

Lecture - 16

This is Lecture 17

Probability & Statistics.

Conditional distribution.

Can be thought of as a technique to understand the relationship between two random variables.

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} f(x, y) \rightarrow f_y(y) \\ f_{x|y}(x|y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_y(y)} \end{array} \right.$$

Function of two random variables.

Let $Y = H(X_1, X_2)$ where X_1 & X_2 are random variables.

How to determine the density function of Y .

Algo: (1) Let $Y = H_1(X_1, X_2)$

(2) Introduce a second random variable $Z = H_2(X_1, X_2)$. The fn H_2 is selected for convenience, but we want to be able to solve $y = H_1(x_1, x_2)$ and $z = H_2(x_1, x_2)$ for x_1, x_2 in terms of y & z .

③ Find $x_1 = g_1(y, z)$

$$x_2 = g_2(y, z)$$

④ Find the partial derivatives
(we assume that they exist
and continuous)

$$\frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial z}$$

⑤ The joint density fn of
(Y, Z) denoted by $l(y, z)$ is
found as

in
the
m
y.

$$l(y, z) = f(g_1(y, z), g_2(y, z)) |J(y, z)|$$

where $J(y, z) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix}$

(Jacobian)

The density of Y say g_y is
then found as

$$g_y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} l(y, z) dz$$

Exp 1: Let X_1 & X_2 be two random variables with joint density f: as

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 4e^{-2(x_1+x_2)} & , x_1 > 0, x_2 > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

~~Suppose~~ we are given, calculate the density f: if $Y = \frac{X_1}{X_2}$.

Sol: If we choose $Z = X_1 + X_2$
 then, $X_1 = \frac{yz}{1+y}$, $X_2 = \frac{z}{1+y}$

$$\text{Then } \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y} = \left(\frac{z}{(1+y)^2}\right), \quad \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial z} = \frac{y}{1+y}$$

$$\frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y} = -\left(\frac{z}{(1+y)^2}\right), \quad \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{1+y}$$

$$\therefore J(y, z) = \left| \begin{matrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial z} \end{matrix} \right| = \frac{z}{(1+y)^2}$$

$$\text{and } f(x_1, x_2) = 4e^{-2z} \quad \text{and } \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty 4e^{-2z} \frac{z}{(1+y)^2} dy dz = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(1+y)} dy = \infty$$

Moment Generating function, and its application.

Q. If X_1, X_2 are i.i.d random variables then does $X_1 + X_2$ have similar/same density f? ?

The moment generating fⁿ $\phi(t)$ of the random variable X is defined for all values of t

by
$$\phi(t) = E[e^{tx}]$$

$$= \begin{cases} \sum e^{tx} f(x), & \text{discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx & \text{if } X \text{ is continuous.} \end{cases}$$

This is called 'mgf' because
all the moments of X can be
obtained by successively differentiating
 $\varphi(t)$. For example,

$$\begin{aligned}\phi'(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left(E[e^{tx}] \right) \\ &= E \left[\frac{d}{dt} e^{tx} \right] \\ &= E[x e^{tx}]\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{hence } \phi'(0) = E[x]$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \phi''(t) = E \left[\frac{d}{dt} (x e^{tx}) \right]$$

$$= E[x^2 e^{tx}]$$

$$\text{hence } \phi''(0) = E[x^2]$$

$$\text{In general } \phi^{(n)}(0) = E[x^n]$$

An interesting property of MGF.

Let X & Y be independent.

$$\phi_{X+Y}(t) = E[e^{t(X+Y)}] \\ = E[e^{tX} e^{tY}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{recall } E[XY] &= E[X] E[Y] \text{ if } X \text{ \& } Y \text{ are independent} \\ &= E[e^{tX}] E[e^{tY}] \\ &= \phi_X(t) \phi_Y(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\phi_{X+Y}(t) = \phi_X(t) \phi_Y(t)}$$

independent.

Exp. Compute the MGF of the Poisson Random variable.

$$P(X=k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}, \quad k=0,1,2,\dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t) &= E[e^{tx}] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{tk} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_k e^{tk} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda t} \\ &= \exp\{\lambda(e^t - 1)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{mean } E\{X\} = \phi'(0) = \lambda$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(X) &= \phi''(0) - (E\{X\})^2 \\ &= \lambda + \lambda - \lambda^2 = \lambda \end{aligned}$$

Exp. Exponential random variable.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Then } \phi(t) = E[e^{tx}]$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= \lambda \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(\lambda-t)x} dx$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-t}, \text{ if } t < \lambda.$$

$$\text{Then } E[x] = \phi'(0) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(x) &= \phi''(0) - (E[x])^2 \\ &= \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \end{aligned}$$

Exp 3, Gamma distribution.

(α, λ) , $\lambda > 0, \alpha > 0$.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\phi(t) = E[e^{tx}]$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx$$

$$= \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t} \right)^{\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\infty} e^y y^{\alpha-1} dy \right)$$

$y = (\lambda - t)x$

$$= \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t} \right)^{\alpha}$$

$$E[x] = \phi'(0) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}, \quad \text{Var}(x) = \phi''(0) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\lambda} \right)^2 = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda^2}$$

One important property of MGF:

it uniquely specifies the distribution,

for example,

(1) Let X_1 & X_2 be independent Poisson random variables having respective means λ_1 & λ_2 .

$$\begin{aligned} E[e^{t(X_1+X_2)}] &= E[e^{tX_1}] E[e^{tX_2}] \\ &= \exp\{\lambda_1(e^t-1)\} \exp\{\lambda_2(e^t-1)\} \\ &= \exp\{(\lambda_1+\lambda_2)(e^t-1)\} \end{aligned}$$

Because $\exp\{(\lambda_1+\lambda_2)(e^t-1)\}$ is the MGF of a Poisson r.v. having mean $\lambda_1+\lambda_2$, we conclude from the fact that the MGF uniquely specifies the distribution, X_1+X_2 is Poisson with mean $\lambda_1+\lambda_2$.

Ex2. let X_1 & X_2 be independent
 random variables with parameters
 (α_1, λ) & (α_2, λ) (Gamma distribution)
 then $X_1 + X_2$ is a Gamma random
 variable with parameters $(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \lambda)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{X_1+X_2}(t) &= \phi_{X_1}(t) \phi_{X_2}(t) \\ &= \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-t}\right)^{\alpha_1} \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-t}\right)^{\alpha_2} \\ &= \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-t}\right)^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}\end{aligned}$$

which is seen to be the MGF of a
 gamma $(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \lambda)$ random variable.

Prop. If $X_i, i=1, \dots, n$ are independent
 gamma random variables with respective
 parameters (α_i, λ) then
 $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is gamma with parameter
 $\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i, \lambda\right)$.

Since $\alpha = 1$ in Gamma gives the exponential distribution with rate λ , we have the following:

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are independent exponential random variables each having rate λ , then $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a Gamma random variable with parameters (n, λ) .

Markov inequality.

If X is a random variable that takes only non negative values, then for any value $a > 0$

$$P\{X \geq a\} \leq \frac{E[X]}{a}.$$

$$\underline{\text{pf.}} \quad E[X] = \int_0^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^a x f(x) dx + \int_a^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$\geq \int_a^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$\geq a \int_a^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

$$= a \int_a^{\infty} f(x) dx = a P(X \geq a)$$

A Corollary is the Chebyshev's inequality.

If X is a random variable with mean μ and variance σ^2 , then for any value $K > 0$

$$P\{|X - \mu| \geq K\} \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{K^2}$$

pf. Since $(X - \mu)^2$ is nonnegative r.v., we can apply Markov's inequality with $a = K^2$ to obtain

$$P\{(X - \mu)^2 \geq K^2\} \leq \frac{E[(X - \mu)^2]}{K^2} \quad (1)$$

But since $(X - \mu)^2 \geq K^2$ iff $|X - \mu| \geq K$, the eqn (1) is equivalent to

$$P(|X - \mu| \geq K) \leq \frac{E[(X - \mu)^2]}{K^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{K^2}$$