

457.646 Topics in Structural Reliability
In-Class Material: Class 06

II-6. Functions of Random Variables (See Supp. 02)

Consider $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{X})$

- (1) For input \mathbf{X} : distribution model ($f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})$) or expectations ($\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}}, \Sigma_{\mathbf{XX}}$) available
- (2) For output \mathbf{Y} : distribution model () or expectations (,)?

Examples:

- (1) Regional/inventory loss: $L = \sum_{i=1}^n V_i D r_i \rightarrow$ linear function
- (2) Wind-induced pressure: $P = \frac{1}{2} C_{\rho} \rho V^2$

⊙ Mathematical expectation of linear functions

$$Y_k = a_{k,0} + \sum_{i=1}^n a_{k,i} X_i, \quad k = 1, \dots, m$$

- ① Algebraic formula ($n \leq 3$): See supp.
- ② Matrix formula:

For $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}_0 + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}$

where

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{Bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ \vdots \\ Y_m \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}_0 = \begin{Bmatrix} a_{1,0} \\ a_{2,0} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m,0} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \cdots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & a_{m,2} & \cdots & a_{m,n} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{Y}} =$$

$$\Sigma_{\mathbf{YY}} =$$

❖ Proof of Positive-definiteness of $\Sigma_{\mathbf{XX}}$

Consider $Y = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{X}$ ($\mathbf{A}_0 =$, $\mathbf{A} =$)

Using the formula above,

$$\Sigma_{\mathbf{YY}} = \sigma_Y^2 =$$

❖ **Linear transformation for standardization, i.e.,** &

Suppose \mathbf{X} has \mathbf{M}_X and Σ_{XX}

Find $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}_0 + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}$

such that $\mathbf{M}_Y = \mathbf{0}$ and $\Sigma_{YY} = \mathbf{I}$

$$\mathbf{M}_Y = \mathbf{A}_0 + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}_X = \mathbf{0} \quad (1)$$

$$\Sigma_{YY} = \mathbf{A}\Sigma_{XX}\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{I} \quad (2)$$

Since Σ_{XX} is positive-definite, $\Sigma_{XX} = \mathbf{L}_\Sigma \mathbf{L}_\Sigma^T$ (e.g. by Cholesky decomposition)

Therefore, $\mathbf{L}_\Sigma^{-1} \Sigma_{XX} \mathbf{L}_\Sigma^{-T} = \mathbf{I}$ and

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}_\Sigma^{-1} \rightarrow \text{Substitute to (1)}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_0 = -\mathbf{L}_\Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}_X$$

In summary,

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{L}_\Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M}_X)$$

Alternatively,

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{XX} &= \mathbf{D}_X \mathbf{R}_{XX} \mathbf{D}_X \\ &= \mathbf{L}_\Sigma \mathbf{L}_\Sigma^T \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\mathbf{L}_\Sigma = \mathbf{D}_X \mathbf{R}_{XX}^{1/2}$ and $\mathbf{L}_\Sigma^{-1} = \mathbf{R}_{XX}^{-1/2} \mathbf{D}_X^{-1}$

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{R}_{XX}^{-1/2} (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M}_X)$$

→ This version is preferred because of numerical stability in decomposition ($|\rho| \leq 1$).

◎ **Mathematical expectation of nonlinear functions**

$$Y_k = g_k(x), \quad k = 1, \dots, m$$

Taylor series expansion around the mean point, $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{M}_X$

$$Y_k \approx g_k(\mathbf{M}_X) + \frac{\partial g_k}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \bigg|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{M}_X} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{M}_X) + \dots + \dots + \dots$$

Matrix form

$$\mathbf{Y} \cong \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{M}_X) + \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{Y},\mathbf{X}}|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{M}_X} (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M}_X)$$

① First-order approximation

(Scalar: See supp.)

$$\mathbf{M}_Y^{FO} = \mathbf{g}(\quad)$$

$$\Sigma_{\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}}^{FO} =$$

② Second-order approximation

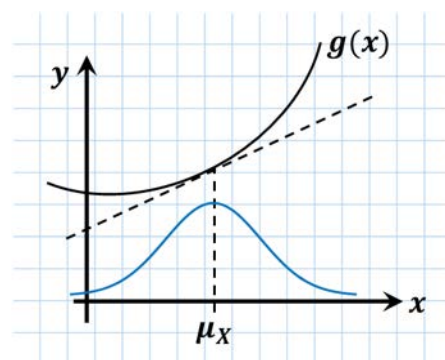
⇒ Can use 2nd order approximation from Taylor series expansion

⇒ Not useful because higher-order moments are needed (γ, κ, \dots)

③ Accuracy of FO/SO approximation

Sources of large errors in approx.

- σ_x
- Nonlinearity in $g(x)$



Example : $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{P}$ (Frame structure)

⊙ Derived Distribution of Functions

Consider $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{X})$ where $\mathbf{Y} = \{Y_1, \dots, Y_m\}$ and $\mathbf{X} = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$

Given: $f_X(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow f_Y(\mathbf{y})?$

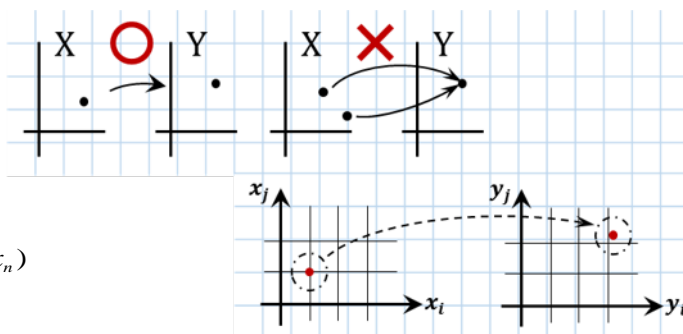
① $m = n$, one-to-one mapping

a) Discrete

$$P_Y(y_1, \dots, y_n) = P_X(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

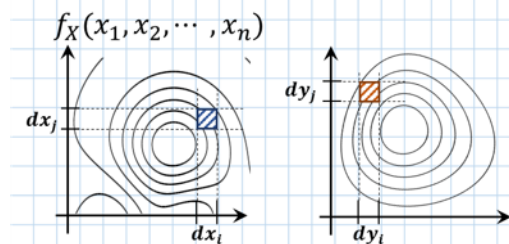
b) Continuous

$$f_Y(y_1, \dots, y_n) = f_X(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$



$$f_Y(\mathbf{y}) = f_X(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \left| \det \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right|$$

$$= f_X(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \left| \det \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|^{-1}$$



$$\text{"Jacobian" } \mathbf{J}_{y,x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \dots & \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Consider $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{y})$

$$\ast f_Y(\mathbf{y}) = f_X(\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{y})) \left| \det \mathbf{J}_{y,x}(\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{y})) \right|^{-1}$$

$$\ast m = n = 1$$

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(x) = f_X\left(\right) \left| \frac{dh(y)}{dy} \right|$$

Example: $X \sim N(0,1^2)$

a) $Y = g(X) = aX + b$

One-to-one mapping?

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \cdot$$

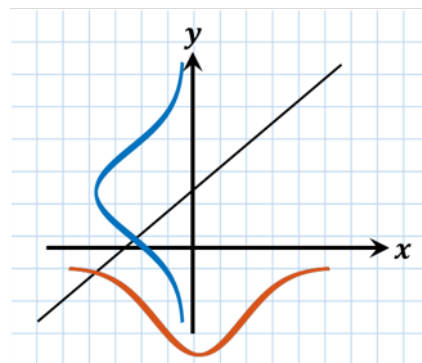
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_____ Distribution

$$\mu_Y =$$

$$\sigma_Y =$$



b) $T_1, T_2 \sim$ exponential r.v.'s (See supplement on "Other Distribution Models")

$$f_{T_1}(t_1) = \alpha \cdot \exp(-\alpha t_1), t_1 > 0$$

$$f_{T_2}(t_2) = \beta \cdot \exp(-\beta t_2), t_2 > 0$$

T_1, T_2 : statistically independent

Joint PDF of $\begin{cases} Y_1 = T_1 + T_2 \\ Y_2 = T_1 - T_2 \end{cases}$?

$$f_Y(\mathbf{y}) = f_T(\mathbf{t}) \left| \det \mathbf{J}_{y,t} \right|^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{y},\mathbf{t}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial t_1} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial t_2} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial t_1} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial t_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \quad & \quad \\ \quad & \quad \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|\det \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{y},\mathbf{t}}|^{-1} =$$

$$\therefore f_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}) =$$

Inverse relationship

$$\begin{cases} T_1 = \frac{1}{2}(Y_1 + Y_2) \\ T_2 = \frac{1}{2}(Y_1 - Y_2) \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore f_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{\alpha\beta}{2} \exp\left[-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}y_1 - \frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}y_2\right], \quad y_1 > 0, -y_1 < y_2 < y_1$$

- Range of \mathbf{Y} derived from the condition $t_1, t_2 > 0$ & $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{y})$