

## Week 8: Joint Distributions

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## Chapter Goal

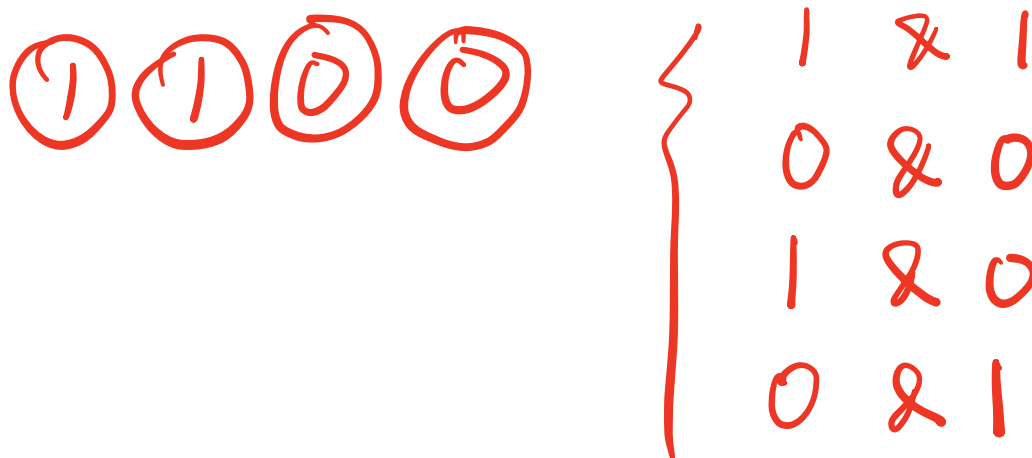
This chapter is devoted to studying how multiple random variables behave with each other.

- Most processes in life are multivariate.
- Joint distributions serve as a tool to model processes with more than one random variable.
- We will focus most of our attention to discrete joint distributions rather than continuous.
- The continuous ones require multivariable calculus in most cases.

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Let  $X_1$  be the first ball and  $X_2$  be the second (now order matters).  
 Compute

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow & P(\underline{X_1 = 0} \text{ and } \underline{X_2 = 0}) = P(X_2 = 0 | X_1 = 0)P(X_1 = 0) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{6} \\ & P(\underline{X_1 = 1} \text{ and } \underline{X_2 = 0}) = P(X_2 = 0 | X_1 = 1)P(X_1 = 1) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3} \\ & P(\underline{X_1 = 0} \text{ and } \underline{X_2 = 1}) = P(X_2 = 1 | X_1 = 0)P(X_1 = 0) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3} \\ & P(X_1 = 1 \text{ and } \underline{X_2 = 1}) = P(X_2 = 1 | X_1 = 1)P(X_1 = 1) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{6}. \end{aligned}$$

# Displaying the Joint Probabilities

We can write this **joint distribution** more neatly in a table:

Joint Prob.	$X_2 = 0$	$X_2 = 1$
$X_1 = 0$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
$X_1 = 1$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

$P(X_1 \cap X_2) = P(X_1)P(X_2)$   
independent

We can learn a lot from this information.

- We can compute individual or marginal probabilities like

$$P(X_2 = 0) = P(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0) + P(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 0) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

- We see that  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are **dependent** because, e.g.,

$P(X_1 = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $P(X_2 = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

$$P(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0) = \frac{1}{6} \text{ but } P(X_1 = 0)P(X_2 = 0) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$P(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0) \neq P(X_1 = 0)P(X_2 = 0)$

# Drawing from an urn with replacement

## Replacement

Now replace the first ball before drawing the second. Then  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  would be independent, since the selection of the first would not affect the selection of the second.

For example,

$$\rightarrow P(X_2 = 1 | X_1 = 0) = P(X_2 = 1). \quad \text{independent}$$

From this we would compute that

$$P(X_1 = i, X_2 = j) = P(X_1 = i)P(X_2 = j) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

$\downarrow$  0 or 1.  $\rightarrow$  0 or 1.

Thus

$$P(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Joint Prob.	$X_2 = 0$	$X_2 = 1$
$X_1 = 0$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
$X_1 = 1$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$

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$$P(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0) = \frac{1}{4} = P(X_1 = 0)P(X_2 = 0)$$

# Definition

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Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be discrete r.v.s, where  $X$  takes values in  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and  $Y$  takes values in  $y_1, \dots, y_m$ . Then the **joint distribution of  $X$  and  $Y$**  is given by the **joint probabilities**:

$$p_{ij} := P(X = x_i \text{ and } Y = y_j) = P(X = x_i, Y = y_j),$$

$$1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m.$$

For two r.v.s, this is easily displayed in a table:

Joint Prob.	$Y = y_1$	$y = y_2$	$\dots$	$y = y_m$	
$X = x_1$	$p_{11}$	$p_{12}$	$\dots$	$p_{1m}$	$P(X=x_1)$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	
$X = x_n$	$p_{n1}$	$p_{n2}$	$\dots$	$p_{nm}$	$P(X=x_n)$
	$P(Y=y_1)$	$P(Y=y_2)$		$P(Y=y_m)$	$n \times m$



# A Joint Game

Flip a coin and roll a six-sided die.

- Let  $X$  be 1 if heads, 0 if tails.
- Let  $Y$  be the score of the die roll, 1 through 6.
- Assume the flip and the roll are independent.

We can compute the joint probabilities. For  $i = 0, 1$ , and  $j = 1, \dots, 6$ ,

$$P(X = i, Y = j) = \overbrace{P(X = i)P(Y = j)}^{\text{Independence}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{12},$$

We can display the joint distribution

Joint Prob.	$Y = 1$	$Y = 2$	$Y = 3$	$Y = 4$	$Y = 5$	$Y = 6$
$X = 0$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$
$X = 1$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$

$P(X=0) = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $P(X=1) = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $P(Y=1) = \frac{1}{6}$   $P(Y=2) = \frac{1}{6}$   $P(Y=3) = \frac{1}{6}$   $P(Y=4) = \frac{1}{6}$   $P(Y=5) = \frac{1}{6}$   $P(Y=6) = \frac{1}{6}$

# MARGINAL DISTRIBUTIONS

# Marginal Distributions for an urn without replacement

## Question

Find the distribution of  $X_2$ , that is the **marginal distribution** of  $X_2$ .

**Solution:** Since all the possibilities for  $X_1$  are only 0 or 1, we get

$$P(\underline{X_2 = 0}) = \overbrace{P(\underline{X_1 = 0}, \underline{X_2 = 0}) + P(\underline{X_1 = 1}, \underline{X_2 = 0})}^{X_1 \text{ is either 0 or 1}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(X_2 = 1) = \underline{P(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 1)} + \underline{P(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 1)} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

In a table, the marginal distribution for  $X_2$  is displayed as

$X_2 =$	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Probability	<u>1/2</u>	<u>1/2</u>

This tells us that the probability of the second ball being 0 or 1 is the same!

# A Rigged Game

Suppose an enterprising thief sets up a rigged game.

- The mark flips a biased coin and selects a random card from the three: A♠ 2♦ 3♣.
- Let  $X$  be the outcome of the coin flip 1 for heads, 0 for tails
- Let  $Y$  represent the card, 1 for A♠, 2 for 2♦ and 3 for 3♣.
- Suppose we observe the following joint distribution for  $X$  and  $Y$ :

	Joint Prob.	$Y = 1$	$Y = 2$	$Y = 3$	
tail.	$X = 0$	0.02	0.31	0.37	0.7
head.	$X = 1$	0.03	0.11	0.16	0.3
		0.05	0.42	0.53	

Question

How is  $X$  distributed? How is  $Y$  distributed?

# Marginals for the Rigged Game

## Answer

If we know how exactly how  $Y$  behaves when  $X = i$ , we can determine  $P(X = i)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 0) &= P(X = 0, Y = 1) + P(X = 0, Y = 2) + P(X = 0, Y = 3) \\ &= 0.02 + 0.31 + 0.37 \\ &= 0.7, \end{aligned}$$

and  $P(X = 1) = 1 - P(X = 0) = 0.3$ . We can do the same with  $Y$ ,

$$P(Y = 1) = P(X = 0, Y = 1) + P(X = 1, Y = 1) = 0.02 + 0.03 = 0.05$$

$$P(Y = 2) = P(X = 0, Y = 2) + P(X = 1, Y = 2) = 0.31 + 0.11 = 0.42$$

$$P(Y = 3) = P(X = 0, Y = 3) + P(X = 1, Y = 3) = 0.37 + 0.16 = 0.53$$

# Marginal Distributions

## Definition

The **marginal distributions** for a jointly distributed pair of r.v.s  $(X, Y)$  are the individual distributions for each r.v. If  $p_{ij} = P(X = x_i, Y = y_j)$ , then we compute the **marginal probabilities** by adding up the joint probabilities over the other index:

$$p_{X,i} = P(X = i) = p_{i1} + p_{i2} + \cdots + p_{im} = \sum_{j=1}^m p_{ij}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n,$$

and

$$p_{Y,j} = P(Y = j) = p_{1j} + p_{2j} + \cdots + p_{nj} = \sum_{i=1}^n p_{ij}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m.$$

# Independence of Random Variables

We can tell if two r.v.s are independent if their joint probabilities are the product of their respective marginals.

## Definition

Two discrete r.v.s  $X$  and  $Y$  are **independent** if

$$P(X = x_i, Y = y_j) = P(X = x_i)P(Y = y_j), \text{ for all } i, j.$$

joint distribution  
joint probability

marginal probability.

# Rigged Game in New Notation

$X$  and  $Y$  are jointly distributed via

Joint Prob.	$Y = y_1 = 1$	$Y = y_2 = 2$	$Y = y_3 = 3$	$P_X$
$X = x_1 = 0$	$p_{11} = 0.02$	$p_{12} = 0.31$	$p_{13} = 0.37$	$p_{X,1} = 0.7$
$X = x_2 = 1$	$p_{21} = 0.03$	$p_{22} = 0.11$	$p_{23} = 0.16$	$p_{X,2} = 0.3$
$P_Y$	$p_{Y,1} = 0.05$	$p_{Y,2} = 0.42$	$p_{Y,3} = 0.53$	

$$P(X=0, Y=2) = 0.31$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P(X=0) = 0.7 \\ P(Y=2) = 0.42 \end{array} \right\} 0.7 \times 0.42 = 0.294$$

dependent



# CONDITIONAL DISTRIBUTIONS

# Definition

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Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be discrete r.v.s with respective outcomes  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and  $y_1, \dots, y_m$ . The conditional distribution of  $X$  conditional on  $Y = y_j$  is given by

$$\underline{P(X = x_i | Y = y_j)} = \frac{P(X = x_i, Y = y_j)}{P(Y = y_j)} = \frac{p_{ij}}{p_{Y,j}},$$

*joint probability* (pointing to  $P(X = x_i, Y = y_j)$ )  
*marginal probability* (pointing to  $P(Y = y_j)$ )

where  $p_{ij}$  is from the joint distribution and  $p_{Y,j}$  is from the marginal distribution for  $Y$ .

Similarly, the **conditional distribution of  $Y$  conditional on  $X = x_i$**  is given by

$$P(\underline{Y = y_j} | X = x_i) = \frac{p_{ij}}{p_{X,i}}$$

*joint probability* (pointing to  $p_{ij}$ )  
*marginal probability* (pointing to  $p_{X,i}$ )

# Rigged Game Conditional Distributions

## Question

Find the conditional distributions of  $X$  conditioned on  $Y = 1$ ,  $Y = 2$ , and  $Y = 3$ . Then find the conditional distributions of  $Y$  conditioned on  $X = 0$ , then  $X = 1$ .

If  $Y = 1$ , we see that

$$P(\underline{X = 0} | \underline{Y = 1}) = \frac{P(X = 0, Y = 1)}{P(Y = 1)} = \frac{0.02}{\underline{0.05}} = \underline{0.4},$$

and

$$P(X = 1 | Y = 1) = \frac{P(X = 1, Y = 1)}{P(Y = 1)} = \frac{0.03}{\underline{0.05}} = 0.6.$$

# Conditionals for $X$ conditioned on $Y = 2, 3$

For  $Y = 2$  we can compute

$$P(\underline{X} = 0 | Y = 2) = \frac{.31}{.42} \approx 0.7381, \text{ and } P(\underline{X} = 1 | Y = 2) = \frac{.11}{.42} \approx 0.2619$$

Handwritten annotations: A red '1' is written above the equations. Blue arrows point from the red '1' to the joint probabilities  $P(X=0, Y=2)$  and  $P(X=1, Y=2)$ . Blue arrows also point from the denominators  $.42$  to  $P(Y=2)$ . The conditional probability values  $0.7381$  and  $0.2619$  are circled in red.

For  $Y = 3$  we can compute

$$P(\underline{X} = 0 | Y = 3) = \frac{.37}{.53} \approx 0.6981, \text{ and } P(\underline{X} = 1 | Y = 3) = \frac{.16}{.53} \approx 0.3019,$$

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## Conditionals for $Y$ conditioned on $X = 0$ and $X = 1$

The conditional distribution of  $Y$  conditioned on  $X = 0$  can be found via

$$\begin{aligned} P(\underline{Y} = 1 | \underline{X} = 0) &= \frac{0.02}{0.7} \approx 0.0286, \\ P(\underline{Y} = 2 | \underline{X} = 0) &= \frac{0.31}{0.7} \approx 0.4429, \\ P(\underline{Y} = 3 | \underline{X} = 0) &= \frac{0.37}{0.7} \approx 0.5286, \end{aligned}$$

*Handwritten notes:*  $P(Y=1, X=0)$  (blue arrow to 0.02),  $P(X=0)$  (blue arrow to 0.7), and a blue bracket on the right with a "1" indicating the sum of probabilities.

and conditioned on  $X = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P(\underline{Y} = 1 | \underline{X} = 1) &= \frac{0.03}{0.3} \approx 0.1, \\ P(\underline{Y} = 2 | \underline{X} = 1) &= \frac{0.11}{0.3} \approx 0.3667, \\ P(\underline{Y} = 3 | \underline{X} = 1) &= \frac{0.16}{0.3} \approx 0.5333, \end{aligned}$$

*Handwritten notes:*  $P(X=1, Y=1)$  (red arrow to 0.03), and a blue bracket on the right with a "1" indicating the sum of probabilities.

# Independence implies Conditionals = Marginals

Suppose X and Y are independent and distributed via

$$P(X = 0) = 0.2, P(X = 2) = 0.3, P(X = 4) = 0.5,$$

and

$$P(Y = 1) = 0.6, P(Y = 2) = 0.1, P(Y = 3) = 0.3.$$

Since they are independent r.v.s, we have  $p_{ij} = p_{X,i}p_{Y,j}$ . The joint and marginal probabilities can be displayed as

Joint Probability	Y = 1	Y = 2	Y = 3	$P_X$
<u>X = 0</u>	0.12	0.02	0.06	$p_{X,1} = 0.2$
<u>X = 2</u>	0.18	0.03	0.09	$p_{X,2} = 0.3$
<u>X = 4</u>	0.3	0.05	0.15	$p_{X,3} = 0.5$
$P_Y$	$p_{Y,1} = 0.6$	$p_{Y,2} = 0.1$	$p_{Y,3} = 0.3$	

*marginal* → (pointing to the bottom row)

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then since  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent,

$$P(\underline{X = 0} | \underline{Y = 3}) = \underline{P(X = 0)} = \underline{0.2}, \quad \underline{P(X = 2 | Y = 3)} = \underline{P(X = 2)} = \underline{0.3},$$

and

$$P(X = 4 | Y = 3) = \underline{P(X = 4)} = \underline{0.5}.$$

Thus the conditional distribution of  $X$  conditioned on  $Y = 3$  is the same as the marginal distribution of  $X$ .

# Joint distribution of continuous variables

$X, Y$  continuous random variables with joint CDF

$$F(x, y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y).$$

Their **joint PDF** is a function  $f(x, y)$ :

- (i)  $f(x, y) \geq 0$  for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (ii)  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy dx = 1$ .
- (iii)  $P((X, Y) \in A) = \iint_A f(x, y) dy dx$  for any region  $A$  on  $x - y$  plane.

PDF for continuous r.v.

(1)  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$

(2)  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

(3)  $P(a \leq X \leq b)$

$= \int_a^b f(x) dx$   
1)



# Fundamental theorem of multivariable calculus

- Applying (iii) with  $\underline{A} = \{(X, Y) : \underline{X} \leq x, Y \leq y\}$ ,

CDF:  $\underline{F(x, y)} = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\underline{x}} \int_{-\infty}^{\underline{y}} \underline{f(u, v)} dv du. \quad (1)$

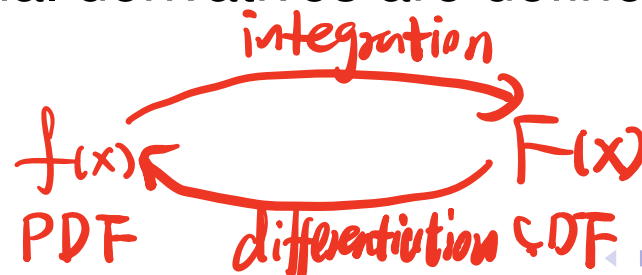
*Handwritten notes: Red arrows point from  $x$  to the upper limit of the first integral, and from  $y$  to the upper limit of the second integral. Below the integrand  $f(u, v)$ , it says "joint PDF".*

- By (1) and the fundamental theorem of calculus,

$$\underline{f(x, y)} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} \underline{F(x, y)}$$

*Handwritten notes: Red underlines under  $f(x, y)$  and  $F(x, y)$ . Below  $f(x, y)$  is "PDF". Below  $F(x, y)$  is "CDF".*

whenever the partial derivatives are defined.



# Marginal PDFs of $X$ and $Y$

- $X, Y$  jointly distributed variables with joint PDF  $f(x, y)$ .
- The **marginal PDF**  $f_X$  of  $X$  and  $f_Y$  of  $Y$  are

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

marginal in  $X$   
integrate w.r.t.  $y$ .

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

marginal in  $Y$   
integrate w.r.t.  $x$ .

# Joint CDF and marginal CDFs

- The **joint CDF** and **marginal PDFs** of  $X$  and  $Y$  are

joint CDF  $\leftarrow F(x, y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y)$

marginal PDFs  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) \\ F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) \end{array} \right.$

# Concrete formula for joint CDF and marginal PDFs

- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are discrete with joint PMF  $p(x, y)$ , then

CDF  $F(x, y) = \sum_{x_i \leq x, y_j \leq y} \underline{p(x_i, y_j)},$

marginals  $F_X(x)$   $= \sum_{x_i \leq x} p_X(x_i),$   $F_Y(y)$   $= \sum_{y_j \leq y} p_Y(y_j).$

- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are continuous with joint PDF  $f(x, y)$ , then

CDF:  $F(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f(u, v) dv du,$

Marginals  $F_X(x)$   $= \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(u) du,$   $F_Y(y)$   $= \int_{-\infty}^y f_Y(v) dv.$

## Example

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be continuous random variables with joint PDF

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{8}{3}x^3y & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1, 1 \leq y \leq 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the marginal PDFs  $f_X(x)$  of  $X$  and  $f_Y(y)$  of  $Y$ .

marginal PDF for  $X$ : integrate w.r.t  $y$ .  
marginal PDF for  $Y$ : integrate w.r.t  $x$ .

## Example solution

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(x) &= \int_1^2 f(x, y) dy \\ &= \int_1^2 \left( \frac{8}{3} x^3 y \right) dy = \frac{8}{3} x^3 \int_1^2 y dy \\ &= \frac{8}{3} x^3 \cdot \left( \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_1^2 \right) = \frac{8}{3} x^3 \left( \frac{2^2}{2} - \frac{1^2}{2} \right) = \underline{4x^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_y(y) &= \int_0^1 f(x, y) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left( \frac{8}{3} x^3 y \right) dx = \frac{8}{3} y \int_0^1 x^3 dx \\ &= \frac{8}{3} y \cdot \left( \frac{x^4}{4} \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{8}{3} y \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \underline{\frac{2}{3} y} \end{aligned}$$

## Example

Not Tested.

$$f_X(u) = 4u^3.$$

Find the joint CDF of  $X$  and  $Y$  for this example

$$F_X(x) = \int_0^x 4u^3 du = u^4 \Big|_0^x = x^4 \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x 0 du = 0 \quad x < 0$$

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x 4u^3 du = \int_0^1 4u^3 du = u^4 \Big|_0^1 = 1 \quad x > 1$$

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ x^4 & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

## Example solution

Not tested For  $Y$   $f_Y(v) = \frac{2}{3}v$

$$F_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y 0 \, dv = 0 \quad y < 1$$

$$F_Y(y) = \int_1^y \frac{2}{3}v \, dv = \frac{2}{3} \frac{v^2}{2} \Big|_1^y = \frac{y^2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \quad 1 \leq y \leq 2$$

$$F_Y(y) = \int_1^2 \frac{2}{3}v \, dv = \frac{v^2}{3} \Big|_1^2 = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = 1 \quad y > 2$$

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & y < 1 \\ \frac{y^2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} & 1 \leq y \leq 2 \\ 1 & y > 2 \end{cases}$$



# Example

Consider the following function

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

- ~~(a)~~ For what value of  $a$  is  $f(x, y)$  a joint PDF?  $a = \frac{12}{7}$ .
- ~~(b)~~ Find marginal PDFs  $f_X$  of  $X$  and  $f_Y$  of  $Y$ .
- ~~(c)~~ Find the joint CDF  $F(x, y)$  of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- ~~(d)~~ Find  $\underline{P(X < Y)}$ .  $\frac{5}{14}$

## Example solution

(a) As  $f$  is a joint PDF,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy dx = 1$

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 a(x^2 + xy) dx dy = 1$$

$$\int_0^1 \left( a \left( \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{2} y \right) \Big|_0^1 \right) dy = 1$$

$$\int_0^1 a \left( \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} y \right) dy = 1$$

$$a \left( \frac{y}{3} + \frac{y^2}{4} \right) \Big|_0^1 = 1$$

$$a = \frac{12}{7}$$

$$(b) f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy$$

- Case 1:  $x < 0$  or  $x > 1$

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{f(x, y)}_{\text{joint PDF}} dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 0 dy = 0.$$

- Case 2:  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .

marginal of  $x$

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{f(x, y)} dy = \int_0^1 \frac{12}{7} (x^2 + xy) dy \\ &= \frac{12}{7} \left( \underline{x^2 y} + x \frac{y^2}{2} \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{12}{7} \left( x^2 + \frac{x}{2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

function of  $x$

$$\underline{f_X(x)} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{f(x, y)} dy, \quad f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{\underline{f(x, y) dx}}$$

↓ marginal for x

↓ marginal for y

- Conclusion for  $f_X$

$$\underline{f_X(x)} = \begin{cases} \frac{12}{7} \left( x^2 + \frac{x}{2} \right) & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

↙ function of x.

- Similarly, we obtain

$$\boxed{f_Y(y)} = \begin{cases} \frac{12}{7} \left( \frac{1}{3} + \frac{y}{2} \right) & \text{if } 0 \leq y \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

↙ function of y.

$$(c) F(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f(u, v) dv du$$

Not tested .

- Case 1:  $x < 0$ .  $f(u, v) = 0$  for any  $u \leq x \Rightarrow \underline{F(x, y) = 0}$ .
- Case 2:  $\underline{0 \leq x \leq 1}$ . Three subcases concerning  $\underline{y}$ .
  - Subcase 1:  $y < 0$ .  $f(u, v) = 0$  for any  $v \leq y \Rightarrow \underline{F(x, y) = 0}$ .
  - Subcase 2:  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(x, y) &= \int_0^x \int_0^y \frac{12}{7} (u^2 + uv) dv du = \int_0^x \left( \frac{12}{7} (u^2 v + u \frac{v^2}{2}) \Big|_{v=0}^y \right) du \\
 &= \int_0^x \frac{12}{7} \left( u^2 y + \frac{u y^2}{2} \right) du = \underline{\frac{12}{7} \left( \frac{x^3 y}{3} + \frac{x^2 y^2}{4} \right)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$x \rightarrow u$   
 $y \rightarrow v$

- Subcase 3:  $y > 1$ .

$$F(x, y) = \int_0^x \int_0^1 \frac{12}{7} (u^2 + uv) dv du = \frac{12}{7} \left( \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{4} \right).$$

$$(c) F(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f(u, v) dv du$$

Not Tested .

- Case 3:  $x > 1$ . Three subcases concerning  $y$ .
  - Subcase 1:  $y < 0$ .  $f(u, v) = 0$  for any  $v \leq y \Rightarrow F(x, y) = 0$ .
  - Subcase 2:  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ .

$$F(x, y) = \int_0^1 \int_0^y \frac{12}{7} (u^2 + uv) dv du = \frac{12}{7} \left( \frac{y}{3} + \frac{y^2}{4} \right).$$

- Subcase 3:  $y > 1$ .

$$F(x, y) = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{12}{7} (u^2 + uv) dv du = 1,$$

where the last equation follows from property (ii) of  $f(x, y)$ .

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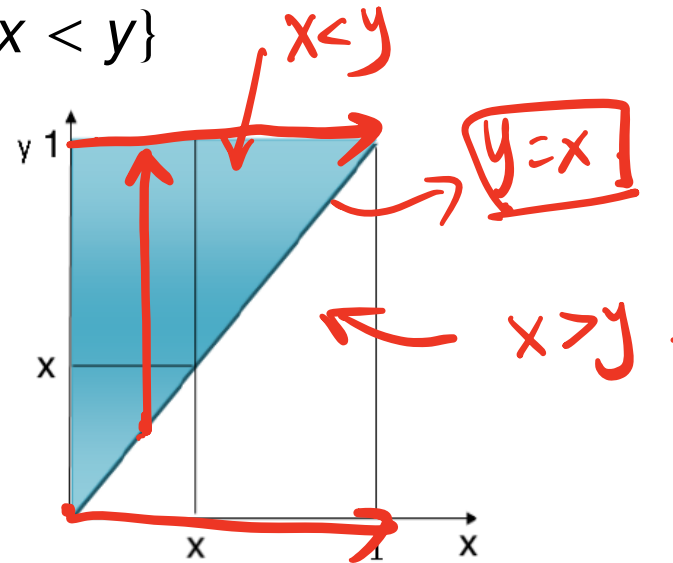
Conclusion

$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \text{ or } y < 0, \\ \frac{12}{7} \left( \frac{x^3 y}{3} + \frac{x^2 y^2}{4} \right) & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq y \leq 1, \\ \frac{12}{7} \left( \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{4} \right) & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ and } y > 1, \\ \frac{12}{7} \left( \frac{y}{3} + \frac{y^2}{2} \right) & \text{if } x > 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq y \leq 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 1 \text{ and } y > 1. \end{cases}$$

## (d) $P(X < Y)$

Not tested.

- Region  $A = \{(x, y) : x < y\}$



- Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{P(X < Y)} &= \iint_A f(x, y) dy dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \int_x^1 \frac{12}{7} (x^2 + xy) \underline{dy} \underline{dx}
 \end{aligned}$$

joint PDF



(d)  $P(X < Y)$

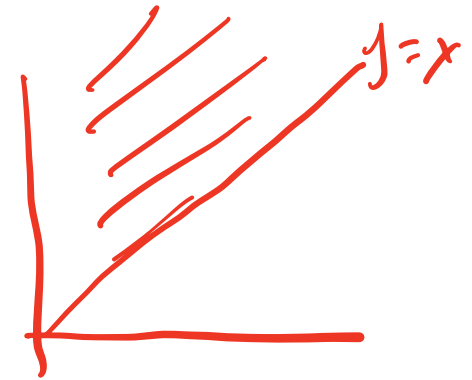
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$$\begin{aligned} P(X < Y) &= \int_0^1 \int_x^1 \frac{12}{7} (x^2 + xy) dy dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left( \frac{12}{7} (x^2 y + \frac{xy^2}{2}) \Big|_{y=x}^1 \right) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{12}{7} \left( x^2 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{3x^3}{2} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{5}{14}. \end{aligned}$$

## Exercise

Consider the following function.

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} ae^{-\lambda y} & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq y, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



- (a) For what value of  $a$  is  $f(x, y)$  a joint PDF?
- (b) Find marginal PDFs of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \int_0^y f(x, y) dx dy = a \int_0^{+\infty} \int_0^y e^{-\lambda y} dx dy.$$

## Exercise solution

$$= a \int_0^{+\infty} \int_0^y \underbrace{e^{-\lambda y}} dx dy$$

$$= a \int_0^{+\infty} (e^{-\lambda y} \cdot x) \Big|_0^y dy$$

$$= a \int_0^{+\infty} y e^{-\lambda y} dy = a \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t y e^{-\lambda y} dy$$

$$u = y$$

$$du = 1 dy$$

$$dv = e^{-\lambda y} dy$$

$$v = -\frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda y}$$

$$= a \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{y}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda y} \Big|_0^t + \int_0^t \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda y} dy \right]$$

## Exercise solution

$$= a \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{t}{\lambda} \underbrace{e^{-\lambda t}}_{\rightarrow 0} - \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} e^{-\lambda y} \right) \right]_0^t.$$

$$= a \left[ \underbrace{\frac{1}{\lambda^2} e^{-\lambda t}}_{\rightarrow 0} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right] = a \left[ \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right] = 1$$

$a = \lambda^2.$

marginal PDFs. of  $X$  and  $Y$

$$\int f_X(x) = \int_0^{+\infty} \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y} dy$$

$$L f_y(y) = \int_0^y \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y} dx.$$

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