

Math 481/581 Mathematical Statistics I
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(p.1) Transformation of a random pair (X, Y) .

Given a pair of random variables (X, Y) with joint density $f(x, y)$, we want a method for calculating the distribution of $g(X, Y)$ for some real valued function g of two variables, e.g. the sum: $g(x, y) = x + y$, product $g(x, y) = xy$, quotient, etc.

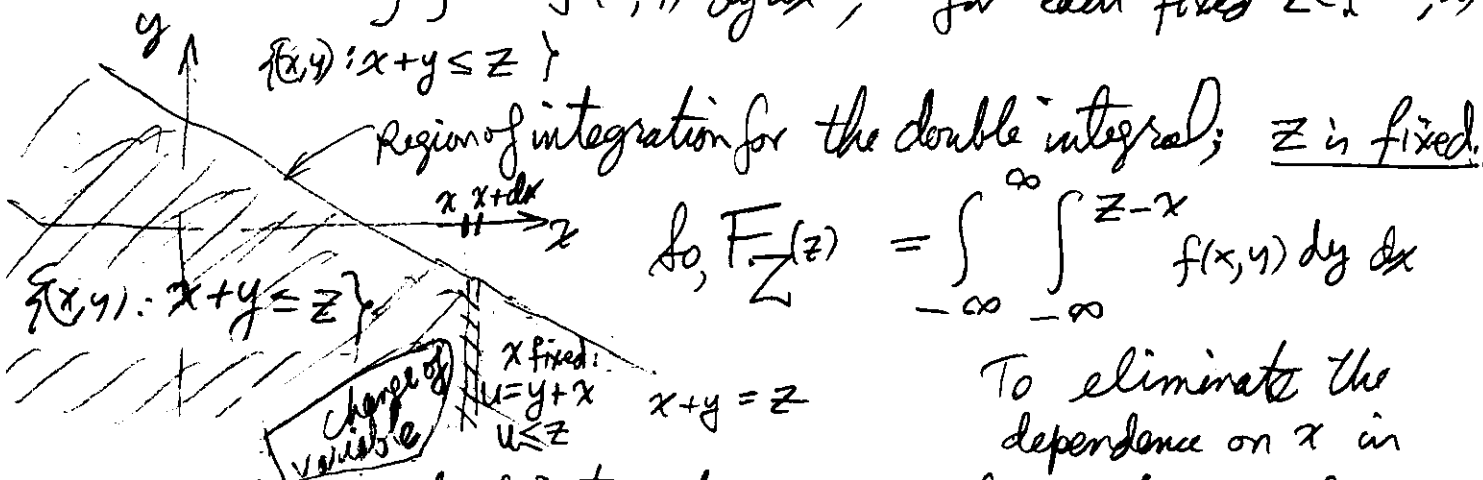
In general we will apply a density transformation method to a one-to-one transformation of the plane $u = g(x, y)$, $v = h(x, y)$ as covered by Proposition A, p. 102. For this method we find the joint density $f_{UV}(u, v)$ of the pair $U := g(X, Y)$ and $V := h(X, Y)$ in terms u, v of the transformation (g, h) and the original joint density $f_{XY}(x, y) = f_{X, Y}(x, y)$. One then finds the density of U by calculating the marginal density of the joint density $f_{UV}(u, v)$. Thus in the method of Proposition A one must introduce a second real valued transformation $v = h(x, y)$ that may or may not be of interest but at least provides a nice one-to-one transformation of the plane when paired with the original mapping g . We will illustrate below. But first, if g is particularly simple we may be able to apply the distribution function method directly without introducing a second real valued function $h(x, y)$.
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1-2) Distribution function method for calculating the density of $Z := X + Y$.

Consider $Z := X + Y$. We have $F_Z(z) = P(X + Y \leq z)$

$$= \iint_{\{(x,y): x+y \leq z\}} f(x,y) dy dx, \text{ for each fixed } z \in (-\infty, \infty)$$



$$\text{So, } F_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{z-x} f(x,y) dy dx$$

To eliminate the dependence on x in

the limit of integration, we make a change of variable for each x fixed on the variable y of the inner integral: $u = y + x$; then $u = dy$, and $y = u - x$ and finally u goes from $-\infty$ to z .

$$F_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^z f(x, u-x) du dx$$

Now, since the region of integration in the double integral is a rectangle, we switch the order of integration to find

$$F_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^z \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, u-x) dx du$$

Differentiating wr.t. z finally, by the Fund. Thm of Calculus we have

$$(*) \quad \boxed{f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, z-x) dx}$$

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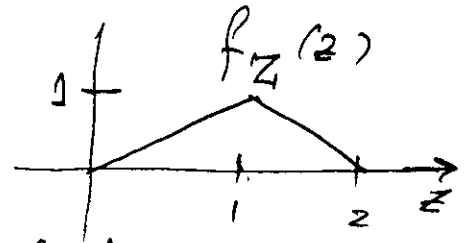
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Example. Let $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } f_Z(z) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, z-x) dx = \int 1 dx \\ &= \begin{cases} \int_0^z 1 dx, & 0 \leq z \leq 1 \\ \int_{z-1}^1 1 dx, & 1 \leq z \leq 2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\{x: 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq z-x \leq 1\} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \{x: 0 \leq x \leq 1, x \leq z, x \geq z-1\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f_Z(z) = \begin{cases} z-0 = z, & 0 \leq z \leq 1 \\ 1-(z-1) = 2-z, & 1 \leq z \leq 2 \end{cases}$$



density of the sum of two independent $\text{Unif}(0,1)$ r.v.'s

We apply Proposition A to recover the result (*), as follows. Define $U := X+Y$ and $V := X-Y$. This gives a one-to-one transformation of the plane.

We have that $\int_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}} f_{U,V}(u,v) dA = \int_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}} f(x,y) dx dy$

$$\text{where } dA = \left| \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} \right| dx dy \quad \text{for } \left| \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} \right| = \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \right|$$

$$= \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right| = |-2| = 2. \quad \text{Therefore,}$$

$$f_{U,V}(u,v) = \int_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}} f(x,y) \left| \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} \right|^{-1} = \int_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}} f(x,y) \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

where $x = \frac{u+v}{2}$, $y = \frac{u-v}{2}$, therefore

$$f_{U,V}(u,v) = \frac{1}{2} f\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \frac{u-v}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{Hence } f_U(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} f\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \frac{u-v}{2}\right) dv = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} f(x, u-x) 2 dx$$

u : fixed
 $x := \frac{u+v}{2}$, $dx = \frac{dv}{2}$ or $dv = 2dx$

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(p. 4) 3.6. Example A Let $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda x} \cdot \lambda e^{-\lambda y} & ; x, y > 0, \\ 0 & , \text{else.} \end{cases}$

be the joint density of two independent exponential r.v.'s each with parameter λ . Then by (*), or by the bottom of p. 97 (the convolution of the two exponential densities) we have, for $Z := X + Y$, that, for $Z > 0$,

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{\{x: 0 < x < \infty, z-x > 0\}} \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda x} e^{-\lambda(z-x)} dx$$

$$= \int_0^z \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda x} e^{-\lambda z + \lambda x} dx = \lambda^2 z e^{-\lambda z}, z > 0$$

This is the density of a Gamma r.v. with parameters λ and $\alpha = 2$.

We can extend Example A, as follows:

Suppose $f_X(x) = \frac{\lambda^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$, $x > 0$ and $f_Y(y) = \frac{\lambda^\beta y^{\beta-1} e^{-\lambda y}}{\Gamma(\beta)}$, $y > 0$

are Gamma densities with parameters λ and α and

λ and β respectively. Let $Z := X + Y$ for independent r.v.'s X and Y with these respective Gamma densities, so

again $f(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$. The convolution of the two densities is a Gamma density with parameters λ and $\alpha + \beta$, as follows:

$$f_Z(z) = \int_0^z \frac{\lambda^{\alpha+\beta} x^{\alpha-1} (z-x)^{\beta-1} e^{-\lambda x} e^{-\lambda(z-x)}}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} dx$$

$$\theta = \frac{x}{z} \Rightarrow dx = z d\theta, \quad x^{\alpha-1} = z^{\alpha-1} \theta^{\alpha-1}, \quad (z-x)^{\beta-1} = z^{\beta-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1}$$

$$\frac{\lambda^{\alpha+\beta} e^{-\lambda z}}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^z x^{\alpha-1} (z-x)^{\beta-1} dx = \frac{\lambda^{\alpha+\beta} e^{-\lambda z}}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^1 z^{\alpha+\beta-1} \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^{\alpha+\beta} e^{-\lambda z} z^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} = \frac{\lambda^{\alpha+\beta} e^{-\lambda z} z^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}, z > 0$$

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(p.5) Note that the last computation automatically gives the result that $\int_0^1 \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1} d\theta = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}$

once we know the Gamma family. Indeed, the form $f_Z(z) = z^{\alpha+\beta-1} e^{-\lambda z} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} C_{\alpha,\beta} z^{\alpha}$,

for a constant $C_{\alpha,\beta}$, implies that $f_Z(z)$ is a Gamma density and that $C_{\alpha,\beta} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}$.

We apply this extension of 3.6.1 Example A as follows. Let X and Y be independent standard normal random variables ($X \sim N(0,1) \Rightarrow f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}$)

Then first, the density of $U := X^2$ is obtained by proposition B, p.62: $du = 2x dx$ or $\frac{dx}{du} = \frac{1}{2x}$

$$\begin{aligned} f_U(u) &= \left(f_X(\sqrt{u}) + f_X(-\sqrt{u}) \right) \left| \frac{dx}{du} \right| \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(\sqrt{u})^2/2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(-\sqrt{u})^2/2} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{u}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-u/2} u^{-1/2}, u > 0. \text{ Since we know } \Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}, \end{aligned}$$

this gives the Gamma density with $\lambda = 1/2$, $\alpha = 1/2$:

$$f_U(u) = \frac{(\frac{1}{2})^{1/2}}{\Gamma(1/2)} e^{-u/2} u^{1/2-1}, u > 0. \text{ Therefore,}$$

if we put also $V := Y^2$ then $T = R^2 := X^2 + Y^2 = U + V$

has the Gamma density with parameters $\lambda = 1/2$ and $\alpha = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$, that is an exponential density with $\lambda = 1/2$: $f_T(t) = \frac{(\frac{1}{2})^1}{\Gamma(1)} e^{-t/2} t^0 = \frac{1}{2} e^{-t/2}$, $t > 0$.

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 (p.6) 3.6.2 Example A.

If we introduce the other polar variable $\Theta = \arctan\left(\frac{Y}{X}\right)$ then we have $X = R \cos \Theta$, $Y = R \sin \Theta$ and we can find the joint density of R and Θ by Proposition A, p.102:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{R, \Theta}(r, \theta) &= f_{X, Y}(x, y) \left| \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} \right| \\
 &= \frac{e^{-(r \cos \theta)^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{e^{-(r \sin \theta)^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left| \det \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \right| \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-r^2/2} \cdot r \cdot r > 0, \quad 0 < \theta < 2\pi. \\
 &= \begin{cases} r e^{-r^2/2} & , \quad 0 < r < \infty \\ 0 & , \quad \text{else} \end{cases} \cdot \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\pi} & , \quad 0 < \theta < 2\pi \\ 0 & , \quad \text{else} \end{cases} \\
 &= f_R(r) f_{\Theta}(\theta) \quad , \quad \text{a product of two densities.}
 \end{aligned}$$

This gives the result that Θ is $\text{Unif}(0, 2\pi)$ and independent of R (!). Thus since also $T = R^2 \sim \text{exponential}(\frac{1}{2})$, one may generate a pair of independent standard normal variables as

$$X = \sqrt{T} \cos(\Theta), \quad Y = \sqrt{T} \sin(\Theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi X &= \sqrt{-2 \ln(1 - U_1)} \cos(2\pi U_2) & Y &= \sqrt{-2 \ln(1 - U_1)} \sin(2\pi U_2) \\
 &\text{for independent } \text{Uniform}(0, 1) \text{ r.v.s } U_1 \text{ and } U_2
 \end{aligned}$$