

# Chapter 1

## Question

There are many random phenomena (example?) in our real life. What is the language/mathematical structure that we use to depict them?

## Outline

- sample space
- event
- probability measure
  - conditional probability
  - independence
- three theorems
  - multiplication law
  - law of total probability
  - Bayes' rule

probability space

## Characteristic

\* don't know what result we will get in the future

\* the best we can do is to describe/calculate the probability of these possible results.

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waiting time

rain tomorrow?

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## Website of My Probability Course

<http://www.stat.nthu.edu.tw/~swcheng/Teaching/math2810/index.php>

## Textbook page

## LNp. (Lecture Note page)

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## Definition (sample space, TBp. 2)

A sample space  $\Omega$  is the set of all possible outcomes in a random phenomenon.

**Example 1.1** (throw a coin 3 times, TBp. 35)

$$\Omega = \{hhh, hht, hth, thh, htt, tht, tth, ttt\} \quad h: \text{head}$$

$t: \text{tail}$

$\Omega$  is a finite set

**Example 1.2** (number of jobs in a print queue, Ex. B, TBp. 2)

$$\Omega = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$\Omega$  is an infinite, but countable, set

**Example 1.3** (length of time between successive earthquakes, Ex. C, TBp. 2)

$$\Omega = \{t | t \geq 0\} = [0, \infty)$$

$\Omega$  is an infinite, but uncountable, set

discrete random variable

cf.

continuous random variable

## Question

What are the differences between the  $\Omega$  in these examples?

**Definition (event, TBp. 2)**

A particular subset of  $\Omega$  is called an event.

collection of all  
"well-defined" events  
 $\Rightarrow \sigma$ -field.

**Example 1.4 (cont. Ex. 1.1)**

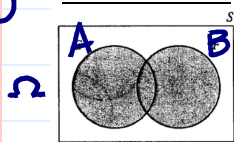
Let  $A$  be the event that total number of heads equals 2, then  $A = \{hht, hth, thh\}$ .

**Example 1.5 (cont. Ex. 1.2)**

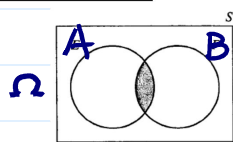
Let  $A$  be the event that fewer than 5 jobs in the print queue, then  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

- **union.**  $C = A \cup B \Rightarrow C$ : at least one of  $A$  and  $B$  occur.
- **intersection.**  $C = A \cap B \Rightarrow C$ : both  $A$  and  $B$  occur.
- **complement.**  $C = A^c \Rightarrow C$ :  $A$  does not occur.
- **disjoint.**  $A \cap B = \emptyset \Rightarrow A$  and  $B$  have no outcomes in common.

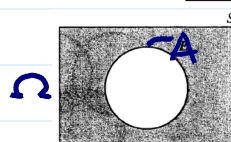
mutually  
exclusive



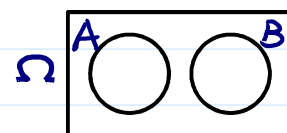
(a) Shaded region:  $E \cup F$ .



(b) Shaded region:  $EF$ .



(c) Shaded region:  $E^c$ .

**Definition (probability measure, TBp. 4)**

A probability measure on  $\Omega$  is a function  $P$  from subsets of  $\Omega$  to the real numbers that satisfies the following axioms:

1.  $P(\Omega) = 1$ .  $\leftarrow$  total prob. = 1
2. If  $A \subset \Omega$ , then  $P(A) \geq 0$ .  $\leftarrow$  non-negativity
3. If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are disjoint, then  $\leftarrow$  additivity

$P: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$

Axioms of  
probability

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2).$$

More generally, if  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are mutually disjoint, then

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i).$$

**Example 1.6 (cont. Ex. 1.1)**

Suppose the coin is fair. For every outcome  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $P(\omega) = \frac{1}{8}$ .

$$\Omega = \left\{ \begin{matrix} hhh & hht & hth & thh & htt & tht & tth & ttt \\ 1/8 & 1/8 & 1/8 & 1/8 & 1/8 & 1/8 & 1/8 & 1/8 \end{matrix} \right\} \quad P: \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$$



**Property A.**  $P(A^C) = 1 - P(A)$ .

**Property B.**  $P(\emptyset) = 0$ .

**Property C.** If  $A \subset B$ , then  $P(A) \leq P(B)$ .

**Property D.**  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$ .

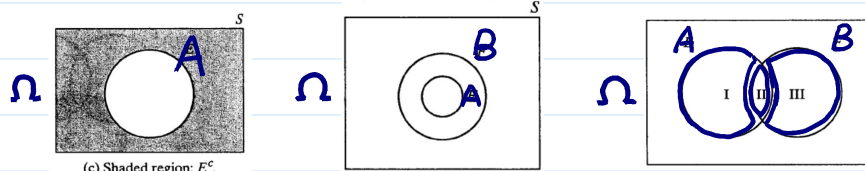
generalization:

$$P(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n)$$

$$= \sum P(A_i)$$

$$- \sum P(A_i \cap A_j) + \sum P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k) - \dots$$

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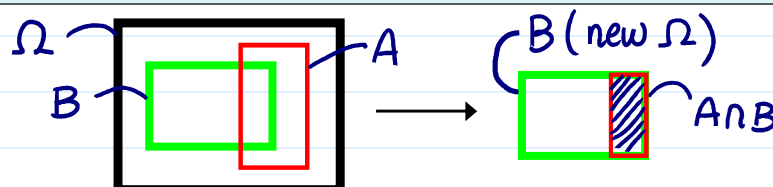
### Definition (conditional probability, TBp. 17)

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two events with  $P(B) > 0$ . The conditional probability of  $A$  given  $B$  is defined to be

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}.$$

Q: Why cond. prob. important in statistics?

Ans: update information.



Ch1~6, p.2-6

### Example 1.7 (cont. Ex. 1.6)

Suppose that the first throw is  $h$ . What is the probability that we can get exact two  $h$ 's in the three trials?

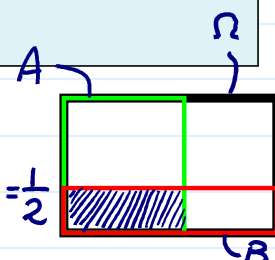
$B$   
 $A$

$$\Omega = \{hhh, hht, hth, thh, htt, tht, tth, ttt\}$$

$$B = \{hhh, hht, hth, htt\}$$

$$A = \{hht, hth, thh\}$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{2/8}{4/8} = \frac{1}{2}$$



### Theorem (Multiplication Law, TBp. 17)

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be events and assume  $P(B) > 0$ . Then

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B).$$

generalization

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n)$$

$$= P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2|A_1) \cdot P(A_3|A_1 \cap A_2) \cdot \dots$$

intuition

Sometimes, this is easier to obtain ( $\because \Omega \rightarrow B$ )

### Example 1.7 (Ex. B, TBp. 18)

Suppose if it is cloudy ( $B$ ), the probability that it is raining ( $A$ ) is 0.3, and that the probability that it is cloudy is  $P(B) = 0.2$ .

The probability that it is cloudy and raining is

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B) = 0.3 \times 0.2 = 0.06.$$

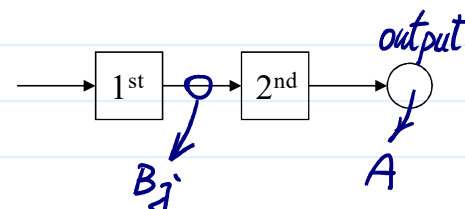
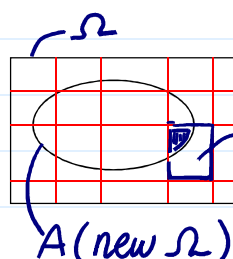
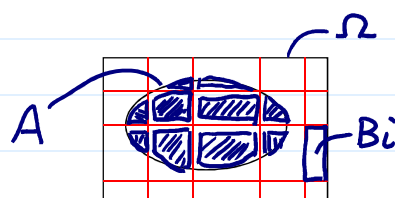
**Theorem (Law of Total Probability, TBp. 18)**

Let  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n$  be such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i = \Omega$  and  $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ , with  $P(B_i) > 0$  for all  $i$ . Then, for any event  $A$ ,

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \overbrace{P(A|B_i)}^{\text{平均}} \overbrace{P(B_i)}^{\text{權重}} \quad \leftarrow \text{intuition}$$

$\nwarrow P(A \cap B_i)$

a partition  
of  $\Omega$

**Theorem (Bayes' Rule, TBp. 20)**

Let  $A$  and  $B_1, \dots, B_n$  be events where the  $B_i$  are disjoint,  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i = \Omega$  and  $P(B_i) > 0$  for all  $i$ . Then

$$\frac{P(A \cap B_j)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(B_j|A)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A|B_j)P(B_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(A|B_i)P(B_i)} \quad \leftarrow \text{update}$$

definition of  
independence

Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be **independent** if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B). \quad \leftarrow \text{獨立}$$

A collection of events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are said to be **mutually independent** if for any subcollection,  $A_{i_1}, \dots, A_{i_m}$ ,

$$P(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_m}) = P(A_{i_1}) \dots P(A_{i_m}). \quad \leftarrow \text{cf.}$$

When  $A$  and  $B$  are independent,

generalization  
of multiplication  
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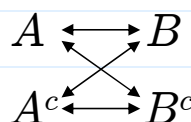
intuition of  
independence

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A)P(B)}{P(B)} = P(A),$$

$$\text{and } P(A^c|B) = P(A^c).$$

$$\text{Furthermore, } P(A|B^c) = P(A) \text{ and } P(A^c|B^c) = P(A^c).$$

required  
optional



independence  
& complement

**Reading:** textbook, Sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7

**Further Reading:** Roussas, Chapters 1 and 2

# Chapters 2 and 3

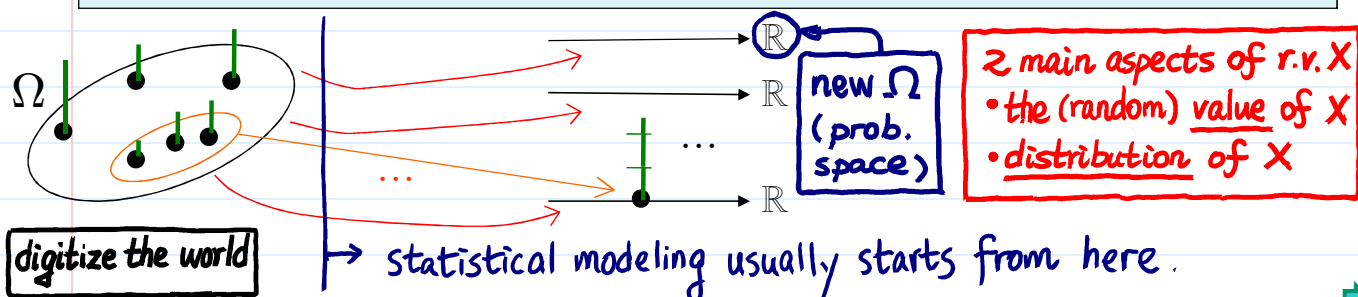
## Outline

- random variables (隨機變數)
- distribution
  - discrete and continuous
  - univariate and multivariate
  - cdf, pmf, pdf
- conditional distribution
- independent random variables
- function of random variables
  - distribution of transformed r.v.
  - extrema and order statistics

## • random variable

**Definition 2.1** (random variable, TBp. 33)

A random variable is a function from  $\Omega$  to the real numbers.



Ch1~6, p.2-10

**Example 2.1** (cont. Ex. 1.1)

- (1)  $X_1$  = the total number of heads
- (2)  $X_2$  = the number of heads on the first toss
- (3)  $X_3$  = the number of heads minus the number of tails

update probability space

	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8
	$\Omega = \{hhh, hht, hth, thh, htt, tht, tth, ttt\}$							
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
$X_1$	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0
	1/8	3/8			3/8			1/8
$X_2$	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
$X_3$	3	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-3

new  $\Omega$   
new probability measure

**Question 2.1**

Why statisticians need random variables? Why they map to real line?

We need random variable because

Data → in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  space  
Uncertainty → need probability measure

can do  
"+", "-", "x".  
"/", exp, log, ...

- **distribution** (分配, 分布) ← probability measure of r.v. → don't know what value will appear  
 • For r.v., its value: random, but its distribution: fixed

### Question 2.2

A random variable have a sample space on real line. Does it bring some special ways to characterize its probability measure?

	discrete	continuous
one r.v.	• pmf	• pdf
uni-variate r.v.	• cdf	• cdf
	• mgf/chf	• mgf/chf
multi-variate r.v.'s	• joint pmf	• joint pdf
	• joint cdf	• joint cdf
	• joint mgf/chf	• joint mgf/chf

← finite or countable infinity      ← uncountable

one r.v. ↔ at least two r.v.

when any of them is known, the other 2 can be obtained

pmf: probability mass function, pdf: probability density function,  
 cdf: cumulative distribution function

mgf (moment generating function) and chf (characteristic function) will be defined in Chapter 4

### Definition 2.2 (discrete and continuous random variables, TBp. 35 and 47)

A discrete random variable can take on only a finite or at most a countably infinite number of values. A continuous random variable can take on a continuum of values. ← uncountable

e.g.

Discrete

$$X \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

$$X \in \mathbb{Z}_+$$

Continuous

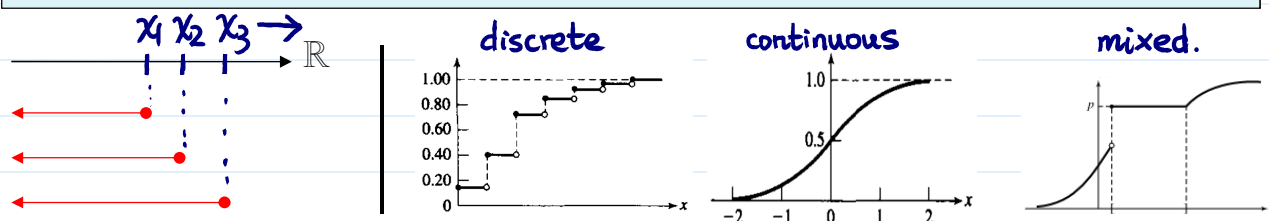
$$X \in [0, 1]$$

$$X \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

### Definition 2.3 (cumulative distribution function, TBp. 36)

A function F is called the cumulative distribution function (cdf) of a random variable X if

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$



**Definition 2.4** (probability mass function/frequency function, TBp. 36)

A function  $p(x)$  is called a **probability mass function** (pmf) or a **frequency function** if and only if (1)  $p(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , and (2)  $\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) = 1$ .

For a discrete random variable  $X$  with pmf  $p(x)$ ,

$$P(X = x) = p(x),$$

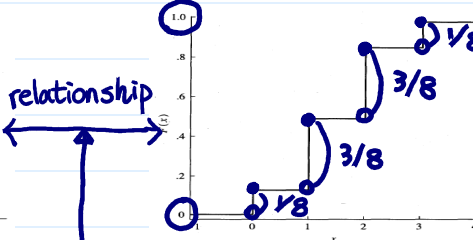
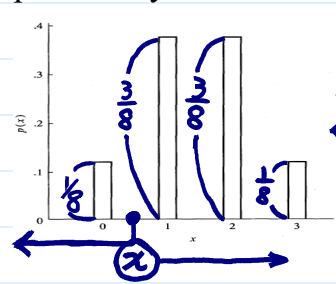
and

$$P(X \in A) = \sum_{x \in A} p(x).$$

$\mathcal{X}$ : a finite or countably infinite set.

probability mass function

cumulative distribution function



relationship

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 1) &= \frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{4}{8} = F(1) \\ P(X < 1) &= \frac{1}{8} = F(1-) \\ P(X = 1) &= P(X \leq 1) - P(X < 1) \\ &= F(1) - F(1-) \end{aligned}$$

$$F(x) = \sum_{t \leq x} P(X = t) = \sum_{t \leq x} p(t)$$

$$p(x) = P(X = x) = F(x) - F(x-)$$

$$= \lim_{t \uparrow x} F(t)$$

**Definition 2.5** (probability density function, TBp. 46)

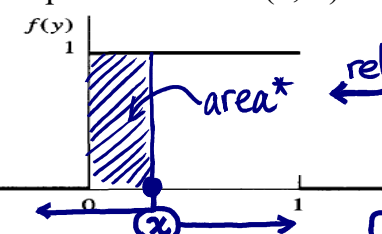
A function  $f(x)$  is a **probability density function** (pdf) or **density function** if and only if (1)  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$ , and (2)  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$ .

For a continuous random variable  $X$  with pdf  $f$ ,

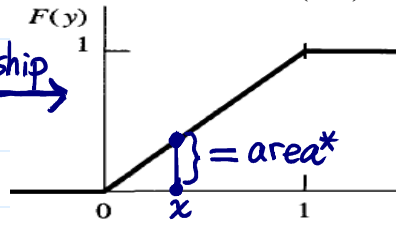
$$P(X \in A) = \int_A f(x) dx.$$

Note. pdf plays a similar role as pmf, but  $\sum \rightarrow \int$

pdf of Uniform(0, 1)

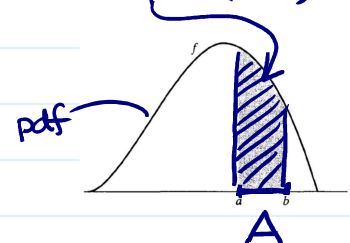


cdf of Uniform(0, 1)



relationship

area = P(A)

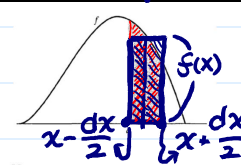


$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$$

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x)$$

The value of a pdf can be larger than one (c.f. pmf)

(Note.  $x$  st  $f(x) > 0$ ,  $P(X = x) = \int_x^x f(t) dt = 0$ )

**Question 2.3**

How to interpret  $f(x)$ ?

$$\text{For small } dx, \quad P\left(x - \frac{dx}{2} \leq X \leq x + \frac{dx}{2}\right) = \int_{x-dx/2}^{x+dx/2} f(t) dt \approx f(x) dx$$

proportional to prob.



**Theorem 2.1** (properties of cdf)

If  $F(x)$  is a cumulative distribution function of some random variable  $X$  then the following properties hold.

1.  $0 \leq F(x) \leq 1$

2.  $F(x)$  is nondecreasing.

3. For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $F(x)$  is continuous from the right; i.e.

$$\lim_{t \downarrow x} F(t) = F(x).$$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$ .

5.  $P(X > x) = 1 - F(x)$  and  $P(a < X \leq b) = F(b) - F(a)$ .

6. For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $F(x)$  has left limit.  $\rightarrow F(x-) = P(X < x)$

7. There are at most countably many discontinuity points of  $F(x)$ .

Conversely, if a function  $F(x)$  satisfies properties 2, 3, 4 then  $F(x)$  is a cdf.

**Question 2.4** Why need joint distribution for the study of multivariate r.v.'s?

$$(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Why several marginal distributions not enough?

**Example 2.2** (cont. Ex. 2.1)

$$\Omega = \{hhh, hht, hth, thh, htt, tht, tth, ttt\}$$

$(X_1, X_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$	$X_2$ : # of head on 1 <sup>st</sup> toss		$X_1$ : total # of heads			
			0(1/8)	1(3/8)	2(3/8)	3(1/8)

When  $X_1=1$  occurs,

$$P(X_2=0|X_1=1) = \frac{2/8}{3/8} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$P(X_2=1|X_1=1) = \frac{1/8}{3/8} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$(1/2) \ 0$	$\frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{16} \right)$	$\frac{2}{8} \left( \frac{3}{16} \right)$	$\frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{3}{16} \right)$	$0 \left( \frac{1}{16} \right)$
$(1/2) \ 1$	$0 \left( \frac{1}{16} \right)$	$\frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{3}{16} \right)$	$\frac{2}{8} \left( \frac{3}{16} \right)$	$\frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{16} \right)$

marginal distribution

joint distribution

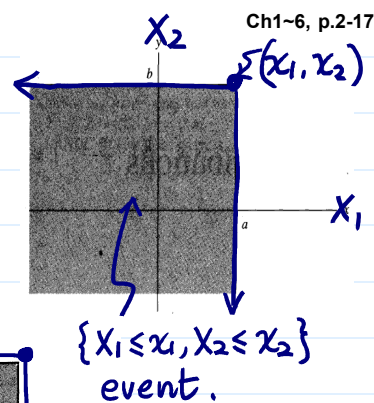
Note: two marginal distributions are not enough to describe their joint distribution.

**Question 2.5**

When we know the joint distribution, we can obtain every marginal distributions. Is the reverse statement true?

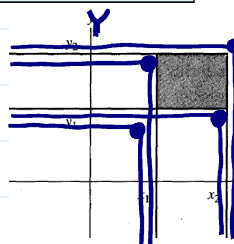
**Definition 2.6** (joint cumulative distribution function, TBp. 71)The joint cdf of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is

$$F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = P(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n)$$

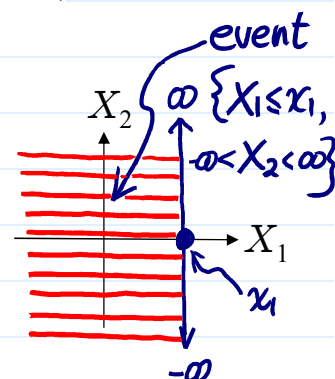
for  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$ .

can be generalized to more than 2 r.v.'s

$$\begin{aligned} P(x_1 < X \leq x_2, y_1 < Y \leq y_2) \\ &= \frac{F(x_2, y_2) - F(x_2, y_1) - F(x_1, y_2) + F(x_1, y_1)}{1} \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.7** (marginal cdf, TBp. 76)The marginal cdf of  $X_1$  is

$$F_{X_1}(x_1) = P(X_1 \leq x_1) = \lim_{x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$



- discrete case: marginal pmf  $p_{X_1}(x) = F_{X_1}(x) - F_{X_1}(x-)$ .
- continuous case: marginal pdf  $f_{X_1}(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_{X_1}(x)$ .

① discrete multivariate case

Ch1-6, p.2-18

cf. the similarity between pmf & pdf

$$p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  joint pmf of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ 

$$P((X_1, \dots, X_n) \in A) = \sum_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in A} p(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{p_{X_1}(x_1) = P(X_1 = x_1)} &= \frac{\sum_{t_1 \leq x_1, t_2 \leq x_2, \dots, t_n \leq x_n} p(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)}{\sum_{-\infty < t_2 < \infty, \dots, -\infty < t_n < \infty} p(x_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)} \end{aligned}$$

② continuous multivariate case

relationship b/w marginal &amp; joint pmfs

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x_1 \cdots \partial x_n} F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  joint pdf of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ 

$$P((X_1, \dots, X_n) \in A) = \int \cdots \int_A f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \cdots dx_n$$

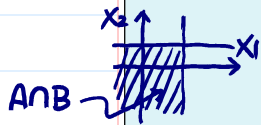
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{f_{X_1}(x_1)} &= \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{x_1} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{x_n} f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) dt_n \cdots dt_1}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) dt_2 \cdots dt_n} \end{aligned}$$

relationship b/w joint cdf & pdf  
relationship b/w marginal & joint pdfs

• independent random variables ← Recall. independent events (Lp.8)

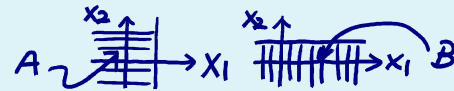
**Definition 2.8** (independent random variables, TBp. 84)

Random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are said to be independent if their joint cdf factors into the product of their marginal cdf's



$$F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = F_{X_1}(x_1)F_{X_2}(x_2) \cdots F_{X_n}(x_n)$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .



$$\begin{aligned} (\Rightarrow) f &= \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x_1 \cdots \partial x_n} F = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x_1 \cdots \partial x_n} F_{x_1} \cdots F_{x_n} = f_{x_1} \cdots f_{x_n} \\ (\Leftarrow) F &= \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{x_n} f = \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{x_n} f_{x_1} \cdots f_{x_n} = F_{x_1} \cdots F_{x_n} \end{aligned}$$

joint can be determined by marginals

**Theorem 2.2** (TBp. 85-86)

1. For continuous case,

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = F_{X_1}(x_1) \cdots F_{X_n}(x_n) \Leftrightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f_{X_1}(x_1) \cdots f_{X_n}(x_n)$$

For discrete case,

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = F_{X_1}(x_1) \cdots F_{X_n}(x_n) \Leftrightarrow p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = p_{X_1}(x_1) \cdots p_{X_n}(x_n)$$

Note: similarity between pdf & pmf.

2. X, Y independent

$$\Leftrightarrow P(X \in A, Y \in B) = P(X \in A)P(Y \in B)$$

For any A & B

i.e. the events  $\{X \in A\}$  and  $\{Y \in B\}$  are independent

→ No matter what data X occurs, it has no impact on the appearance probability of data Y.

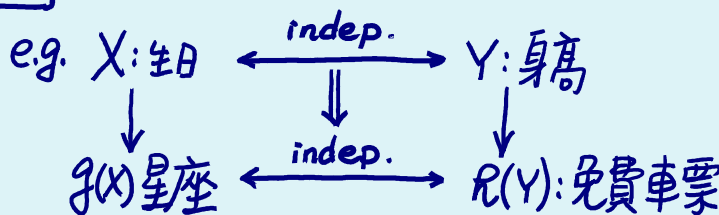
for interpretation

$$P(Y \in B | X \in A) = P(Y \in B)$$

③ X, Y independent  $\Rightarrow$  Z = g(X) and W = h(Y) are independent

indep. & transformation

intuition



generalization

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent

$$1 < i_0 < i_1 < \cdots < i_k = n$$

$$Y_1 = g_1(X_1, \dots, X_{i_1}),$$

$$Y_2 = g_2(X_{i_1+1}, \dots, X_{i_2}),$$

...

$$Y_k = g_k(X_{i_{k-1}+1}, \dots, X_{i_k}).$$

$Y_1, \dots, Y_k$  are independent

\*\*\* 4. marginal distributions of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  + independence  $\Rightarrow$  joint distribution of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$

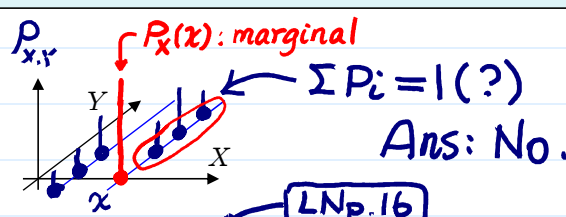
• conditional distribution ← conditional probability (LNp.5)

**Definition 2.9** (conditional pmf for discrete case, TBp. 87)

$X$  and  $Y$  are discrete random variables with joint pmf  $p_{XY}(x, y)$ , the conditional pmf of  $Y$  given  $X$  is

$$p_{Y|X}(y|x) \equiv P(\underbrace{Y=y}_{\text{event } B} | \underbrace{X=x}_{\text{event } A}) = \frac{P(\underbrace{X=x, Y=y}_{A \cap B})}{P(\underbrace{X=x}_{B})} = \frac{p_{XY}(x, y)}{p_X(x)} = \frac{\text{joint}}{\text{marginal}}$$

if  $p_X(x) > 0$ . The probability is defined to be zero if  $p_X(x) = 0$ .



**Example 2.3** (cont. Ex 2.2)

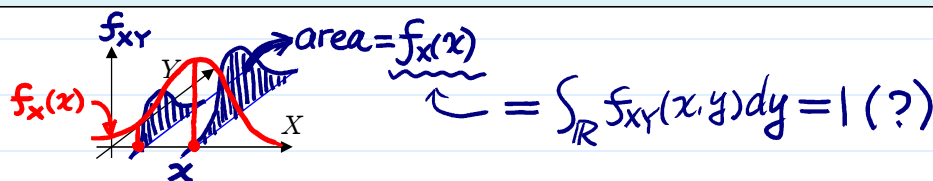
$$p_{X_2|X_1}(0|1) = 2/3, \text{ and } p_{X_2|X_1}(1|1) = 1/3 \quad \leftarrow \text{update} \begin{cases} P_{X_2}(0) = 1/2 \\ P_{X_2}(1) = 1/2 \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.10** (conditional pdf for continuous case, TBp. 86)

$X$  and  $Y$  are continuous random variables with joint pdf  $f_{XY}(x, y)$ , the conditional pdf of  $Y$  given  $X$  is defined by

$$\frac{\text{joint}}{\text{marginal}} = f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_X(x)}, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \text{Notice the similarity between pmf \& pdf.}$$

if  $0 < f_X(x) < \infty$  and 0 otherwise.



**Theorem 2.3**

1. The definition of  $f_{Y|X}(y|x)$  comes from

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{P(a \leq Y \leq b, x - \frac{\Delta x}{2} \leq X \leq x + \frac{\Delta x}{2})}{P(x - \frac{\Delta x}{2} \leq X \leq x + \frac{\Delta x}{2})} \\ & P(\underline{a} \leq Y \leq \underline{b} | x - \Delta x/2 \leq X \leq x + \Delta x/2) = \frac{\int_a^b \int_{x-\Delta x/2}^{x+\Delta x/2} f_{XY}(u, v) du dv}{\int_{x-\Delta x/2}^{x+\Delta x/2} f_X(t) dt} \\ & \approx \frac{\int_a^b f_{XY}(x, y) \Delta x dy}{f_X(x) \Delta x} = \int_a^b \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_X(x)} dy \end{aligned}$$

2. For each fixed  $x$ ,  $p_{Y|X}(y|x)$  is a pmf for  $y$  and  $f_{Y|X}(y|x)$  is a pdf for  $y$ . *← Notice the different roles of  $x$  &  $y$*

③.  $p_{XY}(x, y) = p_{Y|X}(y|x) p_X(x)$ , and  $f_{XY}(x, y) = f_{Y|X}(y|x) f_X(x)$

— multiplication law *← cf. LNp.6*

④.  $p_Y(y) = \sum_x p_{Y|X}(y|x) p_X(x)$ , and  $f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{Y|X}(y|x) f_X(x) dx$

— law of total probability *← cf. LNp.7*

⑤.  $p_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{p_{Y|X}(y|x) p_X(x)}{\sum_x p_{Y|X}(y|x) p_X(x)}$ , and  $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{Y|X}(y|x) f_X(x)}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{Y|X}(y|x) f_X(x) dx}$

*LNp.7 cf.* — Bayes' rule

*intuition (graphs in LNp 21 & 22)*

items 3, 4, 5  
can be  
generalized  
to more than  
2 r.v.'s

6.  $X, Y$  are independent  $\Leftrightarrow p_{Y|X}(y|x) = p_Y(y)$  or  $f_{Y|X}(y|x) = f_Y(y)$

## • functions of random variables

Raw  
Data

$X_1,$   
...,  
 $X_n$

Transformations

$g_1(X_1, \dots, X_n) = Y_1$

...

$g_k(X_1, \dots, X_n) = Y_k$

Extract  
Information

$\Theta$

*unknown parameters in the statistical model*

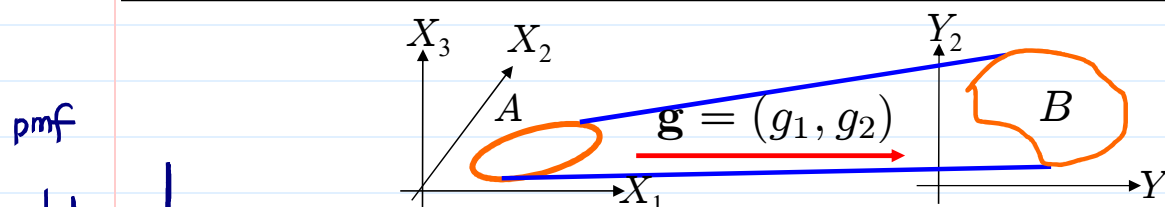
### Question 2.6

For given r.v.'s  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ ,  
how to derive the  
distributions of their  
transformations?

## 1. method of events $\rightarrow$ discrete r.v.'s (pmf)

### Theorem 2.7

Let  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  be random variables, and  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{X})$ . Then, the distribution of  $\mathbf{Y}$  is determined by the distribution of  $\mathbf{X}$  as follow: for any event  $B$  defined by  $\mathbf{Y}$ ,  $P(\mathbf{Y} \in B) = P(\mathbf{X} \in A)$ , where  $A = \mathbf{g}^{-1}(B)$ .



### Example 2.4 (univariate discrete random variable)

Let  $X$  be a discrete r.v. taking the values  $x_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $Y = g(X)$ . Then,  $Y$  is also a discrete r.v. taking the values  $y_j, j = 1, 2, \dots$ . To determine the pmf of  $Y$ , by taking  $B = \{y_j\}$ , we have

$$A = \{x_i : g(x_i) = y_j\} \text{ and hence}$$

$$p_Y(y_j) = P(\{y_j\}) = P(A) = \sum_{x_i \in A} p_X(x_i).$$



**Example 2.5** (sum of two discrete random variables, TBp. 96)

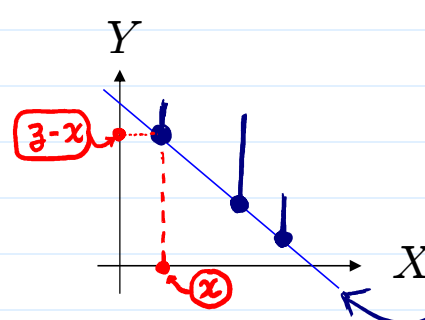
$X$  and  $Y$  are random variables with joint pmf  $p(x, y)$ . Find the distribution of  $Z = X + Y$ .

(Exercise: difference of two random variables,  $Z = X - Y$ )  $\leftarrow$  Ans.  $p_z(z) = \sum_y p(z+y, y)$

$$p_Z(z) = P(Z = z) = P(X + Y = z) = \sum_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} p(x, z - x)$$

When  $X, Y$  independent,  $p(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y)$ ,

$$p_Z(z) = \sum_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} p_X(x)p_Y(z - x) \Rightarrow \text{convolution of } p_X \text{ and } p_Y$$



cf. value of r.v.  
distribution of r.v.

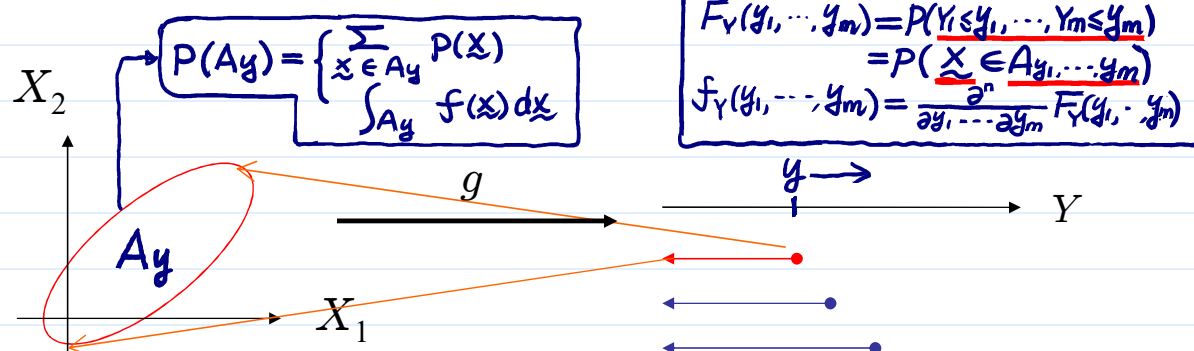
$$X + Y = z \Rightarrow Y = z - X$$

## 2. method of cumulative distribution function (a special case of method 1)

Let  $Y$  be a function of the random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ .

1. Find the region  $Y \leq y$  in the  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  space.
2. Find  $F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y)$  by summing the joint pmf or integrating the joint pdf of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  over the region  $Y \leq y$ .
3. (for continuous case) Find the pdf of Y by differentiating  $F_Y(y)$ , i.e.,  $f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y)$ .

**Note.** It can be generalized to multivariate  $Y = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m)$ .



**Example 2.6** (square of a random variable, similar example see TBp. 61)

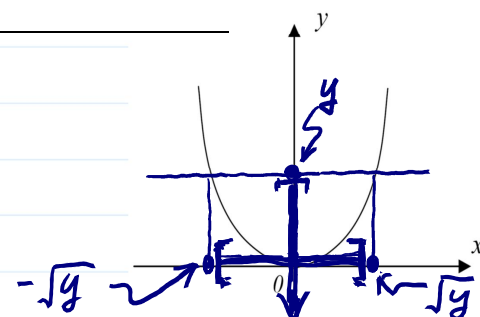
$X$  is a random variables with pdf  $f_X(x)$  and cdf  $F_X(x)$ . Find the distributon of  $Y = X^2$ .  $\hookrightarrow X$  is a continuous r.v.

For  $y \geq 0$ ,  $\{Y \leq y\} = \{-\sqrt{y} \leq X \leq \sqrt{y}\}$

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(-\sqrt{y} \leq X \leq \sqrt{y}) = F_X(\sqrt{y}) - F_X(-\sqrt{y})$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_X(\sqrt{y}) - \frac{d}{dy} F_X(-\sqrt{y}) \\ &= f_X(\sqrt{y}) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} - f_X(-\sqrt{y}) \left(-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} (f_X(\sqrt{y}) + f_X(-\sqrt{y})) \end{aligned}$$

and  $f_Y(y) = 0$  for  $y < 0$ .



**Example 2.7** (sum of two continuous random variables, TBp. 97)

$X$  and  $Y$  are random variables with joint pdf  $f(x, y)$ . Find the distribution of  $Z = X + Y$ .  $\hookrightarrow X, Y$ : continuous r.v.'s

(Exercise: difference of two random variables,  $Z = X - Y$ )

Let  $R_z$  be  $\{(x, y) : x + y \leq z\}$ . Then,

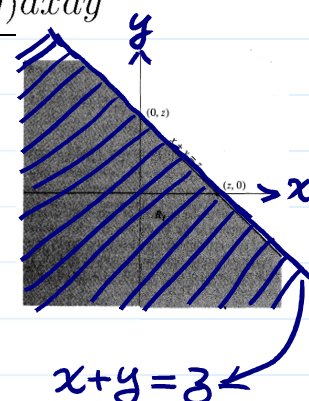
$\hookrightarrow$  Ans.  $f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z+y, y) dy$

$$F_Z(z) = P(Z \leq z) = P(X + Y \leq z) = \iint_{R_z} f(x, y) dx dy$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{z-x} f(x, y) dy dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^z \int_{-\infty}^v f(x, v-x) dx dv \quad (\text{set } y = v-x)$$

$$f_Z(z) = \frac{d}{dz} F_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, z-x) dx$$



When  $X, Y$  independent,  $f(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$ ,

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(z-x) dx \Rightarrow \text{convolution of } f_X \text{ and } f_Y$$

cf.  $\rightarrow$  the convolution for discrete r.v.'s (LNp. 25)

**Example 2.8** (quotient of two continuous random variables, TBp. 98)

$X$  and  $Y$  are r.v. with joint pdf  $f(x, y)$ . Find the distribution of  $Z = Y/X$ . (Exercise: product of two random variables,  $Z=XY$ )

$$Q_z = \{(x, y) : y/x \leq z\} = \{(x, y) : x < 0, y \geq zx\} \cup \{(x, y) : x > 0, y \leq zx\}$$

$P(Z \leq z)$

$$F_Z(z) = \iint_{Q_z} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_{-\infty}^0 \int_{xz}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy dx + \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{xz} f(x, y) dy dx$$

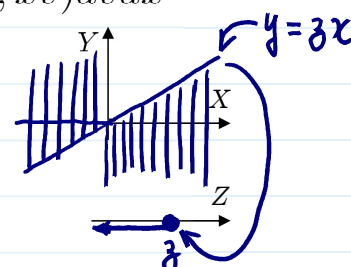
$$= \int_{-\infty}^0 \int_z^{\infty} x f(x, xv) dv dx + \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^z x f(x, xv) dv dx \quad (\text{set } y = xv)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^0 \int_{-\infty}^z (-x) f(x, xv) dv dx + \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^z x f(x, xv) dv dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^z \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| f(x, xv) dx dv$$

$$f_Z(z) = \frac{d}{dz} F_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| f(x, xz) dx$$

$$\left( = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| f_X(x) f_Y(xz) dx \quad \text{when } X, Y \text{ independent} \right)$$

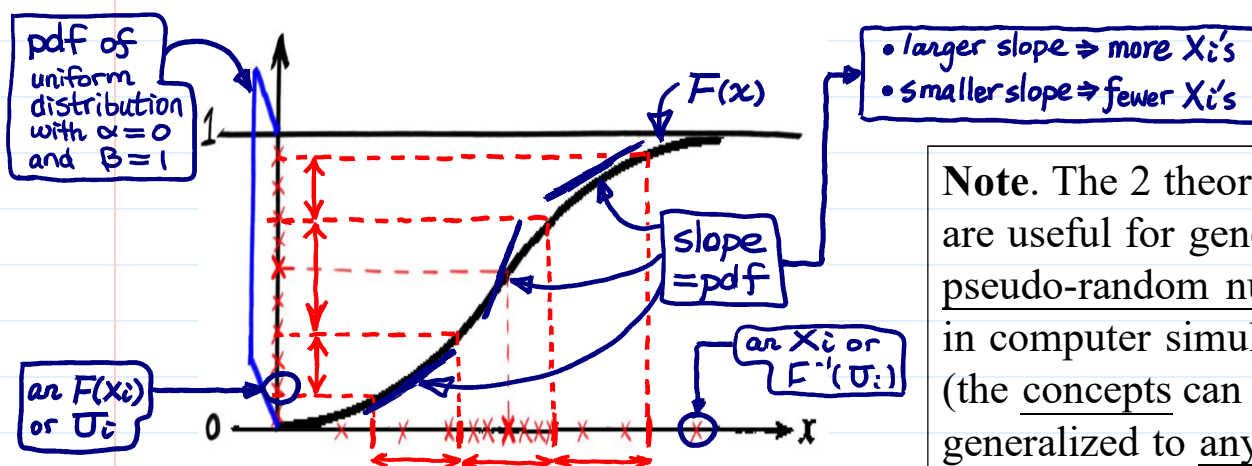
**Theorem 2.4** (TBp. 63)

Let  $X$  be a random variable whose cdf  $F$  possesses a unique inverse  $F^{-1}$ . Let  $Z = F(X)$ , then  $Z$  has a uniform distribution on  $[0, 1]$ .

① no jump ② strictly increasing  $\Rightarrow X$  : a continuous r.v.

**Theorem 2.5** (TBp. 63)

Let  $U$  be a uniform random variable on  $[0, 1]$  and  $F$  is a cdf which possesses a unique inverse  $F^{-1}$ . Let  $X = F^{-1}(U)$ . Then the cdf of  $X$  is  $F$ .



### 3. method of probability density function (for continuous r.v.'s and differentiable, one-to-one transformations, a special case of method 2) :

check its proof in textbook

**Theorem 2.6** (univariate continuous case, TBp. 62)

Let  $\underline{X}$  be a continuous random variable with pdf  $f_X(x)$ . Let  $Y = g(X)$ , where  $g$  is differentiable, strictly monotone. Then,

can be relaxed to piecewise strictly monotone

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} \right|$$

cf. Example 2.4 in LNp 24  
Q: What's the role of the term?

for  $y$  s.t.  $y = g(x)$  for some  $x$ , and  $f_Y(y) = 0$  otherwise.

**Example 2.9**

$\underline{X}$  is a random variables with pdf  $f_X(x)$ . Find the distributon of  $\underline{Y} = 1/\underline{X}$ .

For  $x > 0$  (or  $x < 0$ ),

$$y = 1/x \equiv g(x) \Rightarrow x = g^{-1}(y) = 1/y$$

$$dg^{-1}/dy = -1/y^2 \quad \text{and} \quad |dg^{-1}/dy| = 1/y^2$$

hence

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(1/y)(1/y^2)$$

**Theorem 2.7** (multivariate continuous case, TBp. 102-103)

$\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  multivariate continuous,  $\underline{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n) \equiv \underline{g}(\underline{X})$ .  $\underline{g}$  is one-to-one, so that its inverse exists and is denoted by

$$\underline{x} = \underline{g}^{-1}(\underline{y}) = \underline{w}(\underline{y}) = (\underbrace{w_1(\underline{y})}_{x_1}, \underbrace{w_2(\underline{y})}_{x_2}, \dots, \underbrace{w_n(\underline{y})}_{x_n}).$$

Assume  $\underline{w}$  have continuous partial derivatives, and let

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial w_1(\underline{y})}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial w_1(\underline{y})}{\partial y_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial w_1(\underline{y})}{\partial y_n} \\ \frac{\partial w_2(\underline{y})}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial w_2(\underline{y})}{\partial y_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial w_2(\underline{y})}{\partial y_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial w_n(\underline{y})}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial w_n(\underline{y})}{\partial y_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial w_n(\underline{y})}{\partial y_n} \end{vmatrix}$$

Jacobian

determinant

interpretation:

similar to

$$\left| \frac{dg^{-1}}{dy} \right|$$

Then

$$f_Y(\underline{y}) = f_X(\underline{g}^{-1}(\underline{y})) |J|.$$

for  $\underline{y}$  s.t.  $\underline{y} = \underline{g}(\underline{x})$  for some  $\underline{x}$ , and  $f_Y(\underline{y}) = 0$ , otherwise.

**Note.** When the dimensionality of  $\underline{Y}$ , denoted by  $k$ , is less than  $n$ , we can choose another  $n - k$  transformations  $\underline{Z}$  such that  $(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z})$  satisfy the above assumptions. By integrating out the last  $n - k$  arguments in the pdf of  $(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z})$ , the pdf of  $\underline{Y}$  can be obtained.

**Example 2.10** (cont. Ex 2.8)

$X_1$  and  $X_2$  are random variables with joint pdf  $f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2)$ . Find the distribution of  $Y_1 = X_2/X_1$ . (Exercise:  $Y_1 = X_1 X_2$ )

Let  $Y_2 = X_1$ . Then

$$x_1 = y_2 \equiv w_1(y_1, y_2)$$

$$x_2 = y_1 y_2 \equiv w_2(y_1, y_2).$$

$$\frac{\partial w_1}{\partial y_1} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial y_2} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial w_2}{\partial y_1} = y_2, \quad \frac{\partial w_2}{\partial y_2} = y_1.$$

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ y_2 & y_1 \end{vmatrix} = -y_2, \quad \text{and} \quad |J| = |y_2|$$

Therefore,

$$f_{Y_1 Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = f_{X_1 X_2}(y_2, y_1 y_2) |y_2|$$

$$f_{Y_1}(y_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{Y_1 Y_2}(y_1, y_2) dy_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_1 X_2}(y_2, y_1 y_2) |y_2| dy_2$$

cf. Ex 2.8 in LNP.29

4. **method of moment generating function:** based on the uniqueness theorem of moment generating function. To be explained later in Chapter 4.

Ch1-6, p.2-34

- extrema and order statistics 順序統計量  $\rightarrow$  quantile (分位數)

**Definition 2.11** (order statistics, sec 3.7)

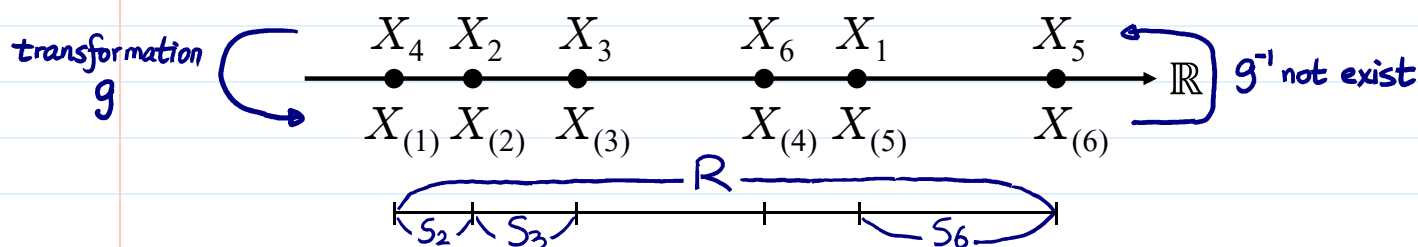
Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be random variables. We sort the  $X_i$ 's and denote by  $X_{(1)} \leq X_{(2)} \leq \dots \leq X_{(n)}$  the order statistics. Using the notation,

$$X_{(1)} = \min(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \text{ is the } \underline{\text{minimum}}$$

$$X_{(n)} = \max(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \text{ is the } \underline{\text{maximum}}$$

$$R \equiv X_{(n)} - X_{(1)} \text{ is called } \underline{\text{range}}$$

$$S_j \equiv X_{(j)} - X_{(j-1)}, j = 2, \dots, n \text{ are called } \underline{j\text{th spacings}}$$





**Note.** In the section, we only consider the case that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d continuous r.v.'s with cdf  $F$  and pdf  $f$ . Although  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent, their order statistics are not independent in general.  $X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$

### Definition 2.12 (i.i.d.)

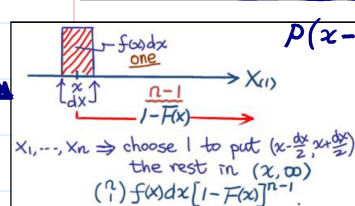
$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are **i.i.d.** (i)ndependent, (i)dentically (d)istributed with cdf  $F$ /pmf  $p$ /pdf  $f \Rightarrow X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent and have a common marginal cdf  $F$ /pmf  $p$ /pdf  $f$ .  $\rightarrow$  joint =  $\pi$  marginal

but not common value

### Theorem 2.8 (TBp. 104)

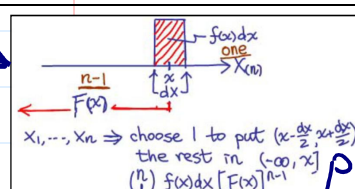
The cdf of  $X_{(1)}$  is  $1 - [1 - F(x)]^n$  and its pdf is  $nf(x)[1 - F(x)]^{n-1}$ .

The cdf of  $X_{(n)}$  is  $[F(x)]^n$  and its pdf is  $nf(x)[F(x)]^{n-1}$ .



$$P(x - \frac{dx}{2} < X_{(1)} < x + \frac{dx}{2}) \approx f_{X_{(1)}}(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X_{(n)}}(x) &= P(X_{(n)} \leq x) = P(X_1 \leq x, \dots, X_n \leq x) \\ &= P(X_1 \leq x) \cdots P(X_n \leq x) = [F(x)]^n. \end{aligned} \quad \frac{dF_{X_{(n)}}(x)}{dx}$$



$$\begin{aligned} 1 - F_{X_{(1)}}(x) &= P(X_{(1)} > x) = P(X_1 > x, \dots, X_n > x) \\ &= P(X_1 > x) \cdots P(X_n > x) = [1 - F(x)]^n. \end{aligned} \quad \frac{dF_{X_{(1)}}(x)}{dx}$$

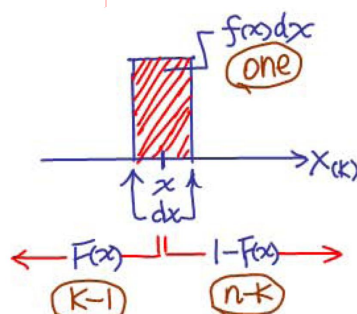
$$P(x - \frac{dx}{2} < X_{(n)} < x + \frac{dx}{2}) \approx f_{X_{(n)}}(x) dx$$

### Theorem 2.9 (TBp. 105)

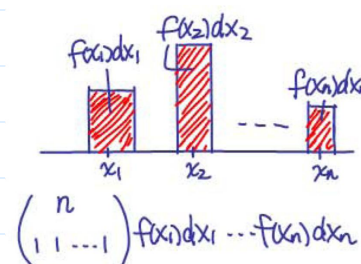
The pdf of the  $k$ th order statistic  $X_{(k)}$  is

$$P(x - \frac{dx}{2} < X_{(k)} < x + \frac{dx}{2}) \approx f_{X_{(k)}}(x) \cdot dx$$

$$f_{X_{(k)}}(x) = \frac{n!}{(k-1)!(n-k)!} f(x) [F(x)]^{k-1} [1 - F(x)]^{n-k}.$$



$$\begin{aligned} X_1, \dots, X_n &\Rightarrow \text{choose 1 to place in } (x - \frac{dx}{2}, x + \frac{dx}{2}) \\ &= k-1 = (-\infty, x) \\ &= n-k = (x, \infty) \\ &\binom{n}{k-1, n-k} f(x) dx [F(x)]^{k-1} [1 - F(x)]^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$



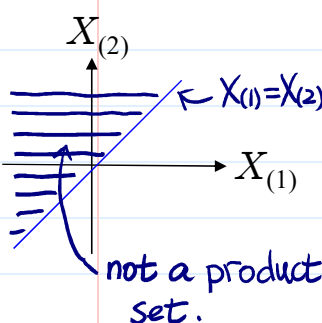
### Theorem 2.10 (TBp. 114, Problem 73)

The joint pdf of  $X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$  is

$$P(x_i - \frac{dx_i}{2} < X_{(i)} < x_i + \frac{dx_i}{2}, i=1, \dots, n) \approx f_{X_{(1)} \dots X_{(n)}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \cdots dx_n$$

$$f_{X_{(1)} X_{(2)} \dots X_{(n)}}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = n! f(x_1) f(x_2) \cdots f(x_n),$$

for  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_n$ , and  $f_{X_{(1)} X_{(2)} \dots X_{(n)}} = 0$  otherwise.



**Question:** Are  $X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$  independent, judged from the form of its joint pdf?  $\leftarrow$  c.f. Thm 2.2, item 1 (LNp. 19)

**Example 2.11** (range, TBp. 105-106)

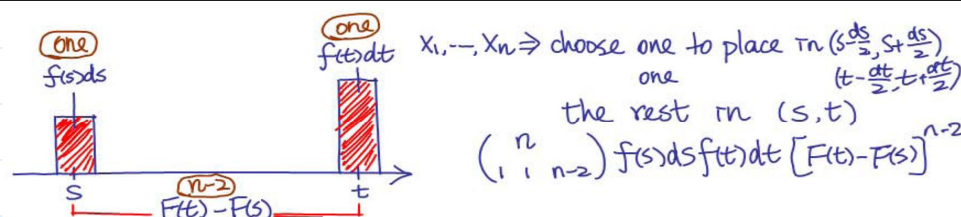
The joint pdf of  $X_{(1)}$  and  $X_{(n)}$  is  $P(s - \frac{ds}{2} < X_{(1)} < s + \frac{ds}{2}, t - \frac{dt}{2} < X_{(n)} < t + \frac{dt}{2}) \approx f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(n)}}(s, t) ds dt$ .

$$f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(n)}}(s, t) = n(n-1)f(s)f(t)[F(t) - F(s)]^{n-2}, \quad \text{for } s \leq t,$$

and 0 otherwise. Therefore, the pdf of  $R = X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}$  is

$$f_R(r) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(n)}}(s, s+r) ds \quad \text{for } r > 0, \text{ and } f_R(r) = 0, \text{ otherwise.}$$

↑ check exercise in Ex2.7 (LNp.28)

**Exercise**

- Find the joint pdf of  $X_{(i)}$  and  $X_{(j)}$ , where  $i < j$ .
- Find the joint pdf of  $X_{(j)}$  and  $X_{(j-1)}$ , and derive the pdf of  $j$ th spacing  $S_j = X_{(j)} - X_{(j-1)}$ .

❖ **Reading:** textbook, 2.1 (not including 2.1.1~5), 2.2 (not including 2.2.1~4), 2.3, 2.4, Chapter 3

❖ **Further Reading:** Roussas, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 7.1, 7.2, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 10.1

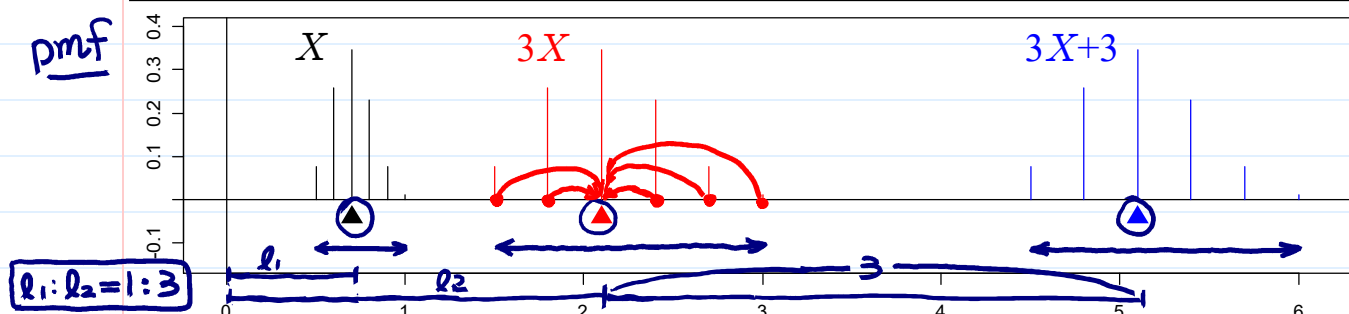
# Chapter 4

## Outline

- expectation ← 期望值.
  - mean, variance, standard deviation, covariance, correlation coefficient
- moment generating function & characteristic function
- conditional expectation and prediction
- δ method

**Question 3.1**

Can we describe the characteristics of distributions by use of some intuitive and meaningful simple values?



# • expectation

## Definition 3.1 (expectation, TBp. 122, 123)

For random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , the **expectation** of a univariate random variable  $Y = g(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y) &\equiv \sum_{-\infty < y < \infty} y p_Y(y) = E[g(X_1, \dots, X_n)] \\ &\equiv \sum_{-\infty < x_1 < \infty, \dots, -\infty < x_n < \infty} g(x_1, \dots, x_n) p(x_1, \dots, x_n), \end{aligned}$$

weighted average  
加權平均  
平均:  $y$   
權重:  $p_Y / f_Y$

if  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are discrete random variables, or

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y) &\equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y) dy = E[g(X_1, \dots, X_n)] \\ &\equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x_1, \dots, x_n) f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \cdots dx_n, \end{aligned}$$

$Y$ : random  
 $E(Y)$ : fixed value

if  $Y$  and  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are continuous random variables.

## Definition 3.2 (mean, variance, standard deviation, covariance, correlation coefficient)

- (TBp.116&118)  $g(x) = x \Rightarrow E[g(X)] = E(X)$  is called **mean** of  $X$ , usually denoted by  $E(X)$  or  $\mu_X$ .
- (TBp.131)  $g(x) = (x - \overset{\text{constant}}{\mu_X})^2 \Rightarrow E[g(X)] = E[(X - E(X))^2]$  is called **variance** of  $X$ , usually denoted by  $Var(X)$  or  $\sigma_X^2$ . The square root of variance, i.e.,  $\sigma_X$ , is called **standard deviation**.  
constant, not random
- (TBp.138)  $g(x, y) = (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y) \Rightarrow E[g(X, Y)] = E[(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))]$  is called **covariance** of  $X$  and  $Y$ , usually denoted by  $Cov(X, Y)$  or  $\sigma_{XY}$ .
- (TBp.142) The **correlation coefficient** of  $X, Y$  is defined as  $\sigma_{XY}/(\sigma_X \sigma_Y)$ , usually denoted by  $Cor(X, Y)$  or  $\rho_{XY}$ .  $X$  and  $Y$  are called **uncorrelated** if  $\rho_{XY} = 0$ .  $\Leftrightarrow \sigma_{XY} = 0$

## Notes. (intuitive explanation of mean)

from its definition

- ① Mean of a random variable parallels the notion of a weighted average.
2. It is helpful to think of the mean as the center of mass of the pmf/pdf.   
  $\leftarrow$  center of gravity (重心)
3. Mean can be interpreted as a long-run average. (see Chapter 5.)  $\rightarrow$  LLN

## Notes. (intuitive explanation of variance and standard deviation)

from its definition

- ① variance is the average value of the squared deviation of  $X$  from  $\mu_X$ .
2. If  $X$  has units, then mean and standard deviation have the same unit, and variance has unit squared.

how the dist. is spread out

## Theorem 3.1 (properties of mean)

1. (TBp.125) For constants  $a, b_1, \dots, b_n \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$E(a + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i X_i) = a + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i E(X_i).$$

$$\Rightarrow E(a + bX) = a + b \cdot E(X)$$

- ② (TBp.124) If  $X, Y$  are independent, then

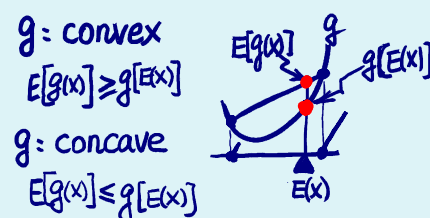
$$E(g(X)h(Y)) = E(g(X))E(h(Y)).$$

independent  $\Rightarrow$  uncorrelated

In particular,  $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$ .  $\leftarrow$   $\overbrace{W \quad Z}^{W \& Z \text{ are independent}}$

(Question 3.2:  $E(X/Y) = E(X)/E(Y)$ ?  $\leftarrow E(\frac{X}{Y}) = E(X \cdot \frac{1}{Y}) = E(X) \cdot E(\frac{1}{Y})$   $\leftarrow$   $\frac{1}{E(Y)}$ ?

Note.  $E[g(X)] \neq g[E(X)]$  in general.



## Theorem 3.2 (properties of variance and standard deviation)

- ① (TBp.132)  $\sigma_X^2 = Var(X) = E[(X - \mu_X)^2] = E(X^2) - \mu_X^2$ .

$\rightarrow$  for calculation purpose  $\uparrow [E(X)]^2$

- ② (TBp.131)  $Var(a + bX) = b^2 Var(X)$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\sigma_{a+bX} = |b| \sigma_X$ .

3. (TBp.140)  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \text{ location shift } \Rightarrow \text{ no impact on } \sigma^2 \\ \bullet \text{ scale change } \Rightarrow \sigma^2 \rightarrow b^2 \sigma^2 \end{array} \right] [b_1 \dots b_n] \left[ \begin{array}{l} a_{ij} = cov(X_i, X_j) \\ \text{covariance matrix} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{l} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{array} \right]$

$$Var\left(a + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 Var(X_i) + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} b_i b_j Cov(X_i, X_j).$$

gone

In particular,  $Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y) + 2Cov(X, Y)$ .

- ④ (TBp.140) If  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent,

cf.

mean of sum  
item 1, Thm 3.1  
(Lnp. 41)

$$Var\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n Var(X_i).$$

imply

$cov(X_i, X_j) = 0$ , i.e.,  
uncorrelated,  $\forall i \neq j$

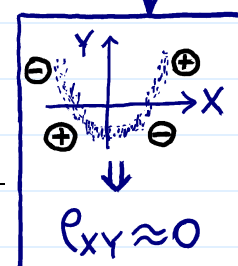
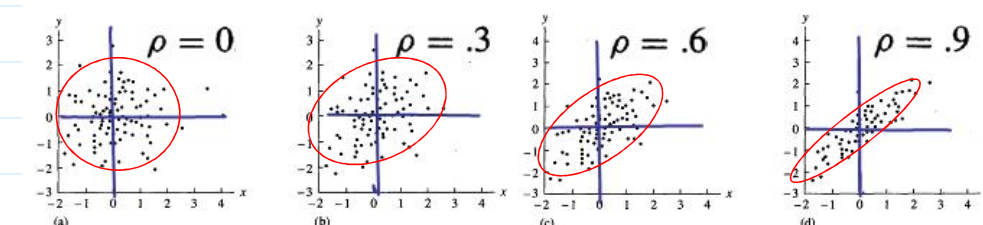
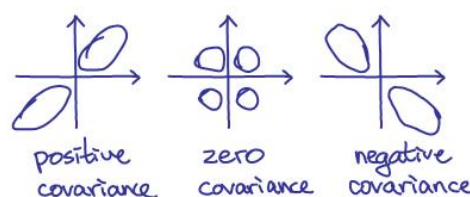
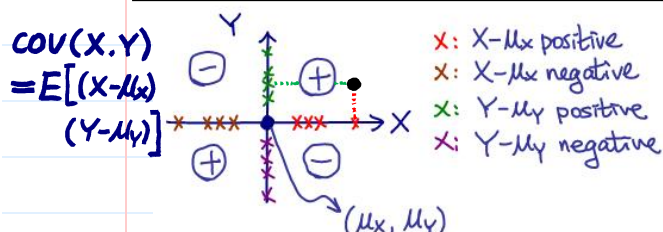
$-\mu_X + \mu_X$

5. (TBp.136)  $E[(X - \theta)^2] = Var(X) + (\mu_X - \theta)^2$  (Mean square error = variance + bias square)  $\rightarrow E[(X - \mu_X)^2 + (\mu_X - \theta)^2 - 2(\mu_X - \theta)(X - \mu_X)]$



### Notes. (intuitive explanation of covariance and correlation coefficient)

1. covariance is a measure of the joint variability of  $X$  and  $Y$ , or their degree of association.  
 might not be causal relation  $\rightarrow$  i.e., when  $X$  (r.v.) is large (or small), will  $Y$  tend to be larger or smaller?
2. covariance is the average value of the product of the deviation of  $X$  from its mean and the deviation of  $Y$  from its mean.  $\leftarrow$  from its definition.
3. positive covariance and negative covariance  $\rightarrow$  drawback: cov depends on the scale/unit of  $X$  &  $Y$
4. correlation coefficient is unit free
5. correlation coefficient measures the strength of the linear relationship between  $X$  and  $Y$ .





**Theorem 3.4** (properties of covariance and correlation coefficient)

1. (TBp.138)  $Cov(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = E(XY) - \mu_X\mu_Y$   
 (Note.  $Cov(X, X) = Var(X)$ .)

→ for calculation purpose

2. (TBp.140)

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_1 & \dots & b_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{ij} = Cov(X_i, Y_j) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Cov\left(a + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i X_i, c + \sum_{j=1}^m d_j Y_j\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m b_i d_j Cov(X_i, Y_j)$$

gone

3. (TBp.140) If  $X, Y$  are independent then  $Cov(X, Y) = 0$ , i.e., independent  $\Rightarrow$  uncorrelated. But, the converse statement is not necessarily true.

4. (TBp.143)  $-1 \leq \rho_{XY} \leq 1$  and  $\rho_{XY} = \pm 1$  if and only if  $Y = aX + b$  with probability one for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\begin{cases} \rho = +1 \Leftrightarrow a > 0 \\ \rho = -1 \Leftrightarrow a < 0 \end{cases}$$

5.  $\rho_{XY} = E\left[\left(\frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right)\left(\frac{Y - \mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right)\right]$

standardization (標準化)  
 After standardization,  
 mean = 0  
 var = 1

6.  $|Cor(a + bX, c + dY)| = |Cor(X, Y)|$

• location shift  
 • scale change  $\Rightarrow$  no impact on cor

## • moment generating function & characteristics function

**Definition 3.3** (moment generating function, TBp. 155)

The moment generating function (mgf) of a random variable  $X$  is

$$M_X(t) = E(e^{tX}), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

if the expectation exists.

$$M_X(t) = \begin{cases} \int e^{tx} f_X(x) dx \\ \sum e^{tx} p_X(x) \end{cases}$$

Laplace transformation of  $\frac{1}{t}$

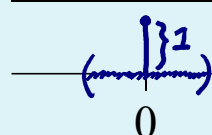
**Theorem 3.5** (properties of moment generating function)

1. The moment generating function may or may not exist for any particular value of  $t$ .

$$\hookrightarrow t=0 \Rightarrow E(e^{0 \cdot X}) = 1 \leftarrow \text{always exists}$$

$$\downarrow \text{ i.e., } E(e^{tX}) < \infty$$

2. uniqueness theorem (TBp.143). If the moment generating function exists for  $t$  in an open interval containing zero, it uniquely determines the probability distribution.



know mgf  $\Rightarrow$  know distribution

★ 3. (TBp.156) If the moment generating function exists in an open interval containing zero, then

know all moments  
 $\Rightarrow$  know  $M_X(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{M_k'(0)}{k!} t^k$   
 $\Rightarrow$  know dist.

$$M_X^{(k)}(0) = E(X^k)$$

the reason why it's called moment generating function.

4. (TBp.158) For any constants  $a, b$ ,  $M_{a+bX}(t) = e^{at} M_X(bt)$ .

★ 5. (TBp.159)  $X, Y$  independent  $\Rightarrow M_{X+Y}(t) = M_X(t) M_Y(t)$ .

useful for identifying the dist. of  $X_1 + \dots + X_n$

generalization: indep.  $X_1, \dots, X_n$

6. continuity theorem (see Chapter 5)  $M_{X_1 + \dots + X_n}(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n M_{X_i}(t)$

### Definition 3.4 (moment, TBp. 155)

The  $k$ th **moment** of a random variable is  $E(X^k) \equiv \mu_k$ , and the  $k$ th **central moment** is  $E[(X - \mu_X)^k] \equiv \mu'_k$ .

$$(-\mu_X + \mu_k)$$

➤ Some Notes.

$$\mu'_k = \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} (-\mu_X)^{n-i} \mu_i$$

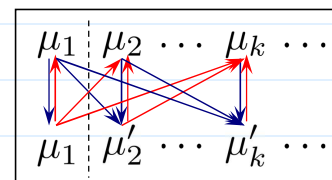
$$\mu_k = \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} (\mu_X)^{n-i} \mu'_i$$

▪ In particular,  $E(X) = \mu_X = \mu_1$ , and,

$$Var(X) = \sigma_X^2 = \mu_2 - \mu_1^2 = \mu'_2.$$

$\mu'_k$ : a linear combination of  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k$

$\mu_k$ : a linear combination of  $\mu_1, \mu'_2, \dots, \mu'_k$



### Definition 3.5 (joint moment generating function, TBp. 161)

For random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , their **joint mgf** is defined as:

$$M_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(t_1, \dots, t_n) = M_{X_1 + \dots + X_n}(t)$$

$$M_{X_1 X_2 \dots X_n}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = E(e^{t_1 X_1 + t_2 X_2 + \dots + t_n X_n})$$

c.f.  $\rightarrow$  mgf of  $X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n = Y$   
 $= E(e^{t X_1 + t X_2 + \dots + t X_n})$

if the expectation exists.

### Theorem 3.6 (properties of joint mgf)

1.  $M_{X_1}(t_1) = M_{X_1 X_2 \dots X_n}(t_1, 0, \dots, 0)$  ← relationship between joint mgf & marginal mgf.

2. uniqueness theorem

★ 3.  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent if and only if

LNp.19.  
 joint {cdf, pmf, pdf}  
 $= \prod_{i=1}^n$  marginal {cdf, pmf, pdf}

$$M_{X_1 X_2 \dots X_n}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n M_{X_i}(t_i)$$

c.f.

the mgf of the sum of indep.  $X_1, \dots, X_n$   
 $= \prod_{i=1}^n M_{X_i}(t_i)$

$$\begin{aligned} \star 4. \quad & \left. \frac{\partial^{r_1 + \dots + r_n}}{\partial t_1^{r_1} \dots \partial t_n^{r_n}} M_{X_1 X_2 \dots X_n}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \right|_{t_1 = t_2 = \dots = t_n = 0} \\ &= E(X_1^{r_1} X_2^{r_2} \dots X_n^{r_n}) \end{aligned}$$

• conditional expectation ← Recall: conditional distribution (LNp.21~23)

**Definition 3.7** (conditional expectation, TBp. 135-136)

The conditional expectation of  $\underbrace{h(Y)}_{\text{random}}$  given  $\underbrace{X = x}_{\text{fixed}}$  is

[Discrete case]:  $E(h(Y)|X = x) = \sum_y h(y) p_{Y|X}(y|x)$

In particular,  $E(Y|X = x) = \sum_y y p_{Y|X}(y|x)$  a pmf for y

[Continuous case]:  $E(h(Y)|X = x) = \int h(y) f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy$

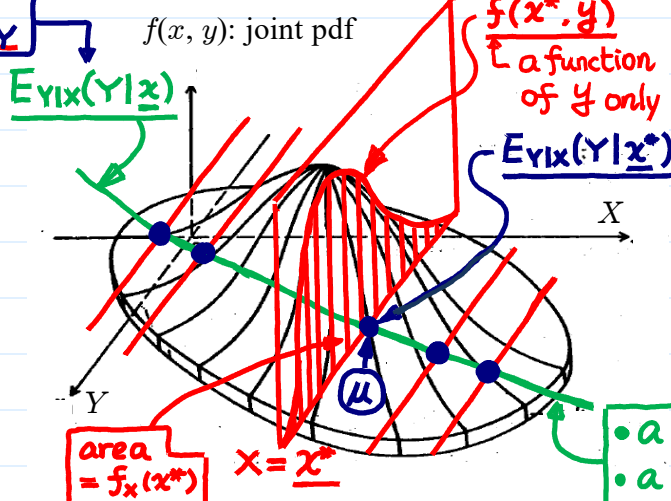
In particular,  $E(Y|X = x) = \int y f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy$  a pdf for y

平均:  $Y$  or  $h(Y)$   
權重:  $p_{Y|X}(y|x)$   
 $f_{Y|X}(y|x)$

a function of  $x$

Function of  $X$  with unit of  $Y$

e.g.,  
 $h(Y) = Y$   
 $X$ : height (cm)  
 $Y$ : weight (kg)  
 $E(Y|X=170)$   
= average weight of people whose height = 170



**Theorem 3.8** (properties of conditional expectation)

1.  $E_{Y|X}(h(Y)|x)$  is a function of  $x$  and is free of  $Y$ .

fixed values →

the  $Y$  part has been integrated or summed

② If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent then  $E_{Y|X}(h(Y)|x) = E_Y(h(Y))$ .

By Thm 2.3,  
item 6,  
LNp.23,  $\begin{cases} P_{Y|X}(y|x) = P_Y(y) \\ f_{Y|X}(y|x) = f_Y(y) \end{cases}$

intuition

$E_{Y|X}(h(Y)|x)$  is a constant function of  $x$   
⇒  $X$  offers no information of  $Y$

cf.

④ Let  $g(x) = E_{Y|X}(h(Y)|x)$ , then  $g(X)$  is a random variable (transformation of  $X$ ) and usually denoted by  $E_{Y|X}(h(Y)|X)$ .

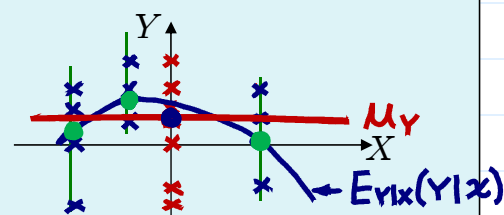
It's a function of  $X$  only. But, its random value reflects  $h(Y)$

5. law of total expectation (TBp.149)

$$E_X[E_{Y|X}(h(Y)|X)] = E_Y[h(Y)].$$

In particular,

$$E_Y[E_{X|Y}(Y|Y)] \rightarrow E_Y(Y) = E_X[E_{Y|X}(Y|X)].$$



$$\begin{aligned} E_{X,Y} &= E_X E_{Y|X} \\ &= E_Y E_{X|Y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_x \sum_y h(y) P_{X,Y}(x,y) &= \sum_x \sum_y h(y) P_{Y|X}(y|x) P_X(x) \\ &= \sum_x \sum_y h(y) f_{Y|X}(y|x) f_X(x) \end{aligned}$$

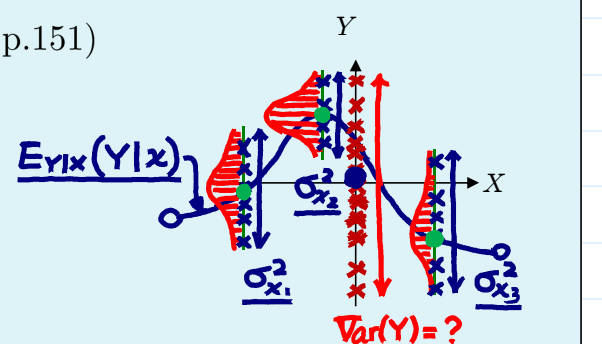
$$\begin{aligned} \int \int h(y) f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy dx &= \int \int h(y) f_{Y|X}(y|x) f_X(x) dy dx \\ &= \int \left( \int h(y) f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy \right) f_X(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

generalization

$$\begin{aligned} E_{X,Y}[h(X,Y)] &= E_Y E_{X|Y}[h(X,Y)|Y] \\ &= E_X E_{Y|X}[h(X,Y)|X] \end{aligned}$$

**4. variance decomposition** (TBp.151)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}_Y(Y) &= \\ \text{Var}_X[E_{Y|X}(Y|X)] &+ \\ E_X[\text{Var}_{Y|X}(Y|X)] \end{aligned}$$



Note.

1.  $\text{Var}_Y(Y) \geq E_X[\text{Var}_{Y|X}(Y|X)]$

and the equality holds if and only if

$$E_{Y|X}(Y|X) = E_Y(Y)$$

with probability one.

$$\text{Var}_X[E_{Y|X}(Y|X)] = 0$$

2.  $\text{Var}_Y(Y) \geq \text{Var}_X[E_{Y|X}(Y|X)]$

and the equality holds if and only if

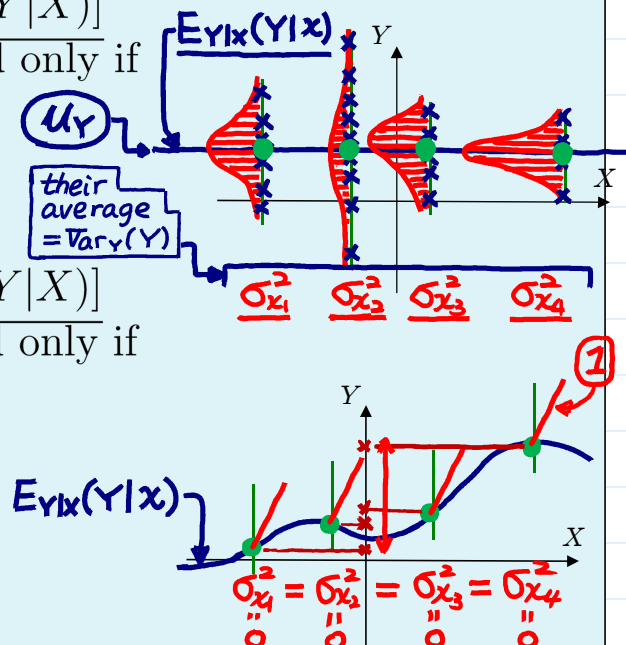
$$\text{Var}_{Y|X}(Y|X) = 0$$

with probability one; i.e.,

$$Y = E_{Y|X}(Y|X)$$

with probability one.

$$E_X[\text{Var}_{Y|X}(Y|X)] = 0$$



## • prediction

**Example 3.1** (predicting the value of a r.v.  $Y$  from another r.v.  $X$ , TBp. 152-154)

- **data:**  $X$  and  $Y$  (example?) 

$X$	身高
$Y$	體重
- **statistical modeling:** assign  $(X, Y)$  a (known) joint distribution (cdf  $F(x, y)$ , pdf  $f(x, y)$ , or pmf  $p(x, y)$ )
- **objective:** Predict  $Y$  by using a function of  $X$ , i.e.,  $g(X)$ .

We consider the following three groups of  $g$ 's:

- $G_1 = \{g(x) : g(x) = c, \text{ where } c \in \mathbb{R}\}$  *not use the information of  $X$*
- $G_2 = \{g(x) : g(x) = a + bx, \text{ where } a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , and
- $G_3 = \{g(x) : g \text{ is arbitrary}\}$ .

Note.  $G_1 \subset G_2 \subset G_3$ .

- **question:** Within each group, what is the "best" prediction?

- **criterion:** minimizing mean square error:

*meaning?*  $\rightarrow \text{MSE} \equiv E_{X,Y} \{ [Y - \underbrace{g(X)}_{\text{predicted value}}]^2 \}$

*true value*  $\rightarrow Y$  *error*  $\rightarrow Y - g(X)$

$G_1$

**Example 3.2** ("best" constant prediction, TBp. 153)

$$E_{X,Y}(Y - c)^2 = E_Y(Y - c)^2 \geq E_Y[Y - E_Y(Y)]^2 = \text{Var}_Y(Y) \quad \text{min}$$

$G_3$

The equality holds if and only if  $c = E_Y(Y)$ . *only need to know  $\mu_Y$*

**Example 3.3** ("best" prediction of  $Y$  using  $X$ , TBp. 153)

$$E_{X,Y}[Y - g(X)]^2 \geq E_{X,Y}[Y - E_{Y|X}(Y|X)]^2 = E_X[\text{Var}_{Y|X}(Y|X)]$$

The equality holds if and only if  $g(x) = E_{Y|X}(Y|x)$ . *min*

mean:  
best  
predictor  
under  
MSE

**Notes for the best predictor in  $G_3$ .**

•  $E_{Y|X}(Y|X)$  is the best predictor of  $Y$  based on  $X$ , in the mean squared prediction error sense. *intuition* *check the graph in LNp.50*

• need to know the joint distribution of  $X$  and  $Y$ , or at least  $E_{Y|X}(Y|x)$

•  $E_{Y|X}(Y|x)$  is called the regression function of  $Y$  on  $X$ . *迴歸*

$G_2$

**Example 3.4** ("best" linear prediction of  $Y$  using  $X$ , TBp. 153-154)

$$E_{X,Y}[Y - (a + bX)]^2 \geq E_{X,Y} \left\{ Y - \left[ \mu_Y + \rho \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} (X - \mu_X) \right] \right\}^2 = \sigma_Y^2 (1 - \rho^2) \quad \text{min}$$

The equality holds if and only if  $a = \mu_Y - b\mu_X$  and  $b = \rho \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X}$ . *unit=?*



Notes for the best predictor in  $G_2$ .

- $E_{Y|X}(Y|x) = \mu_Y + \rho \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X}(x - \mu_X)$  if  $(X, Y)$  is distributed as bivariate normal

best in  $G_3$ 

linear regression analysis

best in  $G_2$ more information  
better predictor

- needs to know only the means, variances and covariances

cf. the best in  $G_1$  &  $G_3 \rightarrow$  Which one require more information?

- $\sigma_Y^2(1 - \rho^2)$  is small if  $\rho$  is close to  $+1$  or  $-1$ , and large if  $\rho$  is close to  $0$

intuition

check the plot in Lnp.44

## Notes.

1.  $\min_{a,b} E[Y - (a + bX)]^2 \leq \min_c E(Y - c)^2$  and the equality holds if and only if  $\rho = 0$ .

 $\because G_1 \subset G_2 \subset G_3$ 

2.  $\min_g E(Y - g(X))^2 \leq \min_{a,b} E[Y - (a + bX)]^2$  and the equality holds if and only if  $E_{Y|X}(Y|x) = \mu_Y + \rho(\sigma_Y/\sigma_X)(x - \mu_X)$ .

Collect data of  $X, Y$  to estimate their joint dist.

## Question 3.3

What if the joint distribution of  $X$  and  $Y$  is unknown?

❖ **Reading:** textbook, Chapter 4

❖ **Further Reading:** Roussas, 5.1, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 6.5

## Some Commonly Used Distributions (from Chapters 2, 3, 6)

Ch1~6, p.2-58

### Question 4.1

For a given random phenomenon or data, what distribution (or statistical model) is more appropriate to depict it?  $\uparrow$  *statistical modeling*

### • discrete distributions

**Definition 4.1** (Uniform distribution  $U(a_1, \dots, a_m)$ )

Equal probability to obtain  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m$ .

pmf:  $p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{m}, & x = a_1, \dots, a_m \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

*a pmf? (Ec)*

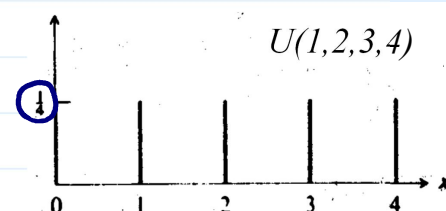
• mgf:  $\frac{\sum_{j=1}^m e^{a_j t}}{m}$   $\leftarrow$  *by definition (Ec)*

• mean:  $\frac{\sum_{j=1}^m a_j}{m} \equiv \bar{a}$

• variance:  $\frac{\sum_{j=1}^m (a_j - \bar{a})^2}{m}$

• parameter:  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}, m = 1, 2, \dots$

• example: throw a fair die once



**Definition 4.2** (Bernoulli distribution  $B(p)$ , sec 2.1.1)

A Bernoulli distribution takes on only two values: 0 and 1, with probabilities  $1 - p$  and  $p$ , respectively.

pmf:  $p(x) = \begin{cases} p^x(1-p)^{(1-x)}, & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ or } x = 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

*a pmf? (Ec)*

• mgf:  $pe^t + 1 - p$  — by definition (Ec)

• mean:  $p$  —  $\begin{cases} \text{by definition} \\ \text{use mgf} \end{cases}$  (Ec)

• variance:  $p(1-p)$  —  $\begin{cases} \text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 \\ \text{Var}(X) = E[X(X-1)] + E(X) - [E(X)]^2 \end{cases}$  (Ec)

• parameter:  $p \in [0, 1]$  — use mgf 0

• example: toss a coin once,  $p$  = probability that head occurs

**Note:** If  $A$  is an event, then the indicator random variable  $I_A$  follows the Bernoulli distribution.

$\hookrightarrow p = P(A)$

$I_A: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, I_A(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \omega \in A \\ 0, & \text{if } \omega \notin A \end{cases}$

**Definition 4.3** (Binomial distribution  $B(n, p)$ , sec 2.1.2)

Suppose that  $n$  independent Bernoulli trials are performed, where  $n$  is a fixed number. The total number of 1 appearing in the  $n$  trials follows a binomial distribution with parameters  $n$  and  $p$ .

*Shape*

*explanation*

pmf:  $p(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{(n-x)}, & x = 0, 1, \dots, n \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

*a pmf? (Ec)*

• mgf:  $(pe^t + 1 - p)^n, t \in \mathbb{R}$  — by definition  $\leftarrow$  sum of i.i.d.  $B(p)$  (Ec)

• mean:  $np$  —  $\begin{cases} \text{use definition} \\ \text{use mgf} \end{cases}$   $\leftarrow$  sum of i.i.d.  $B(p)$  (Ec)

*intuition*

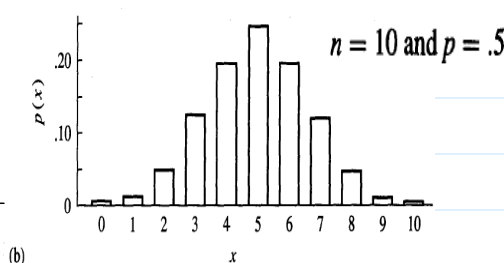
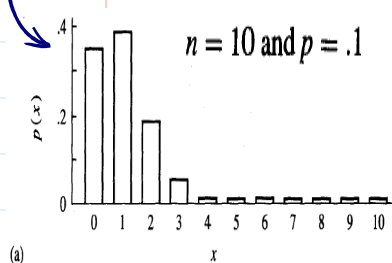
• variance:  $np(1-p)$  —  $\leftarrow$  max at  $p = 1/2$ , min at  $p = 0$  or  $1$

• parameter:  $p \in [0, 1], n = 1, 2, \dots$

• example: # of heads, toss a coin  $n$  times

*Diagram:*  $0+1+1+\dots+0=x$  (with 10 trials)  $\rightarrow$   $E(X) = \sum_{x=0}^n x \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} = \sum_{x=1}^n \binom{n-1}{x-1} p^{x-1} (1-p)^{(n-1)-(x-1)} np = np$  (pmf of  $B(n-1, p)$ )

$\hookrightarrow$  **STO (sum-to-one) method**



$\begin{cases} \text{Find } E(X^2) \text{ using mgf} \\ \text{Find } E[X(X-1)] \text{ using STO (Ec)} \\ \text{sum of i.i.d. } B(p) \end{cases}$

**Note: (\*)**

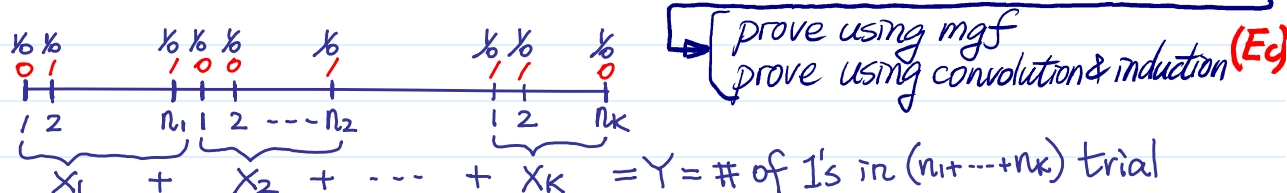
$$(a+b)^n = \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} a^x b^{n-x}$$

**Note.**

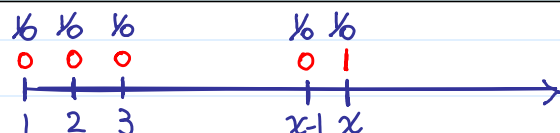
1. binomial distribution is a generalization of bernoulli distribution from 1 trial to  $n$  trials

②. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d.  $B(p)$ , then  $Y = X_1 + \dots + X_n \sim B(n, p)$ . — prove using ① mgf ( $M_Y(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n M_{X_i}(t)$ ) ② convolution & induction (Ec)

③. Let  $X_i \sim B(n_i, p)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , and  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  are independent. Then,  $Y = X_1 + \dots + X_k \sim B(n_1 + \dots + n_k, p)$ .

**Definition 4.4** (Geometric distribution  $G(p)$ , sec 2.1.3)

The geometric distribution is constructed from an infinite sequence of independent Bernoulli trials. Let  $X$  be the total number of trials up to and including the first appearance of 1. Then,  $X$  follows the geometric distribution.



● pmf:  $p(x) = \begin{cases} (1-p)^{(x-1)}p, & x = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

● a pmf? (Ec) — use (\*\*)

● cdf:  $F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - (1-p)^{[x]}, & 1 \leq [x] \leq x < [x] + 1 \\ 0, & x < 1 \end{cases}$  — Find  $P(X > x)$  using (\*\*) (Ec)

● mgf:  $\frac{pe^t}{1-(1-p)e^t}$ ,  $t < -\log(1-p)$ . — use (\*\*) (Ec) use STO

● mean:  $\frac{1}{p}$  — use  $E(X) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(X \geq k)$  or use (\*\*) (Ec) use mgf use differentiation method (TBp.119, Example B)

● variance:  $\frac{1-p}{p^2}$  — Find  $E(X^2)$  using mgf (Ec) Find  $E[X(X-1)]$  using differentiation method

● parameter:  $p \in [0, 1]$

● example: lottery, # of tickets a person must purchase up to and including the first winning ticket

**Note:** a memoryless distribution — intuition

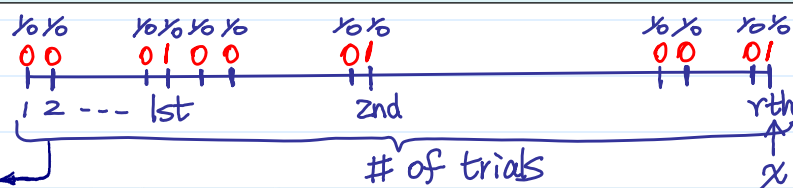
— check its definition (LNp.74) and prove (Ec)

**Note: (\*\*)**

$$\sum_{x=n}^{\infty} t^x = \frac{t^n}{1-t}, \text{ for } -1 < t < 1.$$

**Definition 4.5** (Negative Binomial distribution  $NB(r, p)$ , sec 2.1.3)

An infinite sequence of independent Bernoulli trials is performed until the appearance of the  $r$ th 1. Let  $X$  denote the total number of trials. Then,  $X$  follows negative binomial distribution.



pmf:  $p(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{(x-r)}, & x = r, r+1, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

a pmf? (Ec) use (\*\*\*)

• mgf:  $\frac{p^r e^{rt}}{[1 - (1-p)e^t]^r}, t < -\log(1-p).$  — use STO (Ec)

• mean:  $\frac{r}{p}$  — use mgf, use STO, sum of i.i.d.  $G(p)$  (Ec)

• variance:  $\frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$  — use mgf, use STO, sum of i.i.d.  $G(p)$  (Ec)

• parameter:  $p \in [0, 1], r = 1, 2, \dots$  — Find  $E(X^2)$  using mgf, Find  $E(X(X+1))$  using STO (Ec), sum of i.i.d.  $G(p)$

• example: lottery, # of tickets a person must purchase up to and including the  $r$ th winning ticket

**Note: (\*\*\*)**

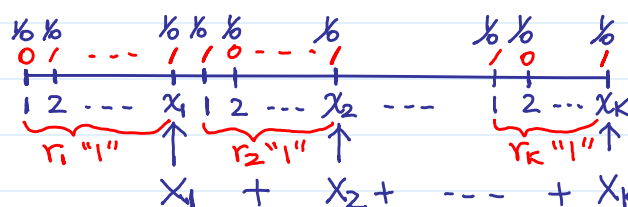
$$\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+x-1}{x} t^x = \frac{1}{(1-t)^n}, \text{ for } -1 < t < 1.$$

**Note.**

1. negative binomial distribution is a generalization of geometric distribution from 1st success to  $r$ th success

②. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_r$  be i.i.d.  $G(p)$ , then  $Y = X_1 + \dots + X_r \sim NB(r, p)$  — prove using ① mgf ( $M_Y(t) = \prod_{i=1}^r M_{X_i}(t)$ ) ② convolution & induction (Ec)

③. Let  $X_i \sim NB(r_i, p), i = 1, \dots, k$ , and  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  are independent. Then,  $Y = X_1 + \dots + X_k \sim NB(r_1 + \dots + r_k, p)$ .



— prove using mgf (Ec)  
— prove using convolution & induction

**Definition 4.6** (Multinomial distribution  $Multinomial(n, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r)$ , TBp.73-74)

Suppose that each of  $n$  independent trials can result in one of  $r$  types of outcomes, and that on each trial the probabilities of the  $r$  outcomes are  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r$ . Let  $X_i$  be the total number of outcomes of type  $i$  in the  $n$  trials,  $i = 1, \dots, r$ . Then,  $(X_1, \dots, X_r)$  follows a multinomial distribution.



joint pmf: *use (\*\*\*\*)*

a joint pmf? (Ec)

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_r) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{x_1 \dots x_r} p_1^{x_1} \cdots p_r^{x_r}, & x_i = 0, 1, \dots, n, \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^r x_i = n \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

explanation

- joint mgf:  $(p_1 e^{t_1} + \cdots + p_r e^{t_r})^n$ ,  $t_1, \dots, t_r \in \mathbb{R}$ . *use (\*\*\*\*) use STO (Ec)*
- marginal distribution:  $X_i \sim B(n, p_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, r$ . *intuition (Ec)*
- mean:  $E(X_i) = np_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . *prove using mgf*
- variance:  $Var(X_i) = np_i(1 - p_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . *Fnd  $E(X_i X_j)$  using STO*
- covariance:  $Cov(X_i, X_j) = -np_i p_j$ ,  $i \neq j$ . *Fnd  $E(X_i X_j)$  using mgf*
- parameter:  $p_i \in [0, 1]$ , and  $\sum_{i=1}^r p_i = 1$ .  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . *(Ec)*
- example: randomly choose  $n$  people, record the numbers of people with different religions

*why negative?*

*(\*\*\*\*)*  
**Note:**  $(a_1 + \cdots + a_k)^n = \sum_{x_1 + \cdots + x_k = n} \binom{n}{x_1, \dots, x_k} a_1^{x_1} \cdots a_k^{x_k}$ .

**Notes:** multinomial distribution is a generalization of the binomial distribution from 2 outcomes to  $r$  outcomes.

### Definition 4.7 (Poisson distribution $P(\lambda)$ , sec 2.1.5)

Limit of binomial distributions  $X_n \sim B(n, p_n)$ , where  $p_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in such a way that  $\lambda_n \equiv np_n \rightarrow \lambda$ .

$$\binom{n}{x} p_n^x (1 - p_n)^{(n-x)}$$

$$p_n = \frac{\lambda_n}{n}$$

**Note:** if  $a_n \rightarrow a$ ,  $(1 + \frac{a_n}{n})^n \rightarrow e^a$ .

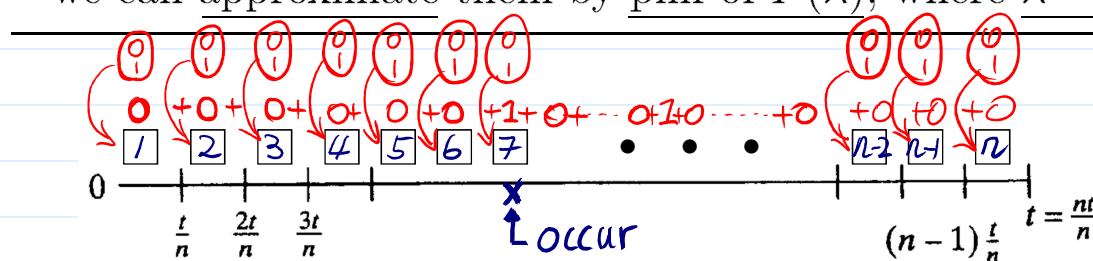
$$= \frac{n(n-1) \cdots (n-x+1)}{x!} \left(\frac{\lambda_n}{n}\right)^x \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_n}{n}\right)^{n-x}$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1) \cdots (n-x+1)}{n^x} \frac{1}{x!} \lambda_n^x \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_n}{n}\right)^{n-x}$$

$$= 1 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{x-1}{n}\right) \frac{\lambda_n^x}{x!} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_n}{n}\right)^n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_n}{n}\right)^{-x} \rightarrow 1^x \cdot \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot 1 = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$

**explanations.**

- if  $n$  large, the pmf of  $B(n, p)$  is not easily calculated. Then, we can approximate them by pmf of  $P(\lambda)$ , where  $\lambda = np$ .



2. Let  $X$  be the number of times some event occurs in a given time interval  $I$ . Divide the interval into many small subintervals  $I_k$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n$ , of equal length. Let  $N_k$  be the number of events occurring in  $I_k$ . When we can assume  $N_1, \dots, N_n$  are independent and approximately  $\sim B(p)$ ,  $X$  has a distribution near  $P(\lambda)$ , where  $\lambda = np$ .

$$N_1 + N_2 + \dots + N_n \stackrel{||}{\sim} B(n, p) \text{ with large } n \text{ \& small } p$$

shape

a pmf? (Ec)

use (\*\*\*\*\*)

pmf:  $p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda}, & x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

• mgf:  $e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . use (\*\*\*\*\*) (Ec)  
use STO

• mean:  $\lambda$  use STO use mgf (Ec) meaning of parameter  $\lambda$ : average occurrences

• variance:  $\lambda$  Find  $E[X(X-1)]$  using STO  
 • parameter:  $\lambda > 0$  Find  $E(X^2)$  using mgf (Ec)  
 $np(1-p) \approx np$

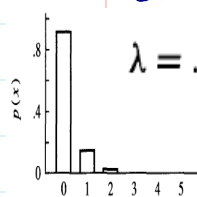
Note: (\*\*\*\*\*)  
 $e^\lambda = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}$

• example: number of phone calls coming into an exchange during a unit of time

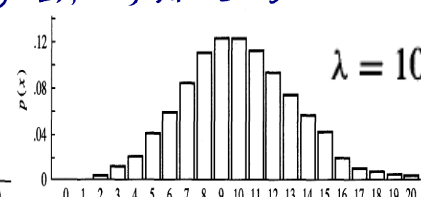
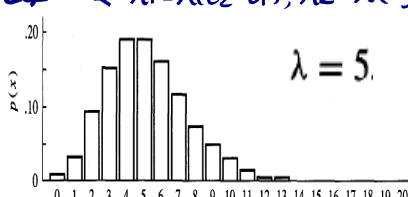
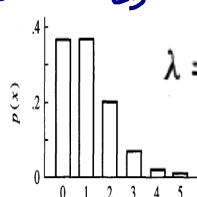
Note: Let  $X_i \sim P(\lambda_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , and  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  are independent. Then,  $Y = X_1 + \dots + X_k \sim P(\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_k)$ .

prove using mgf (Ec)  
 prove using convolution & induction  
 intuition

$X_1 + X_2 + X_3$   
 $t_1 \quad t_2 \quad t_3 \quad t_4 \quad \leftarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda(t_2 - t_1), \lambda_2 = \lambda(t_3 - t_2), \dots, \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = \lambda(t_4 - t_1)$



(a)



**Definition 4.8** (Hypergeometric distribution  $HG(r, n, m)$ , sec 2.1.4)

Suppose that an urn contains  $n$  black balls and  $m$  white balls. Let  $X$  denote the number of black balls drawn when taking  $r$  balls without replacement. Then,  $X$  follows hypergeometric distribution. c.f.  $\rightarrow$  with replacement  $\Rightarrow X \sim B(r, \frac{n}{m+n})$

explanation

pmf:  $p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\binom{n}{x} \binom{m}{r-x}}{\binom{n+m}{r}}, & x = 0, 1, \dots, \min(r, n), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

a pmf? (Ec)

use (\*\*\*\*\*)

Note: (\*\*\*\*\*)  
 $\binom{n+m}{r} = \sum_x \binom{n}{x} \binom{m}{r-x}$

- **mgf:** exist, but no simple expression

• **mean:**  $\frac{rn}{n+m}$  ← use STO (Ec)  
 intuition →

- **variance:**  $\frac{rnm(n+m-r)}{(n+m)^2(n+m-1)}$  ← Find  $E[X(X-1)]$  using STO (Ec)

- **parameter:**  $r, n, m, = 1, 2, \dots, r \leq n + m$

- **example:** sampling industrial products for defect inspection

**Notes.** a relationship between hypergeometric and binomial distributions: Let  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  in such a way that

$$\underline{p_{m,n}} \equiv \frac{n}{m+n} \rightarrow p,$$

where  $0 < p < 1$ . Then,

intuition: When  $m, n$  are large, with replacement  $\approx$  without replacement

$$\frac{\binom{n}{x} \binom{m}{r-x}}{\binom{n+m}{r}} \rightarrow \binom{r}{x} p^x (1-p)^{r-x}.$$

## • continuous distributions

**Definition 4.9** (Uniform distribution  $U(a, b)$ , sec 2.2)

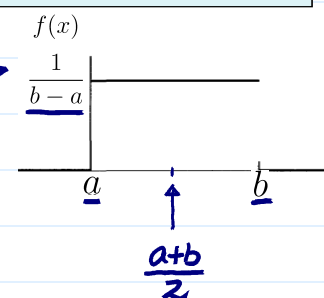
Choose a number at random between  $a$  and  $b$ .

Shape

• **pdf:**  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

a pdf? (Ec)

• **cdf:**  $F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a}, & a \leq x \leq b \\ 1, & x > b \end{cases}$  ← by definition (Ec)



• **mgf:**  $\frac{e^{bt}-e^{at}}{t(b-a)}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . ← by definition (Ec)

• **mean:**  $\frac{a+b}{2}$  ← by definition (Ec)  
 intuition → use mgf

• **variance:**  $\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$  ← Find  $E(X^2)$  using definition (Ec)  
 Find  $E(X^2)$  using mgf

• **parameter:**  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a < b$

Thm 2.4, 2.5 (LNp.30)

**Note:**  $U(0, 1)$  is useful for pseudo-random number generation

### Definition 4.10 (Exponential distribution $E(\lambda)$ , sec 2.2.1)

shape

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

a pdf? (Ec)

• cdf:  $F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda x}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$  ← by definition (Ec)

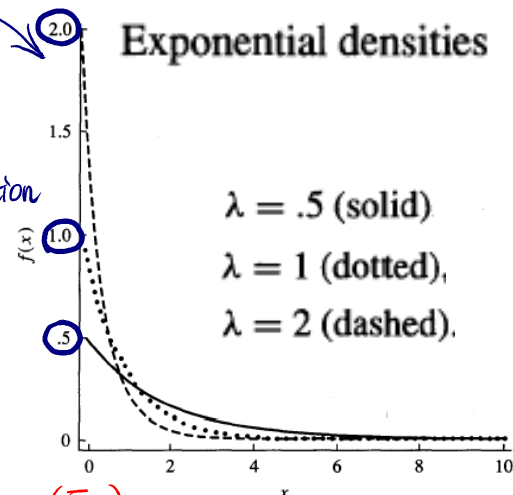
• mgf:  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}, t < \lambda$ . ← by definition use STO (Ec)

• mean:  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  ← use STO use mgf (Ec)

• variance:  $\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$  ← Find  $E(X^2)$  using STO Find  $E(X^2)$  using mgf (Ec)

• parameter:  $\lambda > 0$

• example: lifetime or waiting time



meaning of parameter

- $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ : average waiting time ( $\frac{\text{時間}}{\text{次}}$ )
- $\lambda$ : average occurrence rate ( $\frac{\text{次}}{\text{時間}}$ )

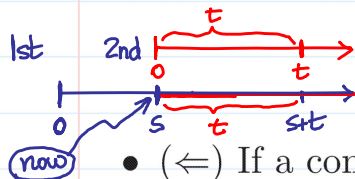
### Notes:

1. memoryless (future independent of past): Let  $T \sim E(\lambda)$ , then

$$P(T > t + s | T > s) = \frac{P(T > t + s \text{ and } T > s)}{P(T > s)} = \frac{P(T > t + s)}{P(T > s)}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\lambda(t+s)}}{e^{-\lambda s}} = e^{-\lambda t} = P(T > t)$$

cdf of  $T$ :  $F_T(t) = 1 - P(T > t)$



- ( $\Leftarrow$ ) If a continuous distribution is memoryless, it is exponential.
- It does not mean the two events  $T > s$  and  $T > t + s$  are independent.

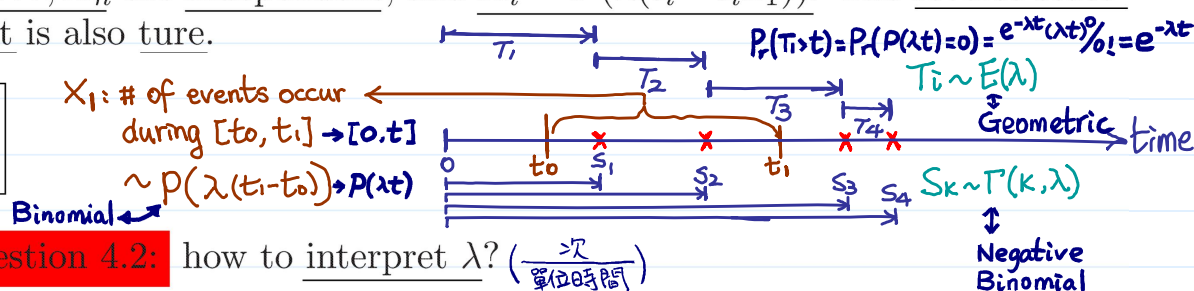
If discrete, then it is geometric

cf.

2. relationship between exponential, gamma, and Poisson distributions

Let  $T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots$  be i.i.d.  $\sim E(\lambda)$  and  $S_k = T_1 + \dots + T_k, k = 1, 2, \dots$   
 Let  $X_i$  be the number of  $S_k$ 's that falls in  $[t_{i-1}, t_i], i = 1, \dots, n$ , then  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent, and  $X_i \sim P(\lambda(t_i - t_{i-1}))$ . The reverse statement is also true.

Poisson Process



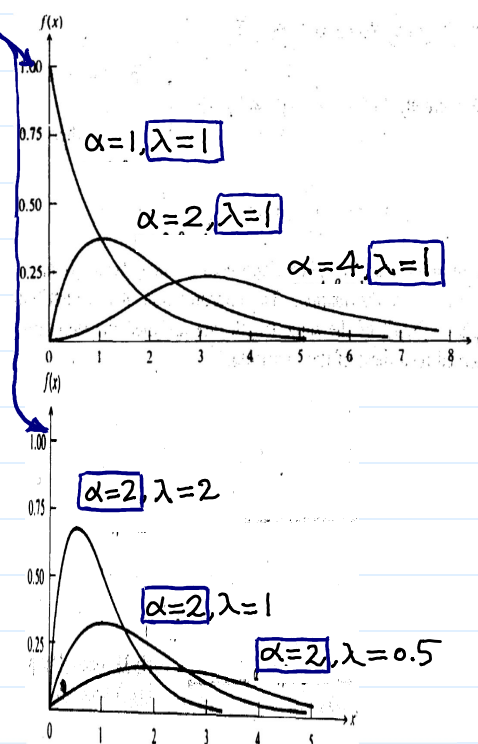
Question 4.2: how to interpret  $\lambda$ ? ( $\frac{\text{次}}{\text{單位時間}}$ )

3. Sometimes, the pdf is written as  $\frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda}}$ . In the case, how to interpret  $\lambda$ ?



### Definition 4.11 (Gamma distribution $\Gamma(\alpha, \lambda)$ , sec 2.2.2)

- pdf:  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$   
 (a pdf? (Ec)) ← use gamma function (LNp.74)
- mgf:  $(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-t})^\alpha, t < \lambda$ . ← use STO (Ec)  
 sum of i.i.d. exponential
- mean:  $\frac{\alpha}{\lambda}$   
 intuition ← use STO  
 use mgf (Ec)  
 sum of i.i.d. exponential
- variance:  $\frac{\alpha}{\lambda^2}$   
 ← use STO  
 use mgf (Ec)  
 sum of i.i.d. exponential
- parameter:  $\alpha, \lambda > 0$   
 Find  $E(X^2)$  using STO  
 Find  $E(X^2)$  using mgf (Ec)  
 sum of i.i.d. exponential



Notes.

1.  $\alpha$ : shape parameter;  $\lambda$ : scale parameter (Question 4.3: how to interpret  $\alpha, \lambda$  from the view point of Poisson process?)  
 (LNp.72)  $\lambda$ : occurrence rate,  $\alpha$ : # of summed exponential r.v.'s

2. properties of gamma function  $\Gamma(\alpha)$ :

- $\Gamma(\alpha) \equiv \int_0^\infty y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy$  (which is finite for  $\alpha > 0$ )
- $\Gamma(1) = 1$  and  $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi}$
- $\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha - 1)\Gamma(\alpha - 1)$
- $\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha - 1)!$  if  $\alpha$  is an integer
- $\Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{2}) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}(\alpha-1)!}{2^{\alpha-1}(\frac{\alpha-1}{2})!}$  if  $\alpha$  is an odd integer

3. gamma distribution can be viewed as a generalization of exponential distribution, i.e.,  $\Gamma(1, \lambda) = E(\lambda)$ .

(Ec) intuition  
prove using mgf

4. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  be i.i.d.  $\sim E(\lambda)$ , then  $Y = X_1 + \dots + X_k \sim \Gamma(k, \lambda)$ .

5. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  be independent, and  $X_i \sim \Gamma(\alpha_i, \lambda)$ , then  $Y = X_1 + \dots + X_k \sim \Gamma(\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_k, \lambda)$ .

intuition  
prove using mgf (Ec)

6. Let  $X \sim \Gamma(\alpha, \lambda)$ , then  $cX \sim \Gamma(\alpha, \lambda/c)$ , where  $c > 0$ .

intuition  
prove using mgf (Ec)

7.  $X \sim \Gamma(\alpha, \lambda) \Rightarrow E(X^k) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+k)}{\lambda^k \Gamma(\alpha)}$ , for  $0 < k$  and  $E(\frac{1}{X^k}) = \frac{\lambda^k \Gamma(\alpha-k)}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$ , for  $0 < k < \alpha$ .

use STO @ mgf (Ec) integration



# Definition 4.12 (Beta distribution $\text{beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ , sec 15.3.2)

shape  
 pdf:  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
 a pdf? (Ec)

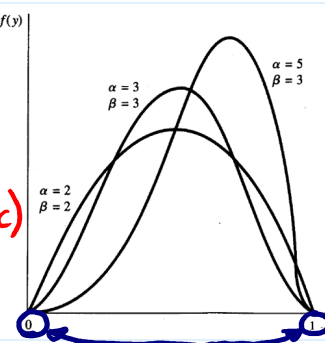
cf. pmf of  $B(n, p) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$

• mgf:  $1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \prod_{r=0}^{k-1} \frac{\alpha+r}{\alpha+\beta+r} \right) \frac{t^k}{k!}$  ← by definition  
 (Note:  $e^{tx} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(tx)^k}{k!}$ ) (Ec)

• mean:  $\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}$  ← use STO  
 intuition use mgf (Ec)

• variance:  $\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta+1)(\alpha+\beta)^2}$  ← Find  $E(x^2)$  using STO  
 Find  $E(x^2)$  using mgf (Ec)

• parameter:  $\alpha, \beta > 0$



## Notes:

① Beta function:  $B(\alpha, \beta) \equiv \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} (1-t)^{\beta-1} dt = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}$

2.  $\beta(1, 1) = U(0, 1)$  meaning of  $\alpha$  &  $\beta$

③ Let  $X_1 \sim \Gamma(\alpha_1, \lambda)$ ,  $X_2 \sim \Gamma(\alpha_2, \lambda)$ , and  $X_1, X_2$  independent.  
 Then,  $\frac{X_1}{X_1+X_2} \sim \text{beta}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ . ←  $\begin{cases} Y_1 = X_1/(X_1+X_2) \\ Y_2 = X_1+X_2 \end{cases}$  find the joint pdf of  $(Y_1, Y_2)$ , then marginal pdf of  $Y_1$  (Ec)