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Homework #11

From the textbook:

Chapter 6 / Problems: 6.42, 6.47, 6.52, 6.55*, 6.56, 6.57, 6.58; Theoretical exercises: 6.28, 6.35 * challenging: the answer to part (a) is $f_{U,V}(u,v) = \frac{1}{2u^2v}$ for $u \ge 1$ and $\frac{1}{u} \le v \le u$, and for part (b) is $f_{U}(u) = \frac{\ln(u)}{u^2}$ for $u \ge 1$ and $f_{V}(v) = \begin{cases} 1/2 & \text{for } 0 < v < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2v^2} & \text{for } v \ge 1 \end{cases}$.

Additional problems:

- **A.11.1.** In problem 6.52 in the textbook, the joint pdf is $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{\pi}$ for $x^2 + y^2 \le 1$. Compute $P(0 \le Y \le \frac{1}{2}|X = \frac{1}{2})$. That is, if we are told that the x-coordinate of the dart lands on the chord where $x = \frac{1}{2}$, compute the probability that the y-coordinate is between 0 and $\frac{1}{2}$.
- **11.2.** Suppose Z_1 and Z_2 are independent standard normal random variables, and consider the random variables $U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Z_1 + Z_2)$ and $V = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Z_1 Z_2)$. Find the joint pdf of U, V. Is anything remarkable about this?
- **11.3.** This problem is a re-phrasing of the textbook's theoretical exercise 6.21: Suppose $W \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ and $N|W=w \sim \text{Poisson}(w)$.
- (a) Find the joint distribution of W, N.
- (b) Find the conditional distribution of W given N=n. Answer: $W|N=n\sim \mathrm{Gamma}(n+\alpha,\frac{\beta}{1+\beta})$.