

Let X and Y be continuous r.v's. A joint probability density function $f(x, y)$ for these two variables is a function satisfying $f(x, y) \geq 0$ and $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = 1$.

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Then,

$$P(a \leq X \leq b, c \leq Y \leq d) = \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx$$

The marginal probability density functions of X and Y , denoted $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$, respectively, given by

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

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

Two continuous r.v's X and Y are said to be independent if for every pair of x and y values

$$f(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) \quad \text{when } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are continuous.}$$

If it is not satisfied for all (x, y) , then X and Y are said to be dependent.

Eg. Each front tire on a particular type of vehicle is supposed to be filled to a pressure of 26 psi. Suppose the actual air pressure in each tire is a rv X for the (right) tire and Y for the (left) tire, with joint pdf

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} K(x^2 + y^2) & 20 \leq x \leq 30, 20 \leq y \leq 30 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

a) What is the value of "k"?

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_{20}^{30} \int_{20}^{30} K(x^2 + y^2) dx dy = 1$$

$$= K \left(\int_{20}^{30} \int_{20}^{30} x^2 dx dy + \int_{20}^{30} \int_{20}^{30} y^2 dx dy \right)$$

$$= K \left(\int_{20}^{30} x^2 \cdot \left(y \Big|_{20}^{30} \right) dx + \int_{20}^{30} y^2 \cdot \left(x \Big|_{20}^{30} \right) dy \right)$$

$$= K \left(10 \cdot \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_{20}^{30} + 10 \cdot \frac{y^3}{3} \Big|_{20}^{30} \right)$$

$$= 20 K \left(\frac{30^3}{3} - \frac{20^3}{3} \right) = \frac{380,000}{3} K = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow K = \frac{3}{380,000}$$

b) What is the probability that both tires are underfilled.

$$P(X < 26 \text{ and } Y < 26) = P(20 \leq X < 26 \text{ and } 20 \leq Y < 26)$$

$$= \int_{20}^{26} \int_{20}^{26} K(x^2 + y^2) dx dy = \frac{3}{380,000} \left(\int_{20}^{26} \int_{20}^{26} x^2 dx dy + \int_{20}^{26} \int_{20}^{26} y^2 dx dy \right)$$

$$= 0.3024 //$$

(c.) What is the probability that the difference in air pressure betⁿ two times is at most 2 psi.

$$P\{|X-Y| \leq 2\} = P(-2 \leq X-Y \leq 2)$$

$$= P\{X-2 \leq Y \leq X+2\}$$

$$= \iint_{II} f(x,y) dx dy$$

$$= 1 - \left(\iint_I f(x,y) dx dy + \iint_{III} f(x,y) dx dy \right)$$

$$= 1 - \left(\int_{20}^{28} \int_{x+2}^{30} k(x^2+y^2) dx dy + \int_{20}^{30} \int_{20}^{x-2} k(x^2+y^2) dx dy \right)$$

$$= 1 - 0.3203 - 0.3203$$

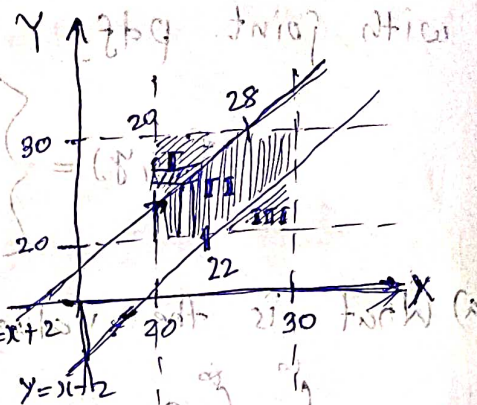
$$= 0.3594.$$

$$\therefore k \int_{20}^{28} \int_{x+2}^{30} (x^2+y^2) dx dy + k \int_{20}^{30} \int_{20}^{x-2} (x^2+y^2) dx dy$$

$$= k \left(\int_{20}^{28} \left(y \left(\frac{x^3}{3} \right)_{x+2}^{30} + \frac{y^3}{3} \right) dy + \int_{20}^{30} \left(\frac{y^3}{3} \right)_{20}^{x-2} dy \right)$$

$$= k \left[\int_{20}^{28} x^2 (30-x-2) dx + \frac{1}{3} \int_{20}^{28} (30^3 - (x+2)^3) dx \right]$$

$$= k \left(16554.67 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 72064 \right) = 0.3203$$



(d) Determine the (marginal) distribution of air pressure in the right tire alone.

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy = \int_{20}^{30} k(x^2 + y^2) dy$$

$$= k \left(x^2 \cdot y \Big|_{20}^{30} + \frac{y^3}{3} \Big|_{20}^{30} \right)$$

$$= k(10x^2 + 0.05)$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx = \int_{20}^{30} k(x^2 + y^2) dx = k(10y^2 + 0.05)$$

(e) Are X and Y independent RV's.

To check $f(x, y) \stackrel{?}{=} f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$

$$k(x^2 + y^2) \neq k(10x^2 + 0.05) \cdot k(10y^2 + 0.05).$$

(Not Independent.)

Conditional distributions

Let X and Y be two continuous r.v.s with

joint pdf $f(x, y)$ and marginal $f_X(x)$ pdf $f_X(x)$. Then

for any x value x for which $f_X(x) > 0$, the

conditional probability density function of Y given that $X = x$ is

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