

# Probability and Statistics

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# Function of a random variables

## Theorem

Let  $X, Y$  be continuous random variables with joint pdf  $f(x, y)$ . Let  $U = P(X, Y)$  and  $V = Q(x, y)$  be functions of  $X$  and  $Y$ . If the functions  $P(x, y)$  and  $Q(x, y)$  have single values inverses, i.e.  $X = R(U, V)$  and  $Y = S(U, V)$ , then the joint density  $g(u, v)$  of  $U, V$  is given by

$$g(u, v) = |J|f(R(U, V), S(u, v)),$$

where  $J$  is the Jacobian given by

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$$

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**Question** What is the pdf of sum of two independent standard normal rvs?