



a) The area of the triangle is  $1/2$ , so that  $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = 1/2$ , on the triangle indicated in Fig. (a), and zero everywhere else.

(b) We have

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx = \int_0^{1-y} 2 dx = 2(1-y), \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1.$$

(c) We have

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} = \frac{1}{1-y}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1-y.$$

The conditional density is shown in the figure.

Intuitively, since the joint PDF is constant, the conditional PDF (which is a “slice” of the joint, at some fixed  $y$ ) is also constant. Therefore, the conditional PDF must be a uniform distribution. Given that  $Y = y$ ,  $X$  ranges from 0 to  $1-y$ . Therefore, for the PDF to integrate to 1, its height must be equal to  $1/(1-y)$ , in agreement with the figure.

(d) For  $y > 1$  or  $y < 0$ , the conditional PDF is undefined, since these values of  $y$  are impossible. For  $0 \leq y < 1$ , the conditional mean  $\mathbf{E}[X | Y = y]$  is obtained using the uniform PDF in Fig. (b), and we have

$$\mathbf{E}[X | Y = y] = \frac{1-y}{2}, \quad 0 \leq y < 1.$$

For  $y = 1$ ,  $X$  must be equal to 0, with certainty, so  $\mathbf{E}[X \mid Y = 1] = 0$ . Thus, the above formula is also valid when  $y = 1$ . The conditional expectation is undefined when  $y$  is outside  $[0, 1]$ .

The total expectation theorem yields

$$\mathbf{E}[X] = \int_0^1 \frac{1-y}{2} f_Y(y) dy = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 y f_Y(y) dy = \frac{1 - \mathbf{E}[Y]}{2}.$$

(e) Because of symmetry, we must have  $\mathbf{E}[X] = \mathbf{E}[Y]$ . Therefore,  $\mathbf{E}[X] = ((1 - \mathbf{E}[X]))/2$ , which yields  $\mathbf{E}[X] = 1/3$ .