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Final:  $\frac{1}{3}$  quiz,  $\frac{2}{3}$  take home 48 hr

### Independent Random Variables

① Discrete case: two discrete r.v.  $x, y$  are said to be independent if

$$P(X=x, Y=y) = P(X=x) P(Y=y) \text{ for every } x, y.$$

i.e.  $P(X, Y) = P_X(x) P_Y(y)$   $\forall x, y$

Ex:

$y \setminus x$	-1	0	1	$P_Y(y)$
0	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
1	$\frac{1}{4}$	( $\circ$ )	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$P_X(x)$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	

$Y \sim \text{Ber}(p=\frac{1}{2})$

$P(0,1) = 0$  BUT  $P_X(0) P_Y(1) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{12} \neq 0$

↳ Thus  $x, y$  are not independent

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1	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$P_X(x)$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	

↳  $x, y$  independent

②  $x$  and  $y$  are continuous: Two continuous r.v.  $x, y$  are said to be

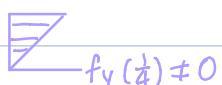
independent if  $f(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$  (\*)  
jpdf

Remark: (\*) implies that the support of jpdf is a cartesian product of the support of  $x$  and the support of  $y$ .

Ex: ①  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$f\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right) = 0 \text{ but } f_X\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \neq 0 \text{ and } f_Y\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \neq 0.$$

$x$  and  $y$  are not independent.



$$f_Y\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \neq 0$$

$f(x_0, y_0) = 1$   
But  $f_X(x_0) \neq 0$  and  
f<sub>Y</sub>(y<sub>0</sub>) ≠ 0  
Independence only called when rectangle or union of rectangles

$$② f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}e^{-x} & \text{if } 0 \leq y \leq x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{① what is the marginal density of } X \& Y?$$

$$f(1,2) = 0 \text{ but } f_x(1) \neq 0 \quad f_y(2) \neq 0$$

Thus,  $X, Y$  are not independent



$$③ f(x,y) = \begin{cases} C(x+y) & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$f_x(x) = \begin{cases} x + \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad f_y(y) = \begin{cases} y + \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

clearly  $f(x,y) \neq f_x(x)f_y(y)$

**Remark:** If the support of  $f$  (the jpdf) is a rectangle AND the kernel of  $f$  is a product of a function of  $x$  and a function of  $y$ , then  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.

$$\text{Ex: } f(x,y) = \begin{cases} C xy^2 e^{-(2x+y)} & \text{if } x > 0 \text{ and } y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$\text{The support of } f \text{ is a rectangle and } xy^2 e^{-(2x+y)} = (xe^{-2x})(y^2 e^{-y}).$$

Thus  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha=2, \beta=\frac{1}{2})$

$$C = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 2$$

$$Y \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha=3, \beta=1)$$

**Expected Value:** let  $X, Y$  be 2 r.v. and  $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

① Discrete case  $\rightarrow E(F(X,Y)) = \sum_x \sum_y F(x,y) P(x,y)$  where  $P(x,y)$  if the pf of  $(X, Y)$

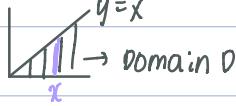
② Continuous case  $\rightarrow E(F(X,Y)) = \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} F(x,y) f(x,y) dA$  where  $f$  is the jpdf of  $(X, Y)$

Remark (continuous case): Using the definition above,

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} x f(x, y) dA = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x f(x, y) dy \right) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) dy \right) dx$$

Ex: ①  $\begin{array}{ccccc} & x \\ y & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{12} \\ 1 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & \frac{1}{4} \end{array}$   $\rightarrow$  ones for computation

$$② f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} e^{-x} & \text{if } 0 \leq y \leq x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(XY^2) &= \iint_D xy^2 f(x, y) dA = \int_0^{+\infty} \left( \int_0^x xy^2 \frac{1}{x} e^{-x} dy \right) dx = \int_0^{+\infty} \left( \frac{x}{2} e^{-x} \int_0^x y^2 dy \right) dx \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{x^3}{3} e^{-x} dx = \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(X), \mathbb{E}(Y)) r(4) = 2 \quad \cancel{\mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(X) + \mathbb{E}(Y))}$$

### Properties

$$① \mathbb{E}(F(x, y) + G(x, y)) = \mathbb{E}(F(x, y)) + \mathbb{E}(G(x, y))$$

$$② \text{If } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{E}(\alpha F(x, y)) = \alpha \mathbb{E}(F(x, y))$$

Proposition: If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  $\mathbb{E}(F(X)G(Y)) =$

$$\mathbb{E}(F(X)) \mathbb{E}(G(Y))$$

Proof (continuous):  $\mathbb{E}(F(X)G(Y)) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(x) G(y) f(x, y) dy \right) dx$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(x) G(y) f_x(x) f_y(y) dy \right) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(x) f_x(x) \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} G(y) f_y(y) dy \right) dx$$

$$= \mathbb{E}(G(Y)) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(x) f_x(x) dx = \mathbb{E}(G(Y)) \mathbb{E}(F(X))$$

Ex:  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2xy^2 e^{-(2x+y)} & \text{if } x > 0 \text{ and } y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$\mathbb{E}(X^3 Y^4) ? \quad X \text{ and } Y \text{ are independent (see before)}$$

$$\rightarrow X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha=2, \beta=\frac{1}{2}) \quad Y \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha=3, \beta=1)$$

$$E(X^3 Y^4) = E(X^3) E(Y^4) = (\frac{1}{2})^3 \gamma(5) \gamma(3+4) = \frac{4! 6!}{8}$$

**Corollary (Mgf of the Sum of independent r.v.):** Assume  $X, Y$  are independent. The mgf of  $X+Y$  is  $M_{X+Y}(t) = E(e^{t(X+Y)}) = E(e^{tX} e^{tY}) = E(e^{tX}) E(e^{tY}) = M_X(t) M_Y(t)$

### Applications

① **Sum of independent Poisson r.v.:**  $X_1 \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1)$   $X_2 \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_2)$

$X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent.  $X = X_1 + X_2$ .

$$M_X(t) = M_{X_1}(t) M_{X_2}(t) = e^{\lambda_1(e^t - 1)} \cdot e^{\lambda_2(e^t - 1)}$$

$$M_X(t) = e^{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)(e^t - 1)} \text{ therefore } X_1 + X_2 = X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$$

② **Sum of independent r.v.:**  $X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$   $X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ .

$X_1, X_2$  are independent.  $X = X_1 + X_2$ :  $M_X(t) = M_{X_1}(t) M_{X_2}(t)$

$$= e^{\sigma_1^2 \frac{t^2}{2} + \mu_1 t^2} e^{\sigma_2^2 \frac{t^2}{2} + \mu_2 t} = e^{(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2) \frac{t^2}{2} + (\mu_1 + \mu_2)t}.$$

therefore,  $X = X_1 + X_2 \sim N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)$ .

③ **Sum of 2 independent Gamma with same  $\beta$ :**

$X_1 \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_1, \beta)$  and  $X_2 \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_2, \beta)$ .  $X_1$  &  $X_2$  independent.

$$X = X_1 + X_2. \quad M_X(t) = M_{X_1}(t) M_{X_2}(t) = (1-\beta t)^{-\alpha_1} (1-\beta t)^{-\alpha_2}, \quad t < \frac{1}{\beta}$$

$$M_X(t) = (1-\beta t)^{-(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)} + < \frac{1}{\beta}.$$

i.e.  $X = X_1 + X_2 \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \beta)$

$X_1 \sim \text{Exponential}$ ,  $X_2 \sim \chi^2_{cp}$