

2.3 Functions of a RV

■ Let X is a RV defined on (Ω, \mathcal{S}, P) and g be a Borel-measurable function on \mathbb{R} . Then $g(X)$ is also an RV.

► Note: $\{g(X) \leq y\} = \{X \in g^{-1}(-\infty, y]\} \in \mathcal{S}$ as $g^{-1}(-\infty, y]$ is a Borel set.

2.3.1 Univariate Discrete Transformations

Example 2.9. If X be a poisson random variable. Then find the pmf of $Y = X^2 + 1$. Also find the pmf of $Y = aX + b$ and $Y = \sqrt{X}$.

⇒ Since X is a poisson random variable i.e. $X \sim Poi(\lambda)$. So the pmf of X is

$$P(X = x) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} & \text{if } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots; \lambda > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Since $Y = X^2 + 1$, so $y = x^2 + 1$ maps $A = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ onto $B = \{1, 2, 5, 10, \dots\}$.

The inverse map is $x = \sqrt{y-1}$ unique.

So, $P(Y = y) = P(X^2 + 1 = y) = P(X = \sqrt{y-1}) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{\sqrt{y-1}}}{\sqrt{y-1}!}$, $y = 1, 2, 5, 10, \dots$.

□ Since $Y = aX + b$, so $y = ax + b$ maps $A = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ onto $B = \{b, a+b, 2a+b, \dots\}$.

The inverse map is $x = \frac{y-b}{a}$ unique.

So, $P(Y = y) = P(aX + b = y) = P(X = \frac{y-b}{a}) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{\frac{y-b}{a}}}{\frac{y-b}{a}!}$, $y = b, a+b, 2a+b, \dots$.

□ Since $Y = \sqrt{X}$, so $y = \sqrt{x}$ maps $A = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ onto $B = \{0, 1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \dots\}$.

The inverse map is $x = y^2$ unique.

So, $P(Y = y) = P(\sqrt{X} = y) = P(X = y^2) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{y^2}}{y^{2!}}$, $y = 0, 1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \dots$.

$$P(Y = y) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{y^2}}{y^{2!}} & \text{if } x = 0, 1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \dots; \lambda > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

[Do It Yourself] 2.51. If X be a binomial random variable. Then find the pmf of $Y = X^2 + 1$. Also find the pmf of $Y = a + bX$ and $Y = \sqrt{X}$.

[Hint: $P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$; $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$; $0 \leq p \leq 1$]

[Do It Yourself] 2.54. Let X be a continuous random variable with probability density function $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-|x-1|}$; $-\infty < x < \infty$. Find the value of $P(1 < |X| < 2)$.

[Hint: $P(1 < |X| < 2) = P(-2 < X < -1) + P(1 < X < 2)$]

2.3.2 Univariate Continuous Transformations

Transformation Rule 1 (One to one) : Let X is a CRV with pdf $f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$ be differentiable $\forall x$ and either $g'(x) > 0$, $\forall x$ or, $g'(x) < 0$, $\forall x$. Then $Y = g(X)$ is also a CRV with pdf: $g(y) = f(x)|_{x \rightarrow y} \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right|$.

[Do It Yourself] 2.56. Let X be a nonnegative CRV with PDF $f(x)$, then find the pdf of X^α ($\alpha > 0$).

[Hint: $y = x^\alpha$ is diff $\forall x$, and $\alpha > 0 \forall x$; so $g(y) = f(x)|_{x \rightarrow y} \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right|$]

[Do It Yourself] 2.57. Let X have the density $f(x) = 1, 0 < x < 1$, and $= 0$ otherwise. Find the pdf of $i) e^X, ii) -2 \ln X$.

Transformation Rule 2 (Many to one) : Let X is a CRV with pdf $f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$ be diff. $\forall x$ and $g'(x)$ is continuous and $i) \exists$ multiple inverses $x_1(y), x_2(y), \dots, x_k(y)$ such that $g[x_n(y)] = y$ and $g'[x_n(y)] \neq 0$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots, k$ **[OR]**, \nexists any x such that $g(x) = y, g'(x) \neq 0$, i.e. $k = 0$. Then $Y = g(X)$ is also a CRV with pdf: $g(y) = \sum_{n=1}^k f(x_n)|_{x_n \rightarrow y} \left| \frac{dx_n}{dy} \right|$.

[Do It Yourself] 2.58. Let X have the density $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}, -\infty < x < \infty$. Find the pdf of $i) X^2, ii) |X|$. [These are many to one functions]

[Hint: $x_1 = -\sqrt{y}, x_2 = \sqrt{y} \Rightarrow g(y) = f(-\sqrt{y}) \left| -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \right| + f(\sqrt{y}) \left| \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \right| = \frac{f(-\sqrt{y}) + f(\sqrt{y})}{2\sqrt{y}}$]

[Do It Yourself] 2.59. Let X have the density $f(x) = \frac{2x}{\pi^2}, 0 < x < \pi$. Find the pdf of $i) \sin X, ii) \frac{1}{X^2}$. [You can draw the graph if needed, Check the support also]

[Hint: $x_1 = \sin^{-1} y, x_2 = \pi - \sin^{-1} y$; One - one]

[Do It Yourself] 2.61. The probability density function of a random variable X is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x|}{2}, & -1 \leq x \leq 1, \\ \frac{3-x}{4}, & 1 < x \leq 3, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} . \text{ Find the cumulative distribution function and the probability density function of } Y = |X|. \text{ Also, find the median of the distribution of } Y.$$

[Hint: Y has range 0 to 3. $F(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(-y < X < y), 0 < y < 1; P(-y < X < y), 1 < y < 3; F(y) = 1, y \geq 3$].

[Do It Yourself] 2.62. Let X be a random variable having probability density function

$$f(x; x_0, \alpha) = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha x_0^\alpha}{x^{\alpha+1}}, & x > x_0, \\ 0, & x \leq x_0 \end{cases} \text{ where } \alpha > 0, x_0 > 0. \text{ If } Y = \ln \left(\frac{X}{x_0} \right), \text{ then } P(Y > 3) \text{ is}$$

(A) $e^{-3\alpha x_0}$ (B) $1 - e^{-3\alpha x_0}$ (C) $e^{-3\alpha}$ (D) $1 - e^{-3\alpha}$

[Hint: $P(Y > 3) = P(X > x_0 e^3)$].

2.4 Two Dimension Random Variables

■ **Definition** : A real-valued function $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2)$ defined on (Ω, \mathcal{S}) into \mathbb{R}^2 is a two-dimensional random variable (or, vector) if the inverse image of every 2 - dimensional interval $I = \{(-\infty, x_1] \times (-\infty, x_2] : (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$ is also in \mathcal{S} i.e. $\underline{X}^{-1}(I) = \{\omega : X_1(\omega) \in (-\infty, x_1], X_2(\omega) \in (-\infty, x_2]\} = \{X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2\} \in \mathcal{S}$.

► Suppose the outcome of a pair of dice is (x, y) , where x, y denotes the face value on the first and second die respectively. Mathematically, we will use the two-dimensional random variables to handle such random experiments.

Example 2.11. Let $\Omega = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$ and \mathcal{S} be the class of all subsets of Ω . Define X_1 by number of heads and X_2 by number of tails. Then show that $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2)$ is a random vector.

\Rightarrow Now

$$X_1^{-1}\{(-\infty, x_1]\} = \begin{cases} \phi & \text{if } x_1 < 0 \\ \{TT\} & \text{if } 0 \leq x_1 < 1 \\ \{HT, TH, TT\} & \text{if } 1 \leq x_1 < 2 \\ \Omega & \text{if } 2 \leq x_1 \end{cases}$$

$$X_2^{-1}\{(-\infty, x_2]\} = \begin{cases} \phi & \text{if } x_2 < 0 \\ \{HH\} & \text{if } 0 \leq x_2 < 1 \\ \{HH, HT, TH\} & \text{if } 1 \leq x_2 < 2 \\ \Omega & \text{if } 2 \leq x_2 \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$\underline{X}^{-1}\{(-\infty, x_1] \times (-\infty, x_2]\} = \begin{cases} \phi & \text{if } x_1 < 0, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \\ \phi & \text{if } x_1 \in \mathbb{R}, x_2 < 0 \\ \phi & \text{if } 0 \leq x_1 < 1, 0 \leq x_2 < 1 \\ \phi & \text{if } 0 \leq x_1 < 1, 1 \leq x_2 < 2 \\ \{TT\} & \text{if } 0 \leq x_1 < 1, 2 \leq x_2 \\ \phi & \text{if } 1 \leq x_1 < 2, 0 \leq x_2 < 1 \\ \{HT, TH\} & \text{if } 1 \leq x_1 < 2, 1 \leq x_2 < 2 \\ \{HT, TH, TT\} & \text{if } 1 \leq x_1 < 2, 2 \leq x_2 \\ \{HH\} & \text{if } 2 \leq x_1, 0 \leq x_2 < 1 \\ \{HH, HT, TH\} & \text{if } 2 \leq x_1, 1 \leq x_2 < 2 \\ \Omega & \text{if } 2 \leq x_1, 2 \leq x_2 \end{cases}$$

Therefore, $\forall (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $\underline{X}^{-1}\{(-\infty, x_1] \times (-\infty, x_2]\} \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow \underline{X} = (X_1, X_2)$ is a random vector.

2.4.1 Distribution Function

■ The DF of $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2)$ is $F(x_1, x_2) = P(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2), \forall (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

► Marginal DF of x_1 is $F(x_1, \infty) = P(X_1 \leq x_1) = F_{X_1}(x_1), \forall x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$.

► Marginal DF of x_2 is $F(\infty, x_2) = P(X_2 \leq x_2) = F_{X_2}(x_2), \forall x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

► $P(x_1 < X \leq x_2, y_1 < Y \leq y_2) = P(x_1 < X \leq x_2, Y \leq y_2) - P(x_1 < X \leq x_2, Y \leq y_1) = P(X \leq x_2, Y \leq y_2) - P(X \leq x_1, Y \leq y_2) - P(X \leq x_2, Y \leq y_1) + P(X \leq x_1, Y \leq y_1) = F(x_2, y_2) - F(x_1, y_2) - F(x_2, y_1) + F(x_1, y_1)$. [Easy Draw]

► Two RVs X, Y are said to be independent if $F(x, y) = F_X(x)F_Y(y), \forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Theorem 2.1. A function $F(\cdot, \cdot)$ of two variables is a DF of some two-dimensional RV if and only if it satisfies the following conditions:

1. F is nondecreasing with respect to both arguments i.e. $F(x+h, y) \geq F(x, y)$ and $F(x, y+k) \geq F(x, y)$ for $h, k > 0$.
2. F is right continuous with respect to both arguments i.e. $F(x+0, y) = F(x, y+0) = F(x, y)$.
3. $F(-\infty, y) = F(x, -\infty) = 0, \forall x, y$; and $F(+\infty, +\infty) = 1$.
4. For every $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$ with $x_1 < x_2$ and $y_1 < y_2$ the inequality $F(x_2, y_2) - F(x_2, y_1) + F(x_1, y_1) - F(x_1, y_2) \geq 0$.

Example 2.12. Check if F is DF or, not.

$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0, \text{ or, } x + y < 1, \text{ or, } y < 0 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow The line $x + y = 1$ cuts X - axis at A and Y - axis at B . The right of the region $YBAX$ where $F(x, y) = 1$.

\square Fix y , then $F(x, y)$ is non decreasing w.r.t. x . Again, Fix x , then $F(x, y)$ is non decreasing w.r.t. y . [Verified easily from the graph]

\square Fix $y = \frac{1}{3}$, then $F(\frac{2}{3} + 0, \frac{1}{3}) = 1 = F(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$ i.e. right continuous w.r.t. x . Here, we check at $x = \frac{2}{3}$ as $F(x, y)$ has a jump on the boundary $YBAX$. Similarly, we can show that F is right continuous w.r.t. y .

\square $F(-\infty, y) = F(x, -\infty) = 0, \forall x, y$; and $F(+\infty, +\infty) = 1$ also holds.

\square Take $x_1 = 0.1, x_2 = 1.1; y_1 = 0.1, y_2 = 1.1$, So $F(x_2, y_2) - F(x_2, y_1) + F(x_1, y_1) - F(x_1, y_2) = 1 - 1 + 0 - 1 \neq 0$.

[Do It Yourself] 2.65. Check if F is DF or, not.

$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x + y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x + y > 1 \end{cases}; \quad G(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x + 2y \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x + 2y < 1 \end{cases}$$

[Do It Yourself] 2.66. Suppose (X, Y) is a bivariate RV with DF F and the marginals are F_X, F_Y . If $\alpha = \frac{F_X(x) + F_Y(y)}{2}, \beta = \sqrt{F_X(x)F_Y(y)}$, then show that the joint DF $F(x, y)$ satisfies $2\alpha - 1 \leq F(x, y) \leq \beta$.

[Hint : $A = \{X \leq x\}, B = \{Y \leq y\} \Rightarrow F(x, y) = P(AB), F_X(x) = P(A), F_Y(y) = P(B). P(AB) \leq P(A), P(AB) \leq P(B) \Rightarrow P(AB) \leq \sqrt{P(A)P(B)}$]

[Do It Yourself] 2.67. For DFs F, F_1, F_2 show that: $1 - \sum [1 - F_i(x_i)] \leq F(x_1, x_2) \leq \min F_i(x_i)$, for all real numbers x_1, x_2 if and only if F_i 's are marginal DFs of F .