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For two continuous random variables, we can write their joint pdf the same way: f(x, y) "summing" the small bits of probability f(x, y) dx dy over some region $X \in A, Y \in B$

Let X, Y be a continuous random variables. The joint pdf for X and Y is $f(x, y) \ge 0$

The joint range is the set of pairs (x, y) that have non-zero density.

The double integral over all values must be 1

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = 1$$

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exercise 4

Let X and Y be two jointly continuous random variables with the following joint pdf

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} x + cy^2 & \text{for } 0 \le x \le 1, 0 \le y \le 1\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find a sketch the joint range of X and Y (i.e. $\Omega_{X,Y}$).
- (b) Find the constant c that makes f(x, y) a valid joint pdf.
- (c) Find $P(0 \le X \le 1/2, 0 \le Y \le 1/2)$.