

## Joint Distributions

◦ Joint PMF  $P_{X,Y}(x,y) = P[X=x, Y=y]$

◦ Joint PDF  $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \text{density at } (x,y)$

Say  $B = \text{set of } (x,y) \text{ values} = \text{region in } X,Y \text{ chart}$

$$P[B] = P[(X,Y) \in B] = \sum_{(x,y) \in B} P_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

Say  $\mathcal{V} = \text{region in } X,Y \text{ plane}$

$$P[\mathcal{V}] = \iint_{\mathcal{V}} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$$

When  $\mathcal{V} = \{a \leq X \leq b, c \leq Y \leq d\}$  have:

$$P[\mathcal{V}] = \int_c^d \int_a^b f_{X,Y} dx dy$$

### Marginal distribution:

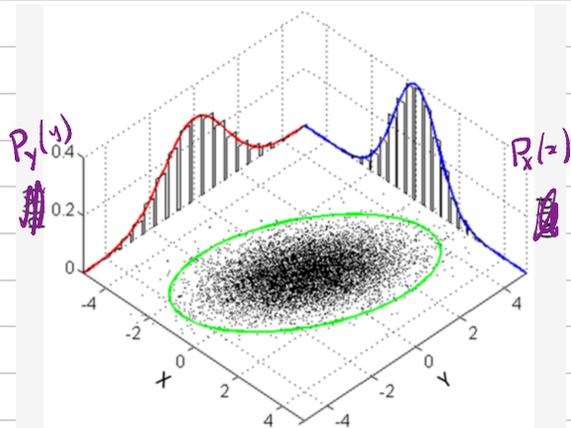
"Marginal" = PMF of  $X$  or  $Y$  considered separately.

$$P_X(x) = \sum_{\text{all } y} P_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

$$P_Y(y) = \sum_{\text{all } x} P_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx$$

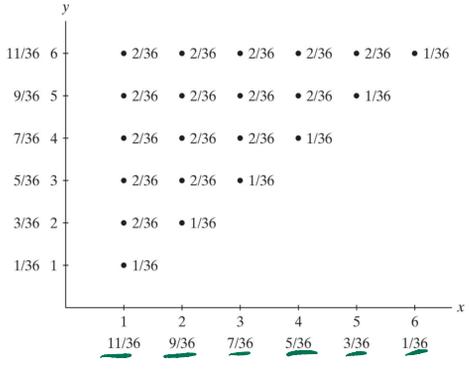


Example: Roll 2 dice,  $X = \min$   $Y = \max$ .

Q: Find marginal PMFs.

A:

Joint PMF chart:



$P_Y(6) = 11/36$   
 $P_Y(5) = 9/36$   
 $P_Y(4) = 7/36$   
 $P_Y(3) = 5/36$   
 $P_Y(2) = 3/36$   
 $P_Y(1) = 1/36$

Example:

$P_{Q,G}(q,g)$	$g = 0$	$g = 1$	$g = 2$	$g = 3$
$q = 0$	0.06	0.18	0.24	0.12
$q = 1$	0.04	0.12	0.16	0.08
	↓ 0.1	↓ 0.3	↓ 0.4	↓ 0.2

→ 0.6  
→ 0.4

Q:

- (a)  $P[Q=0]$       (b)  $P[Q=6]$       (c)  $P[G>1]$       (d)  $P[G>Q]$

A: (a) 0.6  
(b) 0.18

(c) 0.6  
(d) 0.78

Example:  $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 2xe^{x^2-y} & y > x^2, x \in [0,1] \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

Find  $f_Y(y)$  and  $P[Y < 3X^2]$ .

Answer:  $f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx$

Draw region:

So  $f_Y(y) = \int_{x=0}^{\sqrt{y}} 2xe^{x^2-y} dx$

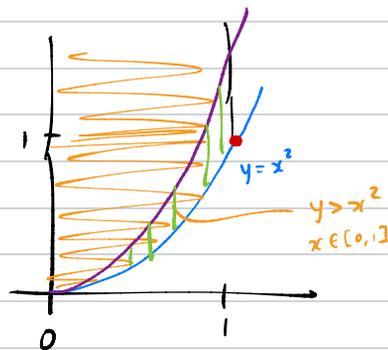
$\leadsto e^{x^2-y} \Big|_0^{\sqrt{y}} \leadsto e^0 - e^{-y} = 1 - e^{-y}$

when  $y \in [0,1]$

$f_Y(y) = \int_{x=0}^1 2xe^{x^2-y} dx \leadsto e^{x^2-y} \Big|_0^1 = e^{1-y} - e^{-y} = e^{-y}(e-1)$

when  $y > 1$

$$f_Y = \begin{cases} 0 & y < 0 \\ 1 - e^{-y} & 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ (e-1)e^{-y} & 1 < y \end{cases}$$



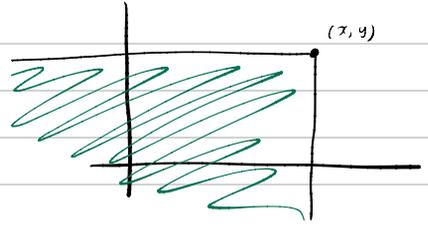
$P[Y < 3X^2] = \int_{x=0}^1 \int_{y=x^2}^{3x^2} 2xe^{x^2-y} dy dx \leadsto \frac{1}{2}(1 + e^{-2})$

# Joint CDF

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = P[X \leq x, Y \leq y]$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{k \leq x \\ l \leq y}} P_{X,Y}(k,l)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f_{X,Y}(u,v) du dv$$

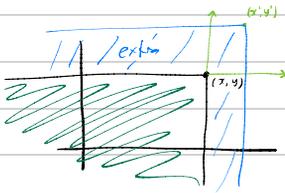


$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

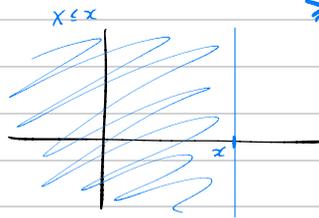
Example: (a) Why is  $F_{X,Y}(x,y) \leq F_{X,Y}(x',y')$ ?

When  $x < x'$ ,  $y < y'$

Ans:



$$F_{X,Y}(x',y') = F_{X,Y}(x,y) + \text{extra} \geq 0$$



$$F_X(x) = P[X \leq x]$$

(b)  $F_X(x) = F_{X,Y}(x, \infty)$

$F_Y(y) = F_{X,Y}(\infty, y)$

(c)  $F_{X,Y}(x, -\infty) = 0 = F_{X,Y}(-\infty, y)$

Main application: find  $f_{R,\Theta}$  etc.

# Independent RVs

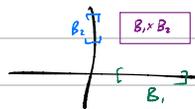
Recall for events  $A, B$ :  $P[A|B] = P[A] \Leftrightarrow P[AB] = P[A]P[B]$

Definition:  $X, Y$  independent when:

$$P[X \in B_1, Y \in B_2] = P[X \in B_1] \cdot P[Y \in B_2]$$

for all  $B_1, B_2 \subset \mathbb{R}$  intervals

Too hard  
to check all  $B_1, B_2$ !



Short version: indep. when  
any of these function equalities holds:

$$\circ P_{X,Y} = P_X \cdot P_Y \quad \circ f_{X,Y} = f_X \cdot f_Y \quad \circ F_{X,Y} = F_X \cdot F_Y$$

i.e.  $P_{X,Y}(x,y) = P_X(x) \cdot P_Y(y)$



watch out  
piecewise fns!

- Example:
- A man & woman plan to meet btwn 12, 1 pm.
  - Uniform dist. over 12:00-1:00 each.
  - Independent of each other.

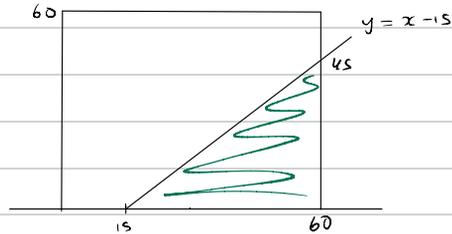
Find prob. the first to arrive waits longer than 15 mins for the second to arrive.

Solution: Let  $X =$  arrival of man,  $X \in (0, 60)$   
 $Y =$  arrival of woman,  $Y \in (0, 60)$

$$\text{ANS} = P["1^{\text{st}} \text{ waits} > 15 \text{ mins}"] \\ = P["\text{time btwn } x, y > 15"]$$

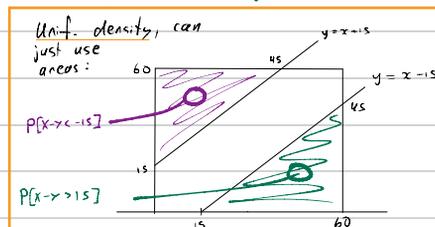
$$= P[|X - Y| > 15] \\ = P[X - Y > 15 \text{ OR } -(X - Y) > 15] \\ = P[X - Y > 15 \text{ OR } X - Y < -15] \\ = P[X - Y > 15] + P[X - Y < -15] \\ = 2 P[X - Y > 15] \quad (\text{by symmetry } X \leftrightarrow Y) \\ = 2 P[Y < X - 15]$$

$$= 2 \int_{y=0}^{45} \int_{y+15}^{60} \left(\frac{1}{60}\right)^2 dx dy$$



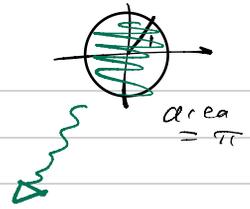
$$f_{x,y} = f_x \cdot f_y = \left(\frac{1}{60}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{60}\right) \quad x, y \in (0, 60)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \boxed{\frac{9}{16}}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{area} &= \frac{1}{2}(45)(45) \\ \text{area} &= \frac{1}{2}(45)(45) \\ P[|x-y| > 15] &= \frac{\text{area} - \text{area}}{60 \cdot 60} \\ &= \frac{45^2}{60^2} = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 = \boxed{\frac{9}{16}} \end{aligned}$$

Example: point  $p = (x, y)$  Unif (unit disk):



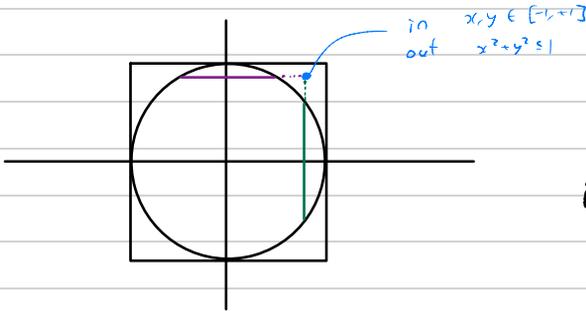
- (a) are  $X, Y$  indep?  
(b) are  $R, \Theta$  indep?

Solution: (a)  $f_{x,y} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi} & x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

$$f_x = \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{+\sqrt{1-x^2}} \frac{1}{\pi} dy = \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{1-x^2} \quad x \in [-1, +1]$$

$$f_y = \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{1-y^2} \quad y \in [-1, +1]$$

$$f_x \cdot f_y = \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sqrt{(1-x^2)(1-y^2)} \neq \frac{1}{\pi} = f_{x,y} \quad \text{on } x, y \in [-1, 1] \quad x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$$



not  
independent

$$(b) \quad f_{R,\theta} \stackrel{?}{=} f_R \cdot f_\theta$$

Method: