb{P}(A \cup C \mid B) = \mathbb{P}(A \mid B) + \mathbb{P}(C \mid B)$$

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Discrete Random Variables



- The values that a random variable X takes is discrete (i.e., finite or countably infinite).
- Then, $p_X(x) := \mathbb{P}(X = x) := \mathbb{P}\Big(\{\omega \in \Omega \mid X(w) = x\}\Big)$, which we call probability mass function (PMF).
- Examples: Bernoulli, Uniform, Binomial, Poisson, Geometric

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Bernoulli X with parameter $p \in [0, 1]$



Only binary values

$$X = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{w.p.}^1 \quad 1 - p, \\ 1, & \text{w.p.} \quad p \end{cases}$$

In other words, $p_X(0) = 1 - p$ and $p_X(1) = p$ from our PMF notation.

- Models a trial that results in binary results, e.g., success/failure, head/tail
- Very useful for an indicator rv of an event A. Define a rv 1_A as:

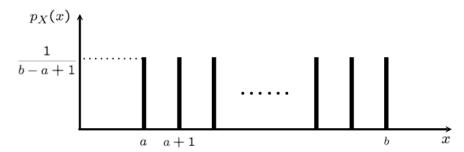
$$1_A = egin{cases} 1, & ext{if } A ext{ occurs}, \ 0, & ext{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Uniform X with parameter a, b



- integers a, b, where $a \le b$
- Choose a number of $\Omega = \{a, a+1, \ldots, b\}$ uniformly at random.
- $p_X(i) = \frac{1}{b-a+1}, i \in \Omega.$



• Models complete ignorance (I don't know anything about X)

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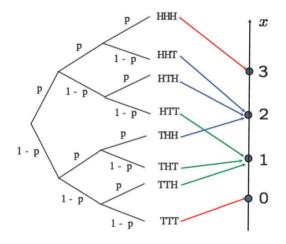
¹with probability L6(2)

Binomial X with parameter n, p



- Models the number of successes in a given number of independent trials
- n independent trials, where one trial has the success probability p.

$$p_X(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$



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Poisson X with parameter λ



- Binomial(n, p): Models the number of successes in a given number of independent trials with success probability p.
- Very large n and very small p, such that $np = \lambda$

$$p_X(k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

Is this a legitimate PMF?

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} = e^{-\lambda} \left(1 + \lambda + \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} + \frac{\lambda^3}{3!} \dots \right) = e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} = 1$$

• Prove this:

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} p_X(k) = \binom{n}{k} (1/n)^k (1-1/n)^{n-k} = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

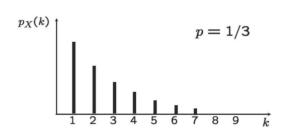
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Geometric X with parameter p



- Experiment: infinitely many independent Bernoulli trials, where each trial has success probability p
- Random variable: number of trials until the first success.
- Models waiting times until something happens.

$$p_X(k) = (1-p)^{k-1}p$$



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Joint PMF



• Joint PMF. For two random variables X, Y, consider two events $\{X = x\}$ and $\{Y = y\}$, and

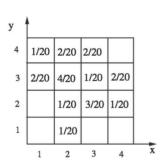
$$p_{X,Y}(x,y) := \mathbb{P}(\lbrace X=x \rbrace \cap \lbrace Y=y \rbrace)$$

- $\sum_{x} \sum_{y} p_{X,Y}(x,y) = 1$
- Marginal PMF.

$$p_X(x) = \sum_y p_{X,Y}(x,y),$$

$$p_Y(y) = \sum_{x} p_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

Example.



$$p_{X,Y}(1,3) = 2/20$$

$$p_X(4) = 2/20 + 1/20 = 3/20$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X = Y) = 1/20 + 4/20 + 3/20 = 8/20$$

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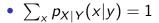
Conditional PMF



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$$p_{X|Y}(x|y) := \mathbb{P}(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x,y)}{p_{Y}(y)}$$

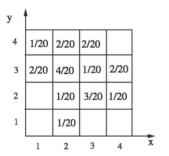
for y such that $p_Y(y) > 0$.



Multiplication rule.

$$p_{X,Y}(x,y) = p_Y(y)p_{X|Y}(x|y)$$
$$= p_X(x)p_{Y|X}(y|x)$$

• $p_{X,Y,Z}(x,y,z) =$ $p_X(x)p_{Y|X}(y|x)p_{Z|X,Y}(z|x,y)$



$$p_{X|Y}(2|2) = \frac{1}{1+3+1}$$

$$p_{X|Y}(3|2) = \frac{3}{1+3+1}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X|Y=3] = 1(2/9) + 2(4/9) + 3(1/9) + 4(2/9)$$

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Continuous RV and Probability Density Function (PDF)

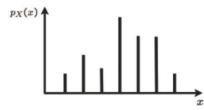
- Many cases when random variable have "continuous values", e.g., velocity of a car

Continuous Random Variable

A rv X is continuous if \exists a function f_X , called probability density function (PDF), s.t.

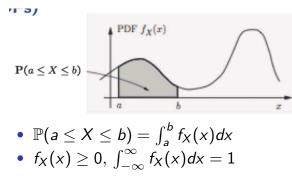
$$\mathbb{P}(X \in B) = \int_B f_X(x) dx$$

- All of the concepts and methods (expectation, PMFs, and conditioning) for discrete rvs have continuous counterparts



• $\mathbb{P}(a \le X \le b) = \sum_{x:a \le x \le b} p_X(x)$ • $p_X(x) \ge 0, \sum_x p_X(x) = 1$

•
$$p_X(x) \ge 0, \ \sum_{x} p_X(x) = \overline{1}$$

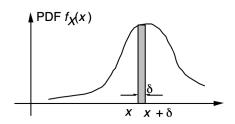


•
$$f_X(x) \geq 0$$
, $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$

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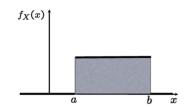
PDF and Examples

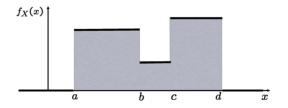




- $\mathbb{P}(a \leq X \leq a + \delta) \approx \boxed{f_X(a) \cdot \delta}$
- $\mathbb{P}(X = a) = 0$

Examples





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Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

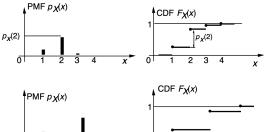


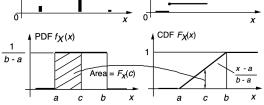
- Discrete: PMF, Continuous: PDF
- Can we describe all rvs with a single mathematical concept?

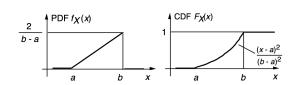
$$F_X(x) = \mathbb{P}(X \le x) =$$

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{k \le x} p_X(k), & \text{discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt, & \text{continuous} \end{cases}$$

- always well defined, because we can always compute the probability for the event {X ≤ x}
- CCDF (Complementary CDF): $\mathbb{P}(X > x)$







CDF Properties



- Non-decreasing
- $F_X(x)$ tends to 1, as $x \to \infty$
- $F_X(x)$ tends to 0, as $x \to -\infty$

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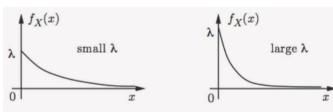
Exponential RV with parameter $\lambda > 0$: $exp(\lambda)$



• A rv X is called exponential with λ , if

$$f_X(x) = egin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x \geq 0 \ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$
 or $F_X(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$

- Models a waiting time
- CCDF $\mathbb{P}(X \ge x) = e^{-\lambda x}$ (waiting time decays exponentially)
- $\mathbb{E}[X] = 1/\lambda$, $\mathbb{E}[X^2] = 2/\lambda^2$, $var[X] = 1/\lambda^2$
- (Q) What is the discrete rv which models a waiting time?



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Continuous: Joint PDF and CDF (1)



Jointly Continuous

Two continuous rvs are jointly continuous if a non-negative function $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$ (called joint PDF) satisfies: for every subset B of the two dimensional plane,

$$\mathbb{P}((X,Y)\in B)=\iint_{(x,y)\in B}f_{X,Y}(x,y)dxdy$$

1. The joint PDF is used to calculate probabilities

$$\mathbb{P}((X,Y)\in B)=\iint_{(x,y)\in B}f_{X,Y}(x,y)dxdy$$

Our particular interest: $B = \{(x, y) \mid a \le x \le b, c \le y \le d\}$

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Continuous: Joint PDF and CDF (2)



2. The marginal PDFs of X and Y are from the joint PDF as:

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

3. The joint CDF is defined by $F_{X,Y}(x,y) = \mathbb{P}(X \le x, Y \le y)$, and determines the joint PDF as:

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

4. A function g(X, Y) of X and Y defines a new random variable, and

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X,Y)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x,y) f_{X,Y}(x,y) dxdy$$

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Continuous: Conditional PDF given a RV



•
$$p_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x,y)}{p_Y(y)}$$

• Similarly, for $f_Y(y) > 0$,

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

- Remember: For a fixed event A, $\mathbb{P}(\cdot|A)$ is a legitimate probability law.
- Similarly, For a fixed y, $f_{X|Y}(x|y)$ is a legitimate PDF, since

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

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Sum Rule and Product Rule



Sum Rule

$$p_X(x) = \begin{cases} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p_{X,Y}(x,y) & \text{if discrete} \\ \int_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy & \text{if continuous} \end{cases}$$

• Generally, for $X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_D)$,

$$p_{X_i}(x_i) = \int p_X(x_1,\ldots,x_i,\ldots,x_D) d\mathbf{x}_{-i}$$

- · Computationally challenging, because of high-dimensional sums or integrals
- Product Rule

$$p_{X,Y}(x,y) = p_X(x) \cdot p_{Y|X}(y|x)$$

joint dist. = marginal of the first \times conditional dist. of the second given the first

• Same as $p_Y(y) \cdot p_{X|Y}(x|y)$

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Bayes Rule



- X: state/cause/original value \rightarrow Y: result/resulting action/noisy measurement
- Model: $\mathbb{P}(X)$ (prior) and $\mathbb{P}(Y|X)$ (cause \to result)
- Inference: $\mathbb{P}(X|Y)$?

$$p_{X,Y}(x,y) = p_X(x)p_{Y|X}(y|x)$$

$$= p_Y(y)p_{X|Y}(x|y)$$

$$p_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{p_X(x)p_{Y|X}(y|x)}{p_Y(y)}$$

$$p_Y(y) = \sum_{x'} p_X(x')p_{Y|X}(y|x')$$

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

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Bayes Rule for Mixed Case



K: discrete, Y: continuous

$$p_{K|Y}(k|y) = \frac{p_K(k)f_{Y|K}(y|k)}{f_Y(y)}$$
$$f_Y(y) = \sum_{k'} p_K(k')f_{Y|K}(y|k')$$

$$f_{Y|K}(y|k) = \frac{f_Y(y)p_{K|Y}(k|y)}{p_K(k)}$$
$$p_K(k) = \int f_Y(y')p_{K|Y}(k|y')dy'$$

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Independence



Occurrence of A provides no new information about B. Thus, knowledge about A
does no change my belief about B.

$$\mathbb{P}(B|A) = \mathbb{P}(B)$$

• Using $\mathbb{P}(B|A) = \mathbb{P}(B \cap A)/\mathbb{P}(A)$,

Independence of A and B, $A \perp \!\!\!\perp B$

$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \times \mathbb{P}(B)$$

- Q1. A and B disjoint \implies A $\perp \!\!\! \perp$ B? No. Actually, really dependent, because if you know that A occurred, then, we know that B did not occur.
- Q2. If $A \perp \!\!\!\perp B$, then $A \perp \!\!\!\!\perp B^c$? Yes.

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Conditional Independence



- Remember: for a probability law $\mathbb{P}(\cdot)$, given, say B, $\mathbb{P}(\cdot|B)$ is a new probability law.
- Thus, we can talk about independence under $\mathbb{P}(\cdot|B)$.
- Given that C occurs, occurrence of A provides no new information about B.

$$\mathbb{P}(B|A\cap C)=\mathbb{P}(B|C)$$

Conditional Independence of A and B given C, $A \perp\!\!\!\perp B \mid C$

 $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B|C) = \mathbb{P}(A|C) \times \mathbb{P}(B|C)$

- Q1. If $A \perp \!\!\! \perp B$, then $A \perp \!\!\! \perp B | C$? Suppose that A and B are independent. If you heard that C occurred, A and B are still independent?
- Q2. If $A \perp \!\!\!\perp B | C$, $A \perp \!\!\!\!\perp B$?

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$A \perp \!\!\!\perp B \rightarrow A \perp \!\!\!\!\perp B | C?$



- Two independent coin tosses
 - H_1 : 1st toss is a head
 - \circ H_2 : 2nd toss is a head
 - D: two tosses have different results.
- $\mathbb{P}(H_1|D) = 1/2$, $\mathbb{P}(H_2|D) = 1/2$
- $\mathbb{P}(H_1 \cap H_2|D) = 0$,
- No.

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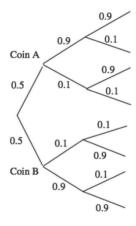
$A \perp \!\!\!\perp B \mid C \rightarrow A \perp \!\!\!\perp B$?



- Two coins: Blue and Red. Choose one uniformly at random, and proceed with two independent tosses.
- $\mathbb{P}(\text{head of blue}) = 0.9 \text{ and } \mathbb{P}(\text{head of red}) = 0.1$ H_i : i-th toss is head, and B: blue is selected.
- H₁ ⊥⊥ H₂|B? Yes

$$\mathbb{P}(H_1 \cap H_2|B) = 0.9 \times 0.9, \quad \mathbb{P}(H_1|B)\mathbb{P}(H_2|B) = 0.9 \times 0.9$$

•
$$H_1 \perp \!\!\!\perp H_2$$
? No $\mathbb{P}(H_1) = \mathbb{P}(B)\mathbb{P}(H_1|B) + \mathbb{P}(B^c)\mathbb{P}(H_1|B^c)$ $= \frac{1}{2}0.9 + \frac{1}{2}0.1 = \frac{1}{2}$ $\mathbb{P}(H_2) = \mathbb{P}(H_2)$ (because of symmetry) $\mathbb{P}(H_1 \cap H_2) = \mathbb{P}(B)\mathbb{P}(H_1 \cap H_2|B) + \mathbb{P}(B^c)\mathbb{P}(H_1 \cap H_2|B^c)$ $= \frac{1}{2}(0.9 \times 0.9) + \frac{1}{2}(0.1 \times 0.1) \neq \frac{1}{2}$



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Independence for Random Variables



Two rvs

$$\mathbb{P}(\{X = x\} \cap \{Y = y\})) = \mathbb{P}(X = x) \cdot \mathbb{P}(Y = y), \text{ for all } x, y$$

$$p_{X,Y}(x,y) = p_X(x) \cdot p_Y(y)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{X = x\} \cap \{Y = y\} | C) = \mathbb{P}(X = x | C) \cdot \mathbb{P}(Y = y | C), \text{ for all } x, y$$

$$p_{X,Y|C}(x,y) = p_{X|C}(x) \cdot p_{Y|C}(y)$$

• Notation: $X \perp \!\!\! \perp Y$ (independence), $X \perp \!\!\! \perp Y | Z(conditional independence)$

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Expectation/Variance

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Expectation

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{x} x p_X(x), \quad \mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{x} x f_X(x) dx$$

- Variance, Standard deviation
 - Measures how much the spread of PMF/PDF is

$$var[X] = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^2]$$

$$\sigma_X = \sqrt{var[X]}$$

Properties

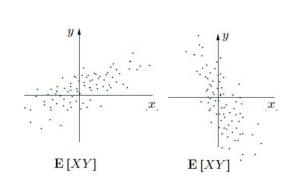
- $\mathbb{E}[aX + bY + c] = a\mathbb{E}[X] + b\mathbb{E}[Y] + c$
- $var[aX + b] = a^2 var[X]$
- var[X + Y] = var[X] + var[Y] if $X \perp \!\!\! \perp Y$ (generally not equal)

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Covariance



- Goal: Given two rvs X and Y, quantify the degree of their dependence
 - Dependent: Positive (If $X \uparrow$, $Y \uparrow$) or Negative (If $X \uparrow$, $Y \downarrow$)
 - \circ Simple case: $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu_{\mathsf{X}} = \mathsf{0}$ and $\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mu_{\mathsf{Y}} = \mathsf{0}$
- \circ What about $\mathbb{E}[XY]$? Seems good.
- $\circ \mathbb{E}[XY] = \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y] = 0 \text{ when } X \perp \!\!\!\perp Y$
- More data points (thus increases) when xy > 0 (both positive or negative)



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What If $\mu_X \neq 0, \mu_Y \neq 0$?



• Solution: Centering. $X o X - \mu_X$ and $Y o Y - \mu_Y$

Covariance

$$cov(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}\Big[(X - \mathbb{E}[X]) \cdot (Y - \mathbb{E}[Y])\Big]$$

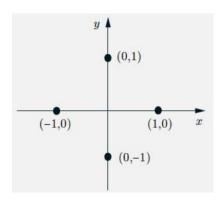
- After some algebra, $\operatorname{cov}(X,Y) = \mathbb{E}[XY] \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$
- $X \perp \!\!\!\perp Y \Longrightarrow \operatorname{cov}(X,Y) = 0$
- $cov(X, Y) = 0 \Longrightarrow X \perp \!\!\!\perp Y$? NO.
- When cov(X, Y) = 0, we say that X and Y are uncorrelated.

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Example: cov(X, Y) = 0, but not independent



- $\rho_{X,Y}(1,0) = \rho_{X,Y}(0,1) = \rho_{X,Y}(-1,0) = \rho_{X,Y}(0,-1) = 1/4.$
- $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[Y] = 0$, and $\mathbb{E}[XY] = 0$. So, cov(X, Y) = 0
- Are they independent? No, because if X = 1, then we should have Y = 0.



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Properties



$$cov(X,X)=0$$

$$cov(aX + b, Y) = \mathbb{E}[(aX + b)Y] - \mathbb{E}[aX + b]\mathbb{E}[Y] = a \cdot cov(X, Y)$$

$$\operatorname{\mathsf{cov}}(X,Y+Z) = \mathbb{E}[X(Y+Z)] - \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y+Z] = \operatorname{\mathsf{cov}}(X,Y) + \operatorname{\mathsf{cov}}(X,Z)$$

$$var[X + Y] = \mathbb{E}[(X + Y)^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X + Y])^2 = var[X] + var[Y] - 2cov(X, Y)$$

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Correlation Coefficient: Bounded Dimensionless Metric



- Always bounded by some numbers, e.g., [-1,1]
- Dimensionless metric. How? Normalization, but by what?

Correlation Coefficient

$$\rho(X,Y) = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{(X-\mu_X)}{\sigma_X} \cdot \frac{Y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right] = \frac{\text{cov}(X,Y)}{\sqrt{\text{var}[X]\text{var}[Y]}}$$

- $-1 \le \rho \le 1$
- $|
 ho|=1\Longrightarrow X-\mu_X=c(Y-\mu_Y)$ (linear relation, VERY related)

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Extension to Random Vectors
$$\boldsymbol{X} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{pmatrix}$$

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Expectation, Covariance, Variance



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$$\mathbb{E}(\boldsymbol{X}) := \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{E}(X_1) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbb{E}(X_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

• Covariance of $oldsymbol{X} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $oldsymbol{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\mathsf{cov}(\boldsymbol{X},\boldsymbol{Y}) = \mathbb{E}(\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{Y}^\mathsf{T}) - \mathbb{E}(\boldsymbol{X})\mathbb{E}(\boldsymbol{Y})^\mathsf{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$$

• Variance of X: $var(X) = cov(X, X) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, often denoted by Σ_X (or simply Σ):

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{X}} := \text{var}[\boldsymbol{X}] = \begin{pmatrix} \text{cov}(X_1, X_1) & \text{cov}(X_1, X_2) & \cdots \text{cov}(X_1, X_n) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \text{cov}(X_n, X_1) & \text{cov}(X_n, X_2) & \cdots \text{cov}(X_n, X_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

• We call $\Sigma_{\pmb{X}}$ covariance matrix of \pmb{X} .

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Data Covariance Matrix



뒤에 나올 data covariance matrix를 여기서 한번 보여준다.

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Properties



For two random vectors $\boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

•
$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y}) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X}) + \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

•
$$var(\boldsymbol{X} + \boldsymbol{Y}) = var(\boldsymbol{X}) + var(\boldsymbol{Y}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

• Assume
$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b}$$
.

$$\circ \ \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X}) + \mathbf{b}$$

$$\circ \ \mathsf{var}(\textbf{\textit{Y}}) = \mathsf{var}(\textbf{\textit{AX}}) = \textbf{\textit{A}} \, \mathsf{var}(\textbf{\textit{X}}) \textbf{\textit{A}}^\mathsf{T}$$

$$\circ \operatorname{\mathsf{cov}}(oldsymbol{X},oldsymbol{Y}) = oldsymbol{\Sigma}_{oldsymbol{X}}oldsymbol{A}^\mathsf{T}$$
 (Please prove)

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Normal (also called Gaussian) Random Variable



- Why important?
 - Central limit theorem (중심극한정리)
 - One of the most remarkable findings in the probability theory
 - Convenient analytical properties
 - Modeling aggregate noise with many small, independent noise terms
 - Standard Normal $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$

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

- $\mathbb{E}[X] = 0$
- var[X] = 1

• General Normal $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$$
• $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu$
• $\operatorname{var}[X] = \sigma^2$

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Gaussian Random Vector



- $\pmb{X}=(X_1,X_2,\cdots,X_n)^\mathsf{T}$ with the mean vector $\pmb{\mu}=\begin{pmatrix}\mathbb{E}(X_1)\\\vdots\\\mathbb{E}(X_n)\end{pmatrix}$ and the covariance matrix $\pmb{\Sigma}$.
- A Gaussian random vector $\boldsymbol{X} = (X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n)^{\mathsf{T}}$ has a joint pdf of the form:

$$f_{m{X}}(m{x}) = rac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |m{\Sigma}|}} \exp\left(-rac{1}{2}(m{x}-m{\mu})^\mathsf{T} m{\Sigma}^{-1}(m{x}-m{\mu})
ight),$$

where Σ is symmetric and positive definite.

• We write $m{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(m{\mu}, m{\Sigma}),$ or $ho_{m{X}}(m{x}) = \mathcal{N}(m{x} \mid m{\mu}, m{\Sigma}).$

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Power of Gaussian Random Vectors



- Marginals of Gaussians are Gaussians
- Conditionals of Gaussians are Gaussians
- Products of Gaussian Densities are Gaussians.
- · A sum of two Gassuaians is Gaussian if they are independent
- Any linear/affine transformation of a Gaussian is Gaussian.

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Marginals and Conditionals of Gaussians



• **X** and **Y** are Gaussians with mean vectors μ_X and μ_Y , respectively.

• Gaussian random vector $m{Z} = m{m{X}}{m{Y}}$ with $m{\mu} = m{m{\mu}}_{m{Y}}$ and the covarance matrix

$$oldsymbol{\Sigma}_{oldsymbol{Z}} = egin{pmatrix} oldsymbol{\Sigma}_{oldsymbol{X}} & oldsymbol{\Sigma}_{oldsymbol{X}oldsymbol{Y}} \ oldsymbol{\Sigma}_{oldsymbol{Y}} & oldsymbol{\Sigma}_{oldsymbol{Y}} \end{pmatrix}, ext{ where } oldsymbol{\Sigma}_{oldsymbol{X}oldsymbol{Y}} = ext{cov}(oldsymbol{X}, oldsymbol{Y}).$$

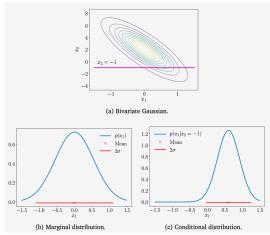
- Marginal.

$$f_{m{X}}(m{x}) = \int f_{m{X},m{Y}}(m{x},m{y}) dm{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(m{\mu}_{m{x}},m{\Sigma}_{m{X}})$$

- Conditional. $m{X} \mid m{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}(m{\mu_{m{X}|m{Y}}}, m{\Sigma_{m{X}|m{Y}}}),$

$$\mu_{oldsymbol{X}|oldsymbol{Y}} = \mu_{oldsymbol{X}} + \Sigma_{oldsymbol{X}oldsymbol{Y}} \Sigma_{oldsymbol{Y}}^{-1} (oldsymbol{Y} - \mu_{oldsymbol{Y}})$$

$$oldsymbol{\Sigma_{oldsymbol{X}|oldsymbol{Y}}} = oldsymbol{\Sigma_{oldsymbol{X}|oldsymbol{Y}}} - oldsymbol{\Sigma_{oldsymbol{X}|oldsymbol{Y}}} oldsymbol{\Sigma_{oldsymbol{Y}|oldsymbol{Y}}}^{-1} oldsymbol{\Sigma_{oldsymbol{Y}|oldsymbol{Y}}}$$



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Product of Two Gaussian Densities



- Lemma. Up to recaling, the pdf of the form $\exp(-\frac{1}{2}ax^2 2bx + c)$ is $\mathcal{N}(\frac{b}{a}, \frac{1}{a})$.
- Using the above Lemma, the product of two Gaussians $\mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \nu_0)$ and $\mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \nu_1)$ is Gaussian up to rescaling.

Proof.

$$\exp\left(-(x-\mu_{0})^{2}/2\nu_{0}\right) \times \exp\left(-(x-\mu_{1})^{2}/2\nu_{1}\right)$$

$$= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\left(\frac{1}{\nu_{0}} + \frac{1}{\nu_{1}}\right)x^{2} - 2\left(\frac{\mu_{0}}{\nu_{0}} + \frac{\mu_{1}}{\nu_{1}}\right)x + c\right)\right]$$

$$\implies \mathcal{N}\left(\underbrace{\frac{-\nu}{1}}_{\nu_{0}^{-1} + \nu_{1}^{-1}}, \nu\left(\frac{\mu_{0}}{\nu_{0}} + \frac{\mu_{1}}{\nu_{1}}\right)\right) = \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{\nu_{1}\mu_{0} + \nu_{0}\mu_{1}}{\nu_{0} + \nu_{1}}, \frac{\nu_{0}\nu_{1}}{\nu_{0} + \nu_{1}}\right)$$

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Product of Two Gaussian Densities for Random Vectors



- Similar results for the matrix version.
- The product of the densities of two Gaussian vectors $\mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)$ and $\mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \Sigma_1)$ is Gaussian up to rescaling.
- The resulting Gaussian is given by:

$$\mathcal{N}igg(\Sigma_1(\Sigma_0+\Sigma_1)^{-1}\mu_0+\Sigma_0(\Sigma_0+\Sigma_1)^{-1}\mu_1,\Sigma_1(\Sigma_0+\Sigma_1)^{-1}\Sigma_0igg)$$

Compare the above to this:

$$\mathcal{N}\left(\frac{\nu_1\mu_0 + \nu_0\mu_1}{\nu_0 + \nu_1}, \frac{\nu_0\nu_1}{\nu_0 + \nu_1}\right)$$

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Formula: Conditional and Marginal Gaussians



Bishop책에서 공식을 찿아서, 여기에 한 페이지로 정리해 놓는다

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Sum of Gaussians



ullet $oldsymbol{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(oldsymbol{\mu_X}, oldsymbol{\Sigma_X})$ and $oldsymbol{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}(oldsymbol{\mu_Y}, oldsymbol{\Sigma_Y})$

$$\implies a\mathbf{X} + b\mathbf{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}(a\mu_{\mathbf{X}} + b\mu_{\mathbf{Y}}, a^2\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}} + b^2\Sigma_{\mathbf{Y}})$$

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Mixture of Two Gaussian Densities



- $f_1(x)$ is the density of $\mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ and $f_2(x)$ is the density of $\mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$
- Question. What are the mean and the variance of the random variable Z which has the following density f(x)?

$$f(x) = \alpha f_1(x) + (1 - \alpha) f_2(x)$$

Answer:

$$\mathbb{E}(Z) = \alpha \mu_1 + (1 - \alpha)\mu_2$$

$$\text{var}(Z) = \left(\alpha \sigma_1^2 + (1 - \alpha)\sigma_2^2\right) + \left(\left[\alpha \mu_1^2 + (1 - \alpha)\mu_2^2\right] - \left[\alpha \mu_1 + (1 - \alpha)\mu_2\right]^2\right)$$

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Linear Transformation



• Linear transformation² preserves normality

Linear transformation of Normal

If
$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$
, then for $a \neq 0$ and $b, Y = aX + b \sim \mathcal{N}(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$.

• Thus, every normal rv can be standardized :

If
$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$
, then $\boxed{ \mathbf{Y} = rac{\mathbf{X} - \mu}{\sigma} } \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

• Thus, we can make the table which records the following CDF values:

$$\Phi(y) = \mathbb{P}(Y \le y) = \mathbb{P}(Y < y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{y} e^{-t^2/2} dt$$

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Linear Transformation for Random Vectors



$$ullet$$
 $oldsymbol{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(oldsymbol{\mu}, oldsymbol{\Sigma})$

•
$$Y = AX + b$$
, where $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $Y, b \in \mathbb{R}^m$, and $A = \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

$$\implies$$
 $m{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}(m{A}m{\mu} + m{b}, m{A}m{\Sigma}m{A}^{\mathsf{T}})$

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²Strictly speaking, this is affine transformation. L6(5)

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Conjugate Prior: Motivation



Bayesian Inference

$$\underbrace{p(\theta \mid D)}_{\text{posterior}} = \underbrace{\frac{p(D \mid \theta)}{p(D)}}_{\substack{evidence}} \underbrace{\frac{p(D \mid \theta)}{p(\theta)}}_{\substack{evidence}}$$

- The forms of likelihood and prior come from a model.
- Question. Given a form of likelihood, how can I choose a prior such that the resulting posterior has the same form as the prior?
 - Such prior is called conjugate prior (to the given likelihood)
 - Pros: Algebraic calculation of posterior and even analytical description is often possible.
 - Cons: A restricted form of prior, which may lead to distorted understanding about data interpretation.

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Conjugate Priors: Definition and Examples



- Definition. A prior is conjugate for the likelihood function if the posterior is of the same form/type as the prior.
- Representative conjugate priors

Likelihood	Prior	Posterior
Poisson	Gamma	Gamma
Bernoulli	Beta	Beta
Binomial	Beta	Beta
Normal	Normal/inverse Gamma	Normal/inverse Gamma
Normal	Normal/inverse Wishart	Normal/inverse Wishart
Exponential	Gamma	Gamma
Multinomial	Dirichlet	Dirchlet

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Beta Distribution



Beta distribution

A continuous rv Θ follows a beta distribution with integer parameters $\alpha, \beta > 0$, if

$$f_{\Theta}(\theta) = egin{cases} rac{1}{B(lpha,eta)} heta^{lpha-1} (1- heta)^{eta-1}, & 0 < heta < 1, \ 0, & ext{otherwise}, \end{cases}$$

where $B(\alpha, \beta)$, called Beta function, is a normalizing constant, given by

$$B(\alpha,\beta) = \int_0^1 \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1} d\theta = \frac{(\alpha-1)!(\beta-1)!}{(\alpha+\beta-1)!}$$

- Beta distribution models a continuous random variable over a finite interval [0, 1].
- A special case of Beta(1,1) is Uniform[0,1]

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Example: Beta-Binomial Conjugacy



- Assume that the parameter $\Theta \sim \mathsf{Beta}(\alpha,\beta)$ (prior): $p(\theta) \propto \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1}$
- $\theta \sim \Theta$ and $X \sim \text{Bin}(N, \theta)$. Thus, $p(x \mid \theta) = \binom{N}{x} \theta^x (1 \theta)^{N-x}$ (likelihood)

$$p(\theta \mid x = h) \propto \binom{N}{h} \theta^{h} (1 - \theta)^{N-h} \times \theta^{\alpha - 1} (1 - \theta)^{\beta - 1}$$

$$= \theta^{h + \alpha - 1} (1 - \theta)^{(N-h) + \beta - 1}$$

$$\sim \text{Beta}(h + \alpha, N - h + \beta)$$

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Sufficient Statistics



- A statistic of a random variable **X** is a deterministic function of **X**.
- Example. For $\boldsymbol{X} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 & X_2 & \dots & X_n \end{pmatrix}^\mathsf{T}$, the sample mean $T(\boldsymbol{X}) = \frac{1}{N}(X_1 + \dots + X_n)$ is a statistic.
- Question. Does a statistic contain all the information for the inference from data? (e.g., the parameter estimation of a distribution based on data)
- Sufficient statistics: carry all the information for the inference
- Definition. A statistic T = T(X) is said to be sufficient for X with its pdf or pmf $p_{\boldsymbol{X}}(\boldsymbol{x};\theta)$, if the conditional distribution of \boldsymbol{X} given $T(\boldsymbol{X})=t$ is independent of θ for all t.

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 $^{^3}$ The parameter can be a vector, but we do not use heta for simplicity.

Poisson Example



- X_1, X_2 : independent Poisson variables with common parameter λ which is the expectation.
- Claim. $T(X) = X_1 + X_2$ is a sufficient statistic for inference of λ .
- Joint distribution

$$\mathbb{P}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{\lambda^{x_1 + x_2}}{x_1! x_2!} e^{-2\lambda}$$

• Conditional dist. of X_1 given $X_1 + X_2 = t$

$$\mathbb{P}(x_1|X_1+X_2=t)=\frac{1}{x_1!(t-x_1)!}\left(\frac{1}{\sum_{y=0}^t\frac{1}{y!(t-y)!}}\right)^{-1}$$

• Independent of $\lambda \implies T$ is a sufficient statistic.

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Fisher-Neyman Factorization Theorem



Factorization Theorem

A necessary and sufficient condition for a statistic T to be sufficient for X with its pdf or pmf $p_X(x;\theta)$ is that there exist non-negative functions g_θ and h such that

$$p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x};\theta) = g_{\theta}(T(\mathbf{x}))h(\mathbf{x}).$$

• Example. Continuing the Poisson example, suppose that X_1, \ldots, X_n are iid according to a Poisson distribution with parameter λ . Then, with $\boldsymbol{X} = (X_1, \ldots, X_n)$,

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{X}}(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = \lambda^{\sum x_i} e^{-n\lambda} / \prod (x_i!)$$

• $T(\mathbf{X}) = \sum X_i$ is a sufficient statistic.

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Exponential Family: Motivation



- Three levels of abstraction when we use a distribution to model a random phenomenon
- L1. Fix a particular named distribution with fixed parameters
 - \circ Example. Use a Gaussian with zero mean and unit variance, $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$
- L2. Use a parametric distribution and infer the parameters from data
 - Example. Use a Gaussian with unknown mean and variance, $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$, and infer (μ, σ^2) from data
- L3. Consider a family of distributions which satisfy "nice" properties
 - Example. Exponential family

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Exponential Family: Definition



Exponential Family

An exponential family if a family of probability distributions, parameterized by $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^D$, of the form

$$p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = h(\mathbf{x}) \exp \left(\langle \boldsymbol{\theta}, T(\mathbf{x}) \rangle - A(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right),$$

where $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $T(x) : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^D$ isavectorofsufficientstatistics.

- Nothing but a a particular form of $g_{\theta}(\cdot)$ in the F-N factorization theorem
- $\langle \theta, T(x) \rangle$ is an inner product, e.g., the standard dot product.
- Essentially, it is of the form: $p_{X}(x; \theta) \propto \exp(\theta^{T} T(\theta))$
- $A(\theta)$: normalization constant, called log-partition function.
- Why Useful?
 - Parametric form of conjugate priors (see pp. 190 in the text), offering sufficient statistics, etc.

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Example



• Gaussian as exponential family, a random variable $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

$$\circ \ \ \mathsf{Let} \ \ T({\pmb x}) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x^2 \end{pmatrix} \ \mathsf{and} \ \ {\pmb \theta} = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\mu}{\sigma^2} \\ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p(\mathbf{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto \exp\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\mathsf{T}} T(\mathbf{x})\right) = \exp\left(\frac{\mu x}{\sigma^2} - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu)^2\right)$$

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Distributions of Functions of RVs: CDF-based



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Figuring Out Distributions: Change of Variables



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Review Questions



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