

## Lec - 32

Recall: PMF of a fn<sup>n</sup> of two random variables.

Example (1): Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be RVs with the joint pmf given by:

$X \backslash Y$	-1	0	2	6
-2	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{27}$	$\frac{1}{27}$	$\frac{1}{9}$
1	$\frac{1}{9}$	0	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}$
3	0	0	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{4}{27}$

(Q) Find the pmf of  $|Y - X|$

Soln:  $g(x, y) = |y - x|$ .

Range of the RV  $Z = g(X, Y) = |Y - X|$ .

Fix  $x = -2$ , then  $g = z = |y - (-2)| = |y + 2|$ .

By running all the  $y$ -values, we get  $z = 1, 2, 4, 8$

$x = 1 \dots$

$x = 3 \dots$

$$R(Z) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z=1) &= \sum_{(x,y): |y-x|=1} f(x,y) = f(-2, -1) + f(1, 0) + f(1, 2) + f(3, 2) \\ &= \frac{1}{9} + 0 + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{9} = \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(Z=2) = \sum_{(x,y): |y-x|=2} f(x,y) = f(-2, 0) + f(1, -1) = \frac{1}{27} + \frac{2}{9} = \frac{7}{27}$$

$$P(Z=3) = \dots = \frac{4}{27}$$

$$P(Z=4) = \dots = \frac{1}{27}$$

$$P(Z=5) = \dots = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$P(Z=8) = \dots = \frac{1}{9}$$

Example (2): Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be iid (independent & identically distributed) discrete uniform random variables with parameter  $N$ . Find the pmf of the RV  $\min\{X, Y\}$ .

Soln: Let  $Z := \min\{X, Y\}$ . Also it is clear that range of r.v.  $Z$  would be  $\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ . Now we find its pmf.

$$P(Z=i) = \sum_{(x,y): \min\{x,y\}=i} f(x,y)$$

Now both  $x$  and  $y$  ranges over the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ .

Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are both independent, hence the joint pmf

$\begin{matrix} i \\ x \end{matrix} \backslash \begin{matrix} j \\ y \end{matrix}$	1	2	...	N
1	$\frac{1}{N^2}$	$\frac{1}{N^2}$	...	$\frac{1}{N^2}$
2	$\frac{1}{N^2}$	$\frac{1}{N^2}$	...	$\frac{1}{N^2}$
...	...	...	...	...
N	$\frac{1}{N^2}$	$\frac{1}{N^2}$	...	$\frac{1}{N^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X=1, Y=1) &= P(X=1)P(Y=1) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \times \frac{1}{N} = \frac{1}{N^2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence for given  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$

$$P(Z=i) = \sum_{(x,y): \min\{x,y\}=i} f(x,y) = \sum_{y=i}^N f(i, y) + \sum_{x=i}^N f(x, i)$$

$$= \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{N^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{N^2} \right)}_{N-(i-1)} + \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{N^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{N^2} \right)}_{N-i}$$

$$= \frac{N-(i-1)}{N^2} + \frac{N-i}{N^2} = \frac{2N-2i+1}{N^2}$$


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### Density of Functions of two Random Variables.

If  $X$  and  $Y$  have joint pdf and  $g$  is a fct<sup>n</sup> s.t.

$Z = g(X, Y)$  is absolutely continuous ran. var.

Then, how to compute the pdf of  $Z$ ?

Example (3): Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent and exponential random variables with parameters  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  respectively. Find the density of  $\max\{X, Y\}$  (if it exists).

Soln. Set  $Z := \max\{X, Y\}$ .

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda z}, & z \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Then for each  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\{Z \leq z\} = \{X \leq z\} \cap \{Y \leq z\}$$

$$f(y) = \dots$$

$\therefore$  CDF of  $Z$  is

$$\begin{aligned} F_Z(z) &= P(Z \leq z) = P(X \leq z, Y \leq z) \\ &= P(X \leq z) P(Y \leq z) \end{aligned}$$

$$= F_X(z) F_Y(z)$$

CDF of X:  
 $F_X(n) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda n}, & n \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

$$F_X(z) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda z} & \text{if } z \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } z < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$F_Y(z) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\mu z} & \text{if } z \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } z < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore F_Z(z) = \begin{cases} (1 - e^{-\lambda z})(1 - e^{-\mu z}) = 1 - e^{-\mu z} - e^{-\lambda z} + e^{-(\lambda+\mu)z} & \text{if } z \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } z < 0 \end{cases}$$

At  $z=0$ ,  $F_Z(0) = 0$ . Hence CDF of  $Z$  is continuous everywhere. We may differentiate it to get the density (i.e., pdf).

$$f_Z(z) = \begin{cases} \mu e^{-\mu z} + \lambda e^{-\lambda z} - (\lambda + \mu) e^{-(\lambda+\mu)z} & \text{if } z \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } z < 0 \end{cases}$$

Check:  $f_Z'(0) = 0$

Example (4) The joint density of  $\text{pdf}$  of  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} e^{-(x+y)} & \text{if } 0 < x, y < \infty \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Find the density  $\text{pdf}$  of the RV  $\frac{X}{Y}$ .

Soln: Let  $Z := \frac{X}{Y}$ . Let  $z \in \mathbb{R}$  be given.

$$\text{Then } \{Z \leq z\} = \left\{ \frac{X}{Y} \leq z \right\} = \{(x, y) \in A_z\}$$

$$\text{where } A_z = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \frac{x}{y} \leq z\}.$$

$$\text{If } y > 0, \text{ then } A_z = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \leq yz\}.$$

$$\text{If } y < 0, \text{ then } A_z = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \geq yz\}.$$

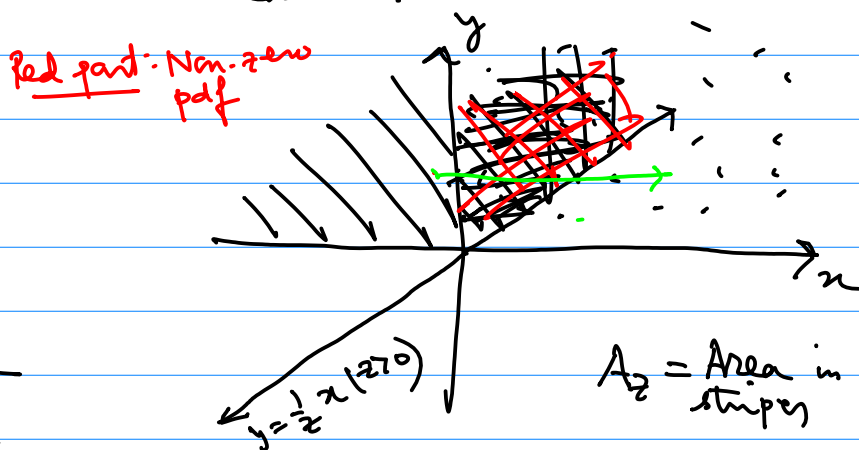
Now we plot the st. line  $x = yz$ , which we further divide into two cases.

(1) When  $y > 0$ :

(a) When  $z \geq 0$ :

$$x = yz \Rightarrow y = \left(\frac{1}{z}\right)x$$

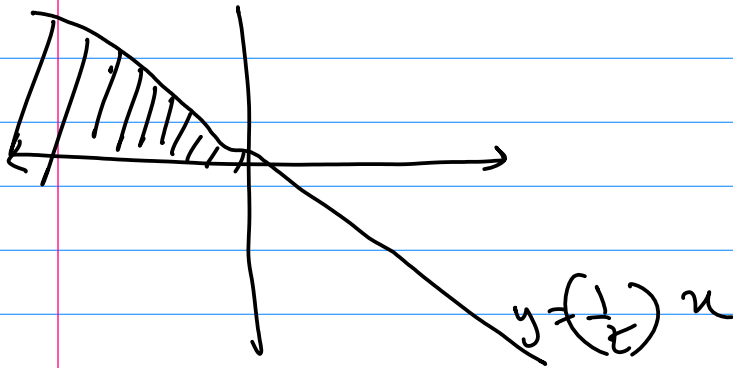
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(b) When  $z < 0$ :

$$x = yz \Rightarrow y = \left(\frac{1}{z}\right)x.$$

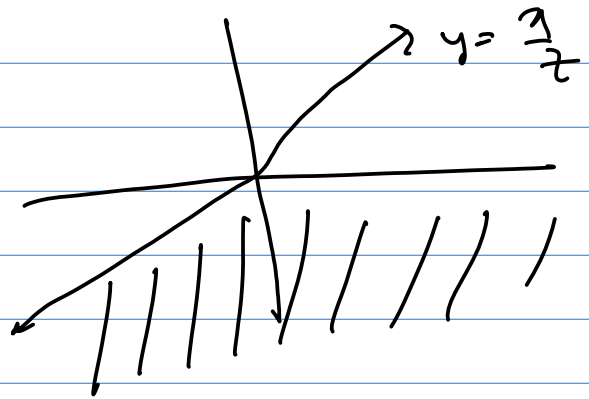
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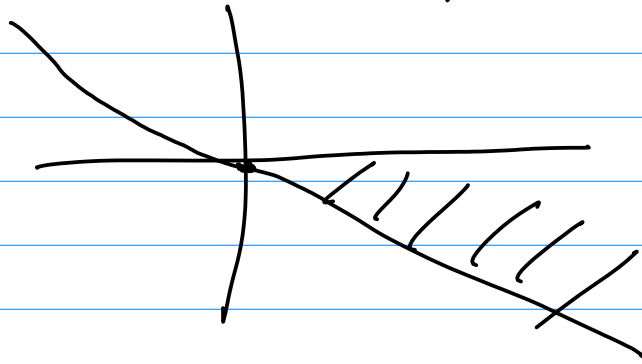
$$y \leq \frac{x}{z}$$

(2) When  $y < 0$ :

(a)  $z \geq 0$



(b) When  $z < 0$



Therefore if  $z \geq 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_Z(z) &= P\{(X, Y) \in A_z\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-y} \left( \int_{x=0}^{zy} e^{-x} dx \right) dy \\
 &= \int_0^\infty e^{-y} \left[ -e^{-x} \right]_0^{zy} dy = \left[ -e^{-y} + \frac{1}{z+1} e^{-(z+1)y} \right]_0^\infty \\
 &= 1 - \frac{1}{z+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{If } z < 0, \quad F_Z(z) = P\{(X, Y) \in A_z\} = 0$$

$$\text{hence, } F_Z(z) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{z+1} & \text{if } z \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } z < 0 \end{cases}$$

Since  $F_Z$  is a cont. fcn, we may differentiate it to get the density.

$$F_Z'(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(z+1)^2} & \text{if } z > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } z < 0 \end{cases}$$

$F_Z$  is not differentiable at  $z=0$ . So we set density to be equal to zero at this point.

Hence pdf of  $Z$  is

$$f_Z(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(z+1)^2} & \text{if } z > 0 \\ 0 & z \leq 0 \end{cases}$$


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Example (4): Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be iid uniform random variables distributed over interval  $(0, 1)$ . find the density of  $X+Y$  (if it exists).

Soln: Define  $Z := X + Y$ .

for fixed  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , the event

$\{Z \leq z\}$  is equivalent to the event

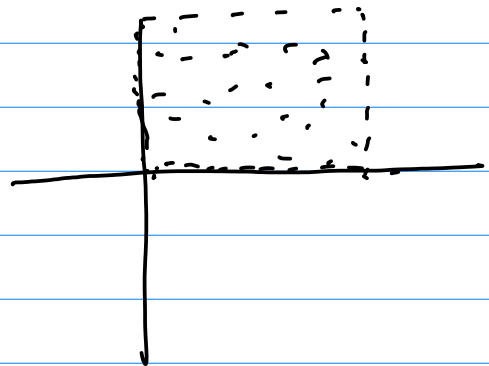
$\{(X, Y) \in A_z\}$  where  $A_z = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x + y \leq z\}$ .

Thus  $F_Z(z) = P(Z \leq z)$

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

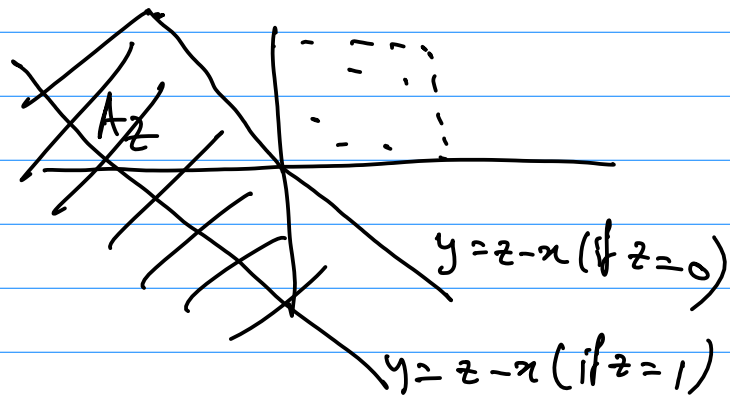
$$= \int \int_{A_z} f(x, y) dx dy \quad (0, 1) \times (0, 1)$$

Since our joint density is non-zero only on unit square, therefore we analyze the set  $A_z$  for various values of  $z$ .



1. If  $-1 < z \leq 0$ :

$$\int \int_{A_z} f(x, y) dx dy = 0$$



2. If  $0 < z \leq 1$

$$\int \int_{A_z} f(x, y) dx dy$$

$A_z = \text{Area in red} = \frac{1}{2} \times z \times z = \frac{z^2}{2}$

