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Order statistics

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Order statistics

Given a random sample $X_1, \ldots, X_n$, define

$$\begin{aligned} X_{(1)} &= \text{ the least of } X_1, \ldots, X_n \\ X_{(2)} &= \text{ the next-to-least of } X_1, \ldots, X_n \\ &\vdots \\ X_{(n)} &= \text{ the greatest of } X_1, \ldots, X_n. \end{aligned}$$

Then $X_{(1)} < X_{(2)} < \cdots < X_{(n)}$ are called the *order statistics* of the rs.

Exercise: Define range, midrange, and median with order statistics.

Theorem (pdf of kth order statistic)

Let $X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$ be the order statistics of a rs with cdf F_X and pdf f_X.

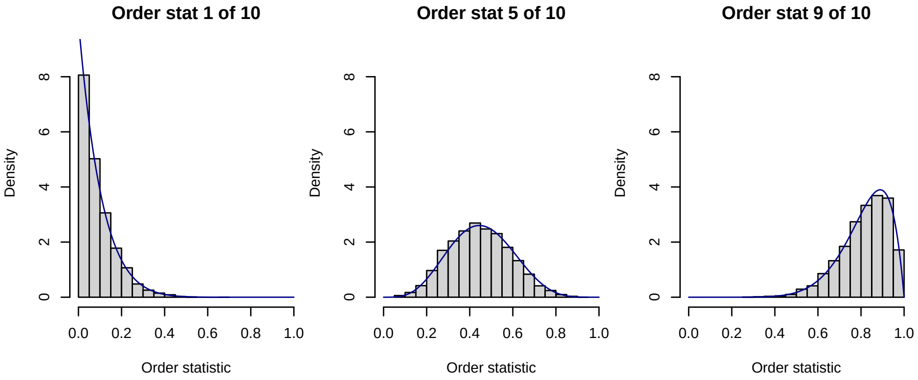
Then the pdf of $X_{(k)}$ is given by

$$f_{X_{(k)}}(x) = \frac{n!}{(k-1)!(n-k)!}[F_X(x)]^{k-1}[1 - F_X(x)]^{n-k} f_X(x),$$

for $k = 1, \dots, n$.

Exercises:

1. Derive the above.
2. Let $U_1, \dots, U_n \overset{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Uniform}(0,1)$. Find pdf of $U_{(k)}$, find $\mathbb{E}U_{(k)}$ and $\text{Var}\, U_{(k)}$.
3. Draw samples $X_1, \dots, X_n \overset{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Uniform}(0,1)$ and record kth order statistic. Make histograms. Use $n = 10$ and consider $k = 1, 5, 9$.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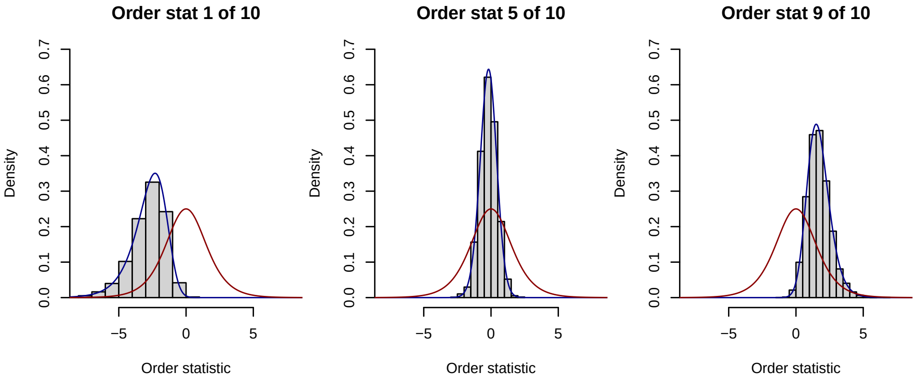
Exercise: Let $X_1, \dots, X_n$ be independent rvs with cdf $F_X(x) = (1 + e^{-x})^{-1}$.

1. Find the pdf of the kth order statistic.
2. Draw samples $X_1, \dots, X_n$ from F_X and record kth order statistic. Make histograms. Use $n = 10$ and consider $k = 1, 5, 9$.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Corollary (pdf of minimum and maximum)

Let $X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$ be the order statistics of a rs with cdf F_X and pdf f_X. Then

- $X_{(1)}$ *has cdf and pdf given by*

$$F_{X_{(1)}}(x) = 1 - [1 - F_X(x)]^n$$
$$f_{X_{(1)}}(x) = n[1 - F_X(x)]^{n-1} f_X(x)$$

- $X_{(n)}$ *has cdf and pdf given by*

$$F_{X_{(n)}}(x) = [F_X(x)]^n$$
$$f_{X_{(n)}}(x) = n[F_X(x)]^{n-1} f_X(x)$$

Exercise: Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \overset{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Exponential}(\lambda)$.

1. Find the pdf of $X_{(n)}$.
2. Find the pdf of $X_{(1)}$ and identify the distribution.

Theorem (Joint pdf of two order statistics)

Let $X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$ *be the order statistics of a rs with cdf* F_X *and pdf* f_X.

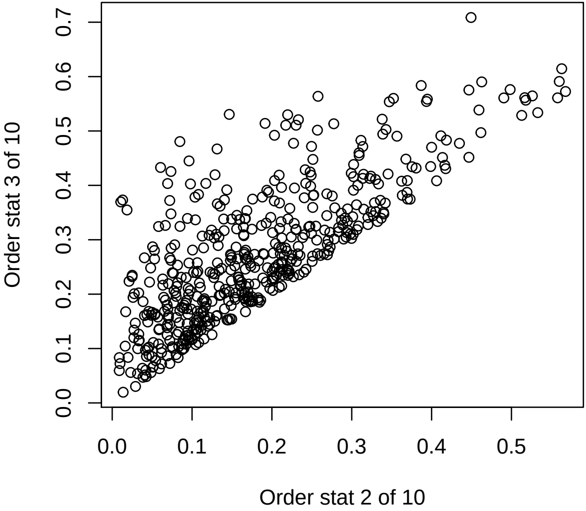
Then the joint pdf of $X_{(j)}$ *and* $X_{(k)}$, $1 \leq j < k \leq n$, *is given by*

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X_{(j)},X_{(k)}}(u,v) = & \frac{n!}{(j-1)!(k-j-1)!(n-k)!} f_X(u) f_X(v) \\ & \times [F_X(u)]^{j-1}[F_X(v) - F_X(u)]^{k-j-1}[1 - F_X(v)]^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

for $-\infty < u < v < \infty$.

Exercise: Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \overset{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Uniform}(0,1)$.

1. Find the joint pdf of the order statistics $U = X_{(k)}$ and $V = X_{(k+1)}$.
2. Draw samples $X_1, \dots, X_n \overset{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Uniform}(0,1)$ and record $(X_{(k)}, X_{(k+1)})$. Make a scatterplot of the values. Use $n = 10$, $k = 2$.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Corollary (Joint pdf of min and max)

Let $X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$ be the order statistics of a rs with cdf F_X and pdf f_X.

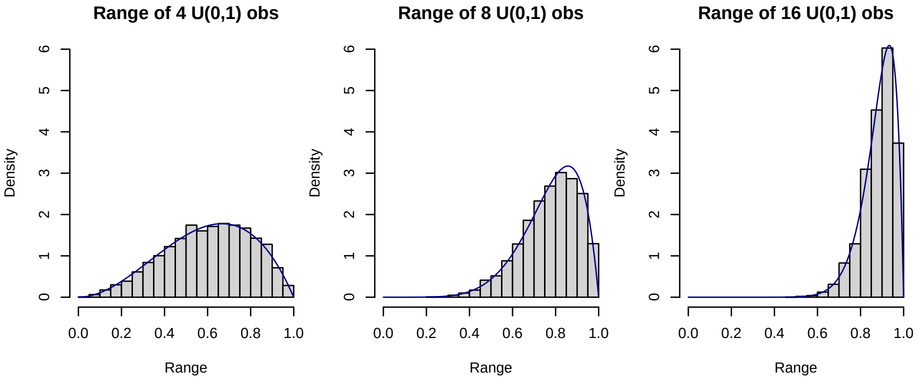
The joint pdf of $X_{(1)}$ and $X_{(n)}$ is given by

$$f_{X_{(1)},X_{(n)}}(u,v) = n(n-1)f_X(u)f_X(v)[F_X(v) - F_X(u)]^{n-2}$$

for $-\infty < u < v < \infty$.

Exercise: Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \overset{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Uniform}(0, \theta)$.

1. Find the joint pdf of $X_{(1)}$ and $X_{(n)}$.
2. Find the joint pdf of $R = X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}$ and $M = X_{(n)}$.
3. Find the marginal pdf of R.
4. Draw realizations of the range of $\text{Uniform}(0, 1)$ samples with $n = 4, 8, 16$. Make histograms and overlay densities.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