

- 3 Let  $p(x, y) = \frac{xy+y}{27}$ , for  $x = 1, 2, 3$  and  $y = 1, 2$ , be the joint probability for the random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ . Find  $E[X]$  and  $E[Y]$ .

The values of  $P(x, y)$  can be found by direct substitution, e.g.

$$P(1, 1) = P(X = 1, Y = 1) = \frac{(1) \cdot (1) + 1}{27} = \frac{2}{27}.$$

X Y	1	2	3	$P(y)$
1	$\frac{2}{27}$	$\frac{3}{27}$	$\frac{4}{27}$	$\frac{9}{27} = \frac{1}{3}$
2	$\frac{4}{27}$	$\frac{6}{27}$	$\frac{8}{27}$	$\frac{18}{27} = \frac{2}{3}$
$P(x)$	$\frac{6}{27} = \frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{9}{27} = \frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{12}{27} = \frac{4}{9}$	

$$P(X = 1) = P(1, 1) + P(1, 2) = \frac{2}{27} + \frac{4}{27} = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$P(Y = 1) = P(1, 1) + P(2, 1) + P(3, 1) = \frac{2}{27} + \frac{3}{27} + \frac{4}{27} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$E[X] = \sum xP(x) = \frac{2}{9} + 2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + 3\left(\frac{4}{9}\right) = \frac{20}{9}$$

$$E[Y] = \sum yP(y) = \frac{1}{3} + 2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{5}{3}.$$

- 8 Let  $f(x, y) = 2x^2 + 3y$ , for  $0 \leq y \leq x \leq 1$ . Find  $f_X(x)$  and  $f_Y(y)$ .

The density function  $f(x, y) = 2x^2 + 3y$  is defined on the region bounded by the  $x$ -axis and the lines  $y = x$  and  $x = 1$ .

$$f_X(x) = \int_0^x (2x^2 + 3y) dy = \left(2x^2y + \frac{3y^2}{2}\right)_{y=0}^{y=x} = 2x^3 + \frac{3x^2}{2}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_y^1 (2x^2 + 3y) dx = \left(\frac{2x^3}{3} + 3xy\right)_{x=y}^{x=1} = \frac{2}{3} + 3y - 3y^2 - \frac{2}{3}y^3, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1.$$

11 For the joint density function  $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} + xy$ , for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ , find  $P(X > Y)$ .

If  $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} + xy$ , for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > Y) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^x \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} + xy \right) dy dx = \int_0^1 \left( \frac{y}{4} + \frac{xy}{2} + \frac{y^2}{4} + \frac{xy^2}{2} \right) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=x} dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left( \frac{x}{4} + \frac{3x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{2} \right) dx = \left( \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{x^3}{4} + \frac{x^4}{8} \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

18 Let  $p(x, y) = \frac{xy+y}{27}$ , for  $x = 1, 2, 3$  and  $y = 1, 2$ , be the joint probability for the random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ . Find  $E[X | Y = 1]$ .

Using the data obtained above in Exercise 3:

$$E[X | Y = 1] = \sum x P(X = x | Y = 1) = 1 \left( \frac{2}{9} \right) + 2 \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) + 4 \left( \frac{4}{9} \right) = \frac{20}{9}$$

22 If  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 6x, & \text{for } 0 < x < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere,} \end{cases}$  find

(a)  $f_Y(y) = \int_0^y f(x, y) dx = \int_0^y 6x dx = 3y^2$ , for  $0 < y < 1$ .

(b)  $f(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f(y)} = \frac{6x}{3y^2} = \frac{2x}{y^2}$ , for  $0 < x < y < 1$ .

(c)  $E[X | Y = y] = \int_0^y xf(x | y) dx = \frac{1}{y^2} \int_0^y 2x^2 dx = \frac{1}{y^2} \cdot \frac{2y^3}{3} = \frac{2y}{3}$ .

(d)  $E[X | Y = 0.5] = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$ .

25 For the joint density function  $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} + xy$ , for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ . Determine if the random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are dependent or independent.

The joint density function is

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} + xy = \left( \frac{1}{2} + x \right) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} + y \right) = f(x) \cdot f(y).$$

Hence  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.

41 The stock prices of two companies at the end of any given year are modeled with random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  that follow a distribution with joint density function

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

What is the conditional variance of  $Y$  given that  $X = x$ ?

We can calculate the variance if we know the conditional distribution of  $Y$  given that  $X = x$

$$f(y | X = x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f(x)} = \frac{2x}{f(x)}, \quad \text{for } 0 < x < 1 \text{ and } x < y < x + 1.$$

We need to find for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,

$$f(x) = \int_x^{x+1} 2x dx = 2xy \Big|_x^{x+1} = 2x(x+1) - 2x^2 = 2x.$$

This give us  $f(y \mid X = x) = 1$  for  $0 < x < 1$  and  $x < y < x + 1$ .

$$E[Y \mid X = x] = \int_x^{x+1} y \, dy = \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_x^{x+1} = x + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$E[Y^2 \mid X = x] = \int_x^{x+1} y^2 \, dy = \frac{y^3}{3} \Big|_x^{x+1} = x^2 + x + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Var}[Y \mid X = x] = x^2 + x + \frac{1}{3} - \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{12}.$$

46 An insurance policy is written to cover a loss  $X$  where  $X$  has density function

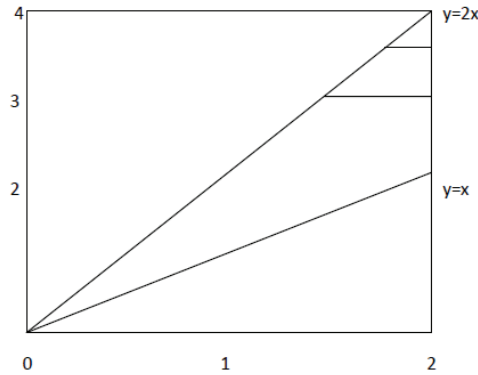
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{8}x^2 & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The time (in hours) to process a claim of size  $x$ , where  $0 \leq x \leq 2$ , is uniformly distributed on the interval from  $x$  to  $2x$ . Calculate the probability that a randomly chosen claim on this policy is processed in three hours or more.

We are asked to find  $P(Y \geq 3) = \int \int_R f(x, y) dy dx$ , where  $R$  is the region filled in the graph below.

$$R = \{(x, y) \mid 3 \leq y \leq 2x \text{ \& } 1.5 \leq x \leq 2\}$$

We can construct  $f(x, y)$  since we are told that



(a)  $f(x)$  is the density given in the problem above.

(b)  $f(y \mid x) = \frac{1}{x}$  for  $x \leq y \leq 2x$  from the statement “The time (in hours) to process the claim of size  $x$ , where  $0 \leq x \leq 2$ , is uniformly distributed on the interval from  $x$  to  $2x$ .”

this tells us that

$$f(x, y) = f(y \mid x) \cdot f(x) = \frac{3x}{8} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 2 \text{ and } x \leq y \leq 2x.$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y \geq 3) &= \int \int_R f(x, y) dy dx = \int_{1.5}^2 \int_3^{2x} \frac{3x}{8} dy dx = \int_{1.5}^2 \frac{3xy}{8} \Big|_3^{2x} dx \\ &= \int_{1.5}^2 \left( \frac{3x^3}{4} - \frac{9x}{8} \right) dx = \left( \frac{x^3}{4} - \frac{9x^2}{16} \right) \Big|_{1.5}^2 = 0.172. \end{aligned}$$