

Last Time: X a r.v., g a fcn; $Y = g(X)$

Q / How to find distribution of Y ?

(ie, derived distribution)

A / MOST of the time, not needed. However, possible in a few special / important cases.

ex: $Y = aX + b$ $f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{|a|} f_X\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right)$

Today: A few more examples

Order Statistics

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be iid r.v.'s. & sort them s.t.

$$X^{(1)} \leq X^{(2)} \leq \dots \leq X^{(n)}$$

"order statistics"

} essentially just rearranging the fcn's

Ex:

$$X^{(1)}(\omega) = \min \{ X_1(\omega), \dots, X_n(\omega) \}$$

$$X^{(n)}(\omega) = \max \{ X_1(\omega), \dots, X_n(\omega) \}$$

Claim: If X_i 's are i.i.d. r.v.'s w/ density f_X , then:

$$f_{X^{(i)}}(x) = n \binom{n-1}{i-1} F_X(x)^{i-1} (1 - F_X(x))^{n-i} f_X(x)$$

of ways to select X_j that falls in $(x, x+\delta)$

ways to select $(i-1)$ X_j 's $\leq x$ from remaining $(n-1)$

probability that the $(i-1)$ X_j 's are $\leq x$

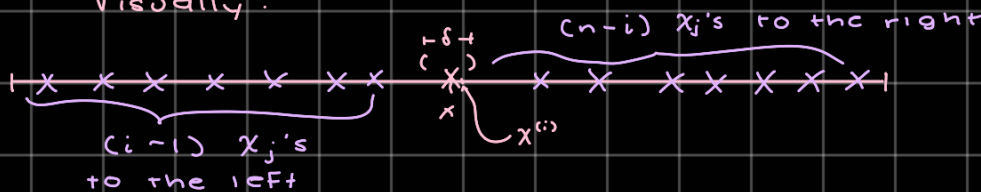
probability that $(n-i)$ X_j 's on the right are $\geq x+\delta$

$\approx \int P\{X_j \in (x, x+\delta)\}$
 "marginal density of x 's"

↳ "PROOF"

$$f_{X^{(i)}}(x) \approx \int P\{X^{(i)} \in (x, x+\delta)\}$$

↳ Visually:



Numerical Examples

1) n identical batteries with lifespans $\chi_i \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$

- Time to 1st dead battery: $\chi^{(1)}$

$$f_{\chi^{(1)}}(x) = n \binom{n-1}{1-1} (1 - e^{-\lambda x})^{1-1} (e^{-\lambda x})^{n-1} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$= n \lambda e^{-n\lambda x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi^{(1)} \sim \text{Exp}(n\lambda)$$

"is exponential with rate $n\lambda$ "

- Time to last dead battery:

$$f_{\chi^{(n)}}(x) = n \binom{n-1}{n-1} (1 - e^{-\lambda x})^{n-1} (e^{-\lambda x})^{n-n} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$= \lambda n (1 - e^{-\lambda x})^{n-1} e^{-\lambda x}$$

not exponential ;

2) Another example of derived distribution we can find explicitly is that of the sum of independent rv's.

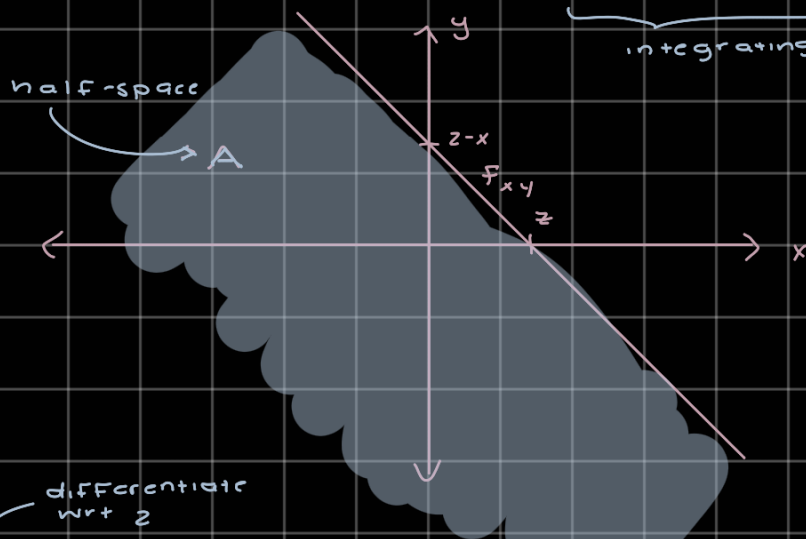
Claim: If X, Y are cts rv's, independent then

$Z = X + Y$ has density

$$f_z(z) = (f_x \cdot f_y)(z) := \int f_x(x) f_y(z-x) dx$$

$$F_z(z) = P\{X+Y \leq z\} = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{\{x+y \leq z\}} f_{xy}(x,y) dy dx$$

integrating over A



differentiate wrt z

$$f_z(z) = \frac{d}{dz} F_z(z) = \frac{d}{dz} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_x(x) \left(\int_{-\infty}^{z-x} f_y(y) dy \right) dx$$

iterated integration

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_x(x) \underbrace{\frac{d}{dz} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_y(y) dy \right)}_{f_y(z-x)} dx$$

3) X, Y discrete, integer-valued, independent

$$P_z(n) = P\{Z=n\} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} P(Z=n | X=k) P_x(k)$$

Law of total Prob

$$= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} P(X+Y=n | X=k) P_x(k)$$

$$= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} P(Y=n-k | X=k) P_x(k)$$

$$= \sum_k P_x(k) P_y(n-k) = \underbrace{(P_x * P_y)}_{\text{convolution}}(n)$$

4) $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_x^2)$ indep of $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_y^2)$ $Z = X+Y$

$$\begin{aligned} f_z(z) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_x^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_y^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_x^2}} e^{-\frac{(z-x)^2}{2\sigma_y^2}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_x^2} \sqrt{2\pi\sigma_y^2}} \exp\left\{\frac{-z^2}{2(\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2)}\right\} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{\frac{2\sigma_x^2\sigma_y^2}{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2}} \left(x - \frac{\sigma_x^2}{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2} z\right)^2\right)}_{\text{Gaussian density}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2)}} \exp\left\{\frac{-z^2}{2(\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2)}\right\} \end{aligned}$$

Moment - Generating Functions

↳ essentially a transform of the distribution

• def: For a r.v. X define its MGF as:

$$M_X(t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{tx}] \quad , \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

↳ for "nice" distributions, M_X uniquely characterizes

↳ $t=0 \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}=1$, $t \neq 0 \Rightarrow \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \infty$ (divergence) (need to avoid this case)

the distribution of X .

Ex:

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) \quad M_X(t) = \exp\left\{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}\right\}$$

- Suppose you compute for rv Y , you get

$$M_Y(t) = \exp\left\{3t + \frac{t^2}{2}\right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y \sim \mathcal{N}(3, 1)$$

Ex Suppose X, Y indep

$$\begin{aligned} M_{X+Y}(t) &= \mathbb{E}[e^{t(X+Y)}] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[e^{tX} e^{tY}] \quad \left. \vphantom{\mathbb{E}[e^{tX} e^{tY}]} \right\} \text{bc independent} \\ &= \mathbb{E}[e^{tX}] \mathbb{E}[e^{tY}] \\ &= M_X(t) M_Y(t) \end{aligned}$$

Ex $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2)$ $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_y, \sigma_y^2)$ $Z = X + Y$
 \uparrow indep

$$\begin{aligned} M_Z(t) &= M_X(t) M_Y(t) = \exp\left\{\mu_x t + \frac{\sigma_x^2 t^2}{2}\right\} \exp\left\{\mu_y t + \frac{\sigma_y^2 t^2}{2}\right\} \\ &= \exp\left(\underbrace{(\mu_x + \mu_y)}_t + \frac{(\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2)t^2}{2}\right) \\ &\quad \uparrow \text{MGF of a Gaussian} \\ &\Rightarrow Z \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_x + \mu_y, \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2) \end{aligned}$$

Q/ Why is it called a "moment generating Fcn"?

$$e^x = \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{x^k}{k!}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{tx}] = \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{t^k}{k!} \mathbb{E}[x^k]$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{coeff of polynomial in } t}$

$$\left. \frac{d^k}{dt^k} M_X(t) \right|_{t=0} = \mathbb{E}[x^k]$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{k^{\text{th}} \text{ moment}}$

\uparrow diff. k times

Concentration Inequalities

$$P\{X \in B\} \approx 0 \quad \text{or} \quad P\{X \in B\} \approx 1$$

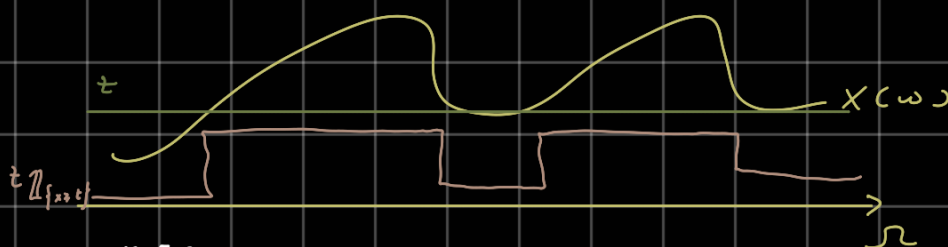
Markov's Inequality

↳ relates through mean

IF X non-neg rv, then:

$$P\{X \geq t\} \leq \frac{E[X]}{t}$$

Visually:



$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &\geq E[t \mathbb{1}_{\{X \geq t\}}] \\ &= t P\{X \geq t\} \end{aligned}$$

Example:

$$P\{|X - E[X]| \geq t\} \leq \frac{E|X - E[X]|^k}{t^k} \quad \forall t > 0$$

$$P\{|X - E[X]|^k \geq t^k\} \leq \frac{E|X - E[X]|^k}{t^k}$$

Markov