

Review.

① Distribution of a function of random variable

$Y = g(X)$, pdf of X is given, pdf of Y is desired

Step 1. Find type of Y & its support

Step 2. If continuous-type find its cdf, if discrete type find its pmf

Step 3. If continuous-type find its pdf by differentiating

② Generating variable with specified distribution

. Given $U \sim \text{unif}([0,1])$ and a cdf F , find function g such that the cdf of $X = g(U)$ is F , i.e., for any $c \in \mathbb{R}$ $F_X(c) = F(c)$.

. Answer: $g(u) = F^{-1}(u) = \min\{c : F(c) \geq u\}$.

(a) if possible calculate F^{-1}

(b) if it is hard use reflection & then make it into a function.

③ Hypothesis testing for continuous type observation.

(i) The system generates continuous-type random variable X

. If the system is in state H_0 , the pdf of X is given by f_0 .

. If the system is in state H_1 , the pdf of X is given by f_1 .

(ii) We observe a realization of X , i.e., we observe $X = u$.

(iii) We guess the state of system, using our observation, based on the decision rule.

We are only interested in threshold decision rule that compare $\Lambda(u) = \frac{f_1(u)}{f_0(u)}$ with threshold τ .

$$\text{ML: } \tau = 1, \quad \text{MAP: } \tau = \frac{\pi_0}{\pi_1}$$

Today: ① quick recap of cdf

② Joint cdf

③ Joint pmf

① quick recap of cdf

Recall that cdf of a random variable X is defined as $F_X(c) = P(X \leq c)$, for any $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Also recall that a function F is a cdf if and only if it satisfies the following:

F.1. F is increasing

F.2. $\lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} F(c) = 1, \lim_{c \rightarrow -\infty} F(c) = 0$

F.3. F is right-continuous, i.e., $\lim_{a \rightarrow c^+} F(a) = F(c)$

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We were interested in F_X , since we were interested in distribution of X . What if we are interested in distribution of multiple random variable at the same time?

① joint cdf

Def. Suppose that X and Y are two random variables defined over the same probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) , i.e., $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $Y: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

The joint cumulative distribution function (joint cdf) is the function of two variables defined as

$$F_{X,Y}(u_0, v_0) = P\{X \leq u_0, Y \leq v_0\} \text{ for any } u_0 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } v_0 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

example. Suppose that X denote the temperature of your mobile while gaming, & Y denotes its CPU usage. We are interested in probability of the event $\{\omega \in \Omega: X(\omega) \leq 50^\circ \text{F and } Y(\omega) \leq 45\%\}$

$$F_{X,Y}(50, 0.45) = P(X \leq 50, Y \leq \frac{45}{100}) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega: X(\omega) \leq 50^\circ \text{F and } Y(\omega) \leq 45\%\})$$

Notice that X & Y are defined over the same space.

Notice that the event $\{X \leq u_0, Y \leq v_0\}$ means (X, Y) is in the shaded area below:

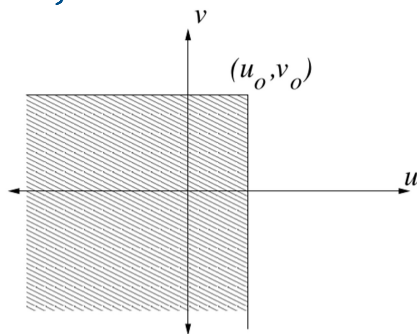


Figure 4.1: Region defining $F_{X,Y}(u_0, v_0)$.

Joint cdf uniquely determines the distribution of any joint event $P((X, Y) \in A)$ where $A \subset \mathbb{R}^2$. (A measurable!)

In particular, if $A = (a, b] \times (c, d]$ we have

$$P((X, Y) \in A) = P(a < X \leq b, c < Y \leq d) = F_{X,Y}(b, d) - F_{X,Y}(b, c) - F_{X,Y}(a, d) + F_{X,Y}(a, c)$$

$$= P(X \leq b, Y \leq d) - P(X \leq b, Y \leq c) - P(X \leq a, Y \leq d) + P(X \leq a, Y \leq c)$$

we have deducted this area twice
so we have to add one back
 \Rightarrow sign is +

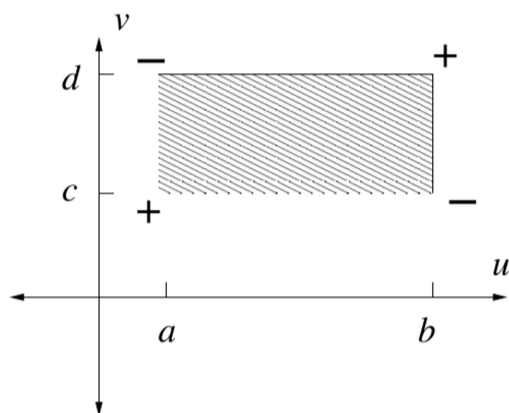


Figure 4.2: $P\{(X, Y) \in \text{shaded region}\}$ is equal to $F_{X,Y}$ evaluated at the corners with signs shown.

Joint cdf and marginal cdf are related to each other.

Proposition 4.1.1. Suppose that $F_{X,Y}$ is joint cdf of X and Y .

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} F_{X,Y}(u, v) = \lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} P(X \leq u, Y \leq v) = P(X \leq u) = F_X(u) \rightsquigarrow \text{called marginal cdf of } X$$

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} F_{X,Y}(u, v) = \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} P(X \leq u, Y \leq v) = P(Y \leq v) = F_Y(v) \rightsquigarrow \text{called marginal cdf of } Y$$

proof: Let $G_0 = \{X \leq u, Y \leq 0\}$ and define $G_n = \{X \leq u, n-1 < Y \leq n\}$ for any $n \geq 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(u) &= P(X \leq u) = P(G_0 \cup G_1 \cup G_2 \cup \dots) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(G_0) + \dots + P(G_n) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(G_0 \cup \dots \cup G_n) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X \leq u, Y \leq n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{X,Y}(u, n) \end{aligned}$$

Since $F_{X,Y}(u, v)$ is non-decreasing in v , $\lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} F_{X,Y}(u, v)$ is well-defined, and hence equals $F_X(u)$.

Similar to cdf, joint cdf also satisfies some properties. Moreover any function that satisfies these is a joint cdf.

Proposition: A function F is a joint cdf of some pair of random variables if and only if:

JF.1: $0 \leq F(u, v) \leq 1$ for any $(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

JF.2: $F(u, v)$ is non-decreasing in u and non-decreasing in v .

JF.3: $F(u, v)$ is right-continuous in u and right-continuous in v .

JF.4: $\lim_{u \rightarrow -\infty} F(u, v) = 0$ and $\lim_{v \rightarrow -\infty} F(u, v) = 0$

JF.5: $\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} F(u, v) = 1$

JF.6: For any $a < b$ and $c < d$, $F(b, d) - F(a, d) - F(b, c) + F(a, c) \geq 0$

\rightsquigarrow This is due dimension!

being non-decreasing won't guarantee this.

③ Joint pmf

Def. Suppose that X and Y are two discrete-type random variables defined over the same probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) . The joint probability mass function (joint pmf) is denoted by $p_{X,Y}$ and defined as:

$$p_{X,Y}(u,v) = P(X=u, Y=v)$$

Remark: Since X and Y are discrete type, they can only take at most countably many values.

• there exists u_1, u_2, \dots s.t. $P(X \in \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots\}) = 1$

• there exists v_1, v_2, \dots s.t. $P(Y \in \{v_1, v_2, \dots\}) = 1$

Joint pmf and marginal pmfs are related.

• $P_X(u) = P(X=u) = P(X=u, Y \in \{v_1, v_2, \dots\}) = \sum_i P(X=u, Y=v_i) = \sum_i p_{X,Y}(u, v_i) \rightsquigarrow$ marginal pmf of X

• $P_Y(v) = P(Y=v) = P(Y=v, X \in \{u_1, u_2, \dots\}) = \sum_i P(Y=v, X=u_i) = \sum_i p_{X,Y}(u_i, v) \rightsquigarrow$ marginal pmf of Y

P_X and P_Y are called marginal pmf.