

4.3: Transformations of variables of the continuous type.

Thm: change of variable (1 variable, continuous type)

let x be a r.v with space A and p.d.f $f(x)$.

let $y = u(x)$ be a r.v with space B and p.d.f $g(y)$.

such that $u: A \rightarrow B$, $u(x) = y$ is a one to one function then

$$g(y) = \begin{cases} f(u(y)) \cdot |u'(y)|, & y \in B \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

where $u(y) = x = u^{-1}(y)$.

ex1: x is a r.v with p.d.f

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

let $y = 8x^3$. Find the p.d.f of y .

Solution:

r.v x p.d.f $f(x)$

r.v y p.d.f $g(y)$

$y = u(x) = 8x^3 \rightarrow y = u(x) = 8x^3 \rightarrow$ is one to one function

$u: A \rightarrow B$

$A = \{x: 0 < x < 1\}$

$0 < x < 1 \rightarrow 0 < x^3 < 1 \rightarrow 0 < 8x^3 < 8$
 $0 < y < 8$

$B = \{y: 0 < y < 8\}$

$u: 1-1$

$$y = 8x^3 \rightarrow \frac{y}{8} = x^3 \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} y^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow u^{-1}(y) = w(y) = x = \frac{1}{2} y^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(y) = \begin{cases} f(w(y)) |w'(y)|, & y \in B \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases} \quad w(y) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} y^{\frac{1}{3}-1} = \frac{1}{6y^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

$$= \begin{cases} f\left(\frac{1}{2} y^{\frac{1}{3}}\right) \left|\frac{1}{6} y^{-\frac{2}{3}}\right|, & 0 < y < 8 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} y^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{6} y^{-\frac{2}{3}}, & 0 < y < 8 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$g(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6y^{\frac{1}{3}}}, & 0 < y < 8 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Thm: Change of variable (2 variables, continuous type).

let x_1, x_2 be r.v's with space A and joint p.d.f $f(x_1, x_2)$

let y_1, y_2 be r.v's with space B and joint p.d.f $g(y_1, y_2)$

such that $u: A \rightarrow B$ where u is one to one and

$u(x_1, x_2) = (y_1, y_2) = (u_1(x_1, x_2), u_2(x_1, x_2))$ then

$$g(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} f(w_1(y_1, y_2), w_2(y_1, y_2)) \cdot |J|, & y_1, y_2 \in B \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

where $w_1(y_1, y_2) = x_1 = u_1^{-1}(y_1, y_2)$

$w_2(y_1, y_2) = x_2 = u_2^{-1}(y_1, y_2)$

$$\text{and } J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_2} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_2} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

exp 5: x_1, x_2 random sample of size $n=2$ from standard Normal dist.

$$x_1 \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$x_2 \sim N(0, 1)$$

x_1, x_2 indep.

Find dist. of $y_1 = \frac{x_1}{x_2}$

solution:

$$\rightarrow f(x_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x_1^2}{2}}, \quad x_1 \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{" p.d.f of } x_1 \text{ "}$$

$$\rightarrow f(x_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x_2^2}{2}}, \quad x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{" p.d.f of } x_2 \text{ "}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow h(x_1, x_2) &= f(x_1) \cdot f(x_2), \quad (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \text{" joint p.d.f of } x_1, x_2 \text{ "}. \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{2}}, \quad (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow y_1 = \frac{x_1}{x_2} \iff x_1 = y_1 x_2 = y_1 y_2$$

$$y_2 = x_2 \iff x_2 = y_2$$

$$\rightarrow A = \{ (x_1, x_2) : -\infty < x_1 < \infty, -\infty < x_2 < 0 \text{ or } 0 < x_2 < \infty \}.$$

$$B = \{ (y_1, y_2) : -\infty < y_1 < \infty, -\infty < y_2 < 0 \text{ or } 0 < y_2 < \infty \}.$$

$$\rightarrow J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_2} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_2} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} y_2 & y_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = y_2$$

$$\rightarrow g(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} f(w_1(y_1, y_2), w_2(y_1, y_2)) |J|, & (y_1, y_2) \in B \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} f(y_1 y_2, y_2) |y_2|, & (y_1, y_2) \in B \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{y_1^2 y_2^2 + y_2^2}{2}} |y_2|, & (y_1, y_2) \in B \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{y_2}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{y_1^2 y_2^2 + y_2^2}{2}}, & y_1 \in \mathbb{R}, y_2 > 0 \\ \frac{-y_2}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{y_1^2 y_2^2 + y_2^2}{2}}, & y_1 \in \mathbb{R}, y_2 < 0 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow g_1(y_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(y_1, y_2) dy_2 = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y_2}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{y_1^2 y_2^2 + y_2^2}{2}} dy_2 + \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{-y_2}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{y_1^2 y_2^2 + y_2^2}{2}} dy_2$$

$$g_1(y_1) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+y_1^2)}, \quad y_1 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

"check the result".

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