

Assignment 3

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Problem (Papoulis):Chapter 6,6.71

The random variables x and y are uniform in the interval $(-1,1)$ and independent. Find the conditional density $f_r(r | M)$ of the random variable,

$$r = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}, \text{ where } M = r \leq 1$$

Solution:

The mass density in the square $|x|, |y|$ of the xy plane equals $1/4$;
hence, $P(r \leq 1) = \pi/4$ and

$$P(r \leq r, r \leq 1) = \begin{cases} \pi r^2/4, & r \leq 1 \\ \pi/4, & r > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f_r(r | M) = P(r \leq r, M) / P(r \leq 1) = \begin{cases} r^2; & r \leq 1 \\ 1; & r > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f_r(r | m) = \begin{cases} 2r, & r < +1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$