

This Week :

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- Multiple Random Variables
 - Distribution functions
 - Marginal and Conditionals
 - RV Independence and Implications
 - Expectations of multiple rvs
 - Bayes Theorem and Total Probability for rvs [SIT]
- Transformations of rvs
 - $F_x(\cdot)$ approach
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I Multiple Random Variables:

So far we have described random variables in isolation. e.g. knowing $f_X(x)$ for $X(\omega)$ completely describes X .

Working with ensembles of random variables requires an extra level of abstraction to handle interdependencies. e.g. knowing f_X for X and f_Y for Y is not enough to make meaningful statements about events like $\{(X, Y) \in A \times B\}$ because X and Y may have a nontrivial dependence.

We need a joint distribution specification. The joint CDF :

$$F_{XY}(x, y) = P(X \in (-\infty, x], Y \in (-\infty, y]) \\ = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y)$$

is the most fundamental joint description for (X, Y)

Assuming absolute continuity, we get a joint PDF:

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

We also get expectations: (for measurable fns $g(x, y)$)

$$E_{XY}[g(x, y)] = \iint g(x, y) \cdot f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy$$

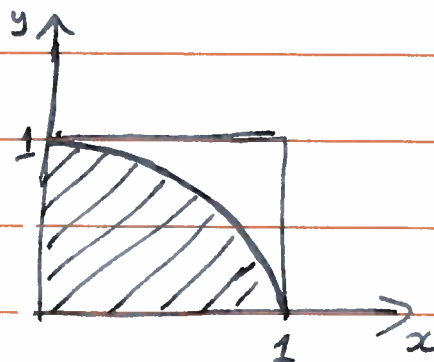
We can now write for $D \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})$

$$P((X, Y) \in D) = \iint_D f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy$$

e.g.: $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & (x, y) \notin [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \\ 1 & 0 \leq x, y \leq 1 \end{cases}$

$$D = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$$

$$P((X, Y) \in D) = ??$$



Ans.: $P(D) = \iint_D f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy$
 $= \iint_D 1 dx dy$

$$dx dy = r dr d\theta \quad ; \quad \theta \in (0, \pi/2), \quad r \in (0, 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow P(D) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^1 r dr d\theta$$

$$= \pi/2 \int_0^1 r dr$$

$$= \pi/4 \left. r^2 \right|_0^1$$

$$P(D) = \pi/4$$

[Sometimes used as a probabilistic method for estimating π]

(cf. Monte Carlo methods)

The joint descriptions, f_{xy} , F_{xy} , subsume the marginal descriptions:

$$\begin{array}{l|l} f_x(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{xy}(x,y) dy & F_x(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} F_{xy}(x,y) \\ f_y(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{xy}(x,y) dx & F_y(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_{xy}(x,y) \end{array}$$

They also allow for conditional descriptions

$$f_{x|y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{xy}(x,y)}{f_y(y)} \quad \Bigg| \quad f_{y|x}(y|x) = \frac{f_{xy}(x,y)}{f_x(x)}$$

or $f_{xy}(x,y) = f_{x|y}(x|y) \cdot f_y(y) = f_{y|x}(y|x) \cdot f_x(x)$

By arguments with infinitesimals, we get Bayes Theorem

$$f(x|y) = \frac{f(x) \cdot f(y|x)}{\int f(x) f(y|x) dx}$$

based on the Total Probability identity

$$\begin{aligned} f(y) &= \int f_{xy}(x,y) dx \\ &= \int f(x) \cdot f(y|x) dx \quad [T_P] \end{aligned}$$

The last decomposition for $f_Y(y)$ also gives

$$P(X \in A) = \int P(X \in A | Y=y) \cdot f_Y(y) dy$$

$$P((X,Y) \in D) = \int P((X,Y) \in D | Y=y) \cdot f_Y(y) dy$$

where $P((X,Y) \in D | Y=y) = \int_0 f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$

RV Independence :

X, Y independent

$$\Leftrightarrow P(X \in A, Y \in B) = P(X \in A) \cdot P(Y \in B) \quad \forall A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P(X \in (-\infty, x], Y \in (-\infty, y]) = P(X \in (-\infty, x]) \cdot P(Y \in (-\infty, y])$$

$$\Leftrightarrow F_{XY}(x, y) = F_X(x) \cdot F_Y(y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f_{XY}(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f_{X|Y}(x|y) = f_X(x) ; f_{Y|X}(y|x) = f_Y(y)$$

Also X, Y independent (\forall measurable fns g, h)

$$\Rightarrow E_{XY}[g(X) \cdot h(Y)] = E_X[g(X)] \cdot E_Y[h(Y)]$$

This is a very stringent condition. e.g. suppose

$E[X] = 0$. then \forall meas. $g(\cdot)$

$$E[X \cdot g(Y)] = E[X] \cdot E[g(Y)] = 0 \quad \forall g(\cdot) !!!$$

Also if X, Y independent

$$\Rightarrow P(X \in A | Y=y) \stackrel{\text{Ind.}}{=} \int_A f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Ind.}}{=} \int_A f_X(x) dx$$

$$P(X \in A | Y=y) = P(X \in A)$$

"SIT" Technique for calculating probabilities:

(1) T_p: Use Total Probability

(2) S: Substitute* x for r.v. X if $X=x$

(3) I: Use Independence of X, Y if applicable

e.g. [T_p]

$Y \sim \text{exp}(1)$; $X \sim U(0,1)$; $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$

$P(Y > X) = ???$

$$\underline{\text{Ans}} \quad P(Y > X) \stackrel{\text{T}_p}{=} \int P(Y > X | X=x) \cdot f_X(x) dx$$

$$\stackrel{\text{S}}{=} \int P(Y > \underset{\uparrow}{x} | X=x) \cdot f_X(x) dx$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Ind}}{=} \int P(Y > x) \cdot f_X(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \exp(-x) \cdot 1 dx$$

$$\therefore P(Y > X) = 1 - \exp(-1)$$

* Refer to Gubner Example 13.23 for a more complete exposition/proof of the substitution Law

e.g: ^[T_p] X, Y, Z : iid $U(0, 1)$

$$P(X \geq YZ) = ?$$

Ans:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq YZ) &\stackrel{T_p}{=} \iint P(X \geq yz \mid Y=y, Z=z) \cdot f_{YZ}(y, z) dy dz \\ &\stackrel{\text{ind. } YZ}{=} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 P(X \geq yz \mid Y=y, Z=z) \cdot f_Y(y) \cdot f_Z(z) dy dz \\ &\stackrel{\text{ind. } X}{=} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 P(X \geq yz) \cdot f_Y(y) \cdot f_Z(z) dy dz \\ &= \iint [1 - F_X(yz)] \cdot f_Y(y) f_Z(z) dy dz \\ &= \iint (1 - yz) \cdot f_Y(y) \cdot f_Z(z) dy dz \\ &= \left[\int_0^1 y f_Y(y) dy \right] \\ &= \iint_0^1 (1 - yz) dy dz \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int_0^1 (y - y^2 z / 2) \Big|_0^1 dz$$

$$= \int_0^1 (1 - z/2) dz$$

$$= z - z^2/4 \Big|_0^1$$

$$= 1 - 1/4$$

$$P(X \geq YZ) = 3/4$$

e.g : [Bayes Thm for rvs]

Suppose $X \sim b(n, p)$ $p \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$

Qu find $f(p|X=k)$

Ans: Recall $(b(n, p), \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta))$
are conjugate $\Rightarrow p|X=k \sim \text{Beta}(\dots)$

Ans :

$$f(p|X) = \frac{f(X=k|p) \cdot h(p)}{\int f(X=k|p) \cdot h(p) dp}$$

$$= \binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)} \cdot p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \cdot p^{\alpha-1} (1-p)^{\beta-1}$$
$$\binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)} \cdot \int_0^1 p^{\alpha+k-1} \cdot (1-p)^{\beta+n-k-1} dp$$

$$f(p|X) = \frac{p^{\alpha+k-1} \cdot (1-p)^{\beta+n-k-1}}{\int_0^1 \dots dp}$$

$$\therefore f(p|X=k) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+n)}{\Gamma(\alpha+k) \Gamma(\beta+n-k)} p^{\alpha+k-1} \cdot (1-p)^{\beta+n-k-1}$$

$$p|X=k \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha+k, \beta+n-k)$$

Qu: Given our updated pdf of p given observed data $X=k$, What is our current "best" estimate, $\hat{\theta}$, for the value of p ?

Ans: This depends on how you define "best"/"optimal" estimates. Bayes-optimal estimates define $\hat{\theta}$ as the estimate that minimizes an average loss:

$$\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\text{argmin}} E_{p|X} [L(\theta; p)]$$

eg: Pick the optimal estimate $\hat{\theta}$ for p that

minimizes the average square estimation error

$$L(\theta; p) = (p - \theta)^2 \text{ between the current estimate, } \theta, \text{ and true value, } p.$$

(a) The loss function (error function) is

$$L(\theta; p) = (p - \theta)^2 \quad [\text{Squared Error Loss}]$$

$$\text{Average loss} \quad R(\theta) = E_{p|X} [L(\theta; p)] \quad [\text{Risk function}]$$

$$\Rightarrow R(\theta) = E[(p - \theta)^2] = \int_0^1 (p - \theta)^2 \cdot f(p|X) dp$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} R(\theta) = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{ E[(p - \theta)^2] \} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{ E[p^2] - 2\theta E[p] + \theta^2 \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial R / \partial \theta = -2E[p] + 2\theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{\theta} = E_{p|X} [p]}$$

$$(b) \quad L(\theta; p) = \begin{cases} 0 & \theta = p \\ 1 & \theta \neq p \end{cases} = 1 - \delta(p - \theta) \quad [0-1 \text{ loss}]$$

$$\Rightarrow R(\theta) = E_{p|X} [1 - \delta(p - \theta)] = 1 - \int \delta(p - \theta) \cdot f_{p|X}(p|X) dp$$

$$R(\theta) = 1 - f(p|X)|_{p=\theta}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} R(\theta) \Leftrightarrow \hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} f(p|X)$$

$$\text{i.e. } \boxed{\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{mode}(f(p|X))}$$

$$(c) \quad L(\theta; p) = |p - \theta| \quad [\text{absolute error loss}]$$

$$\Rightarrow R(\theta) = \int_0^1 |p - \theta| f(p|X) dp$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{ R(\theta) \} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ \int_0^{\theta} (\theta - p) f_{p|X} dp + \int_{\theta}^1 (p - \theta) f_{p|X} dp \right\}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \hat{\theta} \text{ such that } \int_0^{\hat{\theta}} f_{p|X} dp = \int_{\hat{\theta}}^1 f_{p|X} dp \quad \therefore \boxed{\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{median}(f(p|X))}$$

eg: $[E_{xy}[\cdot]]$

X is independent of Y

$$E[XY] = ? \quad \text{Var}[XY] = ?$$

ans:

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{xy}[XY] &= \iint xy f_{xy}(x,y) dx dy \\
&\stackrel{\text{ind.}}{=} \iint x \cdot y f_x(x) \cdot f_y(y) dx dy \\
&= \left[\int x \cdot f_x(x) dx \right] \left[\int y f_y(y) dy \right] \\
&= E_x[X] E_y[Y]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}[XY] = E[(XY)^2] - (E[XY])^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\stackrel{\text{ind.}}{=} E[X^2] \cdot E[Y^2] - E^2[X] \cdot E^2[Y] \\
&= (\sigma_x^2 + \mu_x^2) \cdot (\sigma_y^2 + \mu_y^2) - \mu_x^2 \cdot \mu_y^2 \\
\text{Var}[XY] &= \sigma_x^2 \cdot \sigma_y^2 + \mu_x^2 \sigma_y^2 + \mu_y^2 \sigma_x^2
\end{aligned}$$

Suppose $\mu_x = \mu_y = 0$

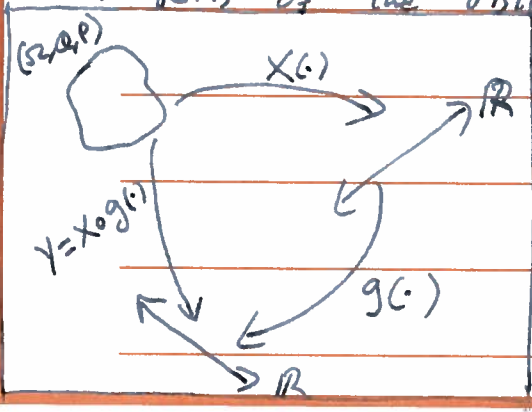
$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}[XY] = \sigma_x^2 \cdot \sigma_y^2$$

II Transformation of Random Variables

Suppose $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a random variable and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a measurable function.

Define a derived rv: $Y = g(X)$.

How do we express the distribution law for Y in terms of the distribution of X which we know?



We just use the preimage for g to convert Borel sets for Y into Borel set for X which we can measure:

$$P(Y \in B) = P(g \circ X \in B) = P(X \in g^{-1}(B))$$

e.g. $Z \sim C(0,1)$; $W = g(Z) = |Z|$

$f_W(w) = ?$

Ans:

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

$$F_W(w) = P(W \leq w)$$

$$= P(g(Z) \leq w)$$

$$= P(|Z| \leq w)$$

$$= P(-w \leq Z \leq w) *$$

$$= F_Z(w) - F_Z(-w)$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_w F_W(w) = \partial_w F_Z(w) - (-\partial_w F_Z(-w))$$

$$\Rightarrow f_W(w) = f_Z(w) + f_Z(-w)$$

$$= f_Z(w) + f_Z(w) \leftarrow f_Z \text{ even}$$

$$f_W(w) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi(1+w^2)} & \forall w \geq 0 \\ 0 & \forall w < 0 \end{cases}$$

Claim:

X, Y : independent

$$Z = X + Y$$

$$\Rightarrow f_z = f_x * f_y$$

By induction:

$$[Z = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i]$$

$$\Rightarrow [f_z = f_{x_1} * \dots * f_{x_n}]$$

Proof:

$$F_z(z) = P(X + Y \leq z) = P(X \leq z - Y)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Total}}{=} \int P(X \leq z - y | Y = y) \cdot f_y(y) dy$$

$$\stackrel{s}{=} \int P(X \leq z - y | Y = y) \cdot f_y(y) dy$$

$$\stackrel{\text{ind}}{=} \int P(X \leq z - y) \cdot f_y(y) dy$$

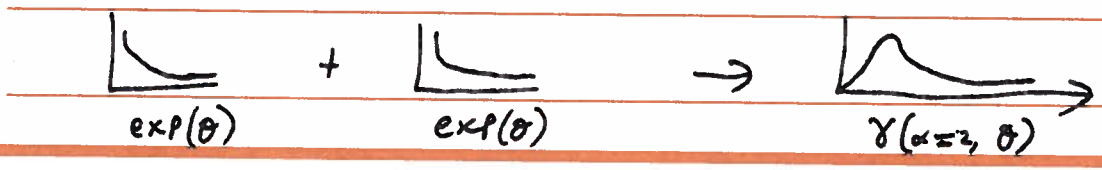
$$F_z(z) = \int F_x(z - y) f_y(y) dy$$

$$\Rightarrow f_z(z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[\int F_x(z - y) \cdot f_y(y) dy \right]$$

$$= \int \frac{\partial F_x(z - y)}{\partial z} \cdot f_y(y) dy \quad \left[\text{Leibnitz's Rule} \right]$$

$$\boxed{f_z(z) = \int f_x(z - y) f_y(y) dy}$$

i.e. $f_z = f_x * f_y$



e.g $f_{xy}(x,y) = \exp[-(x+y)]$

$$Z = \frac{X}{X+Y} \quad [\Rightarrow Z \in (0,1)]$$

$$f_z(z) = ?$$

Ans: $F_z(z) = P(Z \leq z) = P\left(\frac{X}{X+Y} \leq z\right) = P(X \leq z(X+Y))$
 $= P((1-z)X \leq zY)$

$$F_z(z) \stackrel{I.P.}{=} \int P(X \leq \frac{z}{1-z}Y | Y=y) \cdot f_y(y) dy$$

$$f_{xy} = f_x \cdot f_y = \exp(-x) \cdot \exp(-y)$$

$$\Rightarrow X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \Rightarrow P(X \leq \frac{z}{1-z}y | Y=y) = P(X \leq \frac{zy}{1-z})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow F_z(z) &= \int F_x\left(\frac{zy}{1-z}\right) \cdot f_y(y) dy \\ &= \int_0^\infty [1 - \exp\left(\frac{-zy}{1-z}\right)] \cdot \exp(-y) dy \\ &= \int_0^\infty \exp(-y) - \exp\left[-y/(1-z)\right] dy \\ &= 1 - \left[-(1-z) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-y}{1-z}\right) \right] \Big|_0^\infty \\ &= 1 - (1-z) \end{aligned}$$

$$F_z(z) = z$$

$$\therefore f_z(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & z \in [0,1] \\ 0 & z \notin (0,1) \end{cases}$$

$$Z \sim U(0,1)$$

e.g. :

$X, Y \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$, independent

$$Z = X^2 + Y^2 \quad [\text{i.e. } Z \geq 0]$$

$$f_z(z) = ?$$

Ans :

$$F_z(z) = P(Z \leq z)$$

$$= P(X^2 + Y^2 \leq z)$$

$$= \iint_{C_z} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$$

$$C_z = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq z\}$$

$$= \iint_{C_z} \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{(x^2+y^2)}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx dy$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \quad ; \quad dx dy = r dr d\theta$$

$$C_z = \{(r,\theta) \mid r^2 \leq z\} = \{(r,\theta) \mid r \leq \sqrt{z}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_z(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\sqrt{z}} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \exp(-r^2/2\sigma^2) r dr d\theta$$

$$F_z(z) = 2\pi/2\pi \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \int_0^{\sqrt{z}} r \cdot \exp(-r^2/2\sigma^2) dr$$

$$y = r^2/2\sigma^2 \Rightarrow dy = r/\sigma^2 dr \quad ; \quad r = \sqrt{z} \Rightarrow y = z/2\sigma^2$$

$$\Rightarrow F_z(z) = \int_0^{z/2\sigma^2} \exp(-y) dy$$

$$F_z(z) = [1 - \exp(-z/2\sigma^2)] \cdot U(z)$$

$$f_z(z) = dF_z/dz \quad \uparrow [\because z \geq 0]$$

$$\therefore \boxed{f_z(z) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \cdot \exp(-z/2\sigma^2) \cdot U(z)}$$

i.e. $Z \sim \text{exp}(2\sigma^2) = \chi^2(r=2, \theta=2\sigma^2) = \gamma(1, 2\sigma^2)$

eg 6: $Z = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$

$$f_z(z) = ???$$

Same argument as in (2a) but $\tilde{C}_z = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq z^2\}$

$$\Rightarrow F_z(z) = \iint_{\tilde{C}_z} f_{XY}(x, y) dy dx$$

in polar coordinates:

$$\tilde{C}_z = \{(r, \theta) \mid r \leq z\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow F_z(z) &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^z \exp(-r^2/2\sigma^2) r dr d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \cdot \int_0^z \exp(-r^2/2\sigma^2) r dr \end{aligned}$$

$$[y = r^2/2\sigma^2] \quad r=z \Rightarrow y = z^2/2\sigma^2$$

$$\Rightarrow F_z(z) = \int_0^{z^2/2\sigma^2} \exp(-y) dy$$

$$F_z(z) = 1 - \exp(-z^2/2\sigma^2)$$

$$f_z(z) = \partial F_z / \partial z$$

$$\therefore \boxed{f_z(z) = z/\sigma^2 \cdot \exp(-z^2/2\sigma^2) \cdot u(z)}$$

$$Z \sim \text{Rayleigh}(\sigma)$$

ex: $X, Y \sim N(0, 1)$, iid

$$Z = X/Y ; f_Z(z) = ?$$

Ans:

$$F_Z(z) = P(X/Y \leq z)$$

$$\stackrel{TP}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(X/Y \leq z | Y=y) \cdot f_Y(y) dy$$

[need to break integral because $\{X/Y \leq z\}$ is different if $Y \geq 0$]

$$\stackrel{S, Ind}{=} \int_{-\infty}^0 P(X \geq zy) f_Y(y) dy$$

$$+ \int_0^{\infty} P(X \leq zy) f_Y(y) dy$$

$$F_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^0 (1 - F_X(zy)) f_Y(y) dy + \int_0^{\infty} F_X(zy) f_Y(y) dy$$

$$\Rightarrow f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^0 -y \cdot f_X(zy) f_Y(y) dy + \int_0^{\infty} y f_X(zy) f_Y(y) dy$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y| f_X(zy) \cdot f_Y(y) dy$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y| \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \exp\left(-\frac{z^2 y^2}{2} - \frac{y^2}{2}\right) dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y| \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2} (1+z^2)\right) dy$$

$$\stackrel{even}{=} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} y \exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2} (1+z^2)\right) dy$$

$$r = \frac{y^2}{2} (1+z^2) \quad y \in (0, \infty) \Rightarrow r \in (0, \infty)$$

$$dr = \frac{y}{1+z^2} \cdot dy \quad \Rightarrow \quad dy = \frac{dr}{y(1+z^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_Z(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1+z^2} \cdot \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-r) dr = \frac{1}{\pi(1+z^2)}$$

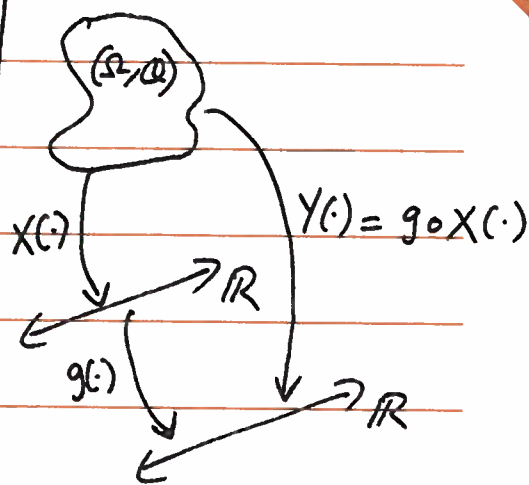
i.e. $Z \sim C(0, 1)$

Transformations by Formulae:

We can also derive the distribution of $Y = g(X)$ using a formula.

The intuition behind the formula is to examine how $g(\cdot)$

"redistributes mass" in terms of $P_X(A)$



$$\begin{aligned} \{\omega \in \Omega \mid Y(\omega) \in A_Y\} &= \{\omega \in \Omega \mid g \circ X(\omega) \in A_Y\} = \{\omega \in \Omega \mid X(\omega) \in g^{-1}(A_Y)\} \\ \Rightarrow P(Y \in A_Y) &= P(g \circ X \in A_Y) \\ &= P(X \in g^{-1}(A_Y)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } P_Y(A_Y) = P_X(g^{-1}(A_Y))$$

Typically g is not 1-1/onto/simple/linear

$$\text{So } g^{-1}(A_Y) = \bigcup_i A_{X_i} \quad \{A_{X_i}\}_i \text{ disjoint}$$

A_{X_i} represent the distinct disjoint solutions sets of the equation $y = g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow P_Y(A_Y) = \sum_i P_X(A_{X_i})$$

Recall that Borel sets (like intervals $[y, y+dy]$) completely specify

P_Y . So suppose WLOG $A_Y = [y, y+dy]$.

$$\Rightarrow P_Y(A_Y) = F_Y(y+dy) - F_Y(y) = \sum_i [F_X(x_i+dx_i) - F_X(x_i)]$$

$$[dy, dx_i \rightarrow 0] \approx \Rightarrow f_Y(y) |dy| = \sum_i f_X(x_i) |dx_i|$$

$$\text{i.e. } P_Y(A_Y) \approx f_Y(y) |dy| = \sum_i f_X(x_i) |dx_i|$$

$$|dy| = |g'(x)| |dx|$$

i.e.
$$f_y(y) = \sum_i f_x(x) \cdot \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right|_{x=x_i}$$

or
$$f_y(y) = \sum_i \frac{f_x(x)}{|g'(x)|} \Big|_{x=x_i}$$

where $\{x_i\}_i$ are the distinct roots of the equation

$$g(x) = y. \quad x_i \text{ are in terms of } y \text{ \& } i$$

for multidimensional transformations $\vec{y} = g(\vec{x})$, we get

$$f_{\vec{y}}(\vec{y}) = \frac{f_{\vec{x}}(\vec{x})}{|\det(\partial \vec{y} / \partial \vec{x})|} \Big|_{\vec{x}=\vec{x}_i}$$

e.g.: $[z \sim C(0,1), w = |z| \text{ example again}]$

$$f_w(w) = \sum_i f_z(z) / |g'(z)| \Big|_{z=z_i}$$

$$w = g(z) = |z| \Rightarrow \text{roots of } w = g(z) = \{-w, w\}$$

$$g'(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & z > 0 \\ -1 & z < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_w(w) = f_z(w) / |g'(z)| \Big|_{z=w} + f_z(-w) / |g'(z)| \Big|_{z=-w}$$

$$= f_z(w) + f_z(-w) = 2 f_z(w)$$

$$f_w(w) = \frac{2}{\pi(1+w^2)} \quad \forall w \geq 0$$

eg

$$Y = g(X) = X^2 ; X \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$y = g(x) \Rightarrow x \in \{-\sqrt{y}, \sqrt{y}\}$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$g'(x) = 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow f_Y(y) = \frac{f_X(x)}{|2x|} \Big|_{x=\sqrt{y}} + \frac{f_X(x)}{|2x|} \Big|_{x=-\sqrt{y}}$$

$$= \frac{f_X(\sqrt{y})}{2\sqrt{y}} + \frac{f_X(-\sqrt{y})}{2\sqrt{y}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \cdot 2 f_X(\sqrt{y})$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{y}{2\sigma^2}\right) u(y)$$

eg: $Y = g(X) = \exp(X) ; X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) [\Rightarrow Y \geq 0]$

$$g'(x) = \exp(x) ; y = g(x) \Rightarrow x \in \{\ln y\}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{f_X(x)}{|\exp(x)|} \Big|_{x=\ln y} = \frac{f_X(\ln y)}{|\exp(\ln y)|} = \frac{f_X(\ln y)}{|y|}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{y\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\ln y - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) u(y)$$

i.e. $Y \sim \text{lognormal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$