

Lec 24

Apps of integrals in probability and centre of mass

Density

Def A density function p on $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ is a func $p(\vec{x}) \geq 0$ for all $\vec{x} \in D$ so that

$$\underbrace{\iint \dots \int p dV}_{\text{the mass}} \in (0, \infty)$$

Def A probability density on D is density p s.t. the mass = 1

Ex. $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$, which satisfies $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f dx = 1$
 ↪ Aka Gaussian / normal distribution

Def Continuous random variable is what we get if we sample X from some p

Ex. $X \sim N(0, 1)$ ↪ X sampled from standard normal

$$P_c(X \leq x_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{x_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$

Ex. $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ ↪ exponential distribution, with param $\lambda > 0$
 $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ on $[0, \infty)$

$$P_c(X \leq x_0) = \int_0^{x_0} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$E(X) = \int_0^{\infty} x \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

Def Expected val or expectation or average val of X is

$$E(X) = \int \dots \int_D x p dV$$

Multivariable - density in ≥ 2 variables, sample vector

Ex. select (X, Y) as a point uniformly from unit disk at origin



$$P(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

$$\iint_D p dA = 1$$

← Uniform distribution: density is always $\frac{1}{\text{volume}}$

* for cont. rand. vec. (X, Y) on D and $E \subseteq D$,

$$\Pr((X, Y) \in E) = \iint_E p \, dV$$

Same Ex, but what is $\Pr(X^2 + Y^2 \leq R^2)$ for $R \leq 1$

$$\Pr(X^2 + Y^2 \leq R^2) = \iint_E p \, dA = \iint_E \frac{1}{\pi} \, dA = \frac{\text{Area}(E)}{\pi} = R^2$$

Def Two rand. vars X and Y are indep if $p_{X,Y} = p_X p_Y$

Ex. $X \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ $Y \sim \text{Exp}(2)$ are indep

$$p_{X,Y} = p_X p_Y = e^{-x} 2e^{-2y} = 2e^{-x-2y}$$

$$\Pr(X+Y \leq 1) = \iint_E 2e^{-x-2y} \, dA$$



↳ Alt: $\Pr(X \leq x \wedge Y \leq y) = \Pr(X \leq x) \Pr(Y \leq y)$