



- Theorem (Factorization Theorem). The random variables $X = (X_1, ..., X_n)$ are independent if and only if one of the following conditions holds.
 - (1) $\underline{F_{\mathbf{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_n)} = \underline{F_{X_1}(x_1)} \times \dots \times \underline{F_{X_n}(x_n)}$, where $\underline{F_{\mathbf{X}}}$ is the joint cdf of $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ and $\underline{F_{\underline{X_i}}}$ is the marginal cdf of $\underline{X_i}$ for $i=1,\dots,n$.
 - (2) Suppose that $\underline{X_1, ..., X_n}$ are <u>discrete</u> random variables. $\underline{p_{\mathbf{X}}(x_1, ..., x_n)} = \underline{p_{X_1}(x_1)} \times \cdots \times \underline{p_{X_n}(x_n)}$, where $\underline{p_{\mathbf{X}}}$ is the <u>joint pmf of $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ and $\underline{p_{X_i}}$ is the <u>marginal pmf of $\underline{X_i}$ for i=1,...,n.</u></u>
 - (3) Suppose that $\underline{X_1}, \dots, \underline{X_n}$ are <u>continuous</u> random variables. $\underline{f_{\mathbf{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_n)} = \underline{f_{X_1}(\bar{x}_1)} \times \dots \times \underline{f_{X_n}(x_n)}$, where $\underline{f_{\mathbf{X}}}$ is the <u>joint pdf</u> of $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ and $\underline{f_{X_i}}$ is the <u>marginal pdf</u> of $\underline{X_i}$ for $i=1,\dots,n$.

 $\frac{\text{Proof.}}{\text{independent}} \Rightarrow (1). \ F_{\mathbf{X}}(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = P(X_1 \leq x_1,\ldots,X_n \leq x_n) \\ = P(X_1 \in (-\infty,x_1],\ldots,X_n \in (-\infty,x_n]) \\ = P(X_1 \in (-\infty,x_1]) \times \cdots \times P(X_n \in (-\infty,x_n]) \\ = F_{X_1}(x_1) \times \cdots \times F_{X_n}(x_n) \\ = F_{X_1}(x_1) \times \cdots \times F_{X_n}(x_n) \\ = \frac{F_{X_1}(x_1) \times \cdots \times F_{X_n}(x_n)}{\text{of 6-field}} \\ = \frac{F_{X_1}(x_1) \times \cdots \times F_{X_n}(x_n)}{\text{of 6-field}}$



