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# Marginal Distributions: Continuous Example - Quiz

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### **Question 1**

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Let's return to the continuous example that we used earlier in this lecture,

$$f_{XY}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{9}, 0 < y < 2 \text{ and } 0 < x < 3\\ 0, \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Which of the following represents the marginal PDF of X?

$$lacksquare f_x x = \int_0^2 rac{xy}{9} dy$$

$$\bigcirc f_x x = \int_0^3 rac{xy}{9} dy$$

$$^{\bigcirc}~f_xx=\int_0^2rac{xy}{9}dx$$

#### Joint, Marginal, and Conditional Distributions

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$$^{\circ}$$
  $f_x x = \int_0^3 rac{xy}{9} dx$ 

#### **Explanation**

The marginal PDF of X is given by integrating over the joint PDF over the support of Y. A gives the correct integral, where the joint PDF is integrated with respect to Y over the support of Y, where Y is between 0 and 1, or  $f_x x = \int_0^2 \frac{xy}{9} dy$ 

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## Question 2

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Using the same example as above, what is the value of the marginal PDF for X=1?

Please round your answer to two decimal places (e.g. if your answer is 0.181, you would to 0.18 and if it is 0.186, you would round to 0.19).

0.22

**✓ Answer:** 0.22

0.22

**Explanation** 

To calculate the value of the marginal PDF for X=1, solve the integral that we set up in the previous question.

$$f_X(x) = \int_0^2 \frac{xy}{9} \, dy$$

$$f_X(1) = \frac{y^2}{18} \begin{vmatrix} y = 2\\ y = 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$f_X(1) = \frac{2^2}{18} - \frac{0^2}{18} = \frac{2}{9} = 0.22$$

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