

2.3 Bivariate distributions

1. Suppose that X and Y have a discrete joint distribution for which the joint p.f. is defined as follows:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} c|x + y|, & \text{for } x, y \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Determine

- Is $f(x, y)$ a prob. or a density?
- $\text{Supp}(X, Y) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\} \text{ and } y \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}\} = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\} \times \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\} = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}^2$

- (a) the value of the constant c ;

$$1 = \sum_x \sum_y c|x+y| = c \sum_x \sum_y |x+y| = c \sum_x (|x-2| + |x-1| + |x+0| + |x+1| + |x+2|) = c \cdot 40 \rightarrow c = \frac{1}{40}$$

- (b) $Pr(X = 0 \text{ and } Y = -2)$;

4	3	2	1	0
3	2	1	0	1
2	1	0	1	2
1	0	1	2	3
0	1	2	3	4

$$Pr(X=0, Y=-2) = \frac{1}{40}|0-2| = 0.05$$

- (c) $Pr(X = 1)$;

$$Pr(X=1) = \sum_y Pr(X=1, Y=y) = \frac{1}{40} \sum_y |1+y| = \frac{7}{40}$$

- $Pr(X=x) = \frac{1}{40} \sum_y |x+y|$, this is the marginal of X

- what's $Pr(Y=y)$?

- (d) $Pr(|X - Y| \leq 1)$.

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(|X-Y| \leq 1) &= \sum_y Pr(|X-Y| \leq 1, Y=y) \\ &= \sum_y Pr(|X-Y| \leq 1 | Y=y) Pr(Y=y) \\ &= \sum_y Pr(|X-y| \leq 1) Pr(Y=y) \\ &= \sum_y Pr(-1+y \leq X \leq y+1) Pr(Y=y) \\ &= Pr(-1-2 \leq X \leq -1+1) Pr(Y=-2) \\ &\quad + Pr(-1-1 \leq X \leq -1+1) Pr(Y=-1) \\ &\quad + Pr(-1+0 \leq X \leq 0+1) Pr(Y=0) \\ &\quad + Pr(-1+1 \leq X \leq 1+1) Pr(Y=1) \\ &\quad + Pr(-1+2 \leq X \leq 2+1) Pr(Y=2) \\ \\ &= Pr(-3 \leq X \leq -1) Pr(Y=-2) \\ &\quad + Pr(-2 \leq X \leq 0) Pr(Y=-1) \\ &\quad + Pr(-1 \leq X \leq 1) Pr(Y=0) \\ &\quad + Pr(0 \leq X \leq 2) Pr(Y=1) \\ &\quad + Pr(1 \leq X \leq 3) Pr(Y=2) \end{aligned}$$

2. Suppose that X and Y have a continuous joint distribution for which the joint p.d.f. is defined as follows:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} cy^2, & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 2, \text{ and } 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Determine

- Is $f(x, y)$ a prob. or a density?
- $\text{Supp}(X, Y) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 0 \leq x \leq 2, 0 \leq y \leq 1\} = [0, 2] \times [0, 1]$

(a) the value of the constant c ;

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^2 \int_0^1 cy^2 dx dy = \int_0^2 \int_0^1 cy^2 dy dx = c \int_0^2 \int_0^1 y^2 dy dx = c \int_0^2 y^3 dx = c \cdot 2 \int_0^2 y^3 dy \\ &= c \cdot 2 \left[\frac{1}{4} y^4 \right]_0^2 = c \cdot 2 \cdot 16 \rightarrow c = \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

(b) $Pr(X + Y > 2)$

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(X + Y > 2) &= \int_0^1 Pr(X + Y > 2 | Y=y) f_Y(y) dy = \int_0^1 \underbrace{Pr(X > 2 - y)}_{\int_x^2 f_X(x) dx} f_Y(y) dy = \int_0^1 \underbrace{Pr(X > 2 - y)}_{1 - F_X(2-y)} f_Y(y) dy \\ &= \int_0^1 [1 - F_X(2-y)] f_Y(y) dy = \int_0^1 [1 - F_X(2-y)] f_Y(y) dy = 1 - \int_0^1 F_X(2-y) f_Y(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

Let's find $f_X(x)$, $F_X(x)$, and $f_Y(y)$

$$f_X(x) = \int_0^1 f(x, y) dy = \int_0^1 c y^2 dy = c \int_0^1 y^2 dy = \frac{3}{2} \int_0^1 y^2 dy = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow X \sim \text{Unif}(0, 2)$$

$$F_X(x) = \frac{1}{2} x$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_0^2 c y^2 dx = c y^2 \int_0^2 dx = \frac{3}{2} y^2 \int_0^2 dx = 3y^2 \rightarrow Y \sim \text{Beta}(3, 1)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(X + Y > 2) &= 1 - \int_0^1 F_X(2-y) f_Y(y) dy = 1 - \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2}(2-y) 3y^2 dy = 1 - \int_0^1 \frac{3}{2}(2-y) y^2 dy \\ &= 1 - \int_0^1 \frac{3}{2}(2y^2 - y^3) dy = 1 - \frac{3}{2} \left(2 \cdot \frac{1}{3}y^3 - \frac{1}{4}y^4 \right) \Big|_0^1 = 1 - \frac{3}{2} \left(2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right) = 1 - 1 + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{3}{8} \end{aligned}$$

(c) $Pr(Y < 1/2)$

$$Pr(Y < 1/2) = Pr(Y \leq 1/2) = \int_0^{1/2} f_Y(y) dy = \int_0^{1/2} 3y^2 dy$$

(d) $Pr(X \leq 1)$

$$Pr(X \leq 1) = \int_0^1 f_X(x) dx = F_X(1)$$

(e) $Pr(X = 3Y)$

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(X = 3Y) &= Pr(X - 3Y = 0) = \int_0^1 Pr(X - 3Y = 0 | Y=y) f_Y(y) dy = \int_0^1 Pr(X - 3Y = 0 | Y=y) f_Y(y) dy \\ &= \int_0^1 Pr(X - 3y = 0) f_Y(y) dy = \int_0^1 Pr(X = 3y) f_Y(y) dy = 0! \end{aligned}$$

3. Suppose that the joint p.d.f. of two random variables X and Y is as follows:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} c(x^2 + y), & \text{for } 0 \leq y \leq 1 - x^2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Determine

- (a) the value of the constant c ;
- (b) $Pr(0 \leq X \leq 1/2)$
- (c) $Pr(Y \leq X + 1)$
- (d) $Pr(Y = X^2)$.

For you!

2.4 Marginal distributions

- 1 Suppose that X and Y have a discrete joint distribution for which the joint p.f. is defined as follows:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{30}(x+y), & \text{for } x \in \{0, 1, 2\}, y \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Determine the marginal p.f.'s of X and Y .

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(x) &= P(X=x) = \sum_y f(x, y) = \sum_y \frac{1}{30}(x+y) = \frac{1}{30} \sum_y (x+y) \\ &= \frac{1}{30} [(x+0) + (x+1) + (x+2) + (x+3)] \\ &= \frac{1}{30}(4x+6) = \underline{\frac{2}{15}x + \frac{1}{5}} = \underline{\frac{1}{15}(2x+3)} \end{aligned}$$

$$f_y(y) = P(Y=y) = \sum_x f(x, y) = \frac{1}{30}(3+3y) = \underline{\frac{1}{10}} + \underline{\frac{1}{10}y}$$

- (b) Are X and Y independent?

I. $f(x, y) = f_x(x)f_y(y)$?

II. Does $f_{Y|X=x}(y)$ depend on x ?
or Does $f_{X|Y=y}(x)$ depend on y ?

Lots
check!

$$f_{Y|X=x}(y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_x(x)} = \frac{\frac{1}{30}(x+y)}{\frac{1}{15}(2x+3)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{x+y}{2x+3}, \text{ depends on } x!$$

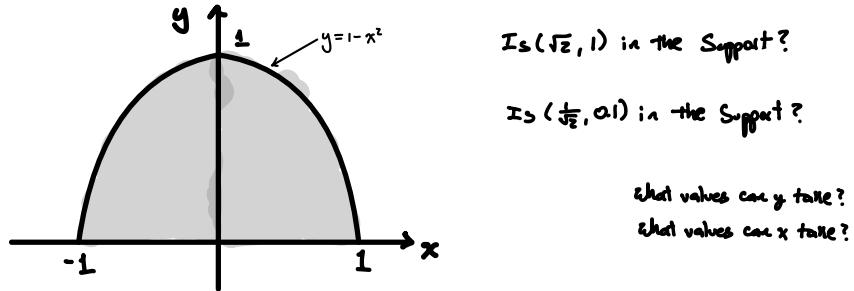
Therefore, They are **not** independent.

2 Suppose that the joint p.d.f. of X and Y is as follows:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{15}{4}x^2, & \text{for } 0 \leq y \leq 1 - x^2, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

I. Draw The Support

$$S_{\text{pp}}(x, y) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 0 \leq y \leq 1 - x^2\}$$



(a) Determine the marginal pdf's of X and Y .

$$f_x(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx = \int_{-\sqrt{1-y}}^{\sqrt{1-y}} \frac{15}{4} x^2 dx = \frac{5}{4} x^3 \Big|_{-\sqrt{1-y}}^{\sqrt{1-y}} = \frac{5}{2} (1-y)^{\frac{3}{2}}, \quad y \in (0, 1)$$

$$f_y(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy = \int_0^{1-x^2} \frac{15}{4} x^2 dy = \frac{15}{4} x^2 (1-x^2), \quad x \in (-1, 1)$$

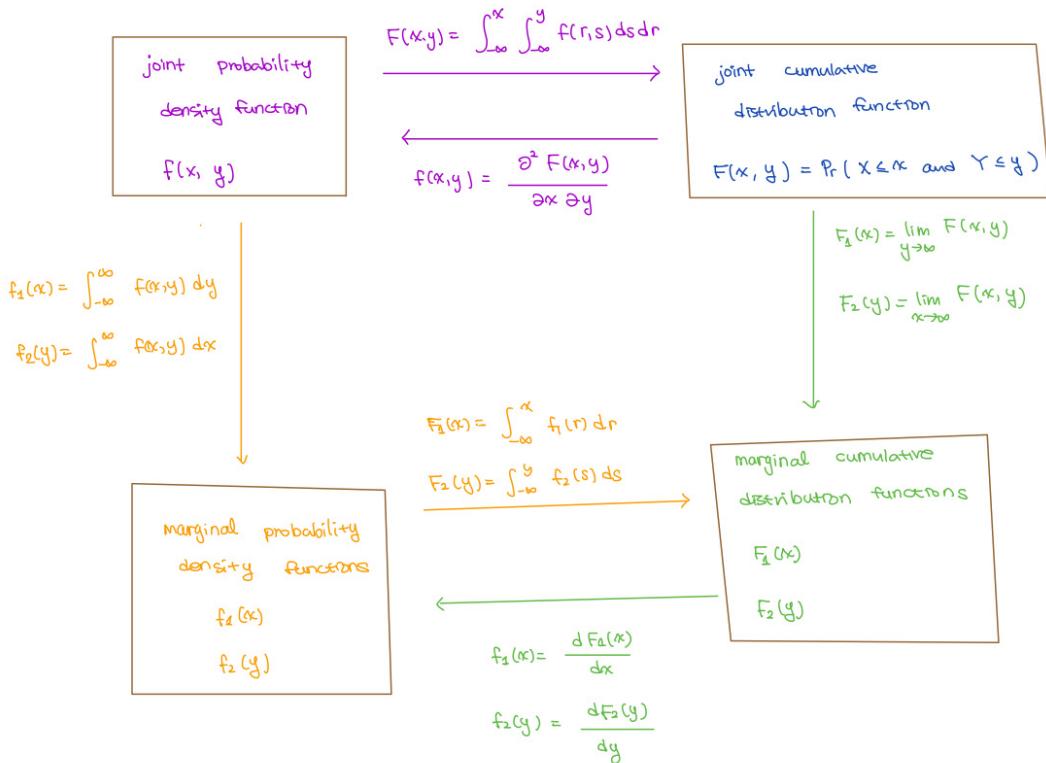
(b) Are X and Y independent?

Does $f_{Y|X=x}(y)$ depend on x ?

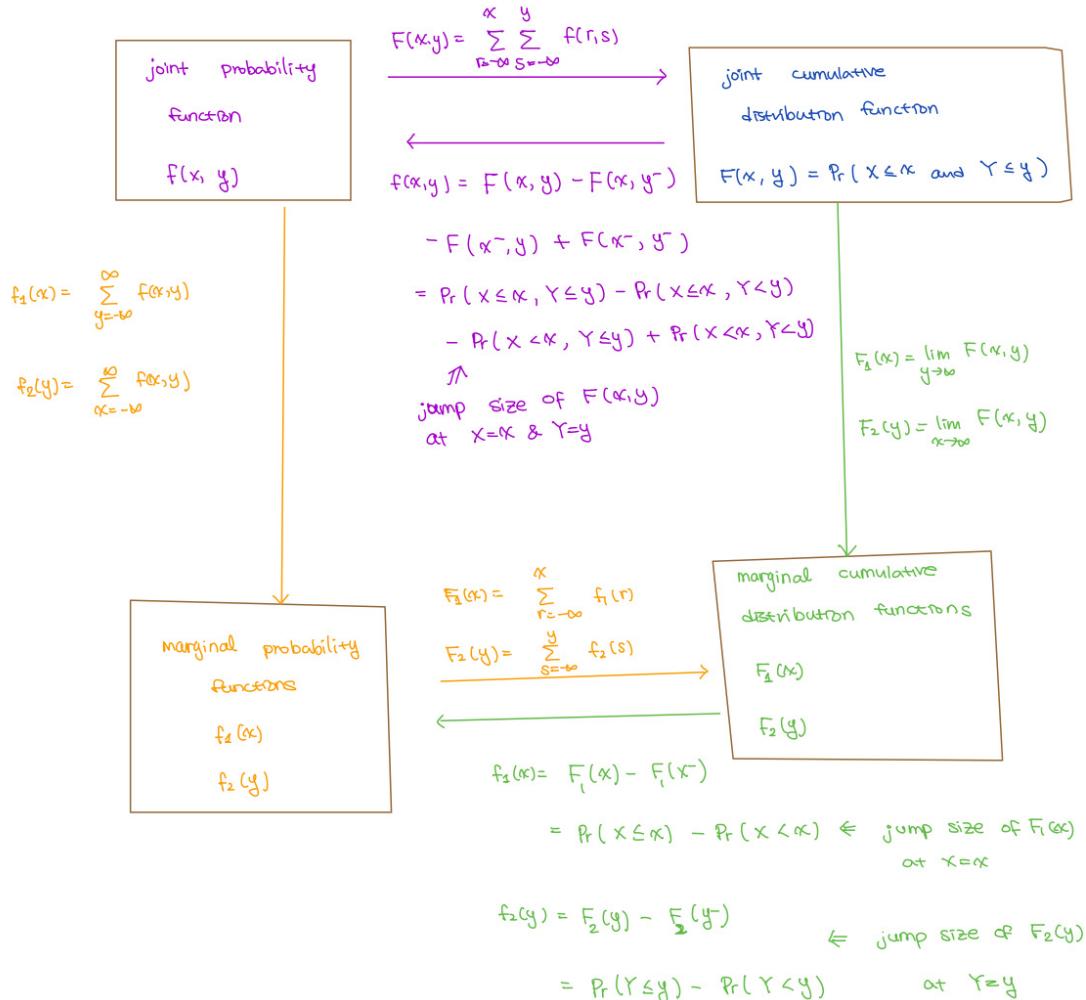
$$f_{Y|X=x}(y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_x(x)} = \frac{\frac{15}{4} x^2}{\frac{15}{4} x^2 (1-x^2)} = \frac{1}{(1-x^2)}, \quad y \in (0, 1-x^2)$$

Therefore, they are **not** independent.

① X and Y are continuous



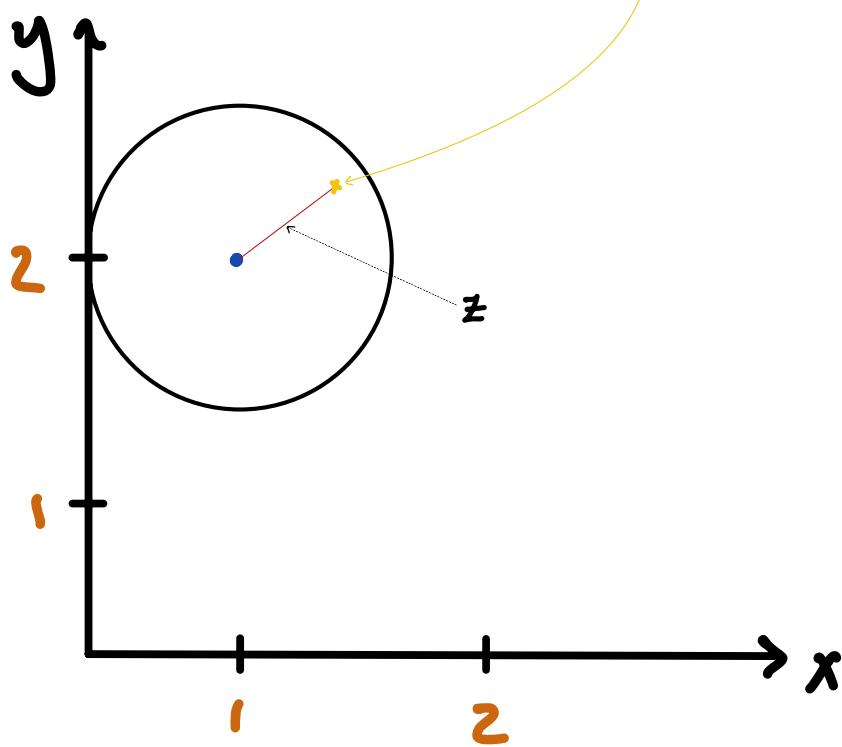
② X and Y are discrete



Que tengan bonito día! ☺

More ?

2. Consider a point chosen uniformly at random within a circle in the xy -plane, described by $(x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 1$. Let Z denote a random variable representing the distance between the circle's center and this point. Find and sketch the c.d.f. of Z .

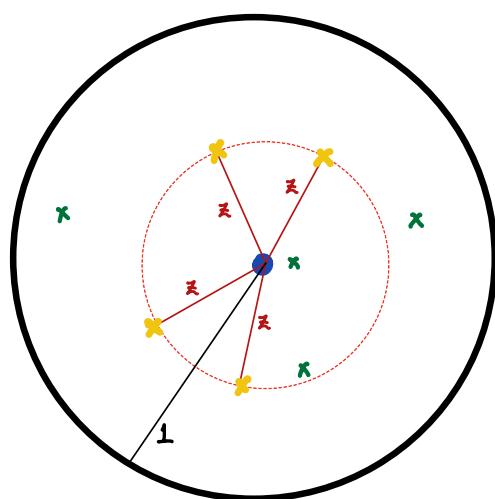


I. What's the smallest and largest Z ?

$$\text{Sup}(Z) = [0, 1]$$

II. CDF of Z :

$$\Pr(Z \leq z) = \Pr(\text{"Distance between random point within } A \text{ and its center is less than } z")$$



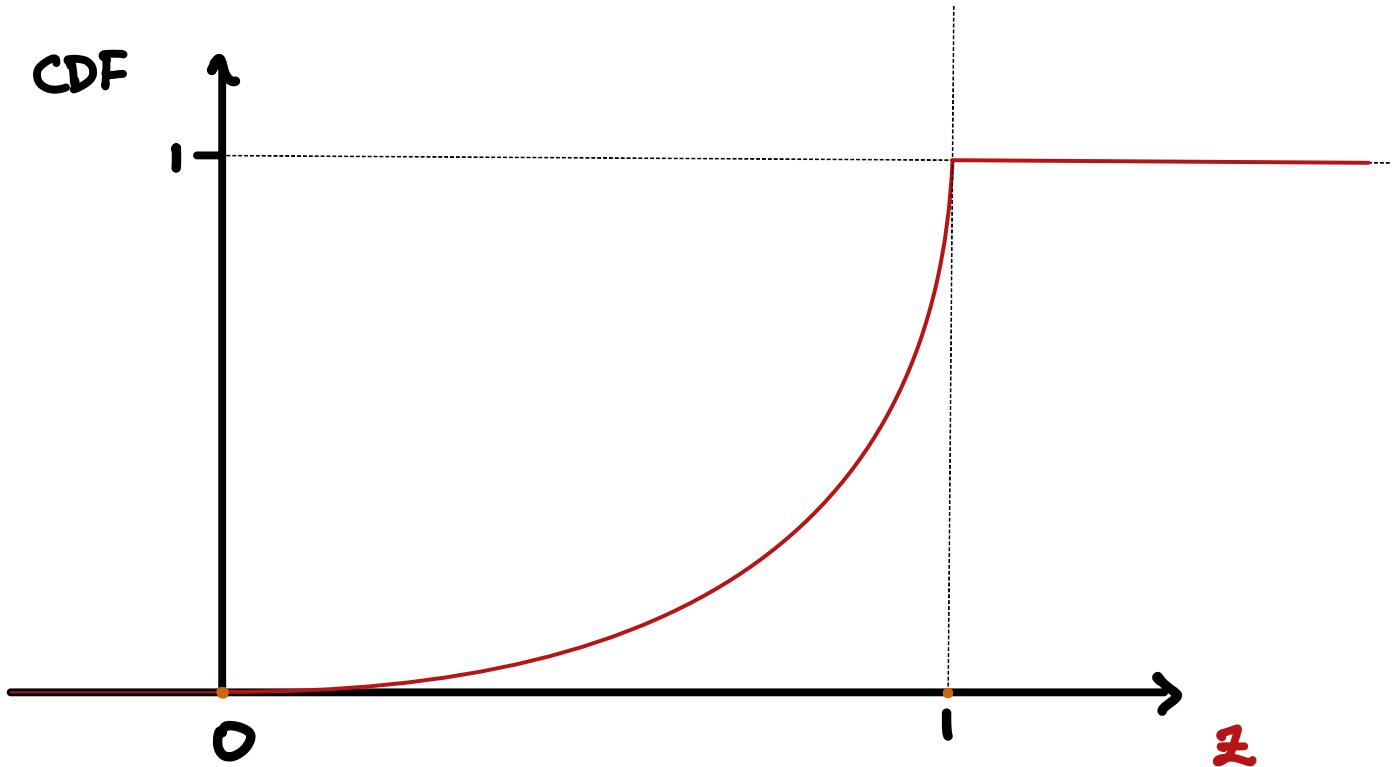
$$\Pr(Z \leq z) = \Pr(\text{"Distance between random point within } A \text{ and its center is less than } z")$$

$$= \Pr(\text{"All random points inside of the circle of radius } z")$$

$$= \frac{\text{Area of circle of radius } z}{\text{Area of } A}$$

$$= \frac{\pi z^2}{\pi r^2}$$

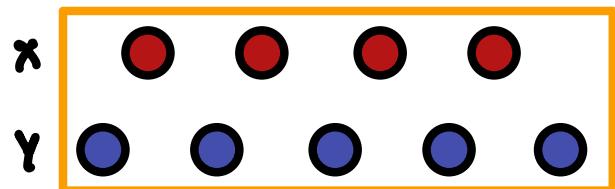
$$= z^2$$



4. Consider an illuminated signboard where the top row has four bulbs and the bottom row contains five. Use X to indicate the count of non-working bulbs in the top row at a specific time t , and Y for the bottom row at that same time. The joint probability function of X and Y can be found in the subsequent table.

X	Y				
	0	1	2	3	4
0	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.02	0.01
1	0.06	0.10	0.12	0.05	0.02
2	0.05	0.06	0.11	0.02	0.03
3	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.04

Determine the following probabilities:



(a) $P(X = 1)$

X	Y				
	0	1	2	3	4
0	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.02	0.01
1	0.06	0.10	0.12	0.05	0.02
2	0.05	0.06	0.11	0.02	0.03
3	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.04

$$P(X=1) = \sum_{y=0}^4 P(x=1, y=y)$$

(b) $P(Y \geq 1)$

X	Y				
	0	1	2	3	4
0	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.02	0.01
1	0.06	0.10	0.12	0.05	0.02
2	0.05	0.06	0.11	0.02	0.03
3	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.04

$$P(Y \geq 1) = \sum_{y=1}^4 \sum_{x=0}^3 P(x=x, y=y)$$

$$= 1 - P(Y=0)$$

Topic: Joint distribution: marginalization

Goal: Get $f_x(x)$ and $f_y(y)$ from $f_{x,y}(x,y)$

$X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$

$$f_{x,y}(x,y) = f_x(x) f_y(y) \\ = h_1(x) h_2(y)$$

?? check if $f_{x,y}$ factors

1. Suppose random variables X and Y have a continuous joint distribution whose joint pdf is:

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}y^2 & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 2 \text{ and } 0 \leq y \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} = \frac{3}{2}y^2 \mathbf{1}_{(0,1)}(y) \mathbf{1}_{(0,2)}(x)$$

Determine the marginal pdf of X and Y .

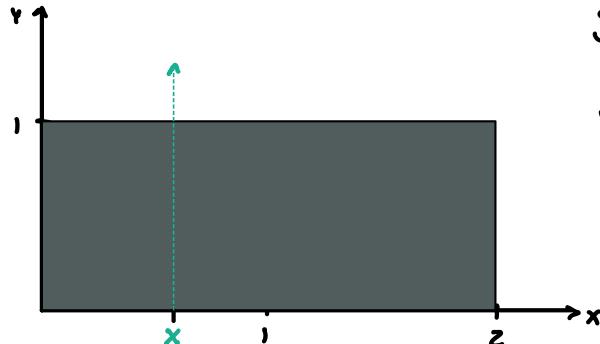


Recall

Marginal of X $f_x(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x,y) dy$

Marginal of Y $f_y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x,y) dx$

I. Understand $\text{Sup}(X,Y)$



$\text{Sup}(x) = ?$

$\text{Sup}(y) = ?$

II. Compute the marginals

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } x \in \text{Sup}(X) \quad f_x(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x,y) dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2}y^2 \mathbf{1}_{(0,2)}(x) \mathbf{1}_{(0,1)}(y) dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2}y^2 \mathbf{1}_{(0,1)}(y) dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{3}{2}y^2 dy \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{3}y^3 \Big|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{3}{2} \sum y^2 dy \\ = \frac{3}{2} \sum y^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } y \in \text{Sup}(Y) \quad f_y(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x,y) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2}y^2 \mathbf{1}_{(0,2)}(x) \mathbf{1}_{(0,1)}(y) dx \\ &= \frac{3}{2}y^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{1}_{(0,2)}(x) dx \\ &= \frac{3}{2}y^2 \int_0^2 dx \\ &= \frac{3}{2}y^2 \times \Big|_0^2 \\ &= 3y^2 \end{aligned}$$

Then $f_x(x) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{1}_{(0,2)}(x)$

$X \sim ?$

Then, $f_y(y) = 3y^2 \mathbf{1}_{(0,1)}(y)$

$Y \sim ?$

Topic: Joint distribution: marginalization

Goal:

- "Find" the joint
- Work with marginals
- Work with conditional dist.

2. Suppose either of two instruments can be used to make a measurement. Instrument 1 yields a measurement whose pdf is:

$$h_1(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and instrument 2 yields a measurement whose pdf is:

$$h_2(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2 & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Now, suppose that one of the two instruments is chosen at random and a measurement X is made with it.

- Determine the marginal pdf of X ?
- If the value of the measurement is $X = 0.25$, what is the probability that instrument 1 was used?

I. Let $Y \sim \text{Ber}(1/2)$ s.t. $X|Y=y \sim \begin{cases} h_1, & \text{if } y=1 \\ h_2, & \text{if } y=0 \end{cases}$

$Y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w/p } 1/2, \text{ using inst 1} \\ 0 & \text{w/p } 1/2, \text{ using inst 2} \end{cases}$

Fun Facts

- Hierarchical models
- Mixture models
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Then, $f_{X|Y=y}(x) = h_1(x) \mathbb{1}_{\{y=1\}} + h_2(x) \mathbb{1}_{\{y=0\}}$

II. Find the Joint!

Notice this is a joint of a cont. r.v. and a discrete r.v.

Recall

$$f_{x,y}(x,y) = f_{x|y}(x) \cdot f_y(y)$$

Then, $f_{x,y}(x,y) = \left[h_1(x) \mathbb{1}_{\{y=1\}} + h_2(x) \mathbb{1}_{\{y=0\}} \right] (1/2)^y (1/2)^{1-y}$

Notice $f_{x,y}(x,1) = 1/2 h_1(x)$
and $f_{x,y}(x,0) = 1/2 h_2(x)$

Then $f_{x,y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{1}_{\{y=1\}} h_1(x) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{1}_{\{y=0\}} h_2(x)$
 $= \left[h_1(x) \frac{1}{2} \right]^y \left[h_2(x) \frac{1}{2} \right]^{1-y}$

→ This step is not "necessary" but simplifies computations

(a) Determine the marginal pdf of X ?

$$f_x(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x,y) dy = \sum_{y=0}^1 f_{x,y}(x,y) = f_{x,0}(x) + f_{x,1}(x)$$

$$= \nu_0 h_0(x) + \nu_1 h_1(x)$$

(b) If the value of the measurement is $X = 0.25$, what is the probability that instrument 1 was used?

$$P_r(\text{using inst. 1} | X=0.25) = P_r(Y=1 | X=0.25)$$

I.

$$P_r(Y=y | X=0.25) \stackrel{\text{B.T.}}{=} \frac{f_{x,y=y}(0.25) P_r(Y=y)}{f_{x,y=1}(0.25) P_r(Y=1) + f_{x,y=0}(0.25) P_r(Y=0)}$$

$$= \frac{f_{x,y=y}(0.25) 0.5}{f_{x,y=1}(0.25) 0.5 + f_{x,y=0}(0.25) 0.5}$$

$$= \frac{f_{x,y=y}(0.25)}{f_{x,y=1}(0.25) + f_{x,y=0}(0.25)}$$

$$= \frac{f_{x,y=y}(0.25)}{h_1(0.25) + h_0(0.25)}$$

$$= \frac{16}{11} f_{x,y=y}(0.25)$$

$$f_{x,y=y}(x) = h_1(x) \frac{1(y)}{1(y)} + h_0(x) \frac{1(y)}{1(y)}$$

II. $P_r(Y=1 | X=0.25) = \frac{16}{11} \frac{1}{2}$

$$= \frac{8}{11}$$

$$> 0.5$$

Topic: Joint distribution: marginalization

Goal:

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3. Suppose that pdf of random variable X is:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^n e^{-x} \frac{1}{n!} & \text{for } 0 < x < \infty \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad | \quad X \sim \text{Gamma}(n, 1)$$

and for any given value $X = x$ ($x > 0$), the n i.i.d. random variables Y_1, \dots, Y_n and their conditional pdf is:

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & \text{for } 0 < y < x, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad | \quad Y|X=x \sim \text{Uniform}(0, x)$$

- (a) Marginal joint pdf of Y_1, \dots, Y_n .
 (b) Conditional pdf of X given some values of Y_1, \dots, Y_n .

- (a) Marginal joint pdf of Y_1, \dots, Y_n .

I. Find the joint.

What is $S_{\max}(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$?

$$\begin{aligned} f_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n, X}(x, y_1, \dots, y_n) &= f_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n | X=x}(x, y_1, \dots, y_n) f_X(x) \\ \text{why?} &= \prod_{i=1}^n f_{Y_i | X=x}(y_i) f_X(x) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) \mathbb{1}_{(0, x)}(y_i) f_X(x) \\ &= x^{-n} \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{(0, x)}(y_i) f_X(x) \\ &= x^{-n} \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{(0, x)}(y_i) x^{-n} \bar{c}^n \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(x) \\ &= \bar{c}^n \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(x) \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{(0, x)}(y_i) \end{aligned}$$

II. Find the marginal joint of (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)

$$f_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n}(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{c}^n \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(x) \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{(0, x)}(y_i) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \bar{c}^n \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{(0, x)}(y_i) dx$$

Notice that

$$\begin{array}{l} 0 < y_1 < x \\ 0 < y_2 < x \\ \vdots \\ 0 < y_n < x \end{array}$$

$\Leftrightarrow \max\{y_1, \dots, y_n\} < x$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^\infty e^{-x} \mathbb{1}_{(\max\{y_i; 3\}, \infty)} dx \\
&= \int_{\max\{y_i; 3\}}^\infty e^{-x} dx \\
&= -e^{-x} \Big|_{\max\{y_i; 3\}}^\infty \\
&= e^{-x} \Big|_{\infty}^{\max\{y_i; 3\}} \\
&= e^{-\max\{\sum y_i; 3\}}, \quad \forall i: y_i > 0
\end{aligned}$$

(b) Conditional pdf of X given some values of Y_1, \dots, Y_n .

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{X|Y_1=y_1, \dots, Y_n=y_n}(x) &\stackrel{\text{Def.}}{=} \frac{f_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n, X}(x, y_1, \dots, y_n)}{f_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n}(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \\
&= \frac{e^{-x} \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}^{(y_i)}}{e^{-\max\{\sum y_i; 3\}} \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}^{(y_i)}} \\
&= e^{-(x - \max\{\sum y_i; 3\})} \mathbb{1}_{(\max\{y_i; 3\}, \infty)}^{(x)}
\end{aligned}$$

What is $S_{\text{op}}(x | y_1, \dots, y_n)$?