

2015.3 Question 13

1. The cumulative distribution function of $X + Y$ at some value t is ratio of the area below the line $X + Y = t$ within the unit square $[0, 1]^2$, against the area of the unit square (which is 1).

When $0 \leq t \leq 1$, the area below is a triangle with vertices at $(0, 0)$, $(0, t)$ and $(t, 0)$. This means

$$F_{X+Y}(t) = \frac{1}{2}t^2.$$

When $1 \leq t \leq 2$, the area below is the unit square subtracting the triangle with vertices at $(1, 1)$, $(1, t-1)$ and $(t-1, 1)$. This means

$$F_{X+Y}(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}[1 - (t-1)]^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(2-t)^2.$$

Hence, we have

$$F_{X+Y}(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0, \\ \frac{1}{2}t^2, & 0 \leq t < 1, \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2}(2-t)^2, & 1 \leq t < 2, \\ 1, & 2 \leq t. \end{cases}$$

2. Since $X + Y \in [0, 2]$, $(X + Y)^{-1} \in [\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$. Let $t' \in [\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{(X+Y)^{-1}}(t') &= P\left(\frac{1}{X+Y} \leq t'\right) \\ &= P\left(X+Y \geq \frac{1}{t'}\right) \\ &= 1 - P\left(X+Y < \frac{1}{t'}\right) \\ &= 1 - F_{X+Y}\left(\frac{1}{t'}\right). \end{aligned}$$

If $t' \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$, we have $t'^{-1} \in [1, 2]$, and hence

$$\begin{aligned} F_{(X+Y)^{-1}}(t') &= 1 - F_{X+Y}\left(\frac{1}{t'}\right) \\ &= 1 - \left[1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(2 - \frac{1}{t'}\right)^2\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\left(2 - \frac{1}{t'}\right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

If $t' \in [1, \infty)$, we have $t'^{-1} \in (0, 1]$, and hence

$$\begin{aligned} F_{(X+Y)^{-1}}(t') &= 1 - F_{X+Y}\left(\frac{1}{t'}\right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{t'}\right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the cumulative distribution function of $(X + Y)^{-1}$ is given by

$$F_{(X+Y)^{-1}}(t') = \begin{cases} 0, & t' < \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{1}{2}\left(2 - \frac{1}{t'}\right)^2, & \frac{1}{2} \leq t' < 1, \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{t'}\right)^2, & 1 \leq t'. \end{cases}$$

The probability density function of $(X + Y)^{-1}$ is

$$\begin{aligned} f_{(X+Y)^{-1}}(t') &= \frac{d}{dt'} F_{(X+Y)^{-1}}(t') \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot \left(2 - \frac{1}{t'}\right) \cdot t'^{-2} = 2t'^{-2} - t'^{-3}, & \frac{1}{2} \leq t' < 1, \\ -(-2)\frac{1}{2}t'^{-3} = t'^{-3}, & 1 \leq t', \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

The expectation of $\frac{1}{X+Y}$ is

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\frac{1}{X+Y}\right) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} t f_{(X+Y)^{-1}}(t) dt \\ &= \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 t \cdot (2t^{-2} - t^{-3}) dt + \int_1^{\infty} t \cdot t^{-3} dt \\ &= \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 (2t^{-1} - t^{-2}) dt + \int_1^{\infty} t^{-2} dt \\ &= [2 \ln t + t^{-1}]_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 - [t^{-1}]_1^{\infty} \\ &= \left[(2 \ln 1 + 1^{-1}) - \left(2 \ln \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1} \right) \right] - (0 - 1) \\ &= [1 + 2 \ln 2 - 2] + 1 \\ &= 2 \ln 2. \end{aligned}$$

3. The cumulative distribution function of Y/X at some value t is the ratio of the area below the line $Y/X = t$ within the unit square $[0, 1]^2$, against the area of the unit square.

Since $0 \leq X, Y \leq 1$, we have $0 \leq Y/X < \infty$.

When $0 \leq t \leq 1$, the area below is a triangle with vertices at $(0, 0)$, $(1, 0)$ and $(1, t)$. Hence, we have

$$F_{Y/X}(t) = \frac{t}{2}.$$

When $1 \leq t < \infty$, the area below is the whole unit square, subtracting the triangle with the vertices at $(0, 0)$, $(0, 1)$ and $(1, \frac{1}{t})$. Hence, we have

$$F_{Y/X}(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{2t}.$$

Therefore,

$$F_{Y/X}(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0, \\ \frac{t}{2}, & 0 \leq t < 1, \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2t}, & 1 \leq t. \end{cases}$$

Hence, we have for $0 < t' \leq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\frac{X}{X+Y}}(t') &= P\left(\frac{X}{X+Y} \leq t'\right) \\ &= P\left(\frac{1}{t'} \leq \frac{X+Y}{X}\right) \\ &= P\left(\frac{1}{t'} \leq 1 + \frac{Y}{X}\right) \\ &= P\left(\frac{Y}{X} \geq \frac{1}{t'} - 1\right) \\ &= 1 - P\left(\frac{Y}{X} \leq \frac{1}{t'} - 1\right) \\ &= 1 - F_{Y/X}\left(\frac{1}{t'} - 1\right). \end{aligned}$$

For $0 < t' \leq \frac{1}{2}$, we have $2 \leq \frac{1}{t'}$, and hence $1 \leq \frac{1}{t'} - 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\frac{X}{X+Y}}(t') &= 1 - F_{Y/X}\left(\frac{1}{t'} - 1\right) \\ &= 1 - \left[1 - \frac{1}{2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{t'} - 1\right)}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{t'} - 1\right)} \\ &= \frac{t'}{2 - 2t'}. \end{aligned}$$

For $\frac{1}{2} \leq t' \leq 1$, we have $1 \leq \frac{1}{t'} \leq 2$, and hence $0 \leq \frac{1}{t'} - 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\frac{X}{X+Y}}(t') &= 1 - F_{Y/X}\left(\frac{1}{t'} - 1\right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{t'} - 1}{2} \\ &= \frac{2 - \frac{1}{t'} + 1}{2} \\ &= \frac{3t' - 1}{2t'}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$F_{\frac{X}{X+Y}}(t') = \begin{cases} 0, & t' \leq 0, \\ \frac{t'}{2-2t'}, & 0 < t' \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{3t'-1}{2t'}, & \frac{1}{2} < t' \leq 1, \\ 1, & 1 < t'. \end{cases}$$

Differentiating gives

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\frac{X}{X+Y}}(t') &= \frac{d}{dt'} F_{\frac{X}{X+Y}}(t') \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{1 \cdot (2-2t') + 2t'}{(2-2t')^2} = \frac{1}{2(1-t')^2}, & 0 < t' \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{3 \cdot 2t' - 2(3t'-1)}{4t'^2} = \frac{1}{2t'^2}, & \frac{1}{2} < t' \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

By symmetry, $E\left(\frac{X}{X+Y}\right) = E\left(\frac{Y}{X+Y}\right)$, but also

$$E\left(\frac{X}{X+Y}\right) + E\left(\frac{Y}{X+Y}\right) = E\left(\frac{X}{X+Y} + \frac{Y}{X+Y}\right) = E(1) = 1,$$

and hence

$$E\left(\frac{X}{X+Y}\right) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Using integration, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{X}{X+Y}\right) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} x f_{\frac{X}{X+Y}}(x) \, dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{x}{2(1-x)^2} \, dx + \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \frac{1}{2x} \, dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{x}{2} \, d\frac{1}{1-x} + \frac{1}{2} [\ln x]_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \\ &= \left[\frac{x}{2(1-x)} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{1-x} \, dx + \frac{\ln 2}{2} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2} [\ln(1-x)]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{\ln 2}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\ln 2}{2} + \frac{\ln 2}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$