

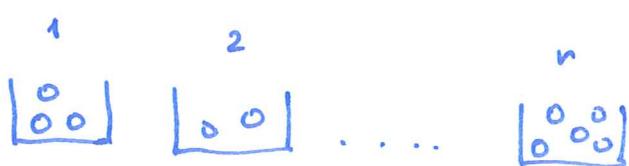
### 3. Multivariate distributions

#### 3.1. Discrete multivariate distributions

Example: Suppose we have  $r$  boxes.

We are dropping balls into these boxes at random. The probabilities that we hit box  $k$  is  $p_k$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, r$ ; assume the subsequent drops are independent. There are  $n$  balls.

Figure:



We end up with random numbers of balls in boxes. Denote these random numbers by  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_r$ . These random numbers will "in the collective" equal to  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_r$  where  $k_i \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^r k_i = n$ . All the random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_r$  simultaneously take a collection

of values. The mathematical objects with several components are vectors.

By analogy we will say that

$\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_r)$  is a random vector.

The possible values of this random vector are vectors  $(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_r)$  with  $k_i \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^r k_i = n$ .

For discrete random variables we had that the distribution was given by  $P(X=x)$  for all possible  $x$ . By analogy the distribution of the random vector  $\underline{X}$  will be given by probabilities  $P(\underline{X}=\underline{x})$  where  $\underline{x}$  are possible collections/vectors of values. In the above example we need to compute

$$P(\underline{X} = (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_r)) = P(\underbrace{X_1 = k_1, X_2 = k_2, \dots, X_r = k_r}_{\uparrow})$$

This notation means

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^r \{X_i = k_i\}$$

If we want to hit box 1,  $k_1$  times, box 2  $k_2$  times, ... the possible disjoint ways for this to happen is to get a sequence of hits

$$n_1, n_2, \dots, n_n$$

where  $k_1$  of the  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_n$  are equal to 1,  $k_2$  are equal to  $k_2, \dots$

The probability of such a sequence of hits is by independence

$$p_1^{k_1} \cdot p_2^{k_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_r^{k_r}$$

How many sequences of this type are there? we have  $n$  positions

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↑  $\leftarrow$  Positions

We first choose  $k_1$  positions for 1s. We can do this in  $\binom{n}{k_1}$ .

Among the  $n - k_1$  positions left we choose  $k_2$  positions for  $z_2$ . We can do this in  $\binom{n-k_1}{k_2}$  ways.

By the fundamental theorem of combinatorics the total number of possibilities is

$$\binom{n}{k_1} \binom{n-k_1}{k_2} \cdots \binom{n-k_1-\dots-k_{r-1}}{k_r}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{k_1!(n-k_1)!} \cdot \frac{(n-k_1)!}{k_2!(n-k_1-k_2)!} \cdots \frac{(n-k_1-\dots-k_{r-1})!}{k_r! \cdots 0!}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{k_1! \cdots k_r!}$$

All the sequences are disjoint events with the same probabilities. It follows

$$P(X_1 = k_1, \dots, X_r = k_r) = \frac{n!}{k_1! \cdots k_r!} p_1^{k_1} \cdots p_r^{k_r}$$

for  $k_i \geq 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^r k_i = n$ .

Definition: For a vector with the above distribution we say that it has the multinomial distribution with parameters  $n$  and  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r)$ .

Shorthand:  $\underline{X} \sim \text{Multinom}(n, \mathbf{p})$ .

Definition: A discrete random vector  $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_r)$  is a function  $\underline{X} : \Omega \rightarrow \{\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots\}$  where  $\{\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots\}$  is a finite or countable set of possible values, and such that all components  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_r$  are random variables.

Definition: The distribution of a random vector  $\underline{X}$  with values in  $\{\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots\}$  is given by probabilities  $P(\underline{X} = \underline{x}_k)$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

Remark: Typically we will write  $P(X_1=x_1, \dots, X_r=x_r)$ . When the number of components is small we often write  $P(X=x, Y=y)$  or  $P(X=x, Y=y, Z=z)$ .

Example: Let  $N \geq 3$ . Choose three numbers at random from  $\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  without replacement so that all subsets of three numbers are equally likely. Let  $x$  be the smallest of the three numbers,  $z$  the largest and  $y$  the remaining one.

Example: If we choose 5, 3, 7 we have  $x=3, y=5, z=7$ . What is the distribution of  $(x, y, z)$ ? The possible values are triplets  $(i, j, k)$  with  $1 \leq i < j < k \leq N$ .

We have

$$P(X=i, Y=j, Z=k)$$

=  $P(\text{we select the subset } \{i, j, k\})$

$$= \frac{1}{\binom{N}{3}}$$

What is the distribution of  $X$ ?

- It has possible values  $1, 2, \dots, N-2$ .

We notice  $\{X=i\} = \bigcup_{i < j < k \leq N} \{X=i, Y=j, Z=k\}$

$$P(X=i) = \sum_{i < j < k \leq N} P(X=i, Y=j, Z=k)$$

$$= \frac{\binom{N-i}{2}}{\binom{N}{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{?}{=} \frac{(N-i)(N-i-1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{N(N-1)(N-2)}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{3(N-i)(N-i-1)}{N(N-1)(N-2)}$$

## Definitions :

- (i) The distributions of components of a random vector  $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N)$  are called univariate marginal distributions.
- (ii) The distributions of subvectors like  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_s)$  for  $s < r$  are called multivariate marginal distributions.

Example (continuation): What is the distribution of  $(X, Y)$ ? We write

$$\{X=i, Y=j\} = \underbrace{\bigcup_{k=j+1}^N \{X=i, Y=j, Z=k\}}_{\text{disjoint events}}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} P(X=i, Y=j) &= \sum_{k=j+1}^N P(X=i, Y=j, Z=k) \\ &= \frac{N-j}{\binom{N}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq i < j \leq N$ .

If  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_r)$  is a random vector let us write

$$\underline{X}^1 = (X_1, \dots, X_s) \text{ and } \underline{X}^2 = (X_{s+1}, \dots, X_r).$$

Theorem 3.1 : Let  $R = \{\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots\}$  be the set of possible values of  $\underline{X}$ .

The marginal distribution of  $\underline{X}^1$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} P(\underline{X} = \underline{x}^1) &= \sum_{(\underline{x}^1, \underline{x}^2) \in R} P(\underline{X} = (\underline{x}^1, \underline{x}^2)) \\ &= \sum_{(\underline{x}^1, \underline{x}^2) \in R} P(\underline{X}^1 = \underline{x}^1, \underline{X}^2 = \underline{x}^2) \end{aligned}$$

Proof! We write

$$P(\underline{X}^1 = \underline{x}^1) = \underbrace{\sum_{(\underline{x}^1, \underline{x}^2) \in R} P(\underline{X}^1 = \underline{x}^1, \underline{X}^2 = \underline{x}^2)}_{\text{disjoint union.}}$$

It follows that

$$P(\underline{X}^1 = \underline{x}^1) = \sum_{(\underline{x}^1, \underline{x}^2) \in R} P(\underline{X}^1 = \underline{x}^1, \underline{X}^2 = \underline{x}^2).$$

## Independence

For two events  $A$  and  $B$  we say

that they are independent if

$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$ . We would like to define independence for random variables. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are to be

- independent we expect the events  $\{X=x\}$  and  $\{Y=y\}$  to be independent.

So we need  $P(X=x, Y=y) = P(X=x)P(Y=y)$

This is the right intuition. For the formal definition we generalize to

$$P(X \in A, Y \in B) = \sum_{(x,y) \in A \times B} P(X=x, Y=y)$$

$$= \sum_{(x,y) \in A \times B} P(X=x) P(Y=y)$$

$$= \left( \sum_{x \in A} P(X=x) \right) \left( \sum_{y \in B} P(Y=y) \right)$$

$$= P(X \in A) \cdot P(Y \in B).$$

### Definitions:

(i) Discrete random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if

$$P(X \in A, Y \in B) = P(X \in A) P(Y \in B)$$

for any two sets  $A$  and  $B$ .

(ii) Random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_r$  are independent if

$$P(X_1 \in A_1, \dots, X_r \in A_r) = P(X_1 \in A_1) \dots P(X_r \in A_r)$$

for any sets  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r$ .

Remark: The second definition is equivalent to saying that

$$P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_r = x_r) =$$

$$= P(X_1 = x_1) P(X_2 = x_2) \dots P(X_r = x_r)$$

for all possible values  $(x_1, \dots, x_r)$

of  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_r)$ .

Example: Let  $\underline{X} \sim \text{Multinomial}(n, p)$ .

We can easily guess that

$$X_k \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_k) \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots, r.$$

So

$$P(X_1 = k_1) \cdots P(X_r = k_r)$$

$$= \binom{n}{k_1} p_1^{k_1} (1-p_1)^{n-k_1} \cdots \binom{n}{k_r} p_r^{k_r} (1-p_r)^{n-k_r}$$

and

$$P(X_1 = k_1, \dots, X_r = k_r) = \frac{n!}{k_1! \cdots k_r!} p_1^{k_1} \cdots p_r^{k_r}.$$

Since  $P(X_1 = k_1, \dots, X_r = k_r) \neq P(X_1 = k_1) \cdots P(X_r = k_r)$ ,

there is no independence.

Example: Suppose the number ~~to~~ of children in a family is Poisson with parameter  $\lambda > 0$ . Suppose all children are boys or girls with equal probability independently of

each other. Let  $X$  be the number of boys and  $Y$  the number of girls.

We compute with  $N = X + Y$

$$P(X=k, Y=e) = P(X=k, Y=e, N=k+e)$$

$$= P(X=k, Y=e \mid N=k+e) P(N=k+e)$$

$$= \binom{k+e}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k+e} \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^{k+e}}{(k+e)!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda/2} \cdot \frac{(\lambda/2)^k}{k!} \cdot e^{-\lambda/2} \cdot \frac{(\lambda/2)^e}{e!}$$

On the other hand

$$P(X=k) = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} P(X=k, N=n)$$

$$= \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} P(X=k \mid N=n) P(N=n)$$

$$= \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^n}{n!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^n}{n!}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k (\gamma_2)^k}{k!} \underbrace{\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda/2)^{n-k}}{(n-k)!}}_{e^{-\lambda/2}}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\lambda/2} (\lambda/2)^k}{k!}$$

We have (the same calculation is valid for girls)

○  $P(X=k, Y=e) = P(X=k) P(Y=e)$

so  $X, Y$  are independent.

Theorem 3.2 : Suppose  $X, Y$  are discrete random variables with values in  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$  and  $\{y_1, y_2, \dots\}$ .

○ Suppose we have

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

for all pairs  $(x, y) \in \{x_1, x_2, \dots\} \times \{y_1, y_2, \dots\}$

for some functions  $f: \{x_1, x_2, \dots\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

and  $g: \{y_1, y_2, \dots\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.

Proof : By Theorem 3.1 the marginal distributions are

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X=x) &= \sum_y P(X=x, Y=y) \\
 &= \sum_y f(x) g(y) \\
 &= f(x) \cdot \underbrace{\sum_y g(y)}_{=c_1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$P(Y=y) = c_2 \cdot g(y).$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X=x, Y=y) &= \cancel{P(X=x)} \\
 &= f(x) g(y) \\
 &= \frac{P(X=x)}{c_1} \cdot \frac{P(Y=y)}{c_2}
 \end{aligned}$$

To finish the proof we need  $c_1 c_2 = 1$ .

But

$$\sum_{x,y} P(X=x, Y=y) = 1 \quad \text{and}$$

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

$$= (\sum_x P(X=x)) (\sum_y P(Y=y))$$

$$= 1 \cdot 1.$$

Summing up we get

$$\sum_{x,y} P(X=x, Y=y) = \frac{1}{c_1 c_2} \sum_{x,y} P(X=x) P(Y=y)$$

$$\text{or } 1 = \frac{1}{c_1 c_2} \cdot 1 \Rightarrow c_1 \cdot c_2 = 1.$$

Definition: Random vectors  $\underline{X}$  and  $\underline{Y}$  are independent if

$$P(\underline{X} \in A, \underline{Y} \in B) = P(\underline{X} \in A) \cdot P(\underline{Y} \in B).$$

for all sets  $A, B$ .

Remark : The definition is equivalent to

$$P(\underline{X} = \underline{x}, \underline{Y} = \underline{y}) = P(\underline{X} = \underline{x}) P(\underline{Y} = \underline{y})$$

for all pairs of possible values.

Theorem 3.2 is valid in the following form:

If  $P(\underline{X} = \underline{x}, \underline{Y} = \underline{y}) = f(\underline{x})g(\underline{y})$  for some functions  $f,g$  then  $\underline{X}, \underline{Y}$  are independent.

### 3. 2. Expected value

Example : In one of on-line games you have 12 tickets

1 1 1 1 2 2 3 D S S S S

The tickets are turned around and randomly permuted. The player sees

1 1 1 1 2 2 3 D S S S S

The player then turns tickets from left to right until the ticket

$\boxed{S}$  = STOP appears. Example :

1 2 1 1 1

The payout is the sum of all

numbers , multiplied by 2 if

$\boxed{D}$  = double appears among the tickets. In the above example the payout is 8.

What is the fair price for this game ?

Suppose we played this game many times. We can interpret the payout as a random variable,  $X$  say. Possible values of  $X$  are  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22\}$ .

We have denoting possible values of  $X$  by  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{17}\}$ :

$$\frac{v_1 + \dots + v_n}{n}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{17} x_k \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\# \text{ of occurrences of } x_k}{n}}_{\approx P(X = x_k)}$$

So the "long term" average will be

$$\sum_{k=1}^{17} x_k P(X = x_k)$$

We will call this average the expected value of a random variable.

Definition: Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable with values  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ . The expected value

$E(X)$  is defined as

$$E(X) = \sum_{x_k} x_k P(X = x_k)$$

Technical note: We say that  $X$  exist if the sum

$$\sum_{x_k} |x_k| \cdot P(X = x_k) \text{ converges.}$$

If  $f$  is a function then  $Y = f(X)$  is again a discrete random variable. If we "repeat"  $X$  we also "repeat"  $Y$ . The expectation  $E(Y)$  will be approximately

$$\frac{f(v_1) + \dots + f(v_n)}{n} \approx \sum_{x_k} f(x_k) P(X = x_k)$$

by exactly the same argument as before. Formally, we state:

Theorem 3.3: If  $X$  is a discrete random variable with values in  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ . Let  $f: \{x_1, \dots\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

We have

$$E[f(X)] = \sum_{x_k} f(x_k) P(X = x_k)$$

Proof : Denote  $Y = f(x)$ . Possible values are  $\{y_1, y_2, \dots\}$ . By definition

$$E[f(x)] = E(Y)$$

$$= \sum_{y_e} y_e P(Y = y_e)$$

$$= \sum_{y_e} y_e \sum_{\{x_e : f(x_e) = y_e\}} P(X = x_e)$$

$$= \sum_{y_e} \sum_{\{x_e : f(x_e) = y_e\}} f(x_e) P(X = x_e)$$

$$= \sum_{x_e} f(x_e) P(X = x_e)$$

Technical note : We say that  $E(f(x))$  exists if the sum

$$\sum_{x_e} |f(x_e)| P(X = x_e)$$

exists.

## Examples :

(i) Let  $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ . We compute

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X) &= \sum_{k=0}^n k \cdot P(X=k) \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} \quad q := 1-p \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^n n \cdot p \cdot \binom{n-1}{k-1} p^{k-1} q^{(n-1)-(k-1)} \\
 &= n \cdot p \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n-1}{k-1} p^{k-1} q^{(n-1)-(k-1)}}_{= (p+q)^{n-1} = 1} \\
 &= n \cdot p
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X^2) &= \sum_{k=0}^n k^2 \cdot P(X=k) \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^n [k(k-1) + k] \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} \\
 &= \sum_{k=2}^n k(k-1) \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} \\
 &\quad + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}}_{= n \cdot p}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{k=2}^n n(n-1) \binom{n-2}{k-2} \cdot p^2 p^{k-2} q^{(n-2)-(k-2)} + np$$

$$= n(n-1)p^2 \underbrace{\sum_{k=2}^n \binom{n-2}{k-2} p^{k-2} q^{(n-2)-(k-2)}}_{= (p+q)^{n-2} - 1} + np$$

$$= n(n-1)p^2 + np$$

$$= n^2 p^2 + npq$$

(ii) Let  $X \sim \text{NegBin}(m, p)$ .

We have

$$P(X=k) = \binom{k-1}{m-1} p^m q^{k-m}$$

for  $k = m, m+1, \dots$  We compute

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} k \cdot \binom{k-1}{m-1} p^m \cdot q^{k-m} \\ &= \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \binom{(k+1)-1}{(m+1)-1} \cdot m \cdot p^m q^{k-m} \\ &= \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \frac{m}{p} \cdot \binom{(k+1)-1}{(m+1)-1} p^{m+1} q^{(k+1)-(m+1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{m}{p} \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \binom{(k+1)-1}{(m+1)-1} p^{m+1} q^{(k+1)-(m+1)}}_{= 1, \text{ because this is the sum of all probabilities in the NegBin}(m+1, p) \text{ distribution}}$$

$$= \frac{m}{p}.$$

In a similar way we find that

$$\begin{aligned} E(x^2) &= \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} k^2 \binom{k-1}{m-1} p^m q^{k-m} \\ &= \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} [k(k+1) - k] \binom{k-1}{m-1} p^m q^{k-m} \\ &= \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \binom{(k+2)-1}{(m+2)-1} \frac{m(m+1)}{p^2} p^{m+2} q^{k-m} - \frac{m}{p} \\ &= \frac{m(m+1)}{p^2} - \frac{m}{p} \\ &= \frac{m^2}{p^2} + \frac{m}{p} \left( \frac{1}{p} - 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{m^2}{p^2} + \frac{m \cdot q}{p^2} \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Let  $X \sim \text{HyperGeom}(n, B, N)$ .

Let us agree that  $\binom{a}{b} = 0$

if  $b > a$  or  $b < 0$ . We compute

$$F(x) = \sum_k k \cdot \frac{\binom{B}{k} \binom{R}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

$$= \sum_k \frac{B \binom{B-1}{k-1} \cdot \binom{R}{(n-1)-(k-1)}}{\binom{n-1}{n-1} \cdot n}$$

$$= n \cdot \frac{B}{N} \cdot \underbrace{\sum_k \frac{\binom{B-1}{k-1} \binom{R}{(n-1)-(k-1)}}{\binom{n-1}{n-1}}}_{= 1, \text{ because}}$$

this is the sum of  
all probs. in

HyperGeom(n-1, B-1, N-1)  
distribution.

$$= n \cdot \frac{B}{N}$$

The most important theoretical property of expectation is linearity.

Theorem 3.4 : Let  $X, Y$  be discrete random variables.

We have

$$E(ax+by) = aE(x) + bE(y)$$

Proof : Denote  $Z = ax+by$ .  $Z$  is a discrete random variable with values  $\{z_1, z_2, \dots\}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} E(Z) &= \sum_{z_m} z_m \cdot P(Z = z_m) \\ &= \sum_{z_m} z_m \cdot \sum_{\{(x_k, y_k) : ax_k + by_k = z_m\}} P(X=x_k, Y=y_k) \\ &= \sum_{z_m} \sum_{-\text{II}-} (ax_k + by_k) P(-\text{II}-) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{x_k, y_e} (ax_k + by_e) P(X=x_k, Y=y_e)$$

$$= a \cdot \sum_{x_k, y_e} x_k P(X=x_k, Y=y_e)$$

$$+ b \cdot \sum_{x_k, y_e} y_e P(X=x_k, Y=y_e)$$

$$= a \cdot \sum_{x_k} x_k P(X=x_k)$$

$$+ b \cdot \sum_{y_e} y_e P(Y=y_e)$$

$$= E(x) + E(y)$$

Technical note : we assume that  $E(x)$  and  $E(y)$  exist. In this case  $E(ax+by)$  exist as well.

Remark : We have derived that

$$E(x) = \sum_{x_k, y_e} x_k P(X=x_k, Y=y_e)$$

A consequence of Theorem 3.4 is

that linearity is valid for more general linear combinations.

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_v$  are random variables such that  $E(X_k)$  exists then

$$E \left[ \sum_{k=1}^v a_k X_k \right] = \sum_{k=1}^v a_k E(X_k).$$

Finally, we state

Theorem 3.5 : Let  $\underline{x}$  be a discrete random vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. We have

$$E[f(\underline{x})] = \sum_{\underline{x}_k} f(\underline{x}_k) P(\underline{x} = \underline{x}_k)$$

Proof : The proof is identical to the proof of Theorem 3.3.

Example : Let  $\underline{x} \sim \text{Multinomial}(n, p)$ .

What is  $E(x_k \cdot x_e)$ ? We know that

$$x_k + x_e \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_k + p_e) \text{ so}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[(x_k + x_e)^2] &= n(p_k + p_e)(1 - p_k - p_e) \\ &\quad + n^2(p_k + p_e)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$E[x_k^2 + 2x_k x_e + x_e^2]$$

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$$E(x_k^2) + 2E(x_k x_e) + E(x_e^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= np_k(1-p_k) + n^2 p_k^2 \\
 &\quad + 2 E(X_k X_{k'}) \\
 &\quad + np_k(1-p_k) + n^2 p_k^2
 \end{aligned}$$

This is an equation for  $E(X_k X_{k'})$   
from which we compute

$E(X_k X_{k'}) = -np_k p_{k'} + n^2 p_k p_{k'}$

Definition : A random variable  $X$   
with values in  $\{0, 1\}$  is called an  
indicator or a Bernoulli random  
variable. We denote  $p = P(X=1)$

Shorthand :  $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ .

By definition

$$E(X) = 0 \cdot P(X=0) + 1 \cdot P(X=1) = p$$

Remark : Since  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$   
we can denote  $A = \{X=1\}$  which is  
an event.

Every indicator is associated with an event  $A$ . We will write

$I_A$  or  $1_A$  for the indicator of  $A$  i.e. the random variable  $X$ , for which  $X(\omega) = 1$  if  $\omega \in A$  and 0 else.

- In many cases complicated random variables can be written as linear combinations of more complicated simpler random variables. Expectations can then be computed in simpler ways using linearity.

Example: Let us return to the first example.

1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 5 5 5

Label the tickets with 1 from 1 to 4, and the tickets with 2 from 1 to 2.

If we know whether a ticket has contributed to the final payout and whether  $\boxed{D}$  appeared appeared we can reconstruct the payout.

Example :

1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3
$\boxed{1}$	$\boxed{1}$	$\boxed{1}$	$\boxed{1}$	$\boxed{1}$	$\boxed{1}$	$\boxed{1}$	$\boxed{1}$	$\boxed{1}$	$\boxed{1}$	$\boxed{1}$	$\boxed{1}$	$\boxed{1}$
$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$
Ans : Y N N Y N Y N Y												

$$\text{Payout} = 4 \times 2 = 8$$

Define events

$A_{1,i} = \{ \text{ticket } \boxed{i} \text{ contributed, but } \boxed{D} \text{ did not} \}$

$A_{2,i} = \{ \text{ticket } \boxed{i} \text{ did not contribute, but } \boxed{D} \text{ did} \}$

$B_{1,i} = \{ \text{ticket } \boxed{i} \text{ contributed, } \boxed{D} \text{ did not} \}$

$B_{2,i} = \{ \text{ticket } \boxed{i} \text{ did not contribute, } \boxed{D} \text{ did} \}$

$C_1 = \{ \boxed{3} \text{ contributed, } \boxed{D} \text{ did not} \}$

$C_2 = \{ \boxed{3} \text{ did not contribute, } \boxed{D} \text{ did} \}$ .

We have

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^4 1_{A_{1,i}} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^4 1_{A_{2,i}} \\ + 2 \sum_{i=1}^2 1_{B_{1,i}} + 4 \sum_{i=1}^2 1_{B_{2,i}} \\ + 3 1_{C_1} + 6 1_{C_2}$$

By symmetry

$$P(A_{1,i}) = P(B_{1,i}) = P(C_1)$$

and

$$P(A_{2,i}) = P(B_{2,i}) = P(C_2).$$

This means that

$$E(X) = 11 \cdot P(A_{1,1}) + 22 \cdot P(A_{2,1})$$

We compute  $P(A_{1,1})$  and  $P(A_{2,1})$

by noticing that if we only book at tickets

1 2 3 4 5 6 among the 12

permitted tickets they too are randomly permuted. We say that the induced permutation is random. It follows that  $A_{1,1}$  happens if we see

1 3 \* \* \*

The probability is

$$\frac{1}{6} \times \frac{4}{5} = \frac{2}{15}$$

The event  $A_{2,1}$  happens if we see

1 4 \* \* \* or 4 1 \* \* \*.

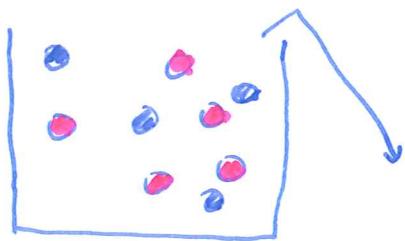
The probability is

$$2 \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{15}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} E(x) &= 11 \cdot \frac{2}{15} + 22 \cdot \frac{1}{15} = \frac{44}{15} \\ &= 2.93 \end{aligned}$$

Example : The hyper-geometric distribution is created by selecting balls out of a box.



Select  $n$  balls at random

$$X = \# \text{ of black balls}$$

We can imagine that balls are selected one by one at random until we have  $n$  balls. Define

$$I_k = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if the } k\text{-th ball is black.} \\ 0, & \text{else,} \end{cases}$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= E(\underbrace{I_1 + \dots + I_n}_X) \\ &= E(I_1) + \dots + E(I_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$= P(I_1 = 1) + P(I_2 = 1) + \dots + P(I_n = 1)$$

But the  $k$ -th ball is equally likely to be any of the  $N$  balls.

We are assuming this question before the selection process begins.

This means that

$$P(I_1 = 1) = P(I_2 = 1) = \dots = P(I_n = 1).$$

But

$$P(I_1 = 1) = P(\text{first ball selected is black})$$

$$= \frac{B}{N}.$$

It follows that

$$E(x) = n \cdot \frac{B}{N}.$$

Comment : The idea to write  $X$  as a linear combination of indicators is called the method of indicators.

### 3.3. Joint continuous distributions

For a continuous random variable  $X$  with density  $f_X$  we have

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f_X(x) dx.$$

More generally, for a set  $A$  we can say

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \in A) &= \int_A f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \chi_A(x) dx, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\chi_A$  is the characteristic function of the set  $A$ . This last form has an easy extension to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^3$  or  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

For  $\mathbb{R}^2$  we can say that

$$P(\underline{X} \in A) = \iint_A f_{\underline{X}}(x, y) dx dy$$

for an appropriate non-negative function. In  $\mathbb{R}^3$

we have for  $\underline{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$

$$P(\underline{x} \in A) = \iiint_A f_{\underline{x}}(x_1, x_2, x_3) dx_1 dx_2 dx_3.$$

In probability we will write single integrals even in higher dimensions.

If  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  we will write

$$\iint \dots \int_A f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n$$

$$= \int_A f(\underline{x}) d\underline{x}$$

Definition: If for a random vector  $\underline{x}$  we have

$$P(\underline{x} \in A) = \int_A f_{\underline{x}}(\underline{x}) d\underline{x}$$

for a non-negative function  $f_{\underline{x}}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and all (reasonable) sets  $A$  we say that  $\underline{x}$  has continuous distribution with density  $f_{\underline{x}}$ .

Technical note : In more dimensions in general we say that the distribution of  $\underline{X}$  is described by probabilities  $P(\underline{X} \in A)$  for all reasonable sets  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .

"Reasonable" means all sets that are formed from open sets by complements, countable unions and countable intersections. Such sets are called Borel sets.

Example : Let  $(x, y)$  be a random vector with density  $f_{x,y}(x, y)$  given by

$$f_{x,y}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{x^2 - 2\rho xy + y^2}{2(1-\rho^2)}}$$

for  $\rho \in (-1, 1)$ . Let us check that  $f_{x,y}$  is a density. This means

that it is non-negative and integrates to 1. We know that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = 1,$$

because the latter is the integral of the normal density. We integrate

$$\iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{-\frac{x^2-2\rho xy+y^2}{2(1-\rho^2)}} dx dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2-2\rho xy+y^2}{2(1-\rho^2)}} dy}_{\text{Fubini's theorem}}$$

This is called Fubini's theorem.

= (\*)

We write

$$(x^2 - 2\rho x y + y^2) / (1 - \rho^2)$$

$$= [(y - \rho x)^2 + (1 - \rho^2)x^2] / (1 - \rho^2)$$

$$= \frac{(y - \rho x)^2}{1 - \rho^2} + x^2$$

(\*)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \\ &\quad \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(y - \rho x)^2}{2(1-\rho^2)}} dy \\ &= \sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \sqrt{1-\rho^2} \end{aligned}$$

(\*)

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$

$$= 1.$$

Let us continue with this example  
and compute  $P(x \geq 0, y \geq 0)$ .

In other words

$$P(X \geq 0, Y \geq 0) = P((X, Y) \in [0, \infty)^2).$$

By definition

$$P((X, Y) \in [0, \infty)^2)$$

$$= \int_{[0, \infty)^2} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \int_{[0, \infty)^2} e^{-\frac{x^2 - 2\rho xy + y^2}{2(1-\rho^2)}} dx dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \int_0^\infty e^{-x^2/2} dx \cdot \underbrace{\int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{(y-\rho x)^2}{2(1-\rho^2)}} dy}_{\text{New variable:}}$$

$$\frac{y-\rho x}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} = u$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \int_0^\infty e^{-x^2/2} dx \cdot$$

$$\int_{-\frac{\rho x}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}}^\infty e^{-u^2/2} du \cdot \sqrt{1-\rho^2}$$

This last integral is the integral of the function

$$f(x, u) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{x^2+u^2}{2}}$$

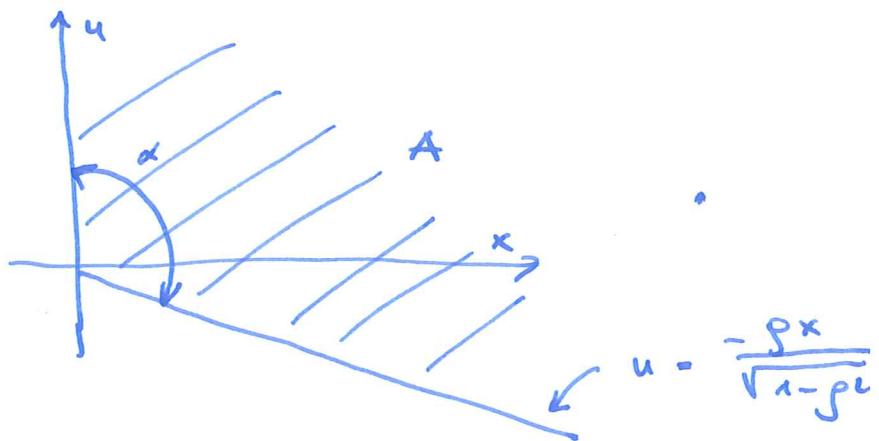
over the

set

$$A = \{(x, u) : x \geq 0, u \geq -\frac{\rho x}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}\}$$

by Fubini.

Figure :



We observe :

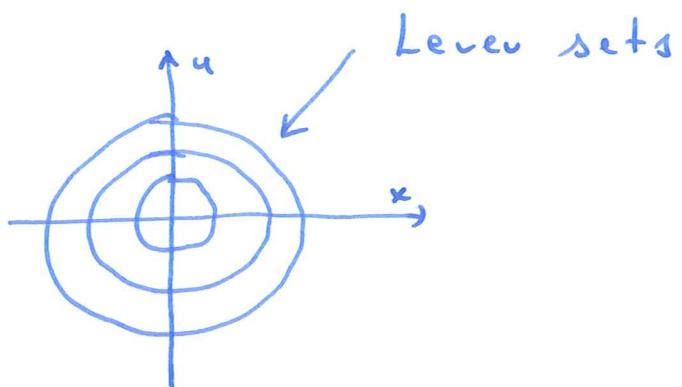
(i)  $f(x, u)$  integrates to 1.

We get this by taking  $\rho = 0$  in the previous example.

(ii) The function

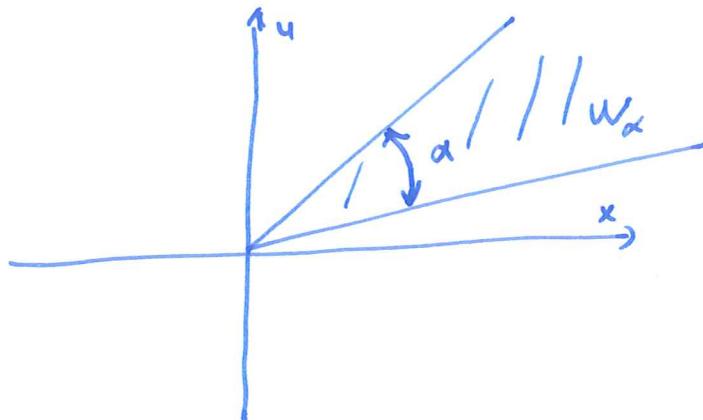
$f(x,u)$  is rotationally  
symmetric.

Figure :



The integral over a wedge  
of angle  $\alpha$  is proportional  
to the angle

Figure :



$$\int_{W_\alpha} f(x,u) dx du = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi}$$

In our case the angle  $\alpha$  equals

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} + \arctg\left(\frac{g}{\sqrt{1-g^2}}\right).$$

Finally we have

$$P(x \geq 0, y \geq 0) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \arctg\left(\frac{g}{\sqrt{1-g^2}}\right)$$

### Marginal distributions

Suppose  $(x,y)$  has density  $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$ .

What is the density of  $x$ ?

We know from the ~~the~~ 2nd Chapter  
that if for any  $a < b$

$$P(a \leq x \leq b) = \int_a^b g(x) dx \quad \text{thus}$$

implies that  $g(x) = f_X(x)$ .

we compute

$$P(a \leq x \leq b) = P(a \leq x \leq b, Y \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$= P((x, y) \in [a, b] \times \mathbb{R})$$

$$= \int_{[a, b] \times \mathbb{R}} f_{x,y}(x, y) dx dy$$

$$= \int_a^b dx \cdot \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x, y) dy}_{}$$

This is a function  
of  $x$ , say  $g(x)$

$$= \int_a^b g(x) dx.$$

Theorem 3.6 : Let  $(x, y)$  have  
the density  $f_{x,y}(x, y)$ . We have

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

$$f_y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x, y) dx$$

Proof : Done already.

### Comments

- (i) The two formulae in Theorem 3.6 are called formulae for marginal densities.
- (ii) A vigorous statement must include the assumptions that  $x \mapsto f_{x,y}(x,y)$  and  $y \mapsto f_{x,y}(x,y)$  are Riemann integrable, and that  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  are Riemann integrable.

Example :

$$f_{x,y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{x^2 - 2xy + y^2}{2(1-\rho^2)}}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x,y) dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(y-\rho x)^2}{2(1-\rho^2)}} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \cdot \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}} e^{-\frac{(y-\rho x)^2}{2(1-\rho^2)}} dy}_{= 1} \end{aligned}$$

= 1, because

it is the integral of  
the  $N(\rho x, 1-\rho^2)$  dist

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}.$$

Conclusion :  $x \sim N(0, 1)$ .

Theorem 3.6 has a more general version.

Theorem 3.6 a : Let  $(\underline{x}, \underline{y})$  be a random vector with  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  and  $\underline{y} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with density  $f_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}}(\underline{x}, \underline{y})$ . Then

$$f_{\underline{x}}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}}(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) dy$$

$$f_{\underline{y}}(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} f_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}}(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) dx$$

Proof : Same as before.

Example : If  $(x, y, z)$  has density  $f_{x, y, z}(x, y, z)$  then

$$f_{x, y}(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x, y, z}(x, y, z) dz$$

and .

$$f_x(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_{x, y, z}(x, y, z) dy dz.$$

## Independence

In general we say that  $x, y$  are independent if

$$P(x \in A, y \in B) = P(x \in A) \cdot P(y \in B).$$

If  $(x, y)$  has density  $f_{x,y}(x, y)$

this means that for  $A = [a, b]$

and  $B = [c, d]$  we have

$$\underbrace{\int_{[a,b] \times [c,d]} f_{x,y}(x, y) dx dy}_{= P(x \in [a,b], y \in [c,d])}$$

$$= \underbrace{\left( \int_a^b f_x(x) dx \right)}_{P(a \leq x \leq b)} \cdot \underbrace{\left( \int_c^d f_y(y) dy \right)}_{P(c \leq y \leq d)}$$

Fubini:

$$= \int_{[a,b] \times [c,d]} f_x(x) \cdot f_y(y) dx dy$$

We borrow a statement from Analysis 2: if for functions  $f(x,y)$  and  $g(x,y)$  we have:

(i) For all rectangles  $Q = [a,b] \times [c,d]$  the functions are Riemann integrable.

(ii)

$$\int_Q f(x,y) dx dy = \int_Q g(x,y) dx dy$$

for all  $Q$

then  $f(x,y) = g(x,y)$ .

Technical note: in fact  $f, g$  can differ but only on a set of measure 0.

If  $x, y$  are independent we have

$$\int_Q f_{x,y}(x,y) dx dy = \int_Q f_x(x) f_y(y) dx dy$$

Theorem 3.7 : Let  $(x, y)$  have density  $f_{x,y}(x, y)$ . The random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if and only if  $f_{x,y}(x, y) = f_x(x) \cdot f_y(y)$ .

Proof : If  $f_{x,y}(x, y) = f_x(x) \cdot f_y(y)$

then

$$\underbrace{P((x, y) \in A \times B)}_{\int_{A \times B} f_{x,y}(x, y) dx dy} = P(x \in A, y \in B)$$

Fubini

$$= \underbrace{\int_A f_x(x) dx}_{P(x \in A)} \cdot \underbrace{\int_B f_y(y) dy}_{P(y \in B)}$$

Independence follows.

If  $X, Y$  are independent we proved above that  $f_{x,y}(x, y) = f_x(x) \cdot f_y(y)$ .

Theorem 3.7 has a more general version.

Theorem 3.7a : Let  $\underline{x}, \underline{y}$  be continuous random vectors with density  $f_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}}(\underline{x}, \underline{y})$ . The vectors  $\underline{x}$  and  $\underline{y}$  are independent if and only if  $f_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}}(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) = f_{\underline{x}}(\underline{x}) \cdot f_{\underline{y}}(\underline{y})$ .

Proof : Same as above.

Theorem 3.8 : Let  $(x, y)$  have density  $f_{x,y}(x, y)$ . If

$$f_{x,y}(x, y) = \cancel{g(x)} \cancel{h(y)} g(x) h(y)$$

for nonnegative functions  $g$  and  $h$  then  $x, y$  are independent.

Proof : By the formulae for marginal density we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) h(y) dy \\
 &= g(x) \cdot \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(y) dy}_{c_1} \\
 &= c_1
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$f_Y(y) = h(y) \cdot \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dx}_{c_2}$$

It follows

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{f_X(x)}{c_1} \cdot \frac{f_Y(y)}{c_2}$$

We need to prove that  $c_1 \cdot c_2 = 1$ .

Integrate both sides over  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

We get

$$1 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_{x,y}(x,y) dx dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{c_1 c_2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_x(x) f_y(y) dx dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{c_1 c_2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_x(x) f_y(y) dx dy$$

Fubini

$$= \frac{1}{c_1 c_2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_x(x) dx \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_y(y) dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{c_1 c_2} \cdot 1 \cdot 1$$

It follows  $c_1 \cdot c_2 = 1$ .

Example: Let

$$f_{x,y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{x^2 - 2\rho xy + y^2}{2(1-\rho^2)}}$$

We computed

$$f_{X}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} \quad \text{and}$$

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

We see that

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

only when  $\rho = 0$ .

### 3.4. Functions of random vectors

#### Discrete case

In the discrete case we will only look at integer valued random variables. If  $X, Y$  are two such variables then  $Z = X+Y$  is an integer valued

random variable. We have

$$\{Z = u\} = \underbrace{\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \{X = k, Y = u-k\}}_{\text{disjoint union}}$$

We have

$$P(Z = u) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} P(X = k, Y = u-k)$$

Special cases:

(i) if  $X, Y$  are non-negative we have

$$P(Z = u) = \sum_{k=0}^u P(X = k, Y = u-k)$$

(ii) if  $X, Y$  are independent then

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

Examples: (i) Let  $X, Y$  be independent and  $X \sim Po(\mu)$ ,  $Y \sim Po(\lambda)$ . Let  $Z = X + Y$ . By the above formula

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(Z=u) &= \sum_{k=0}^n P(X=k) \cdot P(Y=u-k) \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^k}{k!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{u-k}}{(u-k)!} \\
 &= \frac{e^{-(\lambda+\mu)}}{u!} \sum_{k=0}^n \underbrace{\frac{n!}{k!(u-k)!}}_{= \binom{n}{k}} \mu^k \lambda^{u-k} \\
 &= \frac{e^{-(\lambda+\mu)}}{u!} (\lambda+\mu)^u.
 \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion:  $Z = X + Y \sim Po(\lambda + \mu)$ .

(ii) Let  $X, Y$  be independent and have the Pólya distribution.

This means that

$$P(X=k) = \frac{\beta^k (a)_k}{k! (1+\beta)^{a+k}} \quad k=0, 1, \dots$$

$$P(Y=l) = \frac{\beta^l (b)_l}{l! (1+\beta)^{b+l}} \quad l=0, 1, \dots$$

Here  $(a)_0 = 1$  and

$$(a)_k = a(a+1)\dots(a+k-1)$$

is the Pochhammer symbol.

Let  $z = x+y$ . We are looking for the distribution of  $z$ . By the formula we have

$$P(z=u) = \sum_{k=0}^n P(X=k) P(Y=u-k)$$

$$= \frac{\beta^{a+b}}{(1+\beta)^{a+b+u}} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(a)_k (b)_{u-k}}{k! (u-k)!}$$

$$= \frac{\beta^{a+b}}{(1+\beta)^{a+b+u} \cdot u!} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{u}{k} (a)_k (b)_{u-k}.$$

The last formula is similar to the binomial formula.

To prove it we will use a few facts from Analysis:

(i) The gamma function is defined as

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} u^{x-1} \cdot e^{-u} du, \quad x > 0$$

Integration by parts gives

$$\Gamma(x+1) = x \Gamma(x) \quad \text{and}$$

as a consequence

$$\Gamma(a+u) = (a+u-1)(a+u-2) \cdots a \cdot \Gamma(a)$$

We can write

$$(a)_u = \frac{\Gamma(a+u)}{\Gamma(a)}$$

(iii) The Beta function is defined as

$$B(p, q) = \int_0^1 u^{p-1} (1-u)^{q-1} du, \quad p, q > 0$$

The connection between  $\Gamma$  and  $B$  functions is given by Euler:

$$B(p, q) = \frac{\Gamma(p) \cdot \Gamma(q)}{\Gamma(p+q)}$$

We compute

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (a)_k (b)_{n-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{\Gamma(a+k)}{\Gamma(a)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(b+n-k)}{\Gamma(b)}$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(a+b+n)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{\Gamma(a+k)\Gamma(b+n-k)}{\Gamma(a+b+n)}$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(a+b+n)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} B(a+k, b+n-k)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\Gamma(a+b+u)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \sum_{k=0}^u \binom{u}{k} \int_0^1 u^{a+k-1} (1-u)^{b+u-k-1} du \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(a+b+u)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \int_0^1 u^{a-1} (1-u)^{b-1} \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^u \binom{u}{k} u^k (1-u)^{u-k}}_{du} \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

def.  $\frac{\Gamma(a+b+u)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} B(a, b)$

Euler

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\Gamma(a+b+u)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} - \frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(a+b+u)}{\Gamma(a+b)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$= (a+b)_n$

Finally we have

$$P(Z=u) = \frac{\beta^{a+b} (a+b)_u}{n! (a+\beta)^{a+b+u}}, \quad n=0, 1, \dots$$

Example : Suppose  $X, Y$  are independent and  $X \sim \text{Bin}(m, p)$ ,  $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ . We expect

$Z = X + Y \sim \text{Bin}(m+n, p)$ . The formal proof :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{1} \quad P(Z = l) &= \sum_{k=0}^l P(X = k, Y = l-k) \\
 &= \sum_{k=\max(0, n-l)}^{\min(l, m)} \binom{m}{k} p^k q^{m-k} \binom{n}{l-k} p^{l-k} q^{n-l+k} \\
 &= \sum_{k=\max(0, n-l)}^{\min(l, m)} \binom{m}{k} \binom{n}{l-k} p^l q^{m+n-l} \\
 &\quad \text{does not depend} \\
 &\quad \text{on } k.
 \end{aligned}$$

The sum is computed by the following combinatorial argument :

Suppose we need to choose  $l$  elements from the union of sets with  $m$  and  $n$  elements.

This can be done in  $\binom{m+n}{l}$  ways. We can count in another way: we choose  $k$  elements

from the first set and  $l-k$  from the other. This is possible for  $k \geq \max(0, n-l)$  and  $l \leq \min(l, m)$ . This splits all the choices in disjoint subsets

so

$$\binom{m+n}{l} = \sum_{k=\max(0, n-l)}^{\min(l, m)} \binom{m}{k} \binom{n}{l-k}.$$

Finally

$$P(Z=l) = \binom{m+n}{l} p^l q^{m+n-l}$$

## Continuous case

The most important formula  
is the transformation formula.

Suppose the vector  $(x, y)$   
has density  $f_{x,y}(x, y)$ . We  
form a new vector  $(u, v)$  by

$$\Phi(x, y) = (\Phi_1(x, y), \Phi_2(x, y)).$$

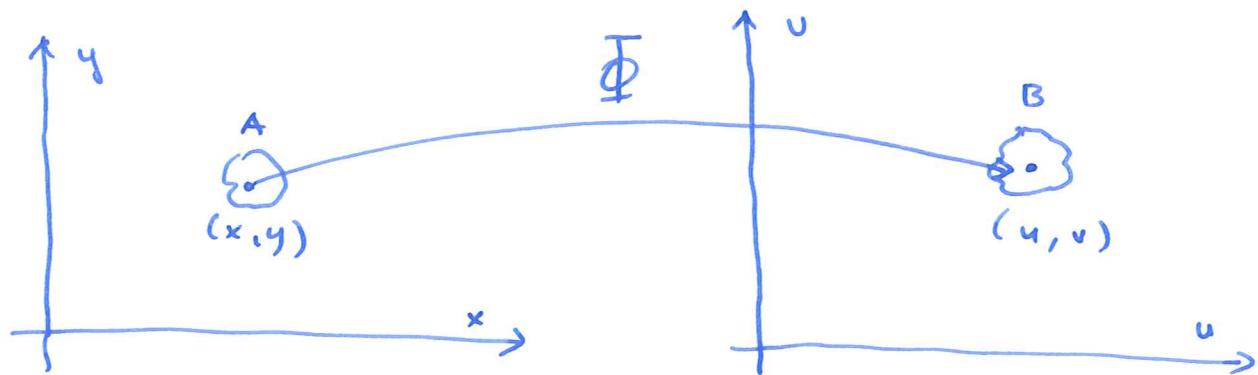
Example :

$$\Phi(x, y) = \left( \frac{x}{x+y}, \frac{y}{x+y} \right)$$

$$(u, v) = \left( \frac{x}{x+y}, \frac{y}{x+y} \right).$$

Question : What is the density  
 $f_{u,v}(u, v)$  of  $(u, v)$ ?

Idea:



By definition for "small" A and B

$$P((x,y) \in A) \approx f_{x,y}(x,y) \cdot |A|$$

$$P((u,v) \in B) \approx f_{u,v}(u,v) \cdot |B|$$

If  $\Phi$  is bijective then

$$P((x,y) \in A) = P((u,v) \in B)$$

if  $B = \Phi(A)$ . So

$$f_{x,y}(x,y) \cdot |A| = f_{u,v}(u,v) \cdot |B|$$

or

$$f_{u,v}(u,v) \approx f_{x,y}(x,y) \cdot \frac{|A|}{|B|}$$

But from Analysis 2 we know

$$\frac{|A|}{|B|} \approx |\mathcal{J}_{\Phi^{-1}}(u, v)|.$$

Theorem 3.9 (transformation formula).

Let  $(x, y)$  be

a vector with density  $f_{x,y}(x, y)$ .

Suppose  $P((x, y) \in \mathcal{O}) = 1$  for  
an open set  $\mathcal{O}$ . Let

$\Phi : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a bijective

map which is continuously

partially differentiable. Let

$$(u, v) = \Phi(x, y).$$

The the density  $f_{u,v}(u, v)$  is

$$f_{u,v}(u, v) = f_{x,y}(\Phi^{-1}(u, v))$$

$$\cdot |\mathcal{J}_{\Phi^{-1}}(u, v)|$$

where  $J\bar{\Phi}^{-1}$  is the Jacobian determinant of  $\bar{\Phi}^{-1}$ .

Proof: Let  $B \subseteq f$ . We compute

$$P((U, V) \in B)$$

$$\circ = P((x, y) \in \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(B))$$

$$= \int_{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(B)} f_{x,y}(x, y) dx dy$$

$$= (*)$$

$$\circ \text{ New variable: } (x, y) = \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(u, v)$$

$$dx dy = |J\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(u, v)| du dv$$

$$(*) = \int_B f_{x,y}(\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(u, v)) |J\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(u, v)| du dv.$$

Comment: We used the formula for a new variable in double integrals.

Example: Let  $x, y$  be independent with  $x \sim P(a, \lambda)$  and  $y \sim P(b, \lambda)$ . This means

$$f_x(x) = \frac{\lambda^a}{\Gamma(a)} x^{a-1} e^{-\lambda x}, \quad x > 0$$

$$f_y(y) = \frac{\lambda^b}{\Gamma(b)} y^{b-1} e^{-\lambda y}, \quad y > 0$$

By independence

$$f_{x,y}(x,y) = f_x(x) f_y(y)$$

Let

$$\Phi(x,y) = \left( \frac{x}{x+y}, \frac{y}{x+y} \right)$$

for  $x, y > 0$ . We can take

$$\Omega = (0, \infty)^2 \text{ and } \mathcal{S} = (0, 1) \times (0, \infty).$$

$\Phi$  is bijective and continuously differentiable. To find  $\Phi^{-1}$  we need to solve equations

$$\frac{x}{x+y} = u, \quad x+y = v.$$

We get

$$x = u \cdot v$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= v - x = v - u \cdot v \\ &= v(1-u) \end{aligned}$$

This means

$$\Phi^{-1}(u, v) = (uv, v(1-u)),$$

We compute

$$J\Phi^{-1}(u, v) = \det \begin{pmatrix} v & u \\ -v & 1-u \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= v$$

The density  $f_{u,v}(u, v)$  is given by

$$f_{u,v}(u, v) = f_{x,y}(uv, v(1-u)).$$

$$|J\Phi^{-1}(u, v)| =$$

$$= f_x(uv) f_y(v(1-u)) \cdot v$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^a}{\Gamma(a)} (uv)^{a-1} e^{-\lambda uv}$$
$$\cdot \frac{\lambda^b}{\Gamma(b)} [v(1-u)]^{b-1} e^{-\lambda v(1-u)}$$
$$= v$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^{a+b}}{\Gamma(a) \Gamma(b)} u^{a-1} (1-u)^{b-1} \cdot v^{a+b-1} \cdot e^{-\lambda v}$$

for  $(u, v) \in (0, 1) \times (0, \infty)$ .

We note :

(i)  $u, v$  are independent

(ii)  $f_u(u) = \text{const. } u^{a-1} (1-u)^{b-1}$

$f_v(v) = \text{const. } v^{a+b-1} \cdot e^{-\lambda v}$

It follows  $u = \frac{x}{x+y} \sim \text{Beta}(a, b)$

and  $V = X+Y \sim \Gamma(a+b, \lambda)$ .

Example : Suppose  $(x, y)$  has density  $f_{x,y}(x, y)$ . Let

$$\Phi(x, y) = (x, x+y) \Rightarrow (x, z)$$

What is the density  $f_{x,z}(x, z)$ ?

By the transformation formula

$$f_{x,z}(x, z) = f_{x,y}(x, z-x) \cdot |\mathcal{J}_{\Phi^{-1}}(x, z)|.$$

But  $\Phi^{-1}(x, z) = (x, z-x) \Rightarrow$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\Phi^{-1}}(x, z) = 1.$$

We have

$$f_{x,z}(x, z) = f_{x,y}(x, z-x)$$

The density of  $z$  is the marginal density of  $f_{X,Z}(x,z)$ .

We have

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, z-x) dx$$

If  $X, Y$  are independent we get

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(z-x) dx$$

Comment: The above formula is known as convolution in Analysis.

Example : Let  $X, Y$  be independent with  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  and  $Y \sim N(\nu, \tau^2)$ . What is the density of  $Z = X+Y$ . Assume first  $\mu = \nu = 0$  and  $\sigma^2 + \tau^2 = 1$ .

In this case

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_Z(z) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(z-x) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma\tau} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(z-x)^2}{2\tau^2}} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma\tau} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\tau^2} \right]} \\
 &\quad \cdot e^{\frac{xz}{\sigma\tau}} \cdot e^{-\frac{z^2}{2\tau^2}} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma\tau} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2\tau^2} + \frac{xz}{\sigma\tau}} \\
 &\quad \cdot e^{-\frac{z^2}{2\tau^2}} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2 T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2 T^2} (x - z\sigma^2)^2} \cdot e^{-\frac{z^2}{2T^2}} dx$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2 T}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x - z\sigma^2)^2}{2\sigma^2 \cdot T^2}} dx \\ = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2} \left[ \underbrace{\frac{1}{T^2} - \frac{\sigma^2}{T^2}} \right]} \\ = 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^2/2}$$

Conclusion :  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ .

We know : if  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  then  
 $aX + b \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$ .

In general :  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ,  $Y \sim N(\nu, \tau^2)$

$$X + Y = \sqrt{\sigma^2 + \tau^2} X$$

$$\left( \underbrace{\frac{X - \mu}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 + \tau^2}}}_X + \underbrace{\frac{Y - \nu}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 + \tau^2}}}_Y \right) + \mu + \nu$$

We have  $x' \sim N(0, \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + \tau^2})$  and  
 $y' \sim N(0, \frac{\tau^2}{\sigma^2 + \tau^2})$ . The expression  $x' + y' \sim N(0, 1)$ . It follows that

$$X + Y \sim N(\mu + \nu, \sigma^2 + \tau^2)$$

Example : Let  $X, Y$  be independent standard normal.

Let  $Z = \frac{Y}{X}$ . Density of  $Z$ ?

Define

$$\Phi(x, y) = (x, \frac{y}{x})$$

$$\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(x, z) = (x, xz) \Rightarrow$$

$$\mathcal{J}\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(x, z) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ z & x \end{pmatrix} = x$$

The density of  $(x, z)$  is

$$f_{x,z}(x, z) = f_x(x) f_y(z) \cdot |x|$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(z)^2}{2}} \cdot |x|$$

We get the density of  $z$  as the

Marginal density

$$f_z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2(1+z^2)}{2}} \cdot |x| dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2(1+z^2)}{2}} x \cdot dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi(1+z^2)} \left( -e^{-\frac{x^2(1+z^2)}{2}} \right) \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi(1+z^2)}$$

Example : Let  $X, Y$  be independent with  $X \sim P(a, \lambda)$  and  $Y \sim P(b, \lambda)$ . Let  $Z = X+Y$ . We established that  $Z \sim P(a+b, \lambda)$  but will do it again using convolution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_Z(z) &= \int_0^z f_X(x) f_Y(z-x) dx \\
 &= \int_0^z \frac{\lambda^a}{P(a)} x^{a-1} e^{-\lambda x} \\
 &\quad \cdot \frac{\lambda^b}{P(b)} (z-x)^{b-1} e^{-\lambda(z-x)} dx \\
 &= \frac{\lambda^{a+b}}{P(a) P(b)} \cdot e^{-\lambda z} \\
 &\quad \cdot \int_0^z x^{a-1} (z-x)^{b-1} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

New variable :  $x = z-u$

$$dx = -du$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\lambda^{a+b}}{P(a) P(b)} \cdot e^{-\lambda z} \\
 &\quad \cdot \int_1^0 u^{a-1} (1-u)^{b-1} \cdot z^{a+b-1} du
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^{a+b}}{\Gamma(a) \Gamma(b)} e^{-\lambda} \cdot \lambda^{a+b-1} B(a, b)$$

The result is a density which means that it integrates to 1.

But we know that

$$\frac{\lambda^{a+b}}{\Gamma(a+b)} \int_0^\infty z^{a+b-1} \cdot e^{-\lambda z} dz = 1.$$

This means that

$$\frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a) \Gamma(b)} \cdot B(a, b) = 1$$

which is Euler's identity!

We have used probability to derive Euler's identity.

Theorem 3.6 has a more general version.

Theorem 3.6 a: Let  $\underline{x}$  be a random vector with density  $f_{\underline{x}}(\underline{x})$ . Assume  $P(\underline{x} \in \Omega) = 1$  for some open set  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $\Phi: \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^r$  be a bijective map between  $\Omega$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  such that  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi^{-1}$  are continuously partially differentiable. Let  $\underline{y} = \Phi(\underline{x})$ . Then  $\underline{y}$  has the density

$$f_{\underline{y}}(\underline{y}) = f_{\underline{x}}(\Phi^{-1}(\underline{y})) \cdot |\mathcal{J}_{\Phi^{-1}}(\underline{y})|.$$

Proof: Same as before.

Example : Let  $\underline{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

such that  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are independent and  $x_k \sim N(0, 1)$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ;

Let  $\underline{A}$  be an invertible matrix. Define

$$\Phi(\underline{x}) = \underline{A}\underline{x} + \underline{\mu} \quad \text{for } \underline{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

We have  $\Phi^{-1}(\underline{y}) = \underline{A}^{-1}(\underline{y} - \underline{\mu})$

and  $J\Phi^{-1}(\underline{y}) = \det(\underline{A}^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(\underline{A})}$

The transformation formula

gives for  $\underline{Y} = \underline{A}\underline{X} + \underline{\mu}$

$$f_{\underline{Y}}(\underline{y}) = f_{\underline{X}}(\Phi^{-1}(\underline{y})) \cdot |J\Phi^{-1}(\underline{y})|.$$

We have

$$f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) = \prod_{k=1}^n f_{X_k}(x_k)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \underline{x}_k^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2} \underline{x}^T \cdot \underline{x}}$$

as follows

$$f_{\underline{x}}(\underline{y}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\det(\underline{\Lambda})|}$$

$$\times e^{-\frac{1}{2} [\underline{\Lambda}^{-1}(\underline{x} - \underline{\mu})]^T [\underline{\Lambda}^{-1}(\underline{x} - \underline{\mu})]}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\det(\underline{\Lambda})|}$$

$$\times e^{-\frac{1}{2} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu})^T (\underline{\Lambda}^{-1})^T \underline{\Lambda}^{-1} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu})}$$

Denote  $\underline{\Sigma} = \underline{\Lambda} \cdot \underline{\Lambda}^T$ . We have

$$\underline{\Sigma}^{-1} = (\underline{\Lambda}^T)^{-1} \cdot \underline{\Lambda}^{-1} = (\underline{\Lambda}^{-1})^T (\underline{\Lambda}^{-1})$$

We have

$$\frac{1}{|\det(\Sigma)|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(\Sigma)}}$$

and

$$f_{\Sigma}(y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} \sqrt{\det(\Sigma)}}$$

$$x \quad e^{-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)}.$$

Comment: The above density is called the multivariate normal density with parameters  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\Sigma (n \times n)$ .

Example : Let  $\underline{x}$  have density

$$f_{\underline{x}}(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} \sqrt{\det \Sigma}}$$

$$\underline{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\underline{\mu}, \Sigma) = \underline{\mu} + \Sigma^{1/2} \underline{\zeta}$$

If  $\underline{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  what is

the distribution of  $\underline{x}^{(1)} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p)$ ,

$\underline{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\mu}^{(1)} \\ \underline{\mu}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ .

$\underline{\mu}^{(1)}$  is a  $p$ -dimensional vector,

$$\Sigma_{11} (p \times p), \quad \Sigma_{21} (p \times \ell), \quad \Sigma_{21} (\ell \times p),$$

$$\Sigma_{22} (\ell \times \ell). \quad \text{Define } \Phi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

by

$$\Phi(\underline{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{x}^{(1)} \\ \underline{x}^{(2)} - \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \underline{x}^{(1)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$\Phi(x)$  is a linear map

$$\Phi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} I_r & \\ -\Sigma_2, \Sigma_1^{-1} & I_L \end{pmatrix} \underline{x}.$$

Since the matrix  $\underline{\Lambda}$  is lower triangular we have

$$\begin{aligned} D\bar{\Phi} &= \Lambda \Rightarrow J\bar{\Phi}(x) = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow J\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(y) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(y) = \begin{pmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ y^{(2)} + \Sigma_2 \Sigma_1^{-1} y^{(1)} \end{pmatrix}$$

It follows that

$$f_y(y) = f_x(\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(y)) \cdot 1$$

We need some linear algebra.

Suppose  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  are invertible matrices. Write

$$\underline{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{A}_{11} & \underline{A}_{12} \\ \underline{A}_{21} & \underline{A}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{B}_{11} & \underline{B}_{12} \\ \underline{B}_{21} & \underline{B}_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\underline{A}_{ij}$  and  $\underline{B}_{ij}$  are of the same dimension. If  $\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B} = \underline{I}$  we have

$$\underline{A}_{11} \underline{B}_{11} + \underline{A}_{12} \underline{B}_{21} = \underline{I}$$

$$\underline{A}_{21} \underline{B}_{12} + \underline{A}_{12} \cdot \underline{B}_{22} = 0$$

For simplicity we assume  $\underline{\mu} = 0$ . We need to compute

$$[\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(y)]^T \cdot \underline{\Sigma}^{-1} [\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(y)].$$

In matrix form this means

$$y^T \begin{pmatrix} I_p & \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \Sigma_{21} \\ 0 & I_p \end{pmatrix} \Sigma^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} I_p & 0 \\ \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} & I_p \end{pmatrix}$$

Denote  $\underline{A} = \Sigma^{-1}$ . From

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{A}_{11} & \underline{A}_{12} \\ \underline{A}_{21} & \underline{A}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix} = I_n$$

we have

$$\underline{A}_{11} \Sigma_{11} + \underline{A}_{21} \Sigma_{21} = I_p$$

$$\underline{A}_{11} \Sigma_{12} + \underline{A}_{12} \Sigma_{22} = 0$$

$$\underline{A}_{21} \Sigma_{11} + \underline{A}_{22} \Sigma_{21} = 0$$

We compute

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{A}_{11} & \underline{A}_{12} \\ \underline{A}_{21} & \underline{A}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_p & 0 \\ \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} & I_p \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \underline{A}_{11} + \underline{A}_{12} \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11}^{-1}, & \underline{A}_{12} \\ \underline{A}_{21} + \underline{A}_{22} \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11}^{-1}, & \underline{A}_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} & \underline{A}_{12} \\ 0 & \underline{A}_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Continue to get

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{\Sigma}_1 & \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \underline{\Sigma}_{12} \\ 0 & \underline{\Sigma}_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} & \underline{A}_{12} \\ 0 & \underline{A}_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1}, & \underline{A}_{12} + \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \underline{\Sigma}_{12} \underline{A}_{22} \\ -11 - , & \underline{A}_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

But

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{\Sigma}_{11} & \underline{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \underline{\Sigma}_{21} & \underline{\Sigma}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{A}_{11} & \underline{A}_{12} \\ \underline{A}_{21} & \underline{A}_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \underline{I}_n$$

gives

$$\underline{\Sigma}_{11} \underline{A}_{12} + \underline{\Sigma}_{12} \underline{\Sigma}_{22} = 0, \text{ so}$$

$$\underline{\Sigma}_{11} (\underline{A}_{12} + \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \underline{\Sigma}_{12} \underline{A}_{22}) = 0$$

The linear equations give

$$\underline{A}_{22} = (\underline{\Sigma}_{22} - \underline{\Sigma}_{12} \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \underline{\Sigma}_{21})$$

(see Appendix)

So we have

$$[\bar{\Phi}(\underline{y})]^T \underline{\Sigma}^{-1} [\bar{\Phi}(\underline{y})]$$

$$= \underline{y}^T \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & (\underline{\Sigma}_{22} - \underline{\Sigma}_{21} \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \underline{\Sigma}_{12})^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \underline{y}$$

$$= [\underline{y}^{(1)}]^T \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \underline{y}^{(1)}$$

$$+ [\underline{y}^{(2)}]^T (\underline{\Sigma}_{22} - \underline{\Sigma}_{21} \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \underline{\Sigma}_{12})^{-1} \underline{y}^{(2)}$$

Comment: in general replace

$\underline{y}$  by  $\underline{y} - \underline{A}$ . So we have

$$\underline{f} \underline{\Sigma}(\underline{y}) = \underline{f}(\underline{y}^{(1)}) \cdot g(\underline{y}^{(2)}).$$

This means that

$$\underline{Y}^{(1)} = (x_1, \dots, x_r)$$

$$\underline{Y}^{(2)} = \underline{X}^{(2)} - \underline{\Sigma}_{21} \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \underline{X}^{(1)}$$

are independent vectors.

Appendix : if we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{\Sigma}_{11} & \underline{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \underline{\Sigma}_{21} & \underline{\Sigma}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{A}_{11} & \underline{A}_{12} \\ \underline{A}_{21} & \underline{A}_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \underline{I}_n$$

then

$$\underline{\Sigma}_{11} \underline{A}_{11} + \underline{\Sigma}_{12} \underline{A}_{22} = \underline{I}_p$$

$$\underline{\Sigma}_{11} \underline{A}_{12} + \underline{\Sigma}_{12} \underline{A}_{22} = \underline{0}$$

$$\underline{\Sigma}_{21} \underline{A}_{11} + \underline{\Sigma}_{22} \underline{A}_{21} = \underline{0}$$

$$\underline{\Sigma}_{21} \underline{A}_{12} + \underline{\Sigma}_{22} \underline{A}_{22} = \underline{I}_q$$

We have a system of 4 linear equations with 4 unknowns.

Multiply the second equation with  $\underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1}$  from the left to get

$$\underline{A}_{12} + \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \underline{\Sigma}_{12} \underline{A}_{22} = \underline{0}$$

Insert this into the last equation to get

$$- \underline{\Sigma}_{21} \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \underline{\Sigma}_{12} \underline{A}_{22} + \underline{\Sigma}_{22} \underline{A}_{22} = \underline{I}_{\mathcal{L}}$$

We have

$$\underline{A}_{22} = (\underline{\Sigma}_{22} - \underline{\Sigma}_{12} \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \underline{\Sigma}_{21})^{-1}$$

This result is known as the inversion lemma.

Remark: Invertibility follows from the fact that the product is  $\underline{I}_{\mathcal{L}}$ .

### 3.5. Conditional distributions

In elementary probability

we have that  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$ .

If  $X$  is a discrete random variable with values  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ ,

the distribution is given by the probabilities  $P(X = x_e)$ .

If we have additional information in the sense that the event

$B$  has happened our opinion about the probabilities of event  $\{X = x_e\}$  change to the conditional probabilities

$$P(\{X = x_e\} | B) = \frac{P(\{X = x_e\} \cap B)}{P(B)}.$$

We can verify easily that

$$\sum_{x_k} P(X = x_k | B) = 1.$$

This observation motivates the definition of conditional probabilities and distributions.

- Definition : Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable with values in  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ .  
The conditional distribution of  $X$  given  $B$  with  $P(B) > 0$  is given by

$$P(X = x_k | B) = \frac{P(\{X = x_k\} \cap B)}{P(B)}.$$

Comment : In most cases the event  $B$  is of the form  $B = \{Y = y\}$  for some random variable  $Y$ .

Example: Let  $X, Y$  be independent with  $X \sim \text{Bin}(m, p)$  and  $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ . Let  $Z = X+Y$ . We know that  $Z \sim \text{Bin}(m+n, p)$ . The conditional distribution of  $X$  given  $Z=r$  is given by

$$P(X=k | Z=r) = \frac{P(X=k, Z=r)}{P(Z=r)}$$

$$= \frac{P(X=k, Y=r-k)}{P(Z=r)}$$

$$= \frac{P(X=k) P(Y=r-k)}{P(Z=r)} \quad \text{indep}$$

$$= \frac{\binom{m}{k} p^k q^{m-k} \cdot \binom{n}{r-k} p^{r-k} q^{n-r+k}}{\binom{m+n}{r} p^r q^{m+n-r}}$$

$$= \frac{\binom{m}{k} \binom{n}{r-k}}{\binom{m+n}{r}}$$

for  $k \leq \min(m, r)$  and  
 $k \geq \max(0, r-n)$ .

We recognize the hypergeometric distribution. We write

$$X|z=r \sim \text{Hypergeom}(n, m, m+n).$$

Definition: Let  $\underline{X}$  be a discrete random vector with values  $\{\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots\}$ . Let  $B$  be an event. The conditional distribution of  $\underline{X}$  given  $B$  with  $P(B) > 0$  is given by conditional probabilities

$$P(\underline{X} = \underline{x}_k | B) = \frac{P(\{\underline{X} = \underline{x}_k\} \cap B)}{P(B)}.$$

As before in most cases  $\beta$  is of the form  $\beta = \lambda \underline{Y} + \underline{\gamma}$  for some random vector  $\underline{Y}$ .

Example: Let  $\underline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_r)$

be multinomial with parameters  $n$  and  $\boldsymbol{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r)$ . Let  $s < r$ .

What is the conditional distribution of  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s)$

given  $Y = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_s = m$ .

Denote  $Z = x_{s+1} + \dots + x_r$ . We know that  $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_1 + \dots + p_s)$ . We compute for  $k_1 + \dots + k_s = m$

$$P(x_1 = k_1, \dots, x_s = k_s \mid Y = m)$$

$$= \frac{P(x_1 = k_1, \dots, x_s = k_s, Z = n-m)}{P(Z = n-m)}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{k_1! \dots k_s! (n-m)!} \times p_1^{k_1} \cdots p_s^{k_s} (1-p_1 - \cdots - p_s)^{n-m} /$$

$$/ \binom{n}{m} (p_1 + \cdots + p_s)^m (1-p_1 - \cdots - p_s)^{n-m}$$

$$= \frac{m!}{k_1! \cdots k_s!} \times \frac{p_1^{k_1} \cdots p_s^{k_s}}{(p_1 + \cdots + p_s)^m}$$

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$$\text{We denote: } \hat{p}_k = \frac{p_k}{(p_1 + \cdots + p_s)}$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, s$ . We have:

$$* = \frac{m!}{k_1! \cdots k_s!} \hat{p}_1^{k_1} \cdots \hat{p}_s^{k_s}.$$

Conclusion:  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_s)$

has the multinomial distribution.

with parameters  $n - m$  and  
 $\tilde{p} = (\tilde{p}_1, \dots, \tilde{p}_s)$ . We write

$$\underline{x}' = (x_1, \dots, x_s) \text{ and}$$

$$\underline{x}' |_{x_1 + \dots + x_s = m} \sim \text{Multinomial}(m, \tilde{p}).$$

(a) For the continuous case the intuitive idea is that we will define conditional densities. If  $(x, y)$  has density  $f_{x,y}(x, y)$  then the conditional density of  $y$  given  $x = x_3$  should be proportional to the function

$$y \mapsto f_{x,y}(x, y)$$

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

Example : let

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \times$$

$$\times e^{-\frac{x^2 - 2\rho xy + y^2}{2(1-\rho^2)}}$$

for  $|\rho| < 1$ . We know that

$X \sim N(0,1)$  i.e.

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

We write

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

$$\times e^{-\frac{(y-\rho x)^2}{2(1-\rho^2)}}$$

It follows that

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

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

We notice

$$Y|_{X=x} \sim N(\rho x, 1-\rho^2)$$

The definition has a vector version.

Definition : Let  $(\underline{x}, \underline{y})$  have

density  $f_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}}(\underline{x}, \underline{y})$ . Assume

$f_{\underline{x}}(\underline{x}) > 0$ . The conditional

density of  $\underline{y}$  given  $\{\underline{x} = \underline{x}\}$   
is given by

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

Example : Let  $\underline{x} = (\underline{x}^{(1)}, \underline{x}^{(2)})^T \sim N(\underline{\mu}, \Sigma)$ .

What is  $f_{\underline{x}^{(2)}} | \underline{x}^{(1)} = \underline{x}^{(1)} (\underline{x}^{(2)})$  ?

Direct calculation is difficult but we found out that  $\underline{x}^{(1)}$  and  $\underline{x}^{(2)} - \underline{\Sigma}_{21} \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \underline{x}^{(1)}$  are independent vectors. If we write  $\underline{y} = \underline{x}^{(2)} - \underline{\Sigma}_{21} \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \underline{x}^{(1)}$  we know that

$$f_{\underline{y}}(\underline{y}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} \sqrt{\det(\underline{\Sigma}_{22} - \underline{\Sigma}_{21} \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \underline{\Sigma}_{12})}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\underline{y} - \underline{\mu}^{(2)} + \underline{\Sigma}_{21} \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \underline{\mu}^{(1)})^T \times \ell (\underline{\Sigma}_{22} - \underline{\Sigma}_{21} \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \underline{\Sigma}_{12})^{-1} (-\dots)$$

But

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{x}^{(1)} \\ \underline{x}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\Sigma}_1 & 0 \\ \underline{\Sigma}_{21} \underline{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} & \underline{\Sigma}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{x}^{(1)} \\ \underline{y} \end{pmatrix}$$

The Jacobian of this is 1

so we can write

$$f_{\underline{x}^{(2)}}(\underline{x}) = f_{\underline{x}^{(1)}}(\underline{x}^{(1)})$$

$$\times f_{\underline{y}}(\underline{x}^{(2)} - \sum_{ii} \sum_{ii}^{-1} \underline{x}^{(1)})$$

Now it is easy to divide by

$f_{\underline{x}^{(1)}}(\underline{x}^{(1)})$ . We get

$$f_{\underline{x}^{(2)}} |_{\underline{x}^{(1)}} = \underline{x}^{(1)} (\underline{x}^{(2)})$$

$$= f_{\underline{y}} (\underline{x}^{(2)} - \sum_{12} \sum_{ii}^{-1} \underline{x}^{(1)}).$$

Using the form of  $f_{\underline{y}}$  we find :

$$\underline{x}^{(2)} |_{\underline{x}^{(1)}} = \underline{x}^{(1)} \sim N(\underline{\mu}^{(2)} + \sum_{21} \sum_{ii}^{-1} (\underline{x}^{(1)} - \underline{\mu}^{(1)}), \sum_{22} - \sum_{21} \sum_{ii}^{-1} \sum_{12})$$