



## 13. Exercise: From joint PDFs to probabilities

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a) The probability of the event that  $0 \leq Y \leq X \leq 1$  is of the form

$$\int_a^b \left( \int_c^d f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx \right) dy.$$

Find the values of  $a, b, c, d$ . Each one of your answers should be one of the following: 0,  $x$ ,  $y$ , or 1.

$a =$	<input type="text" value="0"/>	✓ Answer: 0
$b =$	<input type="text" value="1"/>	✓ Answer: 1
$c =$	<input type="text" value="y"/>	✓ Answer: y
$d =$	<input type="text" value="1"/>	✓ Answer: 1

b) The probability of the event that  $0 \leq Y \leq X \leq 1$  is also of the form

$$\int_a^b \left( \int_c^d f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy \right) dx.$$
 Note the different order of integration as compared to part (a).

Find the values of  $a, b, c, d$ . Each one of your answers should be one of the following: 0,  $x$ ,  $y$ , or 1.

$a =$	<input type="text" value="0"/>	✓ Answer: 0
$b =$	<input type="text" value="1"/>	✓ Answer: 1



$c =$   ✓ Answer: 0

$d =$   ✓ Answer: x

### Solution:

a) For any given  $y \in [0, 1]$ ,  $x$  ranges from  $y$  to 1, yielding  $\int_0^1 \int_y^1 f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy$ .

b) For any given  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $y$  ranges from 0 to  $x$ , yielding  $\int_0^1 \int_0^x f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy dx$ .

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❗ Answers are displayed within the problem

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💬 Hint: to solve this, draw a 3d graph.  
Even 2d will suffice, but with 3d you will understand what's going on by adding "slices" of the resulting v...

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💬 Wording  
I read this (the first time) as the answers 0,1, x,y all had to be used, but I was sure my answers were corr...

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? Do not understand the solution for c in Q1 and d in Q2

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✓ question  
for the first part, if y is between 0 & X, then how come the integral is from 0 to 1 ?

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💬 Additional MIT resource - builds out intuition and how to set up these calculations  
I found this very helpful, others may as well: <https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/mathematics/18-05-introducti...>

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