

Multiple Random Variables

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Based on
Probability, Random Variables and Random Signal Principles,
P.Z. Peebles,Jr. and B. Shi

Outline

1 Joint Density and its Properties

Joint Density Function

for **continuous** 2 random variable X and Y

Definition

the joint probability density function $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$ is defined by the second derivative of the joint distribution function

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

Joint Density Function

for **discrete** 2 random variable X and Y

Definition

the joint probability density function $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$ is defined by the second derivative of the joint distribution function

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{j=0}^M P(x_n, y_m) \delta(x - x_n) \delta(y - y_m)$$

Joint Density Function

for **continuous** N random variable X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N

Definition

the joint probability density function $f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$ is defined by the second derivative of the joint distribution function

$$f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = \frac{\partial^N F_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2 \cdots \partial x_N}$$

$$F_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = \int_{-\infty}^{x_N} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{x_2} \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N}(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_N) d\xi_1, d\xi_2, \dots, d\xi_N$$

Joint Density Function

for discrete N random variable X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N

Definition

the joint probability density function $f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$ is defined by the second derivative of the joint distribution function

$$f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = \sum_{n_1=0}^{N_1} \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_2} \cdots \sum_{n_N=0}^{N_N} P(x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, \dots, x_{n_N}) \delta(x_1 - x_{n_1}) \delta(x_2 - x_{n_2}) \cdots \delta(x_N - x_{n_N})$$

Properties of the Joint Density

- 1 $f_{X,Y}(x,y) \geq 0$
- 2 $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy = 1$
- 3 $F_{X,Y}(x,y) = \int_{-\infty}^y \int_{-\infty}^x f_{X,Y}(\xi_1, \xi_2) d\xi_1 d\xi_2$
- 4 $F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X,Y}(\xi_1, \xi_2) d\xi_2 d\xi_1$
 $F_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X,Y}(\xi_1, \xi_2) d\xi_1 d\xi_2$
- 5 $P\{x_1 < X \leq x_2, y_1 < Y \leq y_2\} = \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$
- 6 $f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy$
 $f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx$

Marginal Density Functions

for **continuous** 2 random variable X and Y

- $F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X,Y}(\xi_1, \xi_2) d\xi_2 d\xi_1$
- $F_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X,Y}(\xi_1, \xi_2) d\xi_1 d\xi_2$
- $f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy$
- $f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx$
- $f_X(x) = \frac{dF_X(x)}{dx}$
- $f_Y(y) = \frac{dF_Y(y)}{dy}$

Marginal Density Functions

for **continuous** N random variable X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n

$$f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) dx_{k+1} dx_{k+2} \cdots dx_N$$

