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UNIT-IV

4.1 Convergence of sequence of random variables & Mode of convergence

Convergence in Probability:

A sequence's of r.v's $\{X_n\}$ is said to be converge to x in probability denoted,

$$X_n \xrightarrow{P} x, \quad \text{if for every } \varepsilon > 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \\ P[|X_n - x| > \varepsilon] \rightarrow 0$$

Equivalent: $X_n \xrightarrow{P} x$; if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $P[|X_n - x| > \varepsilon] \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

This concept plays an important role in Statistics consistency of estimators weak law of large numbers are examples.

Here, it mean that the difference between X_n and x is likely to be small with large probability.

Necessary and Sufficient conditions for convergence in probability

$$X_n \xrightarrow{P} 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad E\left(\frac{|X_n|}{1+|X_n|}\right) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Proof:

For any X_n , the Random Variable

$\frac{|X_n|}{1+|X_n|}$ is bounded by unity.

\therefore Take $g(X_n) = \frac{|X_n|}{1+|X_n|}$, then $\sup g(X_n) = 1$

\therefore From the basic inequality

$$\frac{E(g(X_n)) - g(a)}{\sup g(X_n)} \leq P[|X_n| \geq a] \leq \frac{E(g(X_n))}{g(a)}$$

$$\frac{E|X_n|}{1+|X_n|} - \frac{\varepsilon}{1+\varepsilon} \leq P[|X_n| \geq \varepsilon] \leq \frac{E\left[\frac{|X_n|}{1+|X_n|}\right]}{\frac{\varepsilon}{1+\varepsilon}} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

From the R.H.S of $\textcircled{1}$ we see that

$$E\left(\frac{|X_n|}{1+|X_n|}\right) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow P[|X_n| \geq \varepsilon] \rightarrow 0 \\ \Rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{P} 0.$$

✓ This is sufficient condition for convergence in probability necessary condition.

consider I.H.S of ①

$$P[|x_n| \geq \varepsilon] \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow E\left(\frac{|x_n|}{1+|x_n|}\right) \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{1+\varepsilon} \rightarrow 0$$

Since ε is arbitrary and $\frac{|x_n|}{1+|x_n|}$ is a non-negative random variable its expectation is greater than or equal to

$$\text{i.e., } E\left(\frac{|x_n|}{1+|x_n|}\right) \geq 0$$

$$\text{Hence } E\left(\frac{|x_n|}{1+|x_n|}\right) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

This is the necessary condition.

Convergence in Probability Implies Mutual convergence:

$$\text{i.e., } x_n \xrightarrow{P} x \quad x_n - x_m \xrightarrow{P} 0$$

Proof:

$$\text{Since } x_n \xrightarrow{P} x, \quad x < \infty$$

$$\text{consider, } |x_n - x_m| = |x_n - x + x - x_m| \\ = |x_n - x| + |x - x_m|$$

Now,

$$\Rightarrow [|x_n - x_m| \geq \varepsilon] \subseteq [|x_n - x| \geq \varepsilon/2] + [|x - x_m| \geq \varepsilon/2] \\ \Rightarrow P[|x_n - x_m| \geq \varepsilon] \leq P[|x_n - x| \geq \varepsilon/2] + P[|x - x_m| \geq \varepsilon/2] \rightarrow 0$$

as $x_n \xrightarrow{P} x$ as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ each term of the R.H.S goes to zero.

$$\Rightarrow P[|x_n - x_m| \geq \varepsilon] \rightarrow 0 \\ \Rightarrow x_n - x_m \xrightarrow{P} 0$$

Thus convergence probability \Rightarrow mutual convergence.
Hence the proof.

Almost surely convergence:

The sequence of $\{x_n\}$ is said to converge to x a.s. (almost surely) strongly (or) in probability

$x_n(\omega) \rightarrow x(\omega)$ $\forall \omega$ except those belonging to the null set N is $x_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} x \Rightarrow x_n(\omega) \rightarrow x(\omega) \quad \forall \omega \in N^c \Rightarrow P(N) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow P[\omega: x_n(\omega) \rightarrow x(\omega)] = 1$$

Now almost sure convergence is unique.

$$\text{i.e., } x_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} x, \quad x_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} x' \Rightarrow x = x' \text{ a.s.}$$

Proof:

$$x_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} x \quad \text{iff} \quad P\left[\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} \{\omega: |x_n(\omega) - x(\omega)| \geq \varepsilon\}\right] = 0$$

$$\text{consider } |x - x'| \leq |x - x_k| + |x_k - x'| \\ \leq |x - x_k| + |x_k - x'|$$

$$\Rightarrow [|x - x'| \geq \varepsilon] \subseteq [|x_k - x| \geq \varepsilon/2 \cup |x_k - x'| \geq \varepsilon/2] \\ \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} [\omega: |x_k(\omega) - x(\omega)| \geq \varepsilon/2] \cup \\ \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} [\omega: |x_k(\omega) - x'(\omega)| \geq \varepsilon/2]$$

$$\Rightarrow P[|x - x'| \geq \varepsilon] \leq P\left[\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \{\omega: |x_k(\omega) - x(\omega)| \geq \varepsilon/2\}\right] + \\ P\left[\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \{\omega: |x_k(\omega) - x'(\omega)| \geq \varepsilon/2\}\right] = 0$$

Since $X_n \rightarrow x$ and $X_n \rightarrow x'$ each term in $R.H.S$ goes to 0

$$\Rightarrow P[|x - x'| \geq \epsilon_i] = 0$$

$\Rightarrow x = x'$ almost surely.

Theorem:

Almost Sure (a.s.) convergence implies convergence in Probability

$$X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} x \Rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{P} x$$

Proof:

Consider,

$\epsilon_i > X_i$, then

$$[|X_n - x| > \frac{1}{n}] \supseteq [|X_n - x| > \epsilon_i]$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcup_{n=m}^{\infty} [|X_n - x| > \frac{1}{n}] \supseteq [|X_n - x| > \epsilon_i]$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcap_{n=m}^{\infty} \left[|X_n - x| < \frac{1}{n} \right] \supseteq [|X_n - x| \leq \epsilon_i]$$

$$\Rightarrow P \left[\bigcap_{n=m}^{\infty} |X_n - x| < \frac{1}{n} \right] \geq P [|X_n - x| \leq \epsilon_i]$$

we are given $X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} x$ this implies

$$P \left[\bigcap_{n=m}^{\infty} |X_n - x| < \frac{1}{n} \right] \rightarrow 1$$

$$\Rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{P} x$$

Hence the proof.

Convergence in distribution:

Let $\{F_n(x)\}$ be a sequence of distribution functions, not necessary of random variables.

Let $F_n(x) \rightarrow F(x)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ (i.e.) $F_n(x)$ converges to $F(x)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Then the sequence $\{F_n(x)\}$ is said to be converge weakly to F .

Convergence in r^{th} mean:

A square of r.v. $\{X_n\}$ is said to converge to x r^{th} mean denoted by $X_n \xrightarrow{r} x$, if $E|X_n - x|^r \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for $n \geq 2$ $|X_n - x|^2$ is called convergence in mean square or quadratic mean.

Theorem:

$$X_n \xrightarrow{r} x \Rightarrow E|X_n|^r \rightarrow E|x|^r$$

Proof:

$$[x - (x - y)] \leq [x + (x - y)]$$

Case (i) $r \geq 1$

Consider C.E. inequality.

$$E[|x+y|^r] \leq C_r E|x|^r + C_r |x| E|y|^r$$

for $r \leq 1$

$$\leq E|x|^r + E|y|^r$$

Put $x_n - x$ in the place of x and x in the place of y .

$$\therefore E|x_n - y + x|^r \leq E|x_n - x|^r + E|x|^r$$

$$\Rightarrow E|x_n|^r \leq E|x_n - x|^r + E|x|^r$$

$$\Rightarrow E|x_n - x|^r \geq E|x_n|^r - E|x|^r$$

$$\text{But } X_n \xrightarrow{r} x \Rightarrow E|x_n - x|^r \rightarrow 0$$

$$E|x_n|^r - E|x|^r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E|x_n|^r = E|x|^r$$

Case (ii) $r > 1$.

Consider Minkowski inequality $r > 1$.

$$E^{1/r} |x+y|^r \leq E^{1/r} |x|^r + E^{1/r} |y|^r$$

$$\text{Put } x = x_n - x \text{ and } y = x$$

$$E^{1/r} |x_n|^r \leq E^{1/r} |x_n - x|^r + E^{1/r} |x|^r \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\therefore E^{1/r} |x_n - x|^r \geq E^{1/r} |x_n|^r - E^{1/r} |x|^r \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$E^{1/r} |x_n - x|^r \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E^{1/r} |x_n|^r - E^{1/r} |x|^r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E^{1/r} |x_n|^r = E^{1/r} |x|^r$$

Moment Generating Function

Moment Generating Function. The moment generating function (m.g.f.) of a random variable X (about origin) having the probability function $f(x)$ is given by

$$(6.54) \dots \begin{cases} M_X(t) = E(e^{tx}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx, & \text{(for continuous probability distribution)} \\ \quad \quad \quad = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x), & \text{(for discrete probability distribution)} \end{cases}$$

the integration or summation being extended to the entire range of x , t being the real parameter and it is being assumed that the right-hand side of (6.54) is absolutely convergent for some positive number h such that $-h < t < h$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= E(e^{tx}) = E \left[1 + tx + \frac{t^2 x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{t^r x^r}{r!} + \dots \right] \\ &= 1 + t E(X) + \frac{t^2}{2!} E(X^2) + \dots + \frac{t^r}{r!} E(X^r) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 + t \mu_1' + \frac{t^2}{2!} \mu_2' + \dots + \frac{t^r}{r!} \mu_r' + \dots \quad \dots(6.55)$$

where $\mu_r' = E(X^r) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^r f(x) dx$, for continuous distribution
 $= \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^r p(x)$, for discrete distribution.

is the r th moment of X about origin. Thus we see that the coefficient of $\frac{t^r}{r!}$ in $M_X(t)$ gives μ_r' (about origin). Since $M_X(t)$ generates moments, it is known as moment generating function.

Differentiating (6.55) w.r.t. t and then putting $t = 0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\frac{d^r}{dt^r} \{ M_X(t) \} \right]_{t=0} &= \left[\frac{\mu_r'}{r!} \cdot r! + \mu_{r+1}' t + \mu_{r+2}' \cdot \frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots \right]_{t=0} \\ \Rightarrow \mu_r' &= \left[\frac{d^r}{dt^r} \{ M_X(t) \} \right]_{t=0} \quad \dots(6.56) \end{aligned}$$

In general, the moment generating function of X about the point $X = a$ is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) \text{ (about } X = a) &= E[e^{t(X-a)}] \\ &= E \left[1 + t(X-a) + \frac{t^2}{2!} (X-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{t^r}{r!} (X-a)^r + \dots \right] \\ &= 1 + t \mu_1' + \frac{t^2}{2!} \mu_2' + \dots + \frac{t^r}{r!} \mu_r' + \dots \quad \dots(6.57) \end{aligned}$$

where $\mu_r' = E[(X-a)^r]$, is the r th moment about the point $X = a$.

4.2 Characteristic Function: Definition and Properties

Characteristic Function. In some cases m.g.f. does not exist, since the integral $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx$ or the series $\sum_x e^{tx} p(x)$ does not converge absolutely for real values of t for some distributions. For example, for the continuous probability distribution

$$dF(x) = C \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^m} dx; m > 1, -\infty < x < \infty,$$

the m.g.f. does not exist, since the integral

$$M_X(t) = C \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^m} dx,$$

does not converge absolutely for finite positive values of m because the function e^{tx} dominates the function x^{2m} so that $e^{tx}/x^{2m} \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

Again, for the discrete probability distribution

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{6}{\pi^2 x^2}; x = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ &= 0, \text{ elsewhere} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$M_X(t) = \sum_x e^{tx} f(x) = \frac{6}{\pi^2} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e^{tx}}{x^2} \right)$$

The series is not convergent (by D'Alembert's Ratio Test) for $t > 0$. Thus there does not exist a positive number h such that $M_X(t)$ exists for $-h < t < h$. Hence $M_X(t)$ does not exist in this case also.

A more serviceable function than the m.g.f. is what is known as characteristic function and is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_X(t) &= E(e^{itX}) = \int e^{itx} f(x) dx && \text{(for continuous probability distributions)} \\ &= \sum_x e^{itx} f(x) && \text{(for discrete probability distributions)} \end{aligned} \quad \dots(6-64)$$

If $F_X(x)$ is the distribution function of a continuous random variable X , then

$$\phi_X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} dF(x) \quad \dots(6-64a)$$

Obviously $\phi(t)$ is a complex valued function of real variable t . It may be noted that

$$|\phi(t)| = \left| \int e^{itx} f(x) dx \right| \leq \int |e^{itx}| f(x) dx = \int f(x) dx = 1,$$

$$\text{since } |e^{itx}| = |\cos tx + i \sin tx|^{1/2} = (\cos^2 tx + \sin^2 tx)^{1/2} = 1$$

Since $|\phi(t)| \leq 1$, characteristic function $\phi_X(t)$ always exists.

Yet another advantage of characteristic function lies in the fact that it uniquely determines the distribution function, i.e., if the characteristic function of a distribution is given, the distribution can be uniquely determined by the theorem, known as the **Uniqueness Theorem of Characteristic Functions**

Properties of Characteristic Functions. For all real 't', we have

$$(i) \phi(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dF(x) = 1 \quad \dots(6-64b)$$

$$(ii) |\phi(t)| \leq 1 = \phi(0) \quad \dots(6-64c)$$

(iii) $\phi(t)$ is continuous everywhere, i.e., $\phi(t)$ is a continuous function of 't' in $(-\infty, \infty)$. Rather $\phi(t)$ is uniformly continuous in 't'

Proof. For $h \neq 0$, $|\phi_X(t+h) - \phi_X(t)| = \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [e^{i(t+h)x} - e^{itx}] dF(x) \right|$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{itx}(e^{ihx} - 1)| dF(x) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{ihx} - 1| dF(x) \quad \dots(*) \end{aligned}$$

The last integral does not depend on t. If it tends to zero as $h \rightarrow 0$ then $\phi_X(t)$ is uniformly continuous in 't'.

Now $|e^{ihx} - 1| \leq |e^{ihx}| + 1 = 2$

$$\therefore \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{ihx} - 1| dF(x) \leq 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dF(x) = 2.$$

Hence by Dominated Convergence Theorem (D.C.T.), taking the limit inside the integral sign in (*), we get

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} |\phi_X(t+h) - \phi_X(t)| \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} |e^{ihx} - 1| dF(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \phi_X(t+h) = \phi_X(t) \quad \forall t.$$

Hence $\phi_X(t)$ is uniformly continuous in 't'.

(iv) $\phi_X(-t)$ and $\phi_X(t)$ are conjugate functions, i.e., $\phi_X(-t) = \overline{\phi_X(t)}$ where \bar{a} is the complex conjugate of a.

Proof. $\phi_X(t) = E(e^{itX}) = E[\cos tX + i \sin tX]$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \overline{\phi_X(t)} &= E[\cos tX - i \sin tX] \\ &= E[\cos(-t)X + i \sin(-t)X] \\ &= E(e^{-itX}) = \phi_X(-t). \end{aligned}$$

Theorems on Characteristic Function.

Theorem If the distribution function of a r.v. X is symmetrical about zero, i.e.,

$$1 - F(x) = F(-x) \Rightarrow f(-x) = f(x),$$

then $\phi_X(t)$ is real valued and even function of t.

Proof. By definition we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_X(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ity} f(-y) dy \quad (x = -y) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ity} f(y) dy \quad [\because f(-y) = f(y)] \\ &= \phi_X(-t) \quad \dots(*) \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \phi_X(t)$ is an even function of t.

Also $\overline{\phi_X(t)} = \phi_X(-t)$ [c.f. Property (iv) § 6.12.1.]

$\therefore \phi_X(t) = \phi_X(-t) = \phi_X(t)$ (From *)

Hence $\phi_X(t)$ is a real valued function of t.

Theorem If X is some random variable with characteristic function $\phi_X(t)$, and if $\mu_r = E(X^r)$ exists, then

$$\mu_r = (-i)^r \left[\frac{\partial^r}{\partial t^r} \phi(t) \right]_{t=0}$$

Proof. $\phi(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} f(x) dx$

Differentiating (under the integral sign) ' r ' times w.r.t. t , we get

$$\frac{\partial^r}{\partial t^r} \phi(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (ix)^r \cdot e^{itx} f(x) dx = (i)^r \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^r e^{itx} f(x) dx$$

$$\therefore \left[\frac{\partial^r}{\partial t^r} \phi(t) \right]_{t=0} = (i)^r \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^r e^{itx} f(x) dx \right]_{t=0} \\ = (i)^r \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^r f(x) dx = i^r E(X^r) = i^r \mu_r$$

$$\text{Hence } \mu_r = \left(\frac{1}{i} \right)^r \left[\frac{\partial^r}{\partial t^r} \phi(t) \right]_{t=0} = (-i)^r \left[\frac{\partial^r}{\partial t^r} \phi(t) \right]_{t=0}$$

Theorem $\phi_{cX}(t) = \phi_X(ct)$, c , being a constant.

Theorem If X_1 and X_2 are independent random variables, then

$$\phi_{X_1+X_2}(t) = \phi_{X_1}(t) \phi_{X_2}(t) \quad \dots(*)$$

More, generally for independent random variables X_i ; $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, we have

$$\phi_{X_1+X_2+\dots+X_n}(t) = \phi_{X_1}(t) \phi_{X_2}(t) \dots \phi_{X_n}(t)$$

Important Remark. Converse of (*) is not true, i.e.,

$\phi_{X_1+X_2}(t) = \phi_{X_1}(t) \phi_{X_2}(t)$ does not imply that X_1 and X_2 are independent.

For example, let X_1 be a standard Cauchy variate with p.d.f.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

Then $\phi_{X_1}(t) = e^{-|t|}$ (c.f. ...)

Let $X_2 \equiv X_1$, i.e., $P(X_1 = X_2) = 1$(**)

Then $\phi_{X_2}(t) = e^{-|t|}$

Now $\phi_{X_1+X_2}(t) = \phi_{2X_1}(t) = \phi_{X_1}(2t) = e^{-2|t|} \\ = \phi_{X_1}(t) \phi_{X_2}(t)$

i.e. (*) is satisfied but obviously X_1 and X_2 are not independent, because of (**).

Theorem *Effect of Change of Origin and Scale on Characteristic Function.* If $U = \frac{X-a}{h}$, a and h being constants, then

$$\phi_U(t) = e^{-iat/h} \phi_X(t/h)$$

In particular if we take $a = E(X) = \mu$ (say) and $h = \sigma_X = \sigma$ then the characteristic function of the standard variate

$$Z = \frac{X - E(X)}{\sigma_X} = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

is given by $\phi_Z(t) = e^{-i\mu t/\sigma} \phi_X(t/\sigma)$

Characteristic function of Binomial distribution:

$$C_X(t) = E(e^{itx})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{x=0}^n e^{itx} p(x) \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^n e^{itx} \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^n (pe^{it})^x \binom{n}{x} q^{n-x} \\ &= [q + pe^{it}]^n \end{aligned}$$

Characteristic function of poisson distribution

$$C_X(t) = E[e^{itx}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{itx} p(x) \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{itx} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{itx} \lambda^x}{x!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda it} \end{aligned}$$

Normal Distribution:

Characteristic Function of Normal Distribution

i) $X \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$

$$C_X(t) = E[e^{itx}]$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} f(x) dx$$

The normal p.d.f is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

$$C_X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{itx - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{itx - \frac{1}{2}\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}} dx \quad \text{put } z = x/\sigma$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{itx - \frac{1}{2}\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{itx - \frac{1}{2}\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}z^2 + it\sigma z} dz$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(z^2 - 2it\sigma z + (it\sigma)^2)} dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}[z^2 - 2it\sigma z + (it\sigma)^2]} dz$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}(it\sigma)^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(z - it\sigma)^2} dz$$

$$= \frac{e^{-t^2 \sigma^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du$$

$$= \frac{e^{-t^2 \sigma^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sqrt{2\pi} \left[\int e^{-u^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi}/\sigma \right]$$

$$= e^{-t^2 \sigma^2/2}$$

(ii) $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$C_X(t) = E[e^{itx}]$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} f(x) dx$$

The normal p.d.f. is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

$$C_X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{itx} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{[it(x-\mu) + \mu] - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} \sigma dz$$

Put $z = (x-\mu)/\sigma$
 $x = z\sigma + \mu$
 $\sigma dz = dx$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{it(z\sigma + \mu)} e^{-\frac{1}{2}z^2} dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{i\mu} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itz\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}z^2} dz$$

$$= \frac{e^{i\mu}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(z^2 - 2iz\sigma + 2\sigma^2)} dz$$

$$= \frac{e^{i\mu}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(z^2 - 2iz\sigma + (i\sigma)^2 - (i\sigma)^2 + 2\sigma^2)} dz$$

$$= \frac{e^{i\mu}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(z - (i\sigma))^2} e^{\frac{1}{2}(i\sigma)^2} dz$$

$$= \frac{e^{i\mu}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{i^2\sigma^2}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(z - i\sigma)^2} dz$$

$$= \frac{e^{i\mu} - \frac{i^2\sigma^2}{2}}{2\pi} \times \sqrt{2\pi}$$

$$= e^{i\mu - i^2\sigma^2/2}$$

4.3 Inversion Theorem

Inversion Theorem Lemma. If $(a-h, a+h)$ is the continuity interval of the distribution function $F(x)$, then

$$F(a+h) - F(a-h) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-T}^T \frac{\sin ht}{t} e^{-iux} \phi(t) dt,$$

$\phi(t)$ being the characteristic function of the distribution.

Corollary. If $\phi(t)$ is absolutely integrable over R^1 , i.e., if

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\phi(t)| dt < \infty,$$

then the derivative of $F(x)$ exists; which is bounded, continuous on R^1 and is given by

$$f(x) = F'(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-iux} \phi(t) dt,$$

for every $x \in R^1$.

Proof. In the above lemma replacing a by x and on dividing by $2h$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F(x+h) - F(x-h)}{2h} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-T}^T \frac{\sin ht}{ht} e^{-iux} \phi(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin ht}{ht} e^{-iux} \phi(t) dt \\ \therefore \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x+h) - F(x-h)}{2h} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin ht}{ht} e^{-iux} \phi(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

Since
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\phi(t)| dt < \infty,$$

the integrand on the right hand side is bounded by an integrable function and hence by Dominated Convergence Theorem, we get

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x+h) - F(x-h)}{2h} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin ht}{ht} \right) e^{-iux} \phi(t) dt$$

By mean value theorem of differential calculus, we have

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x+h) - F(x-h)}{2h} = F'(x) = f(x),$$

where $f(\cdot)$ is the p.d.f. corresponding to $\phi(t)$. Thus

$$f(x) = F'(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-iux} \phi(t) dt,$$

4.4 Uniqueness Theorem

Uniqueness Theorem of Characteristic Functions.

Characteristic function uniquely determines the distribution, i.e., a necessary and sufficient condition for two distributions with p.d.f.'s $f_1(\cdot)$ and $f_2(\cdot)$ to be identical is that their characteristic functions $\phi_1(t)$ and $\phi_2(t)$ are identical.

Proof. If $f_1(\cdot) = f_2(\cdot)$, then from the definition of characteristic function, we get

$$\phi_1(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} f_1(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} f_2(x) dx = \phi_2(t)$$

Conversely if $\phi_1(t) = \phi_2(t)$, then from corollary to Theorem 6-26, we get

$$f_1(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-iux} \phi_1(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-iux} \phi_2(t) dt = f_2(x)$$

Theorem *Necessary and sufficient condition for the random variables X_1 and X_2 to be independent is that their joint characteristic function is equal to the product of their individual characteristic functions, i.e.,*

$$\phi_{X_1, X_2}(t_1, t_2) = \phi_{X_1}(t_1) \phi_{X_2}(t_2) \quad \dots(*)$$

Proof. (i) *Condition is Necessary.* If X_1 and X_2 are independent then we have to show that (*) holds. By def.,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{X_1, X_2}(t_1, t_2) &= E(e^{it_1 X_1 + it_2 X_2}) = E(e^{it_1 X_1} \cdot e^{it_2 X_2}) \\ &= E(e^{it_1 X_1}) E(e^{it_2 X_2}) \quad (\because X_1, X_2 \text{ are independent}) \\ &= \phi_{X_1}(t_1) \phi_{X_2}(t_2), \end{aligned}$$

as required.

(ii) *Condition is sufficient.* We have to show that if (*) holds, then X_1 and X_2 are independent.

Let $f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2)$ be the joint p.d.f. of X_1 and X_2 and $f_1(x_1)$ and $f_2(x_2)$ be the marginal p.d.f.'s of X_1 and X_2 respectively. Then by definition (for continuous r.v.'s), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{X_1}(t_1) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{it_1 x_1} f_1(x_1) dx_1 \\ \phi_{X_2}(t_2) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{it_2 x_2} f_2(x_2) dx_2 \\ \therefore \phi_{X_1}(t_1) \phi_{X_2}(t_2) &= \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{it_1 x_1} f_1(x_1) dx_1 \right] \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{it_2 x_2} f_2(x_2) dx_2 \right] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(t_1 x_1 + t_2 x_2)} f_1(x_1) f_2(x_2) dx_1 dx_2 \quad \dots(**) \end{aligned}$$

by Fubini's theorem, since the integrand is bounded by an integrable function.

Also by def

$$\phi_{X_1, X_2}(t_1, t_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(t_1 x_1 + t_2 x_2)} f(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2$$

If (*) holds, we get from (**)

$$\phi_{X_1, X_2}(t_1, t_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(t_1 x_1 + t_2 x_2)} f_1(x_1) f_2(x_2) dx_1 dx_2$$

Hence by uniqueness theorem of characteristic functions, we get

$$f(x_1, x_2) = f_1(x_1) f_2(x_2),$$

which implies that X_1 and X_2 are independent.

Problem:

For the given p.d.f $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-|x|} \quad -\infty < x < \infty$
find its characteristic function

$$\begin{aligned} C_x(t) &= E[e^{itx}] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} f(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} \frac{1}{2} e^{-|x|} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{itx} e^x dx + \int_0^{\infty} e^{itx} e^{-x} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{x(1+it)} dx + \int_0^{\infty} e^{x(it-1)} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{x(1+it)} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x(1-it)} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{e^{(1+it)x}}{1+it} \Big|_{-\infty}^0 + \frac{e^{-x(1-it)}}{(1-it)} \Big|_0^{\infty} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{e^0 - e^{-\infty}}{1+it} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{e^{-\infty} - e^0}{(1-it)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{1+it} + \frac{1}{1-it} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(1-it) + (1+it)}{(1+it)(1-it)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{2}{2(1+it)(1-it)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1+it)(1-it)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+t^2}$$

Inversion Formula for finding pdf:

The formula to obtain p.d.f in the case of the continuous r.v. for given characteristic function is

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-itx} c(t) dt$$

Find the p.d.f whose characteristic function is given by $c(t) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2}$. The inversion formula

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-itx} c(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-itx} (e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2}) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(t^2 + 2itx)} dt$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(t^2 + 2itx + (ix)^2 - (ix)^2)} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(t+ix)^2 - \frac{ix^2}{2}} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{ix^2}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(t+ix)^2} dt$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\frac{ix^2}{2}}}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\frac{ix^2}{2}}}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du$$

But we know

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

The formula to obtain p.m.f. of discrete r.v. for given characteristic function is

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-itx} c(t) dt$$

Obtain the p.m.f. this characteristic function is $c(t) = (q + pe^{it})^n$ by inverse formula

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-itx} (q + pe^{it})^n dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-itx} \left[\sum_{y=0}^n \binom{n}{y} q^{n-y} (pe^{it})^y \right] dy$$

$$= \sum_{y=0}^n \binom{n}{y} p^y q^{n-y} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{it(y-x)} dy$$

if $y=x$ then $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{it(y-x)} dy = 2\pi$ otherwise $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{it(y-x)} dy = 0$

$$P(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}$$

which is the p.m.f. of Binomial distribution.

Obtain p.m.f. whose characteristic function is $c(t) = e^{-m}(1 + te^{it})^m$

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-itx} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(me^{it})^r}{r!} dt$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-m} m^r}{r!} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{it(r-x)} dt$$

when $r=x$ then $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{it(r-x)} dt = 2\pi$ otherwise $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{it(r-x)} dt = 0$

$$P(x) = \frac{e^{-m} m^x}{x!}$$

which is the p.m.f. of poisson distribution.

Obtain p.m.f. of whose characteristic function is given $c(t) = p(1 - qe^{it})^{-1}$

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-itx} c(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-itx} p(1 - qe^{it})^{-1} dt$$

$$= \frac{p}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-itx} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (qe^{it})^r dt$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} q^r p \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{it(r-x)} dt$$

if $r=x$ then $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{it(r-x)} dt = 2\pi$ otherwise $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{it(r-x)} dt = 0$

$$P(x) = q^x p$$

which is the p.m.f. of Geometric distribution.