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### Gaussian random variables

5.30 Two zero-mean unit-variance random variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are described by the joint Gaussian PDF

$$f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{3}} e^{-(x_1^2 - x_1 x_2 + x_2^2)/3}$$

- (a) Show by integration that the marginal density for  $X_1$  is Gaussian and is equal to

$$f_{X_1}(x_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x_1^2/2}$$

Hint: Use the technique of “completing the square” to write

$$x_1^2 - x_1 x_2 + x_2^2 = \frac{3}{4}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{4}x_1^2 - x_1 x_2 + x_2^2 = \frac{3}{4}x_1^2 + (x_2 - \frac{1}{2}x_1)^2$$

Then form the definite integral over  $x_2$  and make the substitution of variables  $u = x_2 - \frac{1}{2}x_1$ . Use the fact that the one-dimensional Gaussian form integrates to 1 in order to evaluate the integral.

- (b) What is the conditional density  $f_{X_2|X_1}(x_2|x_1)$ ? Observe that it has the form of a Gaussian density for  $X_2$  but that the mean is a function of  $x_1$ . What *are* the mean and variance of this conditional density?