

Question 1

Part A

In this part we want to determine the probability that after 1 month we have at least one functioning bulb
We can note the following; 1 month \approx 730 hours, to keep the units consistent

We can begin by defining the following random variables...

$X :=$ 60W bulb burns out after X hours

$Y :=$ 120W bulb burns out after Y hours

To help us define the joint PDF of the above 2 random variables, we can use $E[x]$ to obtain λ ...

$$E[x] = \frac{1}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \lambda_X = \frac{1}{2000}, \lambda_Y = \frac{1}{1200}$$

We can then use the above to define the following joint PDF for the random variables X and Y ...

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \left[\lambda_X e^{-(\lambda_X)x} \right] \left[\lambda_Y e^{-(\lambda_Y)y} \right] = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 e^{-(\lambda_X x + \lambda_Y y)}; 0 \leq x, y \leq \infty$$

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = 0 \quad ; e. w.$$

We can simplify the problem by taking the complement of the desired probability...

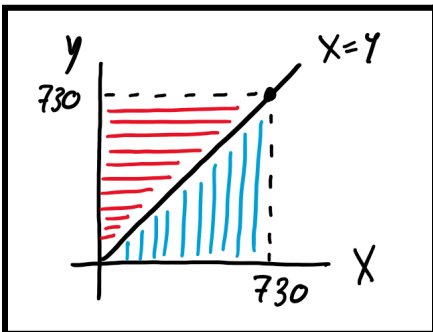
$$P(\text{at least 1 does not fail}) = 1 - P(\text{both fail}) = 1 - P(x, y \leq 730)$$

Computing the above, we obtain...

$$P(\text{at least 1 does not fail}) = 1 - \left\{ \int_0^{730} \left(\int_0^{730} \left(\lambda_1 \lambda_2 e^{-(\lambda_X x + \lambda_Y y)} \right) dx \right) dy \right\}; \lambda_X = \frac{1}{2000}, \lambda_Y = \frac{1}{1200}$$

$$P(\text{at least 1 does not fail}) = 0.86$$

Thus, we can say that the probability that after 1 month we have at least one functioning lightbulb is 0.86



Part B

Begin by noting that fact that 1 year = 8760 hours, to keep our units consistent

The problem asks us to determine the probability that we will not need to change a lightbulb for at least 1 year

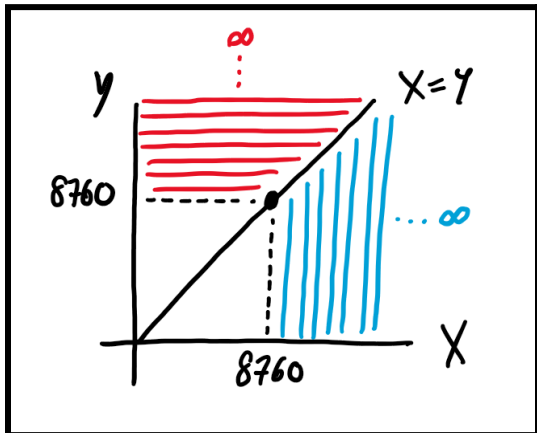
$$P(\text{no change after 1 year}) = P(x, y \geq 8760)$$

Computing the above, we obtain...

$$P(\text{no change after 1 year}) = \int_{8760}^{\infty} \left(\int_{8760}^{\infty} (\lambda_1 \lambda_2 e^{-(\lambda_x x + \lambda_y y)}) dx \right) dy; \lambda_x = \frac{1}{2000}, \lambda_y = \frac{1}{1200}$$

$$P(\text{no change after 1 year}) = 8.461 \times 10^{-6}$$

Thus, we can say that the probability that we will not have to change bulbs after one year is 0.000008461



Question 2

Part A

We know the following...

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy dx = 1$$

We can use the above to solve for the unknown constant, c

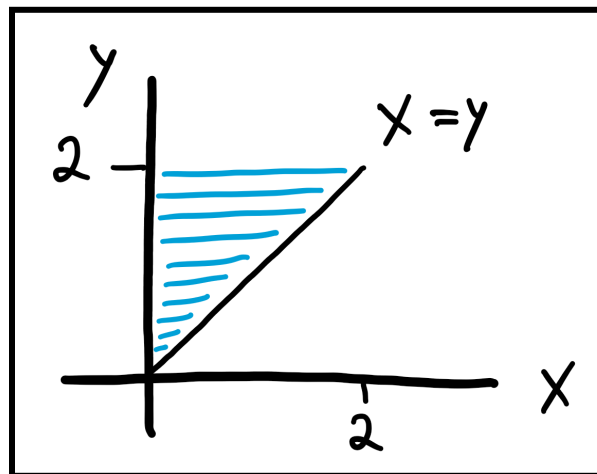
$$\int_0^2 \int_x^2 cx^2 y dy dx = 1 \Leftrightarrow \int_0^2 \left\{ cx^2 \int_x^2 y dy \right\} dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^2 (cx^2) \left(\frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{x^2}{2} \right) dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^2 \left(\frac{4cx^2}{2} - \frac{cx^4}{2} \right) dx = 1$$

$$1 = \frac{32}{15}c$$

$$c = \frac{15}{32}$$



Part B

We know the following...

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

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

We can use the above to solve for the following marginal distributions...

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy = \int_x^2 \frac{15}{32} x^2 y dy = \frac{-15}{64} (x^2) (x^2 - 4)$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx = \int_0^y \frac{15}{32} x^2 y dx = \frac{5}{32} y^4$$

Part C

We know the following...

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{x,y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{x,y}(x,y)}{f_X(x)}$$

We can use the above to solve for the following conditional distributions...

$$f_{Y|X}(x|y) = \frac{f_{x,y}(x,y)}{f_X(x)} = \frac{\frac{15}{32}x^2y}{\frac{-15}{64}(x^2)(x^2-4)} = \frac{-2y}{x^2-4}$$

$$f_{X|Y}(y|x) = \frac{f_{x,y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} = \frac{\frac{15}{32}x^2y}{\frac{5}{32}y^4} = 3\frac{x^2}{y^3}$$

Part D

We can determine independence using the following condition...

$$f_X(x)f_Y(y) = f_{X,Y}(x,y) \Rightarrow \text{independence}$$

We can use the above to determine if our derived marginals satisfy...

$$f_X(x)f_Y(y) = \left[\frac{-15}{64}(x^2)(x^2-4) \right] \left[\frac{5}{32}y^4 \right] = \frac{-75}{2048}(x^2)(x^2-4)(y^4) \neq f_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

Thus, we can conclude that X and Y are NOT independent

Question 3

We know the following information...

$John \sim U(7:55, 8:10)$, taking $J = 0$ @ 8:00 $\Rightarrow John \sim U(-5, 10)$

$Susan \sim EXP(0.5)$, taking $S = 0$ @ 8:00

We can begin by defining the following random variables...

$J :=$ John arrives J minutes after 7:55pm

$S :=$ Susan arrives S minutes after 8:00pm

Using the above, we can define the PDF's for Kevin and Susans arrival times...

$$f_J(j) = \frac{1}{15}; -5 \leq j \leq 10$$

$$f_S(s) = 0.5e^{-0.5s}; 0 \leq s \leq \infty$$

We can further form the joint PDF of Kevin and Susan's arrival times...

$$f_{S,J}(s,j) = \left(\frac{1}{15}\right)(0.5e^{-0.5s}); -5 \leq j \leq 10, 0 \leq s \leq \infty$$

$$f_{S,J}(s,j) = 0 \quad ; e.w.$$

The probability that Susan arrives before John can be stated as...

$$P(s < j) = \int_0^{10} \int_0^j f_{S,J}(s,j) ds dj$$

$$P(s < j) = \int_0^{10} \left(\int_0^j \left(\frac{1}{15}\right)(0.5e^{-0.5s}) ds \right) dj$$

Evaluating the above, we obtain...

$$P(s < j) \approx 0.53$$

Thus, we can conclude that the probability that Susan arrives before John is about 0.53

