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Consider a random point (X, Y) uniformly distributed over the quadrilateral region D with vertices at $(0, 0)$, $(2, 0)$, $(1, 1)$, and $(0, 1)$.

(a) Given that the area of D equals $\frac{3}{2}$, the joint probability density function is:

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3} & \text{for } (x, y) \in D, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Note that the boundary of D includes a line segment from $(1, 1)$ to $(2, 0)$, described by $y = 2 - x$. We can derive the marginal density functions as follows:

For the marginal density of X :

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0 \text{ or } x \geq 2, \\ \int_0^1 \frac{2}{3} dy = \frac{2}{3}, & 0 < x \leq 1, \\ \int_0^{2-x} \frac{2}{3} dy = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{2}{3}x, & 1 < x < 2. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

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$$\int_0^{2-x} \frac{2}{3} dy = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{2}{3}x, \quad 1 < x < 2. \quad (3)$$

To verify that this is a valid density function:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx &= \int_0^1 \frac{2}{3} dx + \int_1^2 \left(\frac{4}{3} - \frac{2}{3}x \right) dx \\ &= 1, \end{aligned}$$

confirming that $f_X(x)$ is indeed a proper density function.

Similarly, for the marginal density of Y :

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y \leq 0 \text{ or } y \geq 1, \\ \int_0^{2-y} \frac{2}{3} dx = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{2}{3}y, & 0 < y < 1. \end{cases}$$

(b) To find $\mathbb{E}[X]$ and $\mathbb{E}[Y]$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{2}{3} x dx + \int_1^2 \left(\frac{4}{3}x - \frac{2}{3}x^2 \right) dx \\ &= \frac{7}{9}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[Y] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y) dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \left(\frac{4}{3}y - \frac{2}{3}y^2 \right) dy \\ &= \frac{4}{9}. \end{aligned}$$

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Suppose that the random variables X and Y have the joint probability density function

$$f(x, y) = ce^{-\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{(x-y)^2}{2}}, \quad x, y \in (-\infty, \infty),$$

where c is a constant.

(a) To determine the value of c , we require that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = 1.$$

Evaluating this double integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ce^{-\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{(x-y)^2}{2}} dx dy &= c \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{2}} dy dx \\ &= \sqrt{2\pi} c \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = 2\pi c. \end{aligned}$$

Setting this equal to 1 yields $c = \frac{1}{2\pi}$.

(b) The marginal density function of X is given by

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{(x-y)^2}{2}} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{2}} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

which is the density of a standard normal random variable.

Similarly, for the marginal density of Y :

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{(x-y)^2}{2}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{(x-y)^2}{2}} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Completing the square in the exponent and simplifying:

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} e^{-y^2/4} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-(x-y/2)^2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} e^{-y^2/4}. \end{aligned}$$

The last step uses the fact that $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-(x-y/2)^2}$ is the pdf of an $N(y/2, 1)$ distributed random variable. Thus, $Y \sim N(0, 2)$.

In summary, $X \sim N(0, 1)$ and $Y \sim N(0, 2)$.