

Problems on Continuous Random Variable

2. If the joint pdf of (x, y) is given by $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x^2 + \frac{xy}{3}, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & 0 < y < 2 \\ \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
Find $P(x > \frac{1}{2})$, $P(y < \frac{1}{2} | x < \frac{1}{2})$
and $P(y < x)$.

Solution:

To find $P(x > \frac{1}{2})$

$$\text{Let } P(x > \frac{1}{2}) = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f(x) dx.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } f(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy = \int_0^2 (x^2 + \frac{xy}{3}) dy \\ &= \left(xy + \frac{x}{3} \frac{y^2}{2} \right)_0^2 = \left(2x^2 + \frac{x}{3} \left(\frac{4}{2} \right) - 0 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = 2x^2 + \frac{2x}{3}, \quad 0 < x < 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } P(x > \frac{1}{2}) &= \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 (2x^2 + \frac{2x}{3}) dx \\ &= \left(\frac{2x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^2}{2 \times 3} \right)_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \right) - \left(\frac{2(\frac{1}{2})^3}{3} + \frac{(\frac{1}{2})^2}{3} \right) \\ &= 1 - \left(\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{12} \right) = 1 - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(x > \frac{1}{2}) = 0.833$$

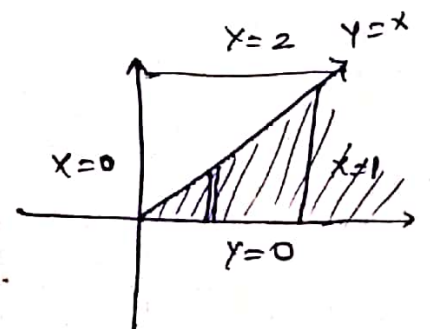
$$\begin{aligned}
 (ii) \quad P(y < \frac{1}{2} \mid x < \frac{1}{2}) &= \frac{P(y < \frac{1}{2}, x < \frac{1}{2})}{P(x < \frac{1}{2})} = \frac{P(x < \frac{1}{2}, y < \frac{1}{2})}{P(x < \frac{1}{2})} \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} (x^2 + \frac{xy}{3}) dy dx \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2 y}{6} \right) \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{2}} dy \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{24} + \frac{y}{24} \right) dy \\
 &= \frac{1}{24} \left[y + \frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{24} \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8} \right] - 0 \\
 &= \frac{1}{24} \left(\frac{4+1}{8} \right) = \frac{5}{192}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } P(x < \frac{1}{2}) = 1 - P(x \geq \frac{1}{2}) = 1 - \frac{5}{6} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\therefore P(y < \frac{1}{2} \mid x < \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{\frac{5}{192}}{\frac{1}{6}} = \frac{5}{192} \times \frac{6}{1}$$

$$P(y < \frac{1}{2} \mid x < \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{5}{32} = 0.156$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (iii) \quad P(y < x) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^x f(x,y) dy dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \left(x^2 + \frac{xy}{3} \right) dy dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \left(x^2 y + \frac{x^2 y^2}{6} \right) \Big|_0^x dx
 \end{aligned}$$



$$= \int_0^1 \left(x^3 + \frac{x^3}{6} - 0 \right) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{7x^3}{6} dx$$

$$= \frac{7}{6} \left(\frac{x^4}{4} \right)_0^1$$

$$\boxed{P(Y < X) = \frac{7}{24}}$$

3. If the joint pdf of (x, y) is $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{6}{5}(x+y^2) & 0 \leq x, y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$.
Find the marginal densities of x and y . Find also $P\left(\frac{1}{4} \leq y \leq \frac{3}{4}\right)$.

Soln:

Marginal density of $x = f(x) = \int_0^1 f(x, y) dy$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{6}{5}(x+y^2) dy$$

$$= \frac{6}{5} \left(xy + \frac{y^3}{3} \right)_0^1$$

$$= \frac{6}{5} \left(x + \frac{1}{3} - 0 \right)$$

$$\boxed{f(x) = \frac{6}{5} \left(x + \frac{1}{3} \right)}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

Marginal density of $y = f(y) = \int_0^1 f(x, y) dx$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{6}{5}(x+y^2) dx$$

$$= \frac{6}{5} \left(\frac{x^2}{2} + xy^2 \right)_0^1$$

$$= \frac{6}{5} \left(\frac{1}{2} + y^2 - 0 \right)$$

$$f(y) = \frac{6}{5} \left(\frac{1}{2} + y^2 \right), \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{iii)} \quad P\left(\frac{1}{4} \leq y \leq \frac{3}{4}\right) &= \int_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{3}{4}} f(y) dy = \int_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{3}{4}} \frac{6}{5} \left(\frac{1}{2} + y^2\right) dy \\
 &= \frac{6}{5} \left(\frac{1}{2}y + \frac{y^3}{3}\right) \Big|_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{3}{4}} \\
 &= \frac{6}{5} \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{3} \left(\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3\right)\right) \\
 &= \frac{6}{5} \left(\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{27}{64} - \frac{1}{64}\right)\right) \\
 &= \frac{6}{5} \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{13}{96}\right) \\
 &= \frac{6}{5} \left(\frac{24+13}{96}\right) = \frac{6}{5} \times \frac{37}{96} \\
 \boxed{P\left(\frac{1}{4} \leq y \leq \frac{3}{4}\right)} &= \frac{37}{80} = 0.4625
 \end{aligned}$$

3. If the joint pdf of (x, y) is $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} e^{-(x+y)} & , x > 0, y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
 find $P(x < 1)$, $P(x+y < 1)$

Soln:

$$\text{let } f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(x+y)} dy = e^{-x} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} dy$$

$$= e^{-x} (-e^{-y}) \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$f(x) = e^{-x} (-e^{-\infty} + e^0)$$

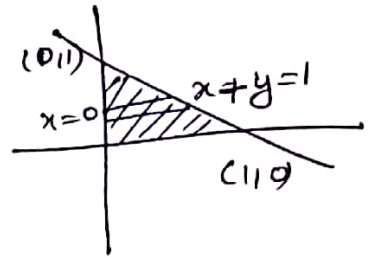
$$f(x) = e^{-x} (0+1)$$

$$\boxed{f(x) = e^{-x}, x > 0}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{let } P(x < 1) &= \int_0^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 e^{-x} dx = (-e^{-x}) \Big|_0^1 \\
 &= -e^{-1} + e^0 = 1 - e^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(x+y < 1) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-y} f(x,y) dx dy \\
 &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-y} e^{-(x+y)} dx dy \\
 &= \int_0^1 e^{-y} (-e^{-x})_0^{1-y} dy \\
 &= \int_0^1 e^{-y} (-e^{-(1-y)} + e^0) dy \\
 &= \int_0^1 e^{-y} (-e^{-1} e^y + 1) dy \\
 &= \int_0^1 (-e^{-1} + e^{-y}) dy \\
 &= (-e^{-1} y - e^{-y})_0^1 \\
 &= (-e^{-1}(1) - e^{-1}) - (0 - e^0) \\
 &= -e^{-1} - e^{-1} + 1 \\
 &= 1 - 2e^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$



4. If the joint probability distribution of (x, y) is

$$F(x,y) = \begin{cases} (1-e^{-x})(1-e^{-y}), & x > 0, y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(i) find Marginal densities of x & y (ii) Are x & y indep?

(iii) $P(1 < x < 3, 1 < y < 2)$.

Soln: Let $f(x,y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F(x,y)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x,y) &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (1 - e^{-x})(1 - e^{-y}) \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (1 - e^{-x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (1 - e^{-y}) \\
 &= e^{-x} e^{-y}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x,y) = e^{-x} e^{-y}, \quad x > 0, y > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{let } f(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dy = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} e^{-y} dy \\
 &= e^{-x} (-e^{-y})_0^{\infty} = e^{-x} (-e^{-\infty} + e^0) \\
 &= e^{-x} (0 + 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = e^{-x}, \quad x > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{let } f(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} e^{-y} dx = e^{-y} (-e^{-x})_0^{\infty} \\
 f(y) &= e^{-y} (-e^{-\infty} + e^0)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(y) = e^{-y}, \quad y > 0$$

$$\text{let } f(x) * f(y) = e^{-x} e^{-y} = f(x,y)$$

$\therefore x$ & y are independent.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii) } P(1 < x < 3, 1 < y < 2) &= \int_1^2 \int_1^3 e^{-x} e^{-y} dx dy \\
 &= (-e^{-x})_1^3 (-e^{-y})_1^2 \\
 &= (-e^{-3} + e^{-1}) (-e^{-2} + e^{-1}) \\
 &= (0.3181) (0.2325) \\
 &= 0.0789
 \end{aligned}$$

5) If the joint pdf of (x, y) is $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} kxy e^{-(x^2+y^2)} & x > 0, \\ & y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

(i) Find k (ii) Prove that x & y are independent.

Soln:

To find k .

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

$$\int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} kxy e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx dy = 1$$

$$k \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx \int_0^{\infty} y e^{-y^2} dy = 1$$

let $x^2 = u$

$$2x dx = du$$

$$\Rightarrow x dx = \frac{du}{2}$$

x	0	∞
u	0	∞

$u \rightarrow 0 \text{ to } \infty$

let $y^2 = v$

$$2y dy = dv$$

$$y dy = \frac{dv}{2}$$

y	0	∞
v	0	∞

$v \rightarrow 0 \text{ to } \infty$

$$\therefore k \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u} \frac{du}{2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-v} \frac{dv}{2} = 1$$

$$\frac{k}{4} \left(-e^{-u} \right)_0^{\infty} \left(-e^{-v} \right)_0^{\infty} = 1$$

$$\frac{k}{4} \left(-e^{-\infty} + e^0 \right) \left(-e^{-\infty} + e^0 \right) = 1$$

$$\frac{k}{4} (0+1)(0+1) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{k=4}$$

$$\therefore f(x,y) = \begin{cases} 4xy e^{-(x^2+y^2)}, & x > 0, y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } f(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dy = \int_0^{\infty} 4xy e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dy \\ &= 4x \int_0^{\infty} y e^{-x^2} e^{-y^2} dy \\ &= 4x e^{-x^2} \int_0^{\infty} y e^{-y^2} dy \\ &= 4x e^{-x^2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-v} \frac{dv}{2} \\ &= 2x e^{-x^2} (-e^{-v})_0^{\infty} \\ &= 2x e^{-x^2} (0+1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = 2x e^{-x^2}, x > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } f(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dx = \int_0^{\infty} 4xy e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} 4xy e^{-x^2} e^{-y^2} dx = 4y e^{-y^2} \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx \\ &= 4y e^{-y^2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u} \frac{du}{2} \\ &= 2y e^{-y^2} (-e^{-u})_0^{\infty} = 2y e^{-y^2} (-e^{-\infty} + e^0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f(y) = 2y e^{-y^2}, y > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } f(x) \times f(y) &= 2x e^{-x^2} \times 2y e^{-y^2}, x > 0, y > 0 \\ &= 4xy e^{-(x^2+y^2)}, x > 0, y > 0 \\ &= f(x,y). \end{aligned}$$

Items x & y are Indept.