

CEE 260/MIE 273: Probability and Statistics in Civil Engineering

Lecture 3f: Joint Distributions

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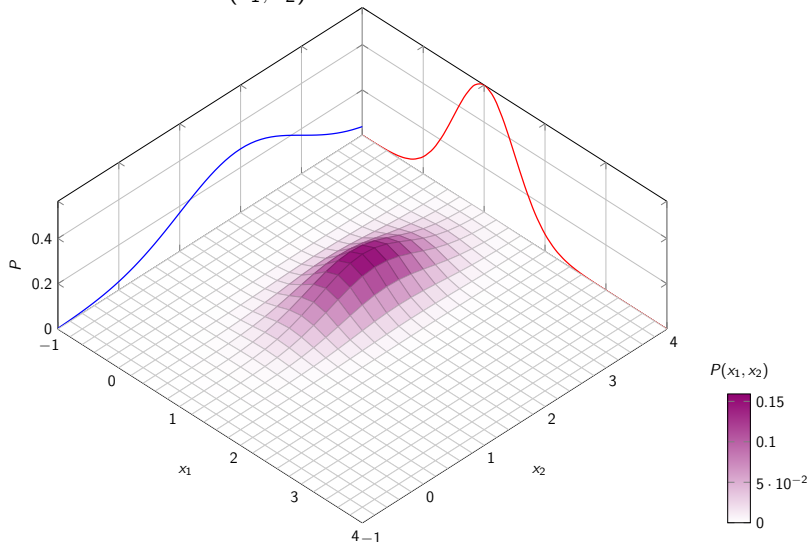
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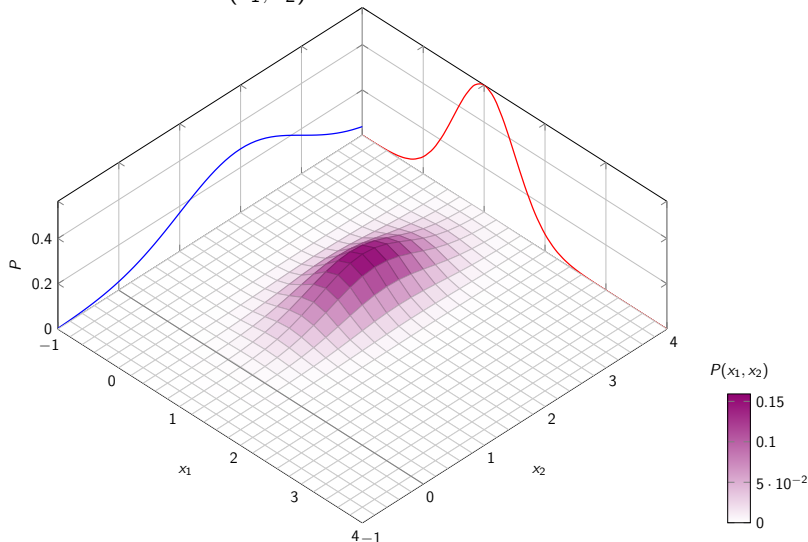
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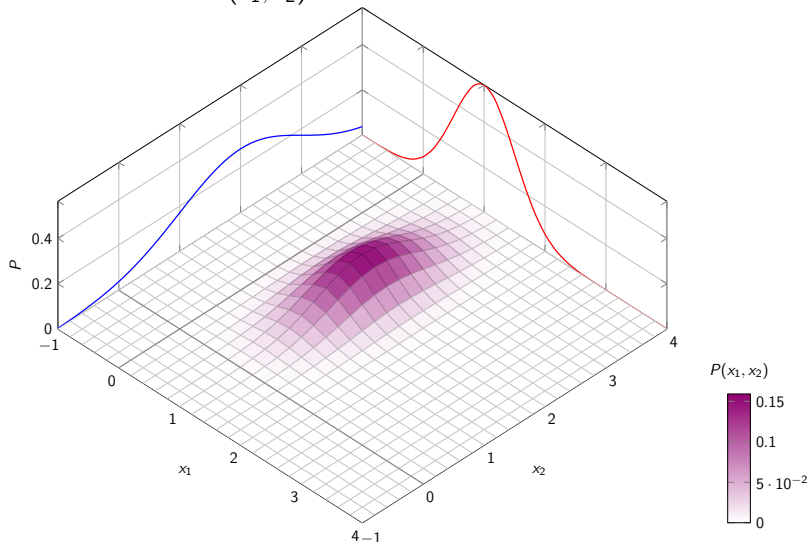
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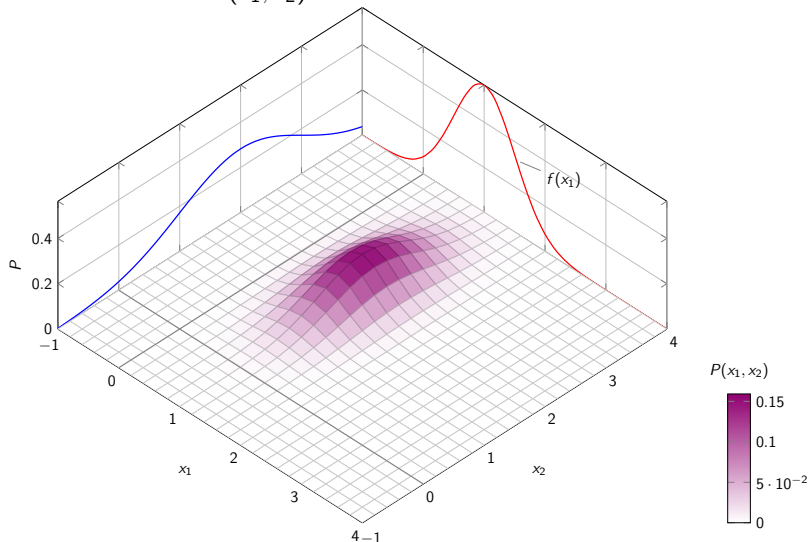
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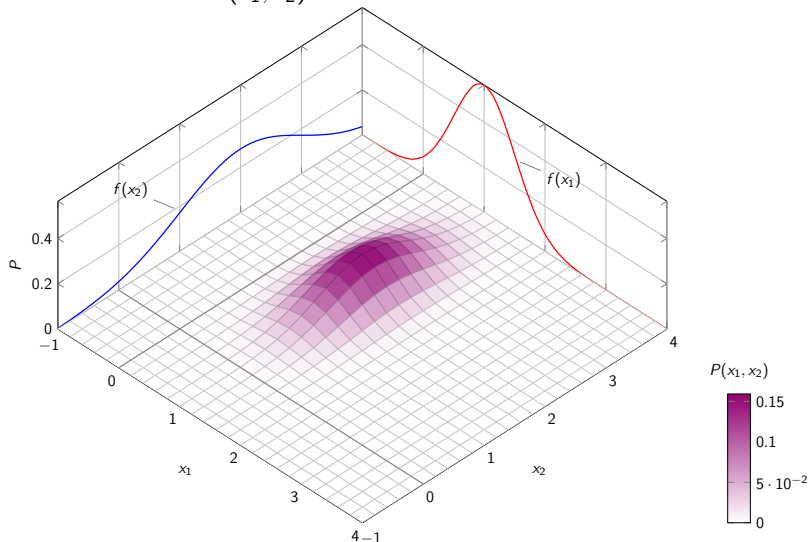
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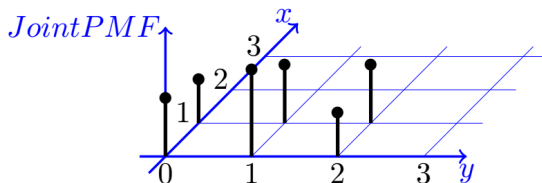
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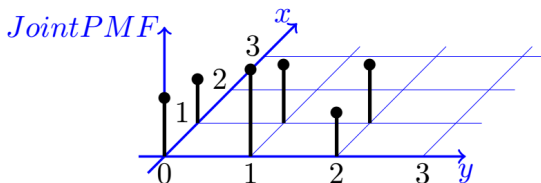
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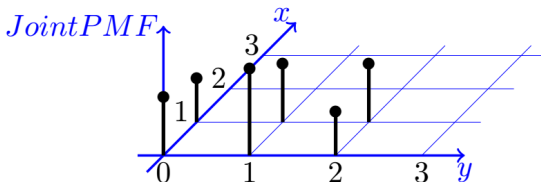


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Example 1: Joint PMF of two random variables (cont.)

Solution

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$X = 1$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{11}{24}$
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$X = 1$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{11}{24}$
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Solution

(c) Here we use the conditional probability formula:

$$P(Y = 1|X = 0) =$$

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	$Y = 0$	$Y = 1$	$Y = 2$	$p_X(x)$
$X = 0$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{13}{24}$
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$$P(Y = 1|X = 0) = \frac{P(Y = 1 \cap X = 0)}{P(X = 0)}$$

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	$Y = 0$	$Y = 1$	$Y = 2$	$p_X(x)$
$X = 0$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{13}{24}$
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$$P(Y = 1|X = 0) = \frac{P(Y = 1 \cap X = 0)}{P(X = 0)} = \frac{P(Y = 1, X = 0)}{P(X = 0)}$$

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	$Y = 0$	$Y = 1$	$Y = 2$	$p_X(x)$
$X = 0$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{13}{24}$
$X = 1$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{11}{24}$
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$$\begin{aligned} P(Y = 1|X = 0) &= \frac{P(Y = 1 \cap X = 0)}{P(X = 0)} = \frac{P(Y = 1, X = 0)}{P(X = 0)} \\ &= \frac{p_{XY}(0, 1)}{p_X(0)} = \end{aligned}$$

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	$Y = 0$	$Y = 1$	$Y = 2$	$p_X(x)$
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$X = 1$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{11}{24}$
$p_Y(y)$	$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{24}$	$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{7}{24}$	

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 &= \frac{p_{XY}(0, 1)}{p_X(0)} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{13}{24}} =
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 1: Joint PMF of two random variables (cont.)

	$Y = 0$	$Y = 1$	$Y = 2$	$p_X(x)$
$X = 0$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{13}{24}$
$X = 1$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{11}{24}$
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Solution

(c) Here we use the conditional probability formula:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y = 1|X = 0) &= \frac{P(Y = 1 \cap X = 0)}{P(X = 0)} = \frac{P(Y = 1, X = 0)}{P(X = 0)} \\ &= \frac{p_{XY}(0, 1)}{p_X(0)} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{13}{24}} = \frac{6}{13} \end{aligned}$$

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$X = 0$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8}$

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$X = 0$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{13}{24}$
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$X = 1$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{11}{24}$
$p_Y(y)$	$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{24}$	$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{7}{24}$	

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$X = 1$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{11}{24}$
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Solution

- (d) Two r.v.'s are independent if $P(Y = y_j | X = x_i) = P(X = x_i)$ or $P(X = x_i | Y = y_j) = P(Y = y_j)$ for all i and j .

Example 1: Joint PMF of two random variables (cont.)

	$Y = 0$	$Y = 1$	$Y = 2$	$p_X(x)$
$X = 0$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{13}{24}$
$X = 1$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{11}{24}$
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Solution

- (d) Two r.v.'s are independent if $P(Y = y_j | X = x_i) = P(Y = y_j)$ or $P(X = x_i | Y = y_j) = P(X = x_i)$ for all i and j . Here,

$$P(Y = 1 | X = 0)$$

Example 1: Joint PMF of two random variables (cont.)

	$Y = 0$	$Y = 1$	$Y = 2$	$p_X(x)$
$X = 0$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{13}{24}$
$X = 1$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{11}{24}$
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