

4. Suppose X and Y are continuously distributed with joint pdf

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} kxy^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 2 \text{ and } 0 \leq y \leq 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where k is an unknown constant.

- (a) Find the value of the constant k .

$$1 = \int_0^4 \int_0^2 kxy^2 dx dy$$

$$1 = \int_0^4 \frac{1}{2}ky^2(x^2)_0^2 dy$$

$$1 = \int_0^4 2ky^2 dy$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{2}{3}k(y^3)_0^4$$

$$1 = \frac{128}{3}k = \frac{3}{128}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{3}{128}}$$

- (b) Find the probability that $0 \leq X \leq 1$.

$$P(0 \leq X \leq 1) = \int_0^1 \int_0^4 \frac{3}{128}xy^2 dy dx$$

$$= \frac{3}{128} \times \left[\frac{1}{3}y^3 \right]_0^4$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{128} \times [164] dx$$

$$\rightarrow \int_0^1 x dx = \left[\frac{1}{2}x^2 \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{4} = 25\%}$$

- (c) Calculate the marginal probability distributions.

$$\int_0^4 \frac{3}{128}xy^2 dy = \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$\int_0^2 \frac{3}{128}xy^2 dx = \frac{3}{64}y^2$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{64}y^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq y \leq 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{2}x, \frac{3}{64}y^2}$$

- (d) Are X and Y independent?

$$f(x, y) = \frac{3}{128}xy^2$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}x \right) \left(\frac{3}{64}y^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{128}xy^2 = \frac{3}{128}xy^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$\boxed{\text{independent}}$

- (e) Find the expected value of $X + Y$.

$$E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$$

$$E(X + Y) = \frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{5}{3}}$$