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observe ...

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx$$

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

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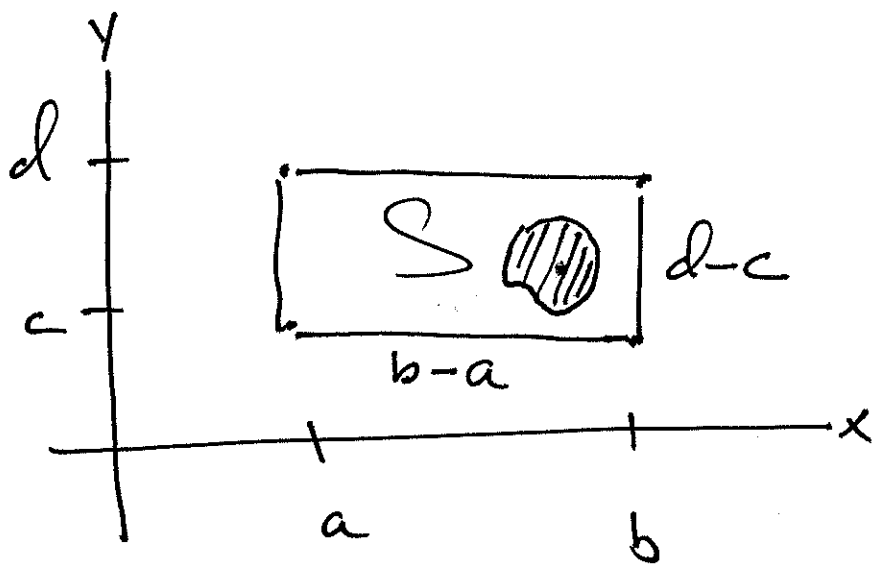
similarly

$$E[Y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$$

Ex. Joint Uniform $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$ on

$$\Omega = [a, b] \times [c, d]$$

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \alpha & \text{if } (x,y) \in \Omega \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



We must have

$$1 = P(\Omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$$

$$= \int_c^d \int_a^b \alpha \, dx \, dy$$

$$= \alpha \int_c^d (b-a) \, dy = \alpha (b-a)(d-c)$$

$$= \alpha \cdot \text{area}(S)$$

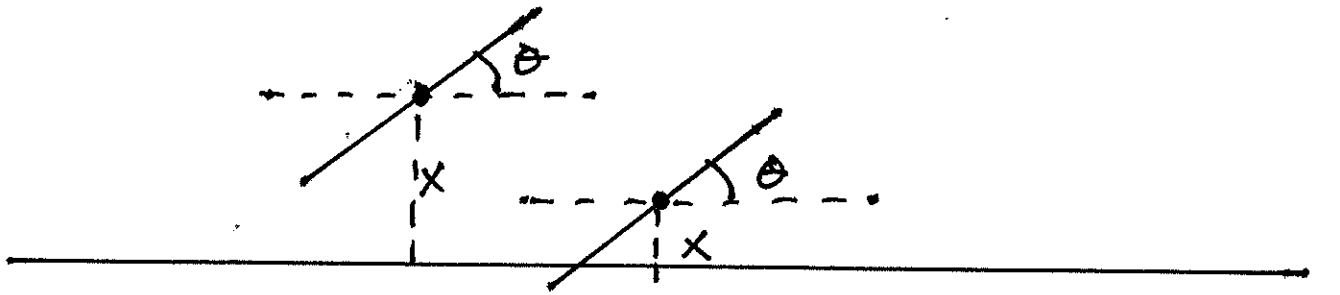
$$\therefore \alpha = \frac{1}{\text{area}(S)}$$

$$\therefore f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\text{area}(S)} & \text{if } (x,y) \in S \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Ex. Buffon's Needle

A surface is ruled with parallel lines distance d apart. a needle of length l is tossed on the surface. What is the probability that the needle intersects a line?

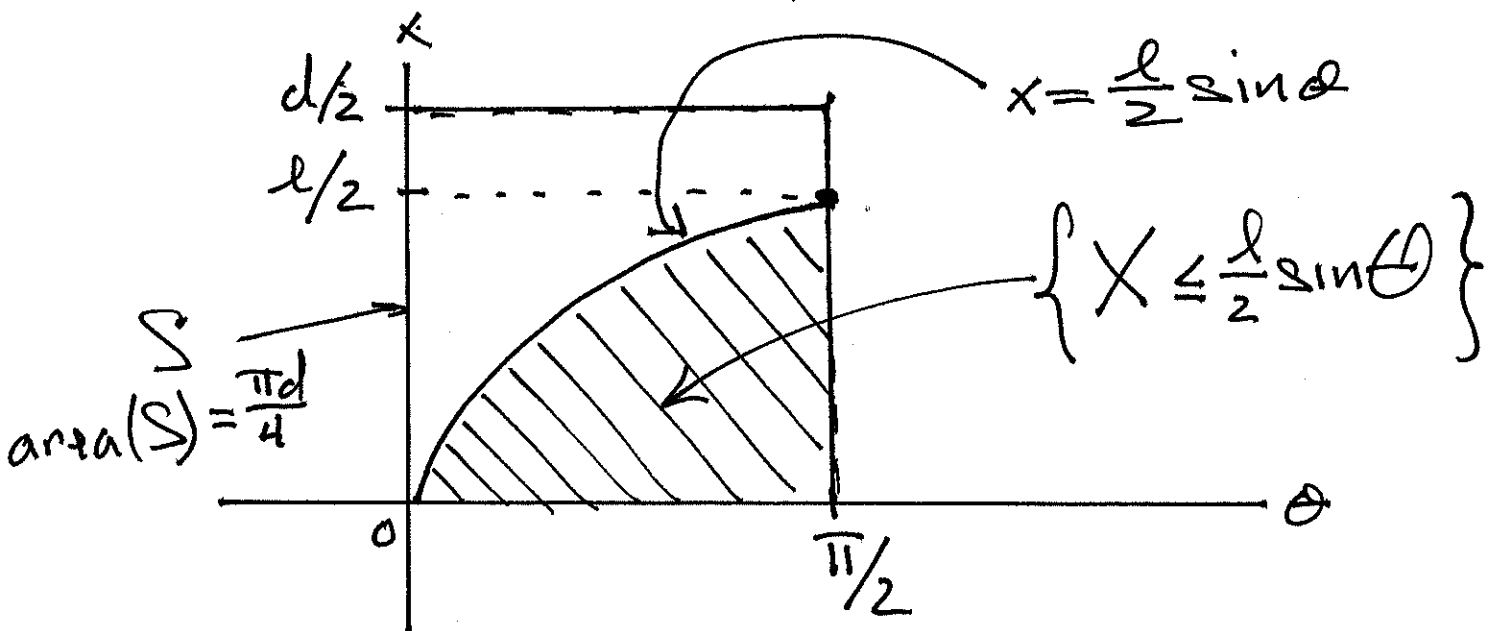
Assume $l < d$, so cannot intersect 2 lines.



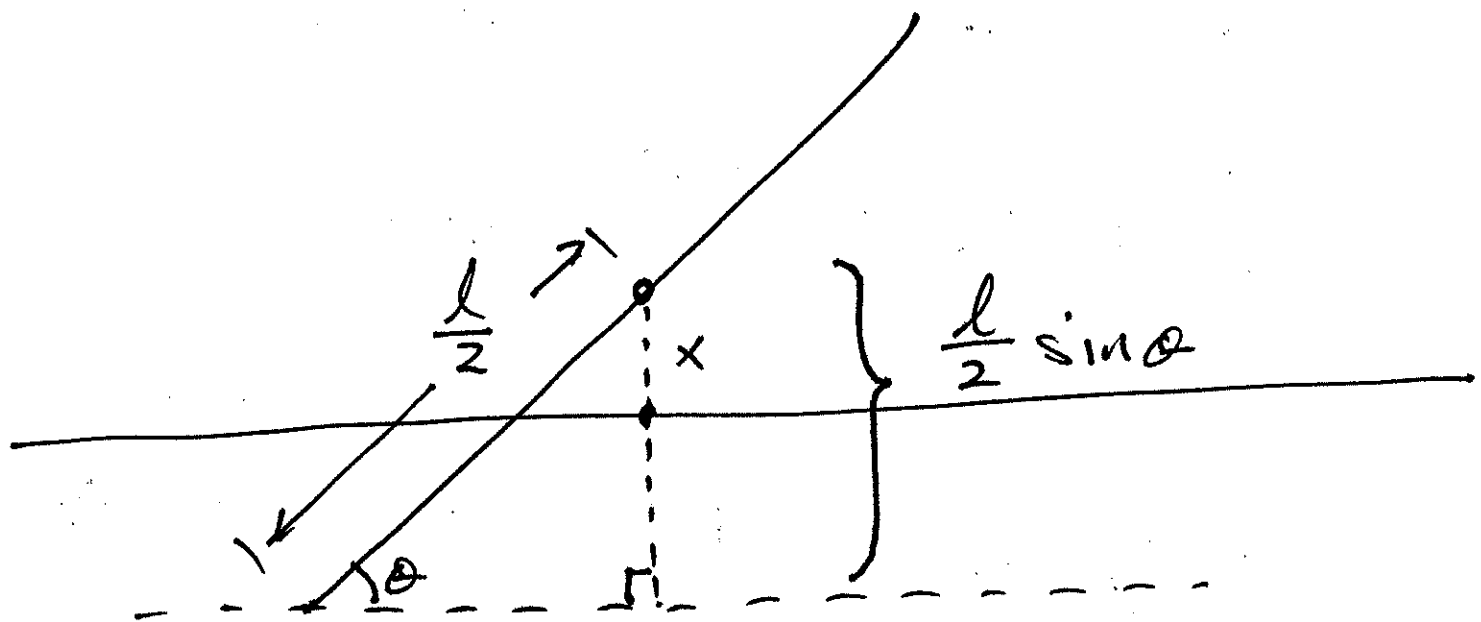
Let X be the vertical distance from the midpoint of the needle to the nearest line, and θ the acute angle made by the needle and the horizontal.

We model the pair (X, θ) with a joint uniform $\rightarrow DF$.

note: $0 \leq X \leq \frac{l}{2}$ and $0 \leq \Theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$



$$f_{X,\Theta}(x,\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{\pi d} & \text{if } \begin{cases} 0 \leq x \leq \frac{l}{2} \\ \text{and} \\ 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$\text{intersect} \Leftrightarrow X \leq \frac{l}{2} \sin \theta$$

Thus

$$P\left(X \leq \frac{l}{2} \sin \theta\right) = \iint_{x \leq \frac{l}{2} \sin \theta} f_{X, \theta}(x, \theta) dx d\theta$$

$$= \frac{4}{\pi d} \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\frac{l}{2} \sin \theta} dx d\theta$$

$$= \frac{4}{\pi d} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{l}{2} \sin \theta \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{2l}{\pi d} (-\cos \theta) \Big|_0^{\pi/2}$$

$$= -\frac{2l}{\pi d} (0 - 1) = \frac{2l}{\pi d}$$

if $l = d$, then

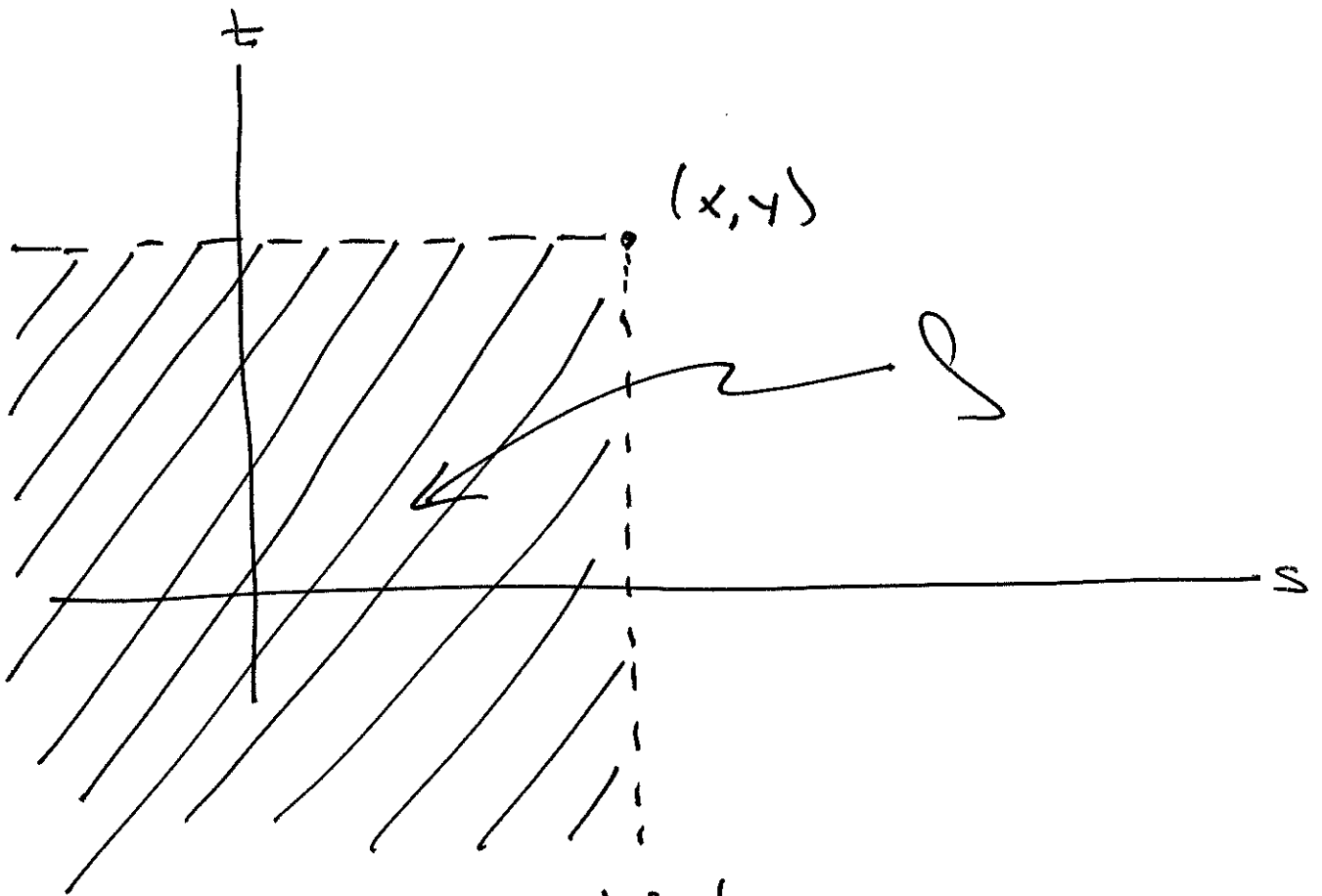
$$\boxed{1 - (\text{intersect}) = \frac{2}{\pi}}$$

$$\therefore \pi = \frac{2}{P(\text{intersect})}$$

Joint CDFs

if X, Y are 2 r.v.s, then
joint CDF is

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y) \\ = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f_{X,Y}(s,t) dt ds$$



We can recover ^{Joint} $\rightarrow$ PDF from Joint CDF by Partial differentiation

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

Expectation

if $g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$E[g(X, Y)] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} g(x, y) \cdot f_{X, Y}(x, y) dx dy$$

Special case

$$E[aX + bY + c] = \dots \text{exercise} \dots$$

$$= aE[X] + bE[Y] + c$$

Same for $\approx$ r.v.s ...

$$E[aX + bY + cZ + d]$$

$$= aE[X] + bE[Y] + cE[Z] + d$$

3.5 Conditioning

Let A be an event, with $P(A) > 0$, and X a continuous r.v.

Defn

The conditional PDF of X given A is a function $f_{X|A}(x)$ satisfying

$$P(X \in I | A) = \int_I f_{X|A}(x) dx$$

for 'any' subset $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

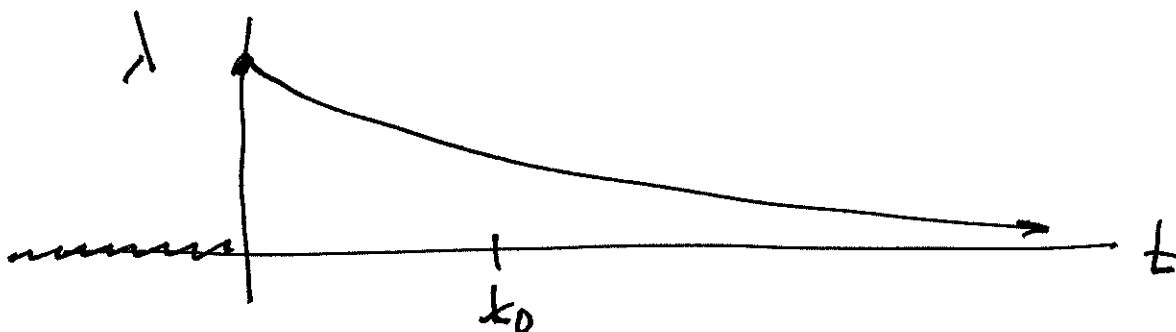
We require

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X|A}(x) dx = 1$$

Ex.

The time T until a new light bulb burns out is Exponential(λ), i.e.

$$f_T(t) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda t} & \text{if } t \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Alice turns on the light, leaves
and returns t_0 hours later
the light still on. Thus
the event

$$A = \{T > t_0\}$$

has occurred. Let X be
the additional time to burnout.

Thus

$$X = T - t_0$$

$$T = X + t_0$$

find the conditional PDF

$$f_{X|A}(x)$$

Solution

Plan: 1st find conditional CDF

$$F_{X|A}(x) = P(X \leq x | A)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^x f_{X|A}(s) ds$$

then differentiate:

$$f_{X|A}(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_{X|A}(x)$$

Recall

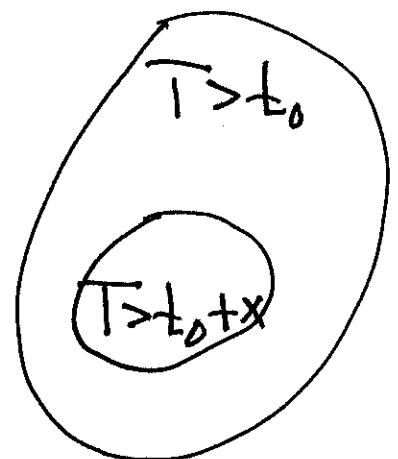
$$P(T > a) = \begin{cases} e^{-\lambda a} & \text{if } a > 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } a \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Thus

$$P(X > x | A) = P(T > t_0 + x | T > t_0)$$

$$= \frac{P(T > t_0 + x, T > t_0)}{P(T > t_0)}$$

$$= \frac{P(T > t_0 + x)}{P(T > t_0)}$$



$$= \frac{e^{-\lambda(t_0+x)}}{e^{-\lambda t_0}}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{e^{-\lambda t_0}} \cdot e^{-\lambda x}}{\cancel{e^{-\lambda t_0}}} = e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$\therefore F_{X|A}(x) = P(X \leq x | A)$$

$$= 1 - P(X > x | A)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$f_{X|A}(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

which is Exponential(λ),

Remark

This shows that the exponential n.v. is memoryless !!