

Functions of Several Variables

Suppose (x, y) , jointly distributed are mapped onto (u, v) , jointly distributed.

$$\begin{aligned} u &= g_1(x, y) \\ v &= g_2(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

and that the transformation can be inverted

$$\begin{aligned} x &= h_1(u, v) \\ y &= h_2(u, v). \end{aligned}$$

Assume h_1 & h_2 have continuous partial derivatives and that the Jacobian

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial u} h_1 & \frac{\partial}{\partial v} h_1 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial u} h_2 & \frac{\partial}{\partial v} h_2 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

Then

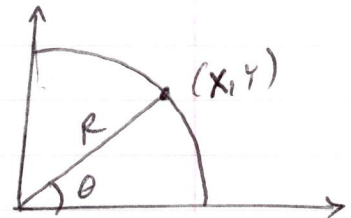
$$f_{uv}(u, v) = f_{xy}(h_1(u, v), h_2(u, v)) \cdot |J|$$

Example: Let X and Y be independent $N(0,1)$ random variables, find the joint density of the polar coordinates R and Θ .

recall: polar coordinates

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$$



and

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

is the inverse transformation.

$$\text{So } f_{R\Theta}(r, \theta) = f_{XY}(x, y) |J|$$

find J :

$$J = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -r \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= r \cos^2 \theta + r \sin^2 \theta$$

$$= r (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$= r.$$

$$\therefore f_{R\Theta}(r, \theta) = r f_{XY}(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= r f_x(r \cos \theta) f_y(r \sin \theta) \\
 &= r \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{r^2 \cos^2 \theta}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{r^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{r}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2}} \\
 &= f_R(r) f_\theta(\theta)
 \end{aligned}$$

where $f_R(r) = r e^{-\frac{r^2}{2}}$ Rayleigh $f_\theta(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi}$ Uniform $(0, 2\pi)$.

Box-Muller Method: Generate standard normal random values

1. Generate U_1, U_2 indep Unif $(0, 1)$
2. $-2 \log U_1 \sim \text{Exp}(\frac{1}{2})$
 $2\pi U_2 \sim \text{Unif}(0, 2\pi)$
3. $X = \sqrt{-2 \log U_1} \cos(2\pi U_2) \sim N(0, 1)$
 $Y = \sqrt{-2 \log U_1} \sin(2\pi U_2) \sim N(0, 1)$