

# CS 107, Probability, Spring 2019

## Lecture 31

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- Joint Distribution of two R.V.s



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As in 1D case, usually it is more comfortable to work with PMF/PDFs, so we want to describe our 2D Random Vectors through their Joint PMF/PDFs.

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The description is, say, for the first formula, that we are "summing out  $Y$ " (or "integrating out  $Y$ " in the continuous case).

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