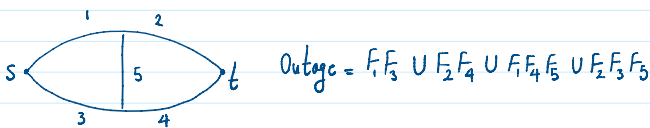


Week 6:

- ① Union bound:
$$\begin{cases} P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B), \text{ for any } A, B \in \mathcal{F} \\ P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i), \text{ for any } A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{F} \end{cases}$$

② Network outage probability:

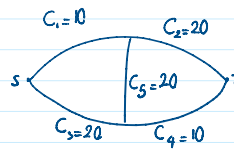
- We are sending packets from source node to terminal node using an underlying s-t network.
- link i in the s-t network fails with probability $p_i = P(F_i)$, independent of everything else.
- A network outage happens if at least one link fails over each path from s to t.



- Goal:
$$\begin{cases} \text{(i) exactly calculate } P(\text{Outage}) = P(F_5)P(F|F_5) + P(F_5^c)P(F|F_5^c) \\ \text{(ii) use union bound to upperbound } P(\text{Outage}) \leq P(F_1F_3) + P(F_2F_4) + P(F_1F_4F_5) + P(F_3F_2F_5) \end{cases}$$

③ Distribution of capacity of flow network

- There is a capacity assigned to each link.
- if link i fails, it cannot pass any packets.
- if link i works, it can pass packets up to its capacity C_i .



- Goal: pmf of capacity of network, i.e., pmf of number of packets that can reach terminal node, from source node.

④ Cumulative distribution function:

Def: $F_X(c) = P(X \leq c) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega: X(\omega) \leq c\})$, for any $c > 0$.

main properties: F is cdf of some random variable if & only if:

F.1. increasing: $a < b \Rightarrow F(a) < F(b)$

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

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

other properties:

(i) $F_X(c-) = \lim_{u \rightarrow c^-} F_X(u) = P(X < c)$

(ii) $\Delta F_X(c) = F_X(c) - F_X(c-) = P(X=c)$

(iii) For any $a < b$, $F_X(b) - F_X(a) = P(a < X \leq b)$, in particular $0 \leq F_X(a) \leq 1$.

⑤ Continuous random variable:

Def. X is continuous-type random variable if $F_X(c) = \int_{-\infty}^c f_X(u) du$; f_X is the probability density function of X .

. Support of f_X is the set u for which $f_X(u) > 0$

main properties: f is pdf of some random variable if & only if:

. $f_X(u) \geq 0$ for all $u \in \mathbb{R}$

. $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(u) dx = 1 = \lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} F_X(c)$

other properties.

. If f_X is continuous at u , then $F_X'(u) = f_X(u)$

. $P(X=u) = 0$ for all continuous random variables & any $u \in \mathbb{R}$.

② Uniform distribution:

Def. X is uniformly distributed over $[a, b]$, $X \sim \text{Unif}([a, b])$

$$f_X(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a \leq u \leq b \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}, \quad \mu_X = E[X] = \frac{b+a}{2}$$

$$\text{var}(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

week 7.

① exponential distribution.

Def. T has exponential distribution with parameter $\lambda > 0$, $T \sim \text{exp}(\lambda)$

$$f_T(t) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda t} & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

. cdf. $P(T \leq t) = F_T(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda t} & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$. complementary cdf. $P(T > t) = F_T^c(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-\lambda t} & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

. Mean & Variance: $E[T] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$, $\text{Var}(T) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$

. Memoryless property:

$$P(T > t+s | T > s) = P(T > t)$$

② relation between geometric distribution and exponential distribution.

Let X_h denote a geometric random variable with parameter $p_h = \lambda h$ for all $h > 0$. Let $T_h = hX_h$. We have

$$P(T_h > t) \rightarrow P(T > t) \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0$$

where T is a exponentially distributed random variable with parameter $\lambda > 0$.

③ Poisson process:

Def. A Poisson process with rate $\lambda > 0$ is a counting process $N = (N_t; t \geq 0)$ that satisfies the followings

(N.1) It has independent increment property. $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_k$, then $N_{t_2} - N_{t_1}, N_{t_3} - N_{t_2}, \dots, N_{t_k} - N_{t_{k-1}}$

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(N.2) For any $t > s$, $N_t - N_s$ has Poisson distribution with parameter $\lambda(t-s)$

(N.3) $N_0 = 0$.

• Some related random variables.

(i) U_n = inter arrival time between $(n-1)$ th and n th arrival, U_n has exponential distribution with parameter λ .

(ii) T_r = time till the r th arrival, T_r has Erlang distribution with parameters (r, λ)

$$f_{T_r}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^{r-1}}{(r-1)!}, & t \geq 0 \\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$F_{T_r}(t) = 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^i}{i!}$$

Notice that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{T_r}(u) du = 1$, since it is a pdf.

• Relation between above random variables:

(i) $N_t = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} 1_{\{T_r \leq t\}}$ where $1_{\{z\}}$ is indicator function.

$$1_A = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A \text{ is true} \\ 0 & \text{if } A \text{ is false} \end{cases}$$

(ii) $T_r = U_1 + U_2 + \dots + U_r$

(iii) $T_r = \min\{t : N_t \geq r\}$

Proposition: Let N be a random counting process and let $\lambda > 0$. The following are equivalent.

(i) N is a Poisson process with parameter λ .

(ii) The intercount (inter arrival) times U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n are mutually independent and exponentially distributed random variables.

④ Scaling of random variables.

$$Y = aX + b \Rightarrow f_Y(u) = \frac{1}{a} f_X\left(\frac{u-b}{a}\right)$$

week 8

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$$f_X(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(u-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), \quad u \in \mathbb{R}$$

μ mean σ^2 variance

Standardized version of X , $\tilde{X} = \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}$ is distributed as $N(0,1)$.

$$\cdot F_{\tilde{X}}(a) = P(\tilde{X} \leq a) = \int_{-\infty}^a \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{u^2}{2}\right) du = \Phi(a)$$

$$\cdot F_{\tilde{X}}^c(a) = P(\tilde{X} > a) = \int_a^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{u^2}{2}\right) du = 1 - \Phi(a) = Q(a)$$

Notice that $Q(a) = \Phi(-a)$ because of symmetry!

We can write:

$$P(a < X \leq b) = P(X \leq b) - P(X \leq a) = P\left(\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right) - P\left(\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$P(X > b) = P\left(\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma} > \frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right) = Q\left(\frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right) = \Phi\left(-\frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

② Gaussian approximation with error correction:

Let $S \sim \text{Bi}(n,p)$ denote a random variable with Binomial distribution. Let $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

denote a Gaussian random variable with same mean and variance as S , i.e., $\mu = np, \sigma^2 = np(1-p)$

$$P(S \leq k) \approx P(X \leq k+0.5)$$

$$P(S > k) \approx P(X \geq k+0.5)$$

$$P(S \geq k) \approx P(X \geq k-0.5)$$

} sum of these two should be one

③ ML parameter estimation for continuous-type random variables

(i) pdf of random variable X belongs to a family of parametrized distributions: f_{θ}

(ii) We are given an observation $X = u$.

(iii) We want to find the parameter that maximizes the pdf at u , i.e., $\hat{\theta}_{ML} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} f_{\theta}(u)$

Week 9:

① The distribution of a function of a random variable.

Suppose that $Y = g(X)$, X is continuous type. We want to find distribution of Y .

Step 1: identify type of Y (continuous-type or discrete-type) and support of Y (u.s.t. $f_Y(u) > 0$)

→ if Y is continuous-type.

Step 2: find its cdf. $F_Y(c) = P(Y \leq c) = P(g(X) \leq c) = \int_{u: g(u) \leq c} f_X(u) du$

Step 3: take derivative of $F_Y(c)$ to derive pdf of Y .

$$f_Y(c) = \frac{dF_Y(c)}{dc}$$

recap: cumulative of $f_Y(u)$ to derive pdf of Y :

$$f_Y(c) = \frac{dF_Y(c)}{dc}$$

if Y is discrete-type: Step 2: calculate pmf of Y . $P(Y=k) = P(g(X)=k) = \int_{u: g(u)=k} f_X(u) du$.

• Important example: X is continuous-type with CDF F_X . $Y = F_X(X)$ is uniformly distributed between 0 and 1.

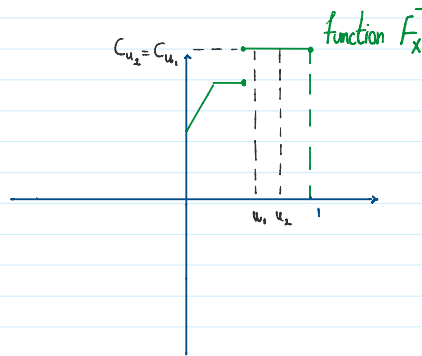
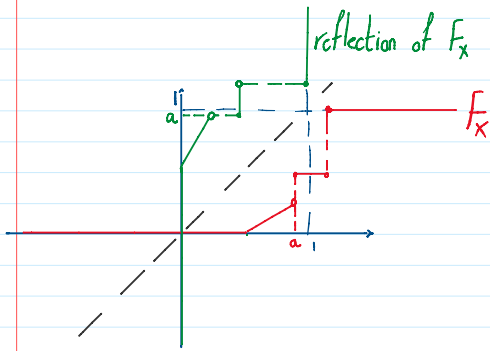
② Generating variable with specified distribution:

• 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 .

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

Week 10:

① joint cdf.

Def: For two random variables X and Y that are defined over the same probability space:

$$F_{X,Y}(u,v) = P(X \leq u, Y \leq v) = P\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \leq u, Y(\omega) \leq v\}$$

main properties: A function F is a joint cdf if and only if:

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

$$\text{JF.2: } F(u,v) \text{ is nondecreasing in } u \text{ and nondecreasing in } v.$$

$\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_n \leq \dots \leq \sigma_n$

JF.2: $F(u,v)$ is nondecreasing in u and nondecreasing 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 $c < d$, $F(b,d) - F(a,d) - F(b,c) + F(a,c) \geq 0$

other properties:

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

$$\bullet \lim_{u \rightarrow +\infty} F_{X,Y}(u,v) = F_Y(v), \quad \lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} F_{X,Y}(u,v) = F_X(u)$$

② joint pmf:

• If X and Y are discrete type, their joint pmf is defined as

$$P_{X,Y}(u,v) = P(X=u, Y=v) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega: X(\omega)=u, Y(\omega)=v\})$$

there exists $\{u_1, u_2, \dots\}$ and $\{v_1, v_2, \dots\}$ such that $P_{X,Y}(u,v) = 0$ if $u \notin \{u_1, u_2, \dots\}$ or $v \notin \{v_1, v_2, \dots\}$.

• Conditional probability

$$P_{Y|X}(v|u) = P(Y=v|X=u) = \frac{P(X=u, Y=v)}{P(X=u)} = \frac{P_{X,Y}(u,v)}{P_X(u)}$$

• Relation between marginal pmf and joint pmf

$$P_X(u) = \sum_i P_{X,Y}(u, v_i), \quad P_Y(v) = \sum_i P_{X,Y}(u_i, v)$$

③ joint pdf:

We say random variables X and Y are jointly continuous if

$$F_{X,Y}(u_0, v_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{u_0} \int_{-\infty}^{v_0} f_{X,Y}(u,v) du dv$$

the function $f_{X,Y}$ is called the joint pdf.

• For any region $A \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, we have

$$P((X,Y) \in A) = \iint_A f_{X,Y}(u,v) du dv$$

• Given a function $g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we can use LOTUS to calculate $E[g(X,Y)]$:

$$E[g(X,Y)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(u,v) f_{X,Y}(u,v) du dv$$

• Def: conditional pdf of Y given X , denoted by $f_{Y|X}$ is defined as

$$f_{Y|X}(v|u_0) = \begin{cases} \frac{f_{X,Y}(u,v)}{f_X(u)} & \text{if } f_X(u) > 0 \\ \text{undefined} & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \quad \text{for any } (u,v) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$P(Y \in A | X = u_0) = \int_A f_{Y|X}(v|u_0) dv \rightsquigarrow \text{conditional probability of } Y \text{ given } X = u$$

$$E[Y | X = u_0] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v \cdot f_{Y|X}(v|u_0) dv \rightsquigarrow \text{conditional expectation of } Y \text{ given } X = u$$

Given $Z = g(X, Y)$, we find the distribution of Z by taking the following steps:

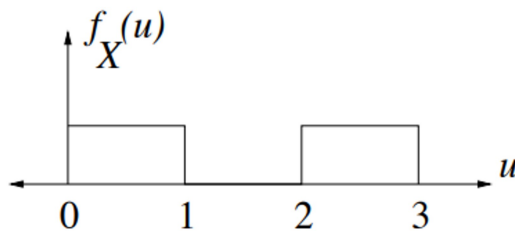
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Step 3: take derivative of $F_Z(c)$ to derive pdf of Z :
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→ if Z is discrete-type: Step 2: calculate pmf of Z . $P(Z = k) = P(g(X, Y) = k)$

1. [24 points] (6 points) Suppose X is a random variable with the pdf shown. (Fall 2014)



- (a) (6 points) Carefully *sketch* and label the CDF of X .
- (b) (6 points) Carefully *sketch* and label the pdf of Y , where $Y = 2X + 1$.
- (c) (6 points) Find $E[X]$. Simplify as much as possible. Show your work or explain your reasoning.
- (d) (6 points) Find $P\{\ln(X) \geq 1\}$. (Hint: $e = \exp(1) \approx 2.72$.)
2. [14 points] Suppose that the lifetime of a battery produced by company EBunny can be modeled by a Gaussian random variable, with mean 300 days and variance 100 (days)². (Fall 2014)
- (a) (7 points) A buyer is interested in purchasing the batteries, but requires that at least 99% of the batteries delivered have lifespan of at least 275 days. Do the EBunny batteries meet the requirement? Justify your answer. (Note: A table of the Φ function is on the last page of the exam booklet.)

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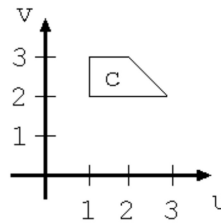
- (b) (7 points) Let Y be a binomial random variable with parameters n and p such that Y has the same expected value and variance as the Gaussian variable in the original problem statement. Find n and p .

3. [12 points] Let $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$ be a Poisson process with rate λ . (Fall 2014)

- (a) (6 points) Express $E[N(t)N(t+s)]$, $s, t > 0$ as a function of λ , s , and t .
- (b) (6 points) Let $\lambda = 2$ arrivals/hour and assume that the Poisson process models the arrival of customers into a post office. Find the probability of the following event, which involves three conditions:
 (Three customers arrive between 1 and 3pm,
 one customer arrives between 2 and 3pm,
 and one customer arrives between 2 and 4pm.)

3. [20 points] Let X and Y be two random variables with joint pdf (Spring 2015)

$$f_{X,Y}(u, v) = \begin{cases} c & 1 \leq u \leq 2, 2 \leq v \leq 3, \\ c & 2 \leq u \leq 3, 2 \leq v \leq 5 - u, \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases},$$



where c is a constant.

- (a) Determine the value of the constant c for $f_{X,Y}$ to be a valid joint pdf.
- (b) Determine the marginal pdf of Y , $f_Y(v)$, for all v .
- (c) Determine the conditional pdf $f_{X|Y}(u|v)$ for all u, v .