

Chapter 3

Random Variables and Distributions

Exercises



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Suppose that the c.d.f. of a continuous random variable X is $F(x)$, its p.d.f. is $f(x)$, where $-\infty < x < \infty$, then $\Pr(0 < X < 2) = ?$

- ☐ A $F(0) - F(2)$
- ☐ B $1 - F(2)$
- ☐ C $\int_0^2 F(x) dx$
- ☒ D $F(2) - F(0)$
- ☒ E $\int_0^2 f(x) dx$

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Suppose that a random variable X has distribution with the following c.d.f:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq \theta \\ \ln x & 1 \leq x \leq \theta \\ 0 & x < 1 \end{cases}$$

- 1) Determine the constant θ .
- 2) Find $\Pr(X < 2)$, $\Pr(1 < X \leq 4)$, $\Pr(X = 3/2)$.
- 3) Find the p.d.f of X .

Ex2-Solution

Suppose that a random variable X has distribution with the following c.d.f:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq \theta \\ \ln x & 1 \leq x \leq \theta \\ 0 & x < 1 \end{cases}$$

1) Determine the constant θ . Since $\ln \theta = 1$, we have $\theta = e$

2) Find $\Pr(X < 2)$, $\Pr(1 < X \leq 4)$, $\Pr(X = 3/2)$.

$$P\{X < 2\} = P\{X \leq 2\} = F(2) = \ln 2$$

$$P\{1 < X \leq 4\} = F(4) - F(1) = 1 - \ln 1 = 1$$

$$P\{X = \frac{3}{2}\} = 0$$

3) Find the p.d.f of X . If $1 < x < e$,

$$f(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}, \quad \therefore f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x}, & 1 < x < e \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Suppose that the R.V. X has the p.d.f.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & \text{if } 0 < x < 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Determine the quantile function for X .



Ex3-Solution

Suppose that the R.V. X has the p.d.f.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & \text{if } 0 < x < 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Determine the quantile function for X .

Sol:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0 \\ \int_0^x 2t dt = x^2, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 1, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

For each $0 < p < 1$, we solve for x in the equation $F(x) = p$.

For $0 < x < 1$, Because $x^2 = p$, we have $x = \sqrt{p}$.

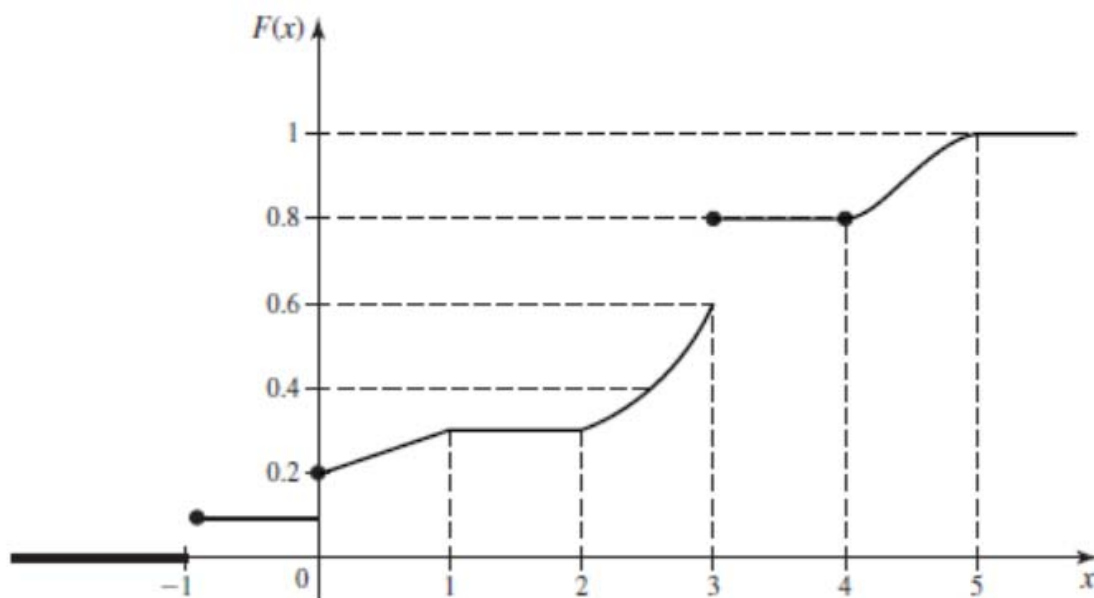
Thus, the quantile function for X is $F^{-1}(p) = \sqrt{p}$ for $0 < p < 1$.



填空题 11分



Suppose the c.d.f. F of a R.V. X is as follows. Find:



- 1) $\Pr(X=-1) =$ [填空1], 2) $\Pr(X<0)=$ [填空2], 3) $\Pr(X\leq 0)=$ [填空3],
 4) $\Pr(X=1)=$ [填空4], 5) $\Pr(0<X\leq 3)=$ [填空5], 6) $\Pr(0<X<3)=$ [填空6],
 7) $\Pr(0\leq X\leq 3)=$ [填空7], 8) $\Pr(1<X\leq 2)=$ [填空8],
 9) $\Pr(3\leq X\leq 4)=$ [填空9], 10) $\Pr(X>5)=$ [填空10],

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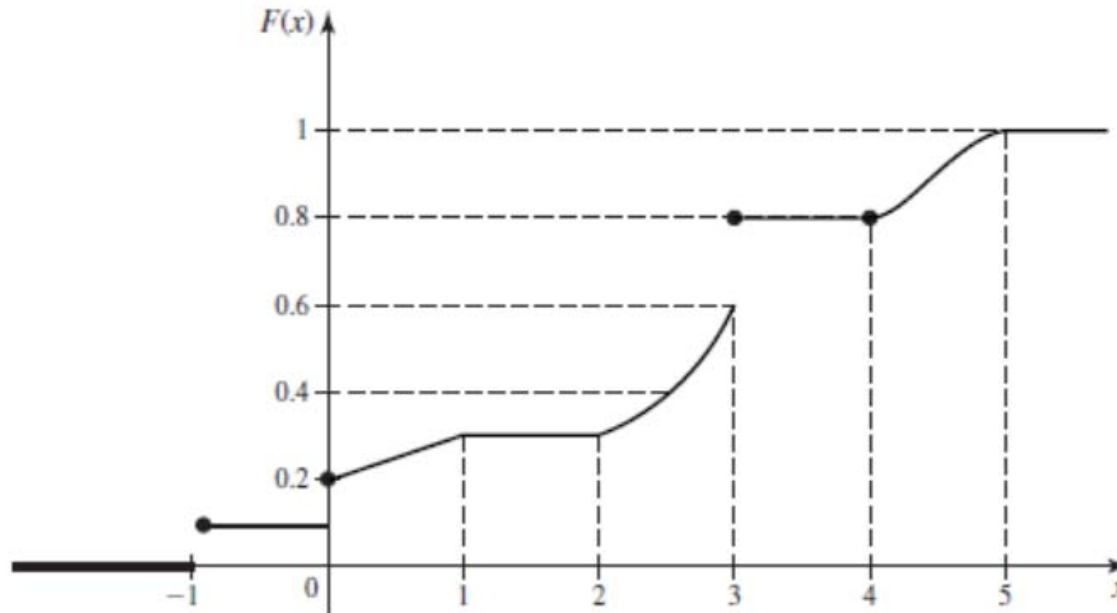
11) $\Pr(X\geq 3)=$ [填空11] .

作答



Ex4-Solution

Suppose the c.d.f. F of a R.V. X is



Find each of the following probabilities:

- 1) $\Pr(X=-1)$, 2) $\Pr(X<0)$, 3) $\Pr(X\leq 0)$, 4) $\Pr(X=1)$, 5) $\Pr(0<X\leq 3)$,
- 6) $\Pr(0<X<3)$, 7) $\Pr(0\leq X\leq 3)$, 8) $\Pr(1<X\leq 2)$, 9) $\Pr(3\leq X\leq 4)$,
- 10) $\Pr(X>5)$,
- 11) $\Pr(X\geq 3) = \Pr(X=3) + 1 - F(3) = 0.2 + 1 - 0.8 = 0.4$.

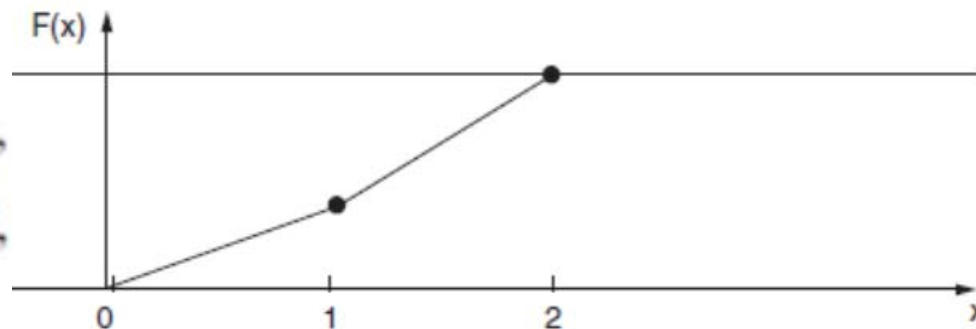
Sol:

- 1) $\Pr(X=-1)=0.1$,
- 2) $\Pr(X<0)=0.1$,
- 3) $\Pr(X\leq 0)=0.2$,
- 4) $\Pr(X=1)=0$,
- 5) $\Pr(0<X\leq 3)=0.6$,
- 6) $\Pr(0<X<3)=0.4$,
- 7) $\Pr(0\leq X\leq 3)=0.7$,
- 8) $\Pr(1<X\leq 2)=0$,
- 9) $\Pr(3\leq X\leq 4)=0.2$,
- 10) $\Pr(X>5)=0$



Suppose that the R.V. X has the following c.d.f.

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x \leq 0, \\ \frac{2}{5}x & \text{for } 0 < x \leq 1, \\ \frac{3}{5}x - \frac{1}{5} & \text{for } 1 < x \leq 2, \\ 1 & \text{for } x > 2. \end{cases}$$

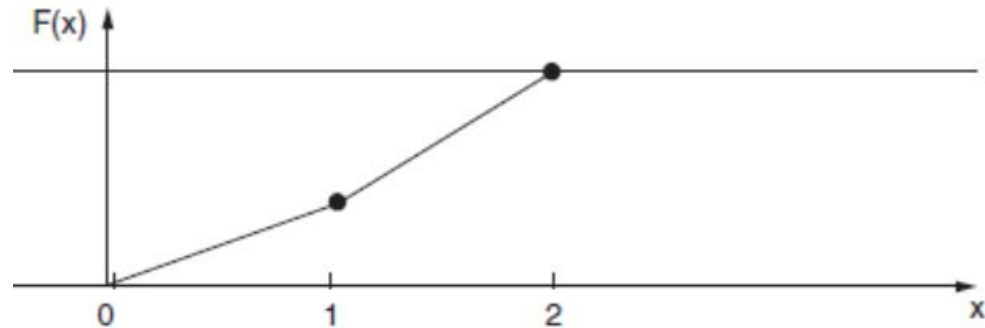


Determine the p.d.f. of X .

Ex5-Solution

Suppose that the R.V. X has the following c.d.f.

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x \leq 0, \\ \frac{2}{5}x & \text{for } 0 < x \leq 1, \\ \frac{3}{5}x - \frac{1}{5} & \text{for } 1 < x \leq 2, \\ 1 & \text{for } x > 2. \end{cases}$$



Determine the p.d.f. of X .

Sol: $F(x)$ is continuous and differentiable everywhere except the points $x=0,1,2$,

$$f(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx} \begin{cases} \frac{2}{5} & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, \\ \frac{3}{5} & \text{for } 1 < x < 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



Suppose that internet users access a particular Web site according to a Poisson process with rate λ per hour, but λ is unknown. The Web site maintainer believes that λ has a continuous distribution with p.d.f.

$$f(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-2\lambda} & \text{for } \lambda > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let X be the number of users who access the Web site during a one-hour period. If $X=1$ is observed, find the p.d.f of λ given $X=1$.

- ☒ A $g_2(\lambda | x=1) = 9\lambda \exp(-3\lambda)$ for $\lambda > 0$.
 ☐ C $g_2(\lambda | x=1) = 2\lambda \exp(-3\lambda)$ for $\lambda > 0$.
- ☐ B $g_2(\lambda | x=1) = 3\lambda \exp(-9\lambda)$ for $\lambda > 0$.
 ☐ D $g_2(\lambda | x=1) = \lambda \exp(-9\lambda)$ for $\lambda > 0$.

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Ex6-Solution

◆ Suppose that internet users access a particular Web site according to a Poisson process with rate λ per hour, but λ is unknown. The Web site maintainer believes that λ has a continuous distribution with p.d.f.

$$f(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-2\lambda} & \text{for } \lambda > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let X be the number of users who access the Web site during a one-hour period. If $X=1$ is observed, find the p.d.f of λ given $X=1$.

Sol: $\because f(x, \lambda) = g_1(x|\lambda)f_2(\lambda)$, we have the joint p.f./p.d.f is

$$f(x, \lambda) = \exp(-\lambda) \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} 2 \exp(-2\lambda) = 2 \exp(-3\lambda) \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}.$$

The marginal p.f. of X at $x=1$ is

$$f_1(1) = \int_0^{\infty} 2\lambda \exp(-3\lambda) d\lambda = \frac{2}{9}.$$

We want $g_2(\lambda|x=1) = \frac{f(x, \lambda)}{f_1(x=1)}$

$$g_2(\lambda|x=1) = 9\lambda \exp(-3\lambda) \text{ for } \lambda > 0.$$



Suppose that X_1 and X_2 are i.i.d. $R.V.s$ and each of them has the uniform distribution on the interval $(0,1)$.

Find the p.d.f. of:

1) $Y = X_1 + X_2$.

2) $Z = (X_1 + X_2)/2$.

Ex7-1-Solution

Suppose that X_1 and X_2 are i.i.d. $R.V.s$ and each of them has the uniform distribution on the interval $(0,1)$. Find the p.d.f. of:

1) $Y=X_1+X_2$.

2) $Z=(X_1+X_2)/2$.

Sol: The joint p.d.f. of X_1 and X_2 is

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 < x_1 < 1, 0 < x_2 < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Based on convolution, we have

$$g(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y-z, z) dz.$$

The integrand is positive only for $0 < y-z < 1$ and $0 < z < 1$.

Thus, for $0 < y \leq 1$, the integrand is positive only for $0 < z < y$. We have

$$g(y) = \int_0^y 1 \cdot dz = y.$$

For $1 < y < 2$, the integrand is positive only for $y-1 < z < 1$.

$$g(y) = \int_{y-1}^1 1 \cdot dz = 2 - y. \quad g(y)=0, \text{ otherwise.}$$



Ex7-2-Solution

Suppose that X_1 and X_2 are i.i.d. $R.V.$ s and each of them has the uniform distribution on the interval $[0,1]$. Find the p.d.f. of:

1) $Y = X_1 + X_2$.

2) $Z = (X_1 + X_2)/2$.

Sol: We've obtained that in 1) for $0 < y \leq 1$, $g(y) = \int_0^y 1 \cdot dz = y$.

For $1 < y < 2$, $g(y) = \int_{y-1}^1 1 \cdot dz = 2 - y$.

Otherwise, $g(y) = 0$.

$$Z = Y/2. \quad f(z) = \frac{f(y)}{\left| \frac{dz}{dy} \right|} = 2f(2z) = \begin{cases} 4z & \text{for } 0 < z \leq 1/2, \\ 4(1 - z) & \text{for } 1/2 < z < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



主观题 10分



Suppose that X_1 and X_2 are i.i.d. $R.V.s$ and each of them has the p.d.f. as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x} & \text{for } x > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the p.d.f. of $Y=X_1-X_2$.

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作答



Ex8-Solution

Suppose that X_1 and X_2 are i.i.d. $R.V.s$ and each of them has the p.d.f. as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x} & \text{for } x > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the p.d.f. of $Y=X_1-X_2$.

Sol: Let $Z=-X_2$. Then the p.d.f. of Z is $f_2(z) = \begin{cases} \exp(z) & \text{for } z < 0, \\ 0 & \text{for } z \geq 0. \end{cases}$

Since X_1 and Z are independent, their joint p.d.f. is

$$f(x_1, z) = \begin{cases} \exp(-(x - z)) & \text{for } x > 0, z < 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Based on convolution, the p.d.f. of $Y=X_1+Z$: $g(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y - z, z) dz$.

The integrand is positive only for $y-z>0$ and $z<0$.

$$\text{For } y \leq 0, \quad g(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y \exp(-(y - 2z)) dz = \frac{1}{2} \exp(y).$$

$$\text{For } y > 0, \quad g(y) = \int_{-\infty}^0 \exp(-(y - 2z)) dz = \frac{1}{2} \exp(-y).$$



Ex9-1

Preliminaries-Direct Transformation of a multivariate p.d.f.

Suppose X, Y, V, W are four $R.V.s$. They have the relations such that:

$X=h_1(V, W)$, $Y=h_2(V, W)$, where h_1 and h_2 represent invertible functions. The joint p.d.f. of V and W can be expressed by

$$f_{V,W}(v, w) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(h_1(v, w), h_2(v, w))}{|J(x, y)|}, \quad \text{where } J(x, y) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}.$$

or

$$f_{V,W}(v, w) = f_{X,Y}(h_1(v, w), h_2(v, w)) |J(v, w)|, \quad J(v, w) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The determinant $J(x, y)$ is called the **Jacobian** of the transformation.

$J(v, w)$ is called the **Jacobian** of the inverse transformation.



Let X and Y be independent standard normal $R.V.s$. Find the joint p.d.f. of V and W that satisfy following equations: $X=V\cos W$, $Y=V\sin W$, for $v\geq 0$ and $0\leq w<2\pi$. Are V and W independent?

Ex9-2-Solution

Let X and Y be independent standard normal R.V.s. Find the joint p.d.f. of V and W that satisfy following equations: $X=V\cos W$, $Y=V\sin W$, for $v \geq 0$ and $0 \leq w < 2\pi$. Are V and W independent?

Sol: $\because f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}x^2)$, for $-\infty < x < \infty$, X and Y are i.i.d.,

We have that $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \exp[-\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)]$, for $-\infty < x, y < \infty$

$$\because f_{V,W}(v, w) = f_{X,Y}(h_1(v, w), h_2(v, w)) |J(v, w)|, \quad J(v, w) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$J(v, w) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \cos w & -v \sin w \\ \sin w & v \cos w \end{bmatrix} = v.$$

$$\therefore f_{V,W}(v, w) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \exp[-\frac{1}{2}(v^2 \cos^2 w + v^2 \sin^2 w)]v = \frac{v}{2\pi} \exp(-\frac{v^2}{2})$$

for $v \geq 0$ and $0 \leq w < 2\pi$. Otherwise, $f_{V,W}(v, w) = 0$.

The p.d.f. of a Rayleigh R.V. X is $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sigma^2} \exp\{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\}$, $x \geq 0$

We can conclude that V and W are independent.

V is a Rayleigh R.V. and W is a uniform R.V. over $(0, 2\pi)$.



主观题 10分



Suppose that X_1 and X_2 have a continuous joint p.d.f. as follows:

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 & \text{for } 0 < x_1 < 1 \text{ and } 0 < x_2 < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the p.d.f. of $Y = X_1 X_2$.

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作答



Ex10-Solution

Suppose that X_1 and X_2 have a continuous joint p.d.f. as follows:

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 & \text{for } 0 < x_1 < 1 \text{ and } 0 < x_2 < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the p.d.f. of $Y = X_1 X_2$.

Sol: Let $Z = X_1$.

$$Y/Z = X_2. \quad 0 < y < z < 1.$$

$$\because f_{V,W}(v, w) = f_{X,Y}(h_1(v, w), h_2(v, w)) |J(v, w)|, \quad J(v, w) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$J = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{z} & -\frac{y}{z^2} \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{z}.$$

For $0 < y < z < 1$, the joint p.d.f. of Y and Z is:

$$g(y, z) = f\left(z, \frac{y}{z}\right) |J| = \left(z + \frac{y}{z}\right) \left(\frac{1}{z}\right).$$

It follows that for $0 < y < 1$, the marginal p.d.f. of Y is

$$g_1(y) = \int_y^1 g(y, z) dz = 2(1 - y).$$



Suppose that the R.V.s X , Y and Z have the following joint p.d.f.

$$f(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{for } 0 < x < y < 1 \text{ and } 0 < z < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

What is $\Pr(3X > Y | 1 < 4Z < 2)$?

Ex11-Solution

Suppose that the R.V.s X , Y and Z have the following joint p.d.f.

$$f(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{for } 0 < x < y < 1 \text{ and } 0 < z < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

What is $\Pr(3X > Y | 1 < 4Z < 2)$?

Sol: Since $f(x, y, z)$ can be factored in form $g(x, y)h(z)$, it follows that Z is independent of X and Y .

Thus, $\Pr(3X > Y | 1 < 4Z < 2) = \Pr(3X > Y)$.

We can obtain that

$$g(x, y) = \int_0^1 2 dz = 2, \text{ for } 0 < x < y < 1.$$

Therefore,

$$\Pr(3X > Y) = \int_0^1 \int_{y/3}^y 2 dx dy = \frac{2}{3}.$$

