

Review.

① minimum mean square error linear estimator

We have a pair of random variable X and Y . Upon observing X , we want to estimate Y using a linear function $g(X) = aX + b$. The best linear estimator, that minimizes the mean square error is

$$L^*(X) = a^*X + b^*, \quad a^* = \frac{\text{Cov}(Y, X)}{\text{Var}(X)}, \quad b^* = \mu_Y - a^*\mu_X$$

We also use $\hat{E}[Y|X]$ to denote $L^*(X)$.

$$\hat{E}[Y|X] = L^*(X) = \mu_Y + \rho_{X,Y} \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} (X - \mu_X)$$

$\hat{E}[Y|X]$ is called wide sense conditional expectation. MSE for $L^*(X)$ equals $\sigma_Y^2(1 - \rho_{X,Y}^2)$.

② Law of large numbers

Suppose that X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are uncorrelated, each one has the same mean μ , and their variance is bounded by C . Let $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$. Then, for any $\delta > 0$, we have

$$P(\{|S_n/n - \mu| \geq \delta\}) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega : |\frac{S_n(\omega)}{n} - \mu| \geq \delta\}) \leq \frac{C}{n\delta^2} \xrightarrow{\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

③ Central limit theorem (CLT)

Suppose that X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are independent, identically distributed, each with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Let $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$. Then, for any c , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\left\{\frac{S_n - n\mu}{\sqrt{n\sigma^2}} \leq c\right\}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\left\{\tilde{S}_n \leq c\right\}\right) = \Phi(c)$$

where $\tilde{S}_n = \frac{S_n - n\mu}{\sqrt{n\sigma^2}} = \frac{S_n - E[S_n]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(S_n)}}$ is the standardized version of S_n .

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The main reason that gaussian random variables is common in practice is CLT.

① sum of independent & identically distributed random variables can be approximated by a gaussian random variable

② any randomness we observe in practice is superposition of many "similar" random events.

Now, suppose that instead of sum of one event, we are interested in two correlated events (V_i, U_i) .

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Suppose that $(U_1, V_1), (U_2, V_2), \dots$ are independent and identically distributed. For simplicity, assume $E[U_i] = E[V_i] = 0$ and $\text{Var}(U_i) = \text{Var}(V_i) = 1$ for all i . By CLT, for any $c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\left\{\frac{U_1 + \dots + U_n}{\sqrt{n}} \leq c\right\}\right) = \Phi(c)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\left\{\frac{V_1 + \dots + V_n}{\sqrt{n}} \leq c\right\}\right) = \Phi(c)$$

How about the joint distribution, i.e.,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\left\{\frac{U_1 + \dots + U_n}{\sqrt{n}} \leq c\right\} \cap \left\{\frac{V_1 + \dots + V_n}{\sqrt{n}} \leq c\right\}\right) = ?$$

Notice that for any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, by CLT we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\left\{\frac{aU_1 + bV_1 + aU_2 + bV_2 + \dots + aU_n + bV_n}{\sqrt{n(a^2 + b^2 + 2ab\rho_{UV})}} \leq c\right\}\right) = \Phi(c)$$

since $aU_i + bV_i$ are independent, $E[aU_i + bV_i] = 0$ and $\text{Var}(aU_i + bV_i) = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab\rho_{UV}$

where $\rho_{UV} = \frac{\text{Cov}(U_i, V_i)}{\sigma_{U_i} \sigma_{V_i}} = \text{Cov}(U_i, V_i)$.

Hence, if joint distribution of $\left(\frac{U_1 + \dots + U_n}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{V_1 + \dots + V_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$ converges to joint distribution of X and Y , then for any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $aX + bY$ must have gaussian distribution.

Def. We say random variables X and Y are jointly gaussian random variables if any linear combination of X and Y are gaussian random variables, i.e., for any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $aX + bY$ is a gaussian random variables.

joint distribution of gaussian random variables. Suppose that X, Y are non-degenerate, i.e., they are not linearly related. Then their joint distribution is given by:

$$f_{X,Y}(u,v) = \frac{1}{2\pi \sigma_X \sigma_Y \sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\left(\frac{u-\mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{v-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right)^2 - 2\rho\left(\frac{u-\mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right)\left(\frac{v-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right)}{2(1-\rho^2)}\right) \quad (**)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_X} \exp\left(-\frac{(X-\mu_X)^2}{2\sigma_X^2(1-\rho^2)}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_Y} \exp\left(-\frac{(Y-\mu_Y)^2}{2\sigma_Y^2(1-\rho^2)}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\rho\left(\frac{X-\mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right)\left(\frac{Y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right)}{(1-\rho^2)}\right)$$

where

$$\mu_X = E[X], \quad \sigma_X^2 = \text{Var}(X)$$

$$\mu_Y = E[Y], \quad \sigma_Y^2 = \text{Var}(Y)$$

$$\rho = \rho_{XY} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

This is called bivariate normal distribution.

Important remark:

If X and Y are independent gaussian random variables, then their joint distribution is

$$f_{X,Y}(u,v) = f_X(u) f_Y(v) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_X} \exp\left(-\frac{(X-\mu_X)^2}{2\sigma_X^2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_Y} \exp\left(-\frac{(Y-\mu_Y)^2}{2\sigma_Y^2}\right).$$

Hence, they are jointly gaussian. In particular, any linear combination of them are gaussian. Hence, given X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n independent & identically distributed, $\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n - nE[X]}{\sqrt{n^2 \text{Var}(X)}}$ is a standard normal random variable.

Def: Suppose W & Z are independent standard normal random variables. Their joint pdf is called the standard bivariate normal pdf:

$$f_{W,Z}(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{2}}$$

Important remarks:

① Suppose that

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} W \\ Z \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_X^2(1-\rho)}{2}} & -\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_X^2(1-\rho)}{2}} \\ \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_Y^2(1+\rho)}{2}} & \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_Y^2(1-\rho)}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then $f_{X,Y}$ is given by (**)

- ② setting $a=0$ and $b=1$, implies that $aX+bY=Y$ is $\mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$. Similarly, X is $\mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$.
- ③ If $\rho=0$ then $f_{X,Y}(u,v) = f_X(u) f_Y(v)$. Hence uncorrelated jointly gaussian random variables are independent.
- ④ Let $Z = aX + bY$. Then X and Z are jointly gaussian.
- ⑤ If X and Y are gaussian, it does not mean that they are jointly gaussian.

Proposition: Suppose that X & Y have bivariate normal pdf with parameters $\mu_X, \mu_Y, \sigma_X, \sigma_Y$ and ρ .

- (a) X has $\mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$ distribution, Y has $\mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$ distribution.
- (b) For any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $aX + bY$ is a gaussian random variable, i.e., X and Y are jointly gaussian.
- (c) $\rho_{X,Y} = \rho$
- (d) if $\rho=0$, then they are independent
- (e) For estimation of Y from X , $L^*(X) = g^*(X)$. Equivalently, $E[Y|X] = \hat{E}[Y|X]$, i.e., the best linear estimator of Y using X , is the best unconstrained estimator.

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(d) The conditional distribution of Y given $X=u$ is $N(\hat{E}[Y|X=u], \sigma_e^2)$ where σ_e^2 is MSE for $\hat{E}[Y|X]$.