

Lec 14:

Last time : joint pdf

$$P((X,Y) \in T) = \iint_T f_{X,Y}(u,v) du dv$$

If $f(u,v)$ is constant on T , we say f is "uniform on T ".

If $f(u,v) = c$ on T .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} P((X,Y) \in T) &= \iint_T c \cdot du dv \\ &= c \cdot \iint_T du dv \\ &= c \cdot \text{Area}(T) \end{aligned}$$

Recall, with discrete r.v.s,

$$\sum_{u,v} p_{X,Y}(u,v) = 1$$

If X, Y are continuous r.v.s, and we take $T = \mathbb{R}^2$ (entire plane), then we know

$$P((X, Y) \in T) = 1$$

$$\therefore \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(u,v) du dv = 1$$

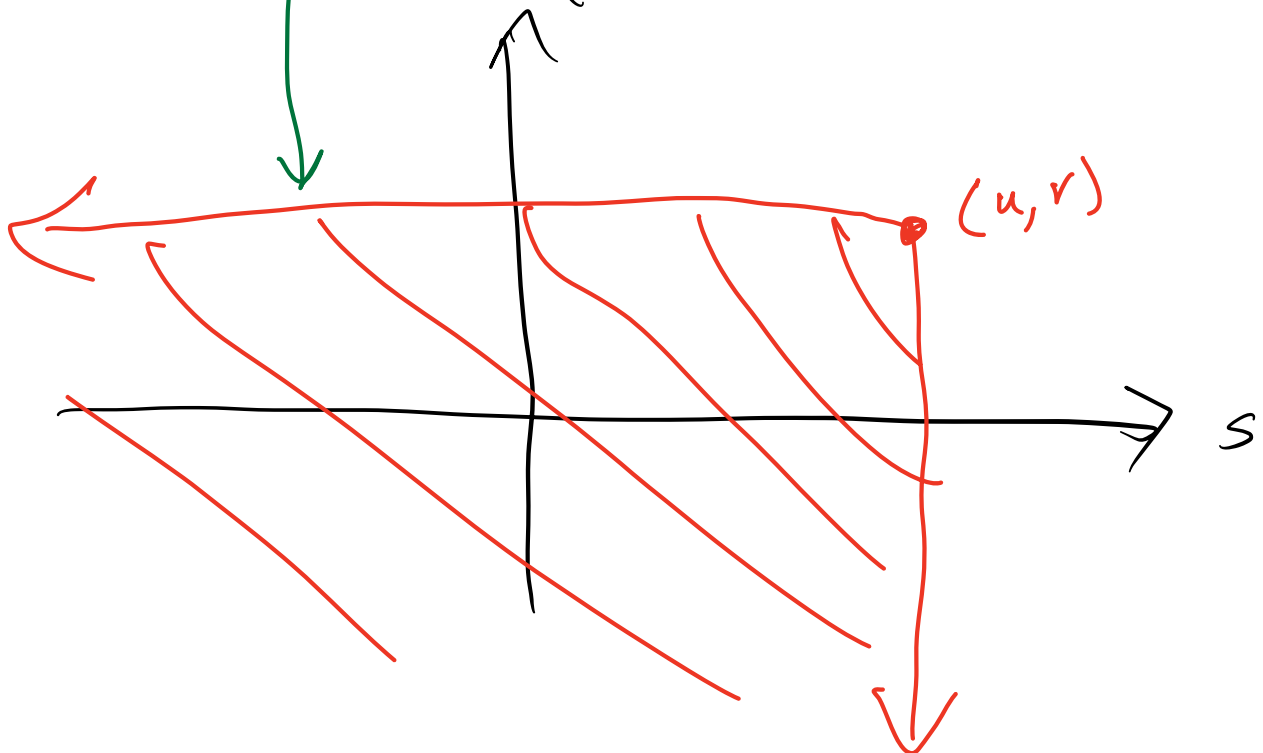
How can we get the joint pdf from the joint CDF?

Joint CDF:

$$F_{X,Y}(u,v) = P(X \leq u, Y \leq v)$$

$$= P((X, Y) \in T)$$

where $T = \{(s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : s \leq u, t \leq v\}$



$$\downarrow = \int \int_T f_{x,y}(s,t) ds dt$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^v \int_{-\infty}^u f_{x,y}(s,t) ds dt$$

This gives joint CDF from joint pdf.

Now let's find other direction.

Take derivatives w.r.t v and then u .

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} F_{x,y}(u,v) = \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \int_{-\infty}^v \left(\int_{-\infty}^u f_{x,y}(s,t) ds \right) dt$$

(use Leibniz rule: 2nd + 3rd terms are zero)

$$= \int_{-\infty}^u f_{x,y}(s,v) ds$$

Now differentiate w.r.t u ...

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial u} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial v} F_{x,y}(u,v) \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \int_{-\infty}^u f_{x,y}(s,v) ds$$

(use Leibniz:

$$= f_{x,y}(u,v)$$

$$\therefore f_{X,Y}(u,v) = \frac{\partial^2 F_{X,Y}(u,v)}{\partial u \partial v}$$

Can take derivatives $\frac{\partial}{\partial u}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial v}$
in either order

How can we get the marginal pdfs from the joint pdf?

Suppose X, Y have joint pdf $f_{X,Y}(u,v)$
We know joint CDF is:

$$F_{X,Y}(u,v) = \int_{-\infty}^v \int_{-\infty}^u f_{X,Y}(s,t) ds dt$$

We know marginal CDF of X is:

$$F_X(u) = F_{X,Y}(u, \infty)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^u f_{X,Y}(s,t) ds dt$$

The marginal pdf of X is the derivative of the marginal CDF of X .

$$f_X(u) = \frac{d}{du} F_X(u)$$

$$= \frac{d}{du} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_{-\infty}^u f_{X,Y}(s,t) ds \right) dt$$

(Use Leibniz: 1st, 2nd terms zero)

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{d}{du} \int_{-\infty}^u f_{X,Y}(s,t) ds \right) dt$$

(use Leibniz: 2nd, 3rd terms zero)

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(u,t) dt$$

Let's rename t to be v to look nicer:

$$f_X(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(u,v) dv$$

"Integrate out the other variables"

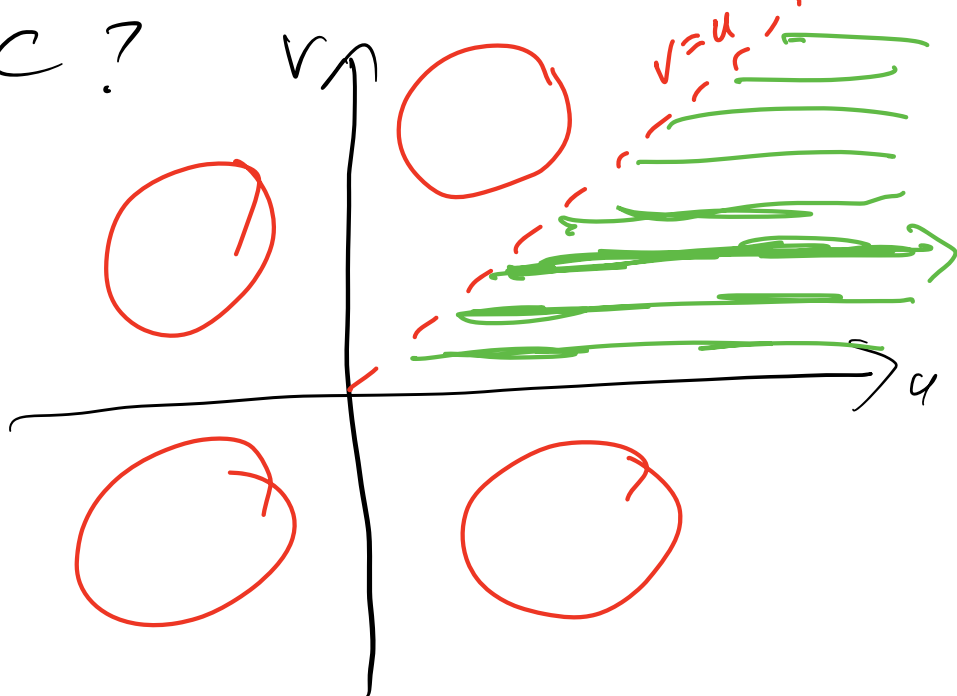
Also,

$$f_Y(v) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(u,v) du$$

Example: Given rvs X, Y with joint pdf

$$f_{X,Y}(u,v) = \begin{cases} ce^{-u} & \text{if } 0 < v < u \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

① What is C ?

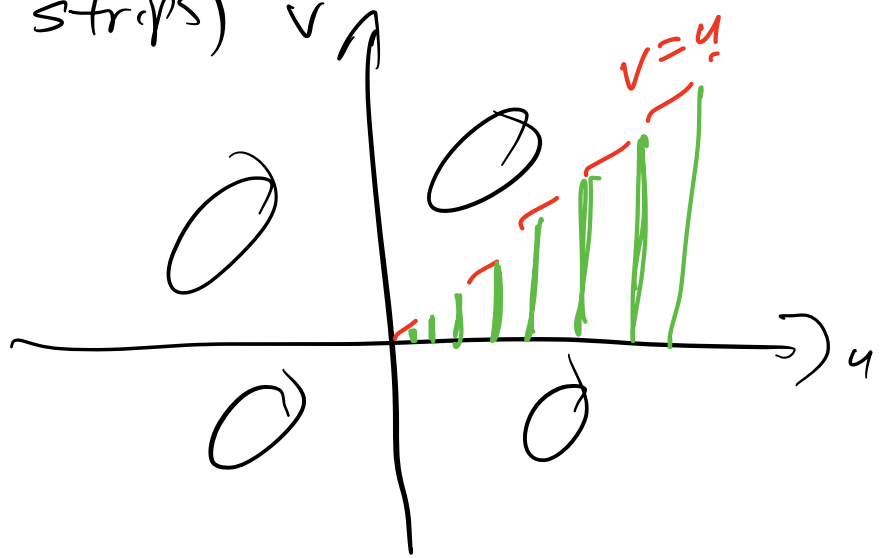


Solve for C :

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Set } 1 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(u,v) du dv \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_v^{\infty} C e^{-u} du dv \\ &= C \int_0^{\infty} (-e^{-u}) \Big|_v^{\infty} dv \\ &= C \int_0^{\infty} e^{-v} dv \\ &= C (-e^{-v}) \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &= C (0 - -1) = C\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{C = 1}$$

Alternatively, integrating $dv du$ gives:
(vertical strips) v



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Set } I &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^u C e^{-u} dv du \\ &= \dots \text{ have to integrate by parts.} \\ &\quad \text{Verify same answer.} \end{aligned}$$

② Find marginal pdfs of X, Y :

We saw earlier that

$$f_X(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(u,v) dv$$

Note $f_X(u) = 0$ if $u \leq 0$.

So suppose $u > 0$:

$$f_X(u) = \int_0^u e^{-u} dv = ve^{-u} \Big|_0^u = ue^{-u}$$

$$\therefore f_x(u) = \begin{cases} ue^{-u} & \text{if } u > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

→ marginal pdf of x .

For Y :

Note $f_Y(v) = 0$ if $v \leq 0$.

Suppose $v > 0$.

$$f_Y(v) = \int_v^{\infty} e^{-u} du = -e^{-u} \Big|_v^{\infty} = e^{-v}$$

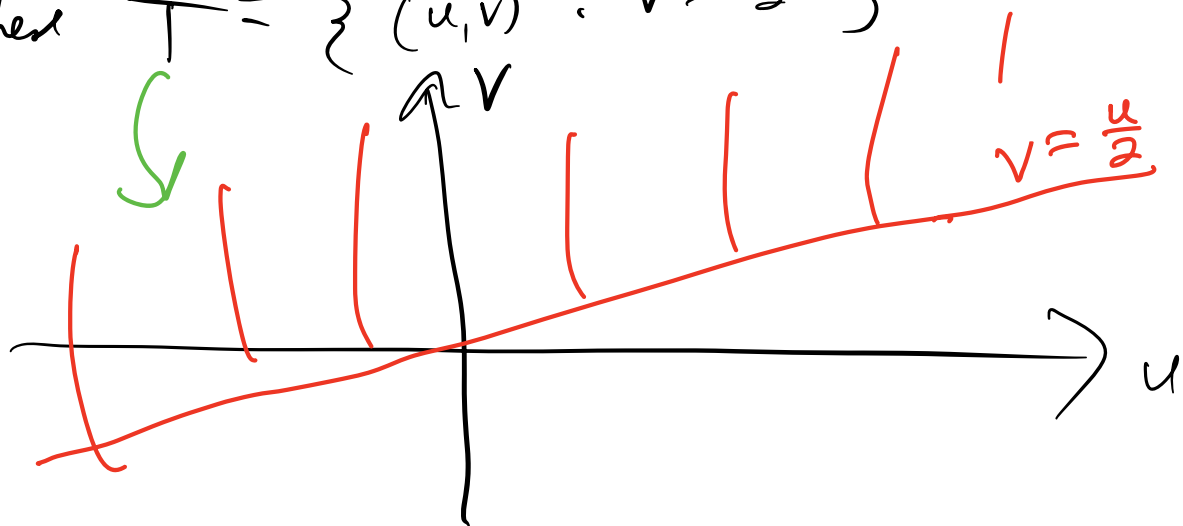
$$\therefore f_Y(v) = \begin{cases} e^{-v} & \text{if } v > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

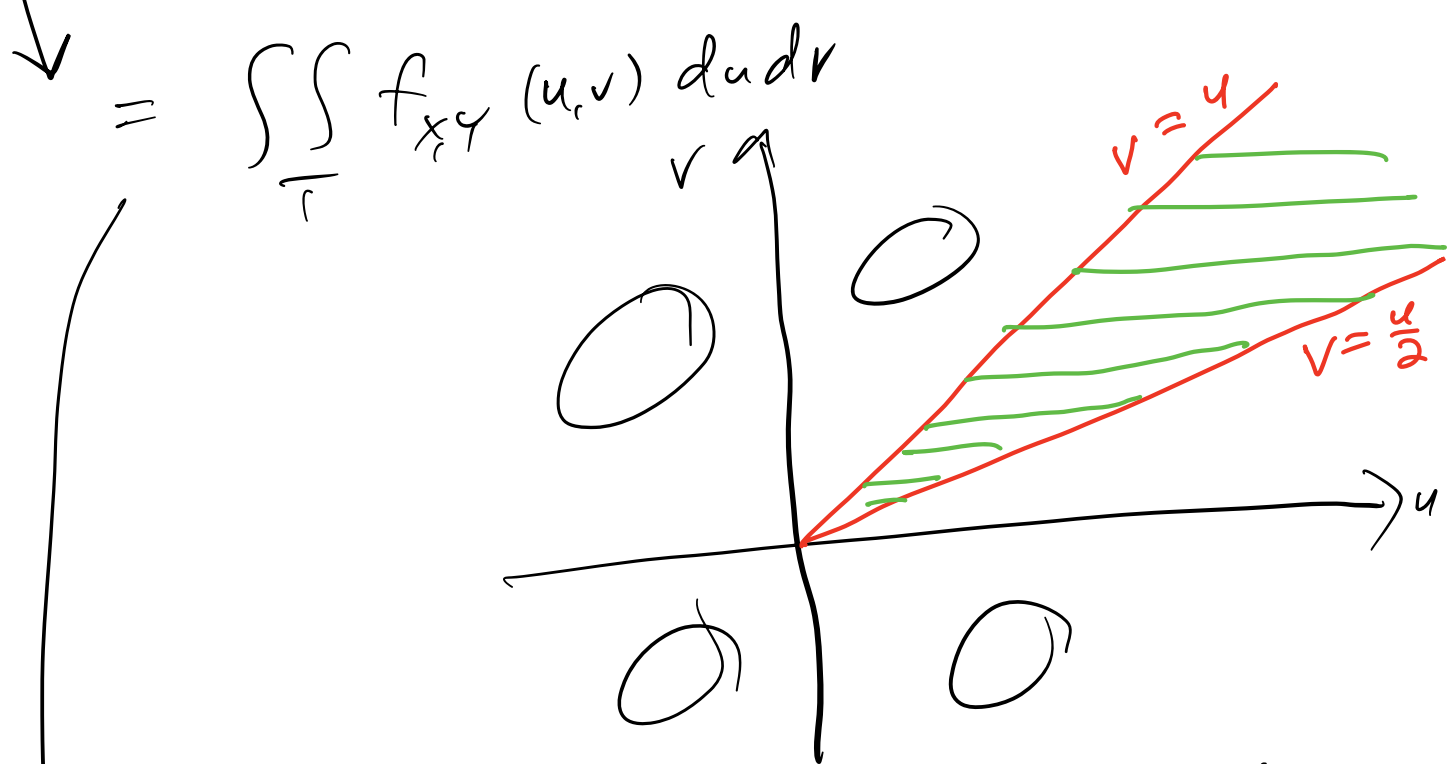
③ Find $P(X < 2Y)$.

$$P(X < 2Y) = P(Y > \frac{1}{2}X)$$

$$= P((X, Y) \in T)$$

where $T = \{(u, v) : v > \frac{1}{2}u\}$





Integrate
in wedge
(green)

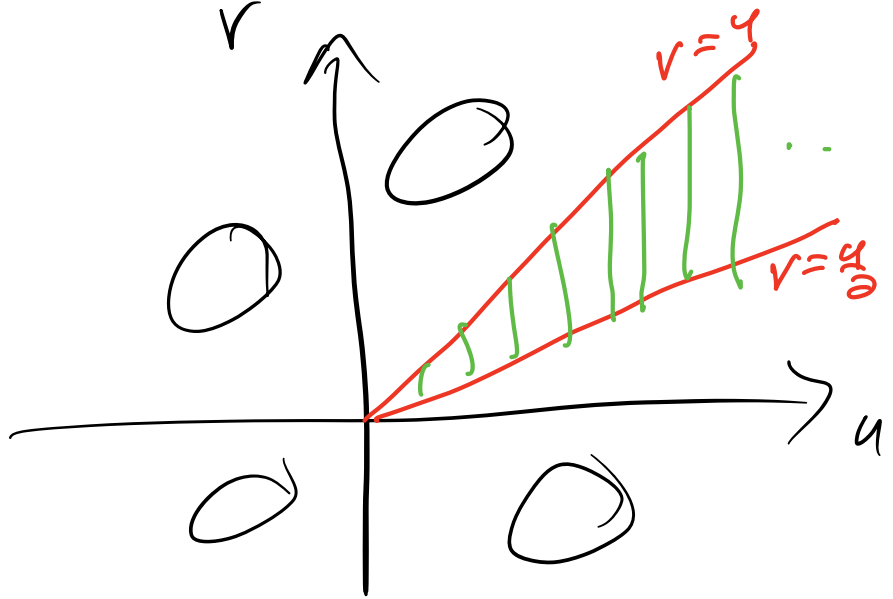
Note in this example:

$$P(Y > \frac{1}{2}X) = P(Y < X < 2Y)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_v^{2v} e^{-u} du dv \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} (-e^{-u}) \Big|_v^{2v} dv \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} (e^{-v} - e^{-2v}) dv \\
 &= (-e^{-v} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-2v}) \Big|_0^{\infty}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Alternatively, with vertical strips ($dvdu$)



$$P(X < 2Y)$$

$$= \int_0^2 \int_{u/2}^u e^{-u} dv du$$

$$= \dots \text{integrate by parts}$$