

POBABILITY AND STATISTICS, Lesson 6.

• The Distribution of Transformed Random Variables

1. Let $t : X \rightarrow Y$ be invertible trf. The p.d.f. of X is $f(x)$, the p.d.f. of Y is $g(y)$:

$$g(y) = f(t^{-1}(y)) \cdot \left| \frac{d}{dy} t^{-1}(y) \right|, \quad y = t(x) \quad \text{for some } x \in \text{supp}(f).$$

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$$g(\mathbf{y}) = f(t^{-1}(\mathbf{y})) \cdot \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right) \right|, \quad \mathbf{y} = t(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{for some } \mathbf{x} \in \text{supp}(f).$$

3. Let $t : (X, Y) \rightarrow Z$ be trf. The joint p.d.f. of (X, Y) is $f(x, y)$, the c.d.f. of Z is $H(z)$:

$$H(z) = \iint_{\{(x,y)|t(x,y)<z\}} f(x, y) \, dx dy, \quad z = t(x, y) \quad \text{for some (usually many) } (x, y) \in \text{supp}(f).$$

4. *Convolution.* Let X and Y be independent r.v.'s with p.d.f. $f_1(x)$ and $f_2(y)$, respectively. The p.d.f. of $Z = X + Y$:

$$h(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(x) \cdot f_2(z - x) \, dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(y) \cdot f_1(z - y) \, dy.$$

• Useful Inequalities

1. *Markov's Inequality:* Let X be a r.v. of finite first moment and taking on nonnegative values. Then

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq c) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}(X)}{c}, \quad \forall c > 0.$$

2. *Chebyshev's Inequality:* Let X be a r.v. with finite second moment. Then

$$\mathbb{P}(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq \varepsilon) \leq \frac{\mathbb{D}^2(X)}{\varepsilon^2}, \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0.$$

3. *Chernoff's Inequality:* X_1, \dots, X_n i.i.d., $|X_i| \leq K$, $X := \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Then

$$\mathbb{P}(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq a) \leq e^{-\frac{a^2}{2(\mathbb{D}^2(X) + Ka/3)}}, \quad \forall a > 0.$$

• Laws of Large Numbers, Central Limit Theorem

1. *Weak Law:* If X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. with finite $\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu$, then $\bar{X}_n \rightarrow \mu$ in probability:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| > \varepsilon) = 0, \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \quad \text{where } \bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i.$$

2. *Strong Law:* If X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. with finite $\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu$, then $\bar{X}_n \rightarrow \mu$ almost surely:

$$\mathbb{P}(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{X}_n = \mu) = 1.$$

3. **CLT:** If X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. with finite $\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu$ and $\mathbb{D}^2(X_i) = \sigma^2$, then

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \Rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad \text{in distribution (convergence of c.d.f.'s), } n \rightarrow \infty.$$