

1. Show that if  $\beta_x(t) = f_x(t|\mathbf{x} > t)$ ,  $\beta_y(t) = f_y(t|\mathbf{y} > t)$  and  $\beta_x(t) = k\beta_y(t)$  then  $1 - F_x(x) = [1 - F_y(x)]^k$

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(t|\mathbf{x} > t)dt &= P(t < \mathbf{x} < t + dt|\mathbf{x} > t) \\ &= \frac{P(t < \mathbf{x} < t + dt, \mathbf{x} > t)}{P(\mathbf{x} > t)} \\ &= \frac{f_x(t)dt}{1 - F_x(t)} \\ \Rightarrow f_x(t|\mathbf{x} > t) &= \frac{f_x(t)}{1 - F_x(t)} \end{aligned}$$

In the same way

$$f_y(t|\mathbf{y} > t) = \frac{f_y(t)}{1 - F_y(t)}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_x(t) &= k\beta_y(t) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{f_x(t)dt}{1 - F_x(t)} &= \frac{kf_y(t)}{1 - F_y(t)} \\ \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f_x(t)dt}{1 - F_x(t)} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{kf_y(t)}{1 - F_y(t)} dt \\ \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dF_x(t)}{1 - F_x(t)} &= k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dF_y(t)}{1 - F_y(t)} \\ \Rightarrow \ln[1 - F_x(x)] &= k \ln[1 - F(y)] \\ \Rightarrow 1 - F_x(x) &= [1 - F_y(x)]^k \end{aligned}$$

2. Express the density  $f_x(y)$  of the RV  $\mathbf{y} = g(\mathbf{x})$  in terms of  $f_x(x)$  if (a)  $g(x) = |x|$ ; (b)  $g(x) = e^{-x}U(x)$ .

**Answer:**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} F_y(y) &= P(\mathbf{y} \leq y) \\ &= P(g(\mathbf{x}) \leq y) \\ &= P(|\mathbf{x}| \leq y) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & y < 0 \\ P(-y \leq \mathbf{x} \leq y) & y \geq 0 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & y < 0 \\ P(\mathbf{x} \leq y) - P(\mathbf{x} \leq -y) & y \geq 0 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & y < 0 \\ F_x(y) - F_x(-y) & y \geq 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$f_y(y) = \frac{dF_y(y)}{y}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \begin{cases} 0 & y < 0 \\ \frac{d[F_x(y) - F_x(-y)]}{dy} & y \geq 0 \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} 0 & y < 0 \\ \frac{dF_x(y)}{dy} - \frac{dF_x(-y)}{dy} & y \geq 0 \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} 0 & y < 0 \\ f_x(y) + f_x(-y) & y \geq 0 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_y(y) &= P(\mathbf{y} \leq y) \\
 &= P(g(\mathbf{x}) \leq y) \\
 &= P(e^{-\mathbf{x}}U(\mathbf{x}) \leq y) \\
 &= \begin{cases} 0 & y < 0 \\ P(e^{-\mathbf{x}} \leq y) & y \geq 0 \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} 0 & y < 0 \\ P(\mathbf{x} \geq -\ln(y)) & y \geq 0 \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} 0 & y < 0 \\ 1 - F_x(-\ln(y)) & y \geq 0 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_y(y) &= \frac{F_y'(y)}{y} \\
 &= \begin{cases} 0 & y < 0 \\ \frac{d[1 - F_x(-\ln(y))]}{dy} & y \geq 0 \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} 0 & y < 0 \\ \frac{f_x(-\ln(y))}{y} & y \geq 0 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

3. The RVs  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are independent with exponential densities

$$f_x(x) = \alpha e^{-\alpha x}U(x), f_y(y) = \beta e^{-\beta y}U(y)$$

Find the densities of the following RVs:  $2\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$ ;  $\frac{\mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{y}}$

**Answer:** (1) Let  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{y}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = 2\mathbf{x}$

$$f_w(w) = \frac{1}{2}f_x\left(\frac{w}{2}\right) = \frac{\alpha}{2}e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}w}U(w)$$

Since  $w$  and  $y$  are independent, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_z(z) &= f_w(z) * f_y(z) \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_y(z-w)f_w(w)dw \\
 &= \int_0^z \beta e^{-\beta(z-w)} \frac{\alpha}{2} e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}w} dw \\
 &= \frac{\alpha\beta}{2\beta - \alpha} (e^{-\frac{\alpha z}{2}} - e^{-\beta z})U(z)
 \end{aligned}$$

(2)

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_z(z) &= P(\mathbf{z} \leq z) = P(\mathbf{x} \leq z\mathbf{y}) \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(\mathbf{x} \leq z\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{y} = y) f_y(y) dy \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{zy} f_x(x) dx f_y(y) dy \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{zy} \alpha e^{-\alpha x} dx \beta e^{-\beta y} dy \\
 &= \beta \int_0^{\infty} (e^{-\beta y} - e^{-(\alpha z + \beta)y}) dy \\
 &= 1 - \frac{\beta}{\alpha z + \beta}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f_z(z) = \frac{dF_z(z)}{dz} = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha z + \beta)^2} U(z)$$

4. The RVs  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are  $N(0; \sigma)$  and independent. Show that, if  $\mathbf{z} = |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|$ , then

$$E\{\mathbf{z}\} = 2\sigma/\sqrt{\pi}, E\{\mathbf{z}^2\} = 2\sigma^2.$$

**Answer:**

Let  $\mathbf{z} = |\mathbf{w}|$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}$ . Since  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are Gaussian, so  $\mathbf{w}$  is also Gaussian. We can find  $f_w(w)$  by finding the mean and variance of  $\mathbf{w}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[\mathbf{w}] &= E[\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}] \\
 &= E[\mathbf{x}] - E[\mathbf{y}] \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_z^2 &= E[\mathbf{z}^2] \\
 &= E[(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^2] \\
 &= E[\mathbf{x}^2] + E[\mathbf{y}^2] - 2E[\mathbf{x}]E[\mathbf{y}] \\
 &= 2\sigma^2
 \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$f_w(w) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}2\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{w^2}{4\sigma^2}}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[\mathbf{z}] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |w| f_w(w) dw \\
 &= 2 \int_0^{\infty} w \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}2\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{w^2}{4\sigma^2}} dw \\
 &= \frac{2\sigma}{\sqrt{\pi}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$E[\mathbf{z}^2]$  is already obtained, which is

$$E[\mathbf{z}^2] = 2\sigma^2$$

5. Use the moment generating function, show that the linear transformation of a Gaussian random vector is also Gaussian.

**Proof:**

Let  $\mathbf{x}$  be a  $n \times 1$  real random Gaussian vector, then the density function is

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\mathbf{C}_x|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m}_x)^T \mathbf{C}_x^{-1} (\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m}_x)}$$

Let  $\mathbf{s}$  be a  $n \times 1$  real vector, then the moment generating function of  $\mathbf{x}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} G_x(\mathbf{s}) &= E[e^{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{x}}] \\ &= \int e^{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\mathbf{C}_x|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m}_x)^T \mathbf{C}_x^{-1} (\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m}_x)} d\mathbf{x} \\ &= e^{\mathbf{m}_x^T \mathbf{s} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{C}_x \mathbf{s}} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a linear transform of  $\mathbf{x}$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$$

Then

$$\mathbf{C}_y = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{C}_x\mathbf{A}^T$$

The moment generating function of  $\mathbf{y}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} G_y(\mathbf{s}) &= E[e^{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{y}}] \\ &= E[e^{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}}] \\ &= E[e^{(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{s})^T \mathbf{x}}] \end{aligned}$$

Using the moment generating function of  $\mathbf{x}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_y(\mathbf{s}) &= e^{\mathbf{m}_x^T (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{s}) + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{s})^T \mathbf{C}_x (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{s})} \\ &= e^{\mathbf{m}_y^T \mathbf{s} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{C}_y \mathbf{s}} \end{aligned}$$

which has the same form of  $G_x(\mathbf{s})$ .

So,  $\mathbf{y}$  is also Gaussian.

6. Let  $\{x_k(n)\}_{k=1}^4$  be four IID random variables with exponential distribution with  $\alpha = 1$ .

$$y_k(n) = \sum_{l=1}^k x_l(n), 1 \leq k \leq 4$$

- (a) Determine and plot the pdf of  $y_2(n)$
- (b) Determine and plot the pdf of  $y_3(n)$
- (c) Determine and plot the pdf of  $y_4(n)$
- (d) Compare the pdf of  $y_4(n)$  with that of the Gaussian density.

**Answer:** Let

$$f_x(x) = e^{-x}U(x)$$

The characteristic function of  $f_x(x)$  is

$$\phi_x(\omega) = \frac{1}{1 - j\omega}$$

Since  $x_1(n), \dots, x_k(n)$  are i.i.d.,

$$f_{y_k(n)}(y) = f_x(y) * \dots * f_x(y)$$

Evaluating both sides by the characteristic functions, we have

$$\phi_{y_k(n)}(\omega) = E[e^{j\omega y_k(n)}] = \prod_{l=1}^k \phi_{x_l(n)}$$

So,

$$\phi_{y_k(n)}(\omega) = \left( \frac{1}{1 - j\omega} \right)^k$$

whose inverse Fourier transform yields the pdf of  $y_k(n)$

$$f_{y_k(n)}(y) = \frac{y^{k-1}e^{-y}}{(k-1)!}U(y)$$

This expression holds for any positive integer  $k$ , including  $k = 2, 3, 4$ .

7. The mean and covariance of a Gaussian random vector  $\mathbf{x}$  are given by, respectively,

$$\mu_{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Plot the  $1\sigma$ ,  $2\sigma$ , and  $3\sigma$  concentration ellipses representing the contours of the density function in the  $(x_1, x_2)$  plane. *Hints:* The radius of an ellipse with major axis  $a$  (along  $x_1$ ) and minor axis  $b < a$  (along  $x_2$ ) is given by

$$r^2 = \frac{a^2 b^2}{a^2 \sin^2 \theta + b^2 \cos^2 \theta}$$

where  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ . Compute the  $1\sigma$  ellipse specified by  $a = \sqrt{\lambda_1}$  and  $b = \sqrt{\lambda_2}$  and then rotate and translate each point  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} = [x_1^{(i)} x_2^{(i)}]$  using the transformation  $\mathbf{w}^{(i)} = \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{x}^{(i)} + \mu_{\mathbf{x}}$ .

**Answer:**

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{2\pi|\Gamma_{\mathbf{x}}|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\mu_{\mathbf{x}})^T \Gamma_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\mu_{\mathbf{x}})} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4\pi} e^{-\frac{2}{3}[(x_1-1)^2 - (x_1-1)(x_2-2) + (x_2-2)^2]} \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$g(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - 1)^2 - (x_1 - 1)(x_2 - 2) + (x_2 - 2)^2$$

The linear transform

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a rotation of  $45^\circ$  of the original axes.

$$g(x_1, x_2) = \frac{w_1^2}{2} + \frac{w_2^2}{3}$$

So,

$$a^2 = 2 \quad b^2 = \frac{2}{3}$$

So, the radius of the ellipse is

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 &= \frac{a^2 b^2}{a^2 \sin^2 \theta + b^2 \cos^2 \theta} = 1 \\ r &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

The concentration ellipse of  $k\sigma$  ( $kr$ ) is thus

$$\frac{w_1^2}{2} + \frac{w_2^2}{3} = k$$

or

$$(x_1 - 1)^2 - (x_1 - 1)(x_2 - 2) + (x_2 - 2)^2 = k$$

When the function  $g(x_1, x_2)$  is chosen differently, the figure will be different. But the orientation of the ellipses are the same.

