

Joint CDF

If X, Y are two r.v.s, then

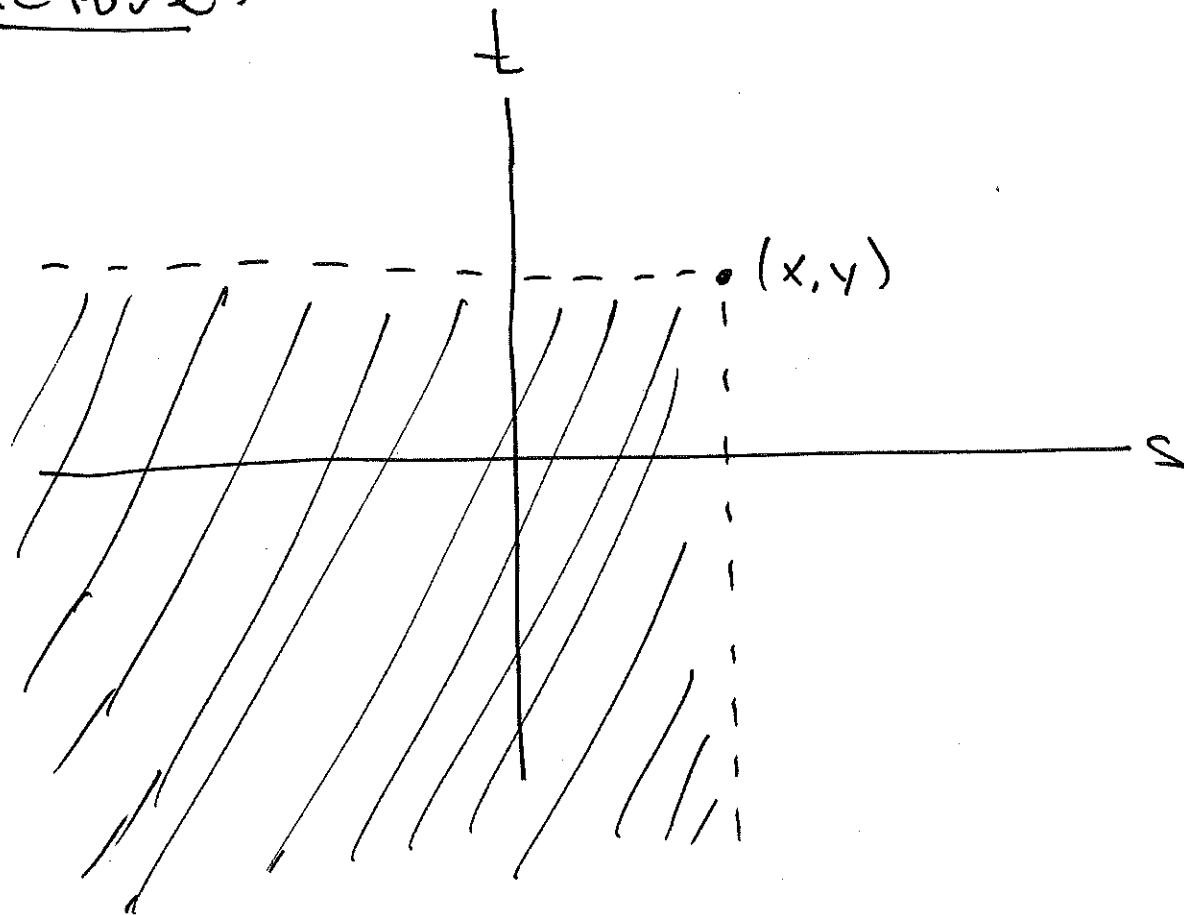
Joint CDF is

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

If X, Y
Jointly
continuous

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

Picture:



We can recover Joint PDF by

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

Expectation

if $g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we have the
 2-variable expected value rule

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

special cases:

$$E[aX + bY + c]$$

$$= \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} (ax + by + c) f_{X, Y}(x, y) dx dy$$

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

$$+ b \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$$

$$+ c \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$$

$$= a \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx + b \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y) dy + c$$

$$= a E[X] + b E[Y] + c$$

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We can do all this for 3, 4, 5, ...

of r.v.s ... (exercise)

3.5 conditioning

As before we begin by conditioning on a single event A , where

$P(A) > 0$. Let X be a cont. r.v.

Defn

The conditional PDF of X given A

is the function $f_{X|A}(x)$ satisfying

$$P(X \in S | A) = \int_S f_{X|A}(x) dx$$

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

It is required that

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

EX.

The time T until a new light bulb burns out is exponential with parameter λ . Alice turns on the light, leaves and returns t hours later, find the light still on. Thus, the event

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

has occurred. Let X be the additional time until burn-out.

find the cond. PDF

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

solution

we 1st find the cond. CDF

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

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

then differentiate to get

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

Recall

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

Thus for $x \geq 0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > x | A) &= P(T > t+x | T > t) \\ &= \frac{P(T > t+x, T > t)}{P(T > t)} \\ &= \frac{P(T > t+x)}{P(T > t)} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

Therefore

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

$$= 1 - \mathbb{P}(X > x | A)$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\lambda x} \quad (x \geq 0)$$

i.e.

$$F_{X|A}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Hence

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

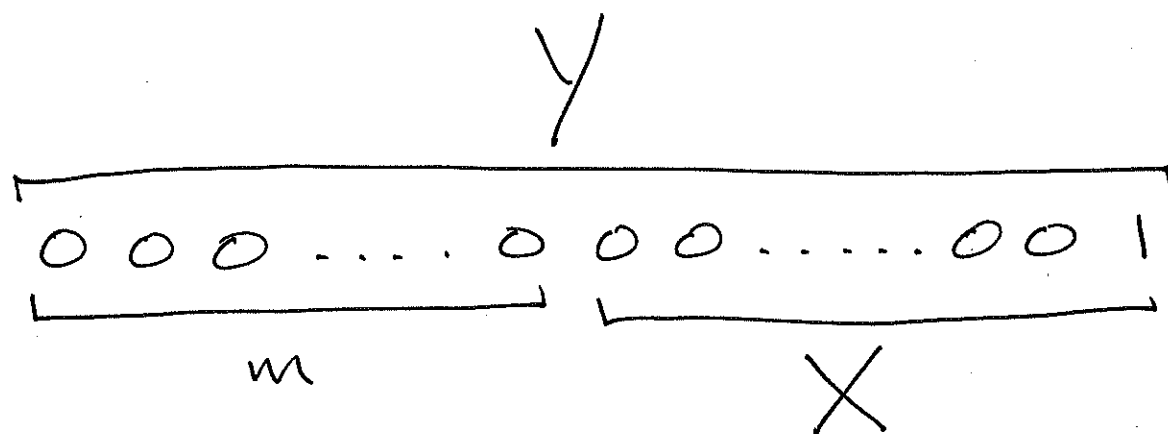
Therefore the additional time t burn out, after t hours of use, is exponential with same parameter λ .

Thus the exponential n.v. has no memory. i.e.

$$f_{X|A}(x) = f_T(x) \quad (x \geq 0)$$

Exercise

Do same thing for the Geometric.



let

$Y = \# \text{ flips to } 1^{\text{st}} \text{ head}$

$X = \# \text{ flips after } m^{\text{th}} \text{ to } 1^{\text{st}} \text{ head}$

and

$$A = \{ Y > m \}$$

show: $P_{X|A}(k) = P_Y(k) \quad (k=1, 2, \dots)$

If events A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n form a partition of Ω , the total prob. then gives

$$P(X \leq x) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) \cdot P(X \leq x | A_i)$$

Thus

$$F_X(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) F_{X|A_i}(x)$$

Differentiating w.r.t x gives

$$f_X(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) \cdot f_{X|A_i}(x)$$

Let

if X, Y are cont. r.v.s and

$f_Y(y) > 0$ for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$, the

conditional PDF of X given Y is

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

observe

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

$$= \frac{1}{f_Y(y)} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{f_Y(y)} \cdot \cancel{f_Y(y)} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

EX.

Throw a dart at a circular dart board of radius r , centered at $(0,0)$.

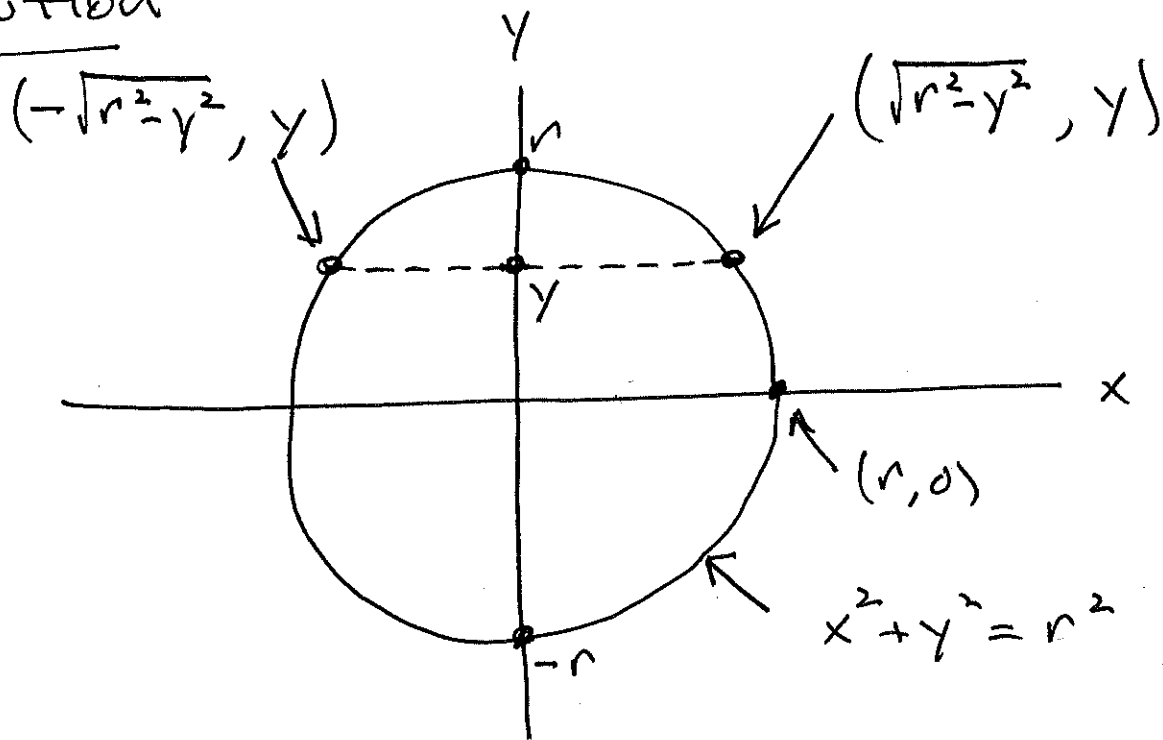
Assume target is certain to be

hit and each (x,y) is equally likely, i.e. uniformly distributed.

Let (X, Y) be coordinates of impact point. Find

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial X, Y} f(x, y), \frac{\partial}{\partial Y} f(y), \frac{\partial}{\partial X, Y} f(x, y)$$

Solution



we are given

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$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi r^2} & \text{if } x^2 + y^2 \leq r^2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Thus

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

$$= \int_{-\sqrt{r^2-y^2}}^{\sqrt{r^2-y^2}} \frac{1}{\pi r^2} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \times \left| \begin{array}{c} \sqrt{r^2-y^2} \\ -\sqrt{r^2-y^2} \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \cdot 2\sqrt{r^2-y^2}$$

Thus

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2\sqrt{r^2 - y^2}}{\pi r^2} & \text{if } |y| \leq r \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Finally

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{r^2 - y^2}} & \text{if } x^2 + y^2 \leq r^2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

