

Tutorial 6

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We will do Questions 2 and 4 next time!

Question 1

Determine the value of C such that:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} C(x + y) & 0 < x < 3, \quad x < y < x + 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

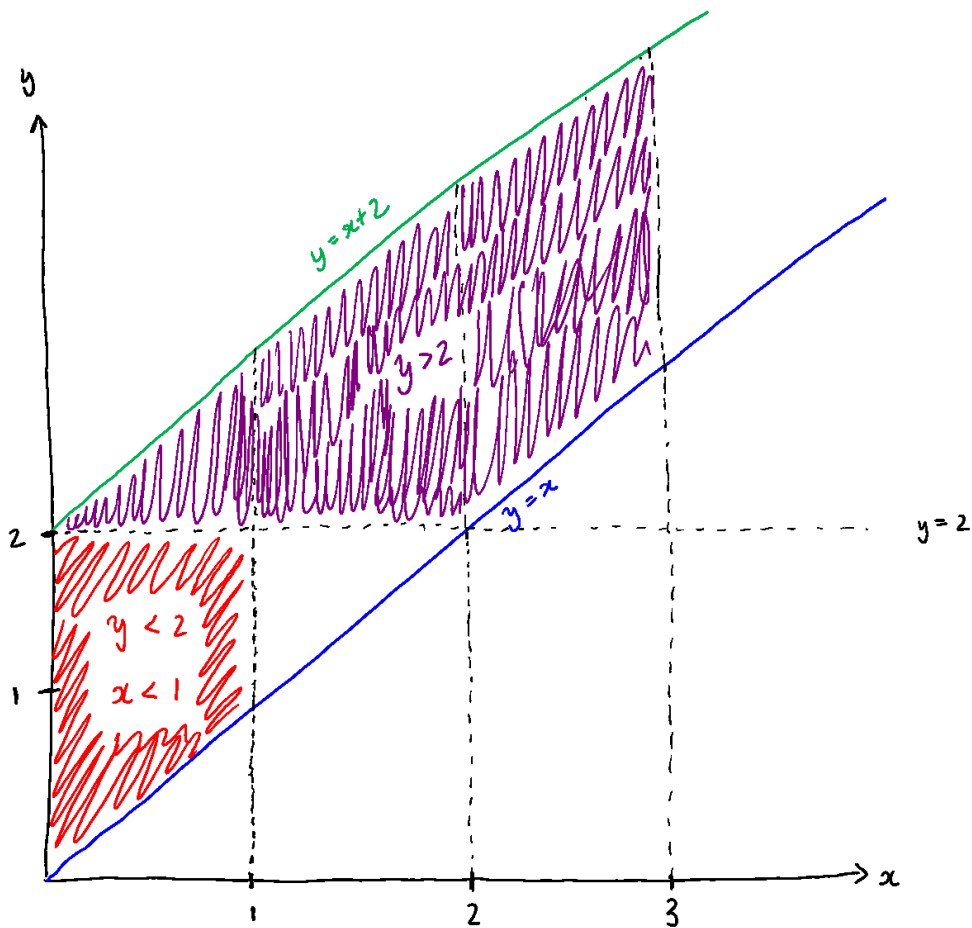
is a valid joint PDF.

We know that for $f(x, y)$ to be a valid joint PDF, if we integrate it over its support we should get 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^3 \int_x^{x+2} C(x + y) dy dx &= C \int_0^3 \int_x^{x+2} x + y dy dx \\ &= C \int_0^3 xy + \frac{1}{2}y^2 \Big|_{y=x}^{y=x+2} dx \\ &= C \int_0^3 4x + 2 dx \\ &= C (2x^2 + 2x) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=3} \\ &= 24C \end{aligned}$$

Since $24C = 1$, it follows that $C = 1/24$.

To compute the following probabilities, we will reference this diagram:



(a) $\mathbf{P}(X < 1, Y < 2)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{24} \int_0^1 \int_x^2 x + y \, dy \, dx &= \frac{1}{24} \int_0^1 xy + \frac{1}{2}y^2 \Big|_{y=x}^{y=2} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{24} \int_0^1 -\frac{3}{2}x^2 + 2x + 2 \, dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{24} \left(-\frac{1}{2}x^3 + x^2 + 2x \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{24} \left(-\frac{1}{2} + 1 + 2 \right) \\
 &= \frac{5}{48}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\mathbf{P}(Y > 2)$

We will break up the purple region into two parts. The first integral is for the triangular region, the second integral is for the parallelogram.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{24} \int_0^2 \int_2^{x+2} x + y \, dy \, dx + \frac{1}{24} \int_2^3 \int_x^{x+2} x + y \, dy \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{24} \int_0^2 xy + \frac{1}{2}y^2 \Big|_{y=2}^{y=x+2} dx + \frac{1}{24} \int_2^3 xy + \frac{1}{2}y^2 \Big|_{y=x}^{y=x+2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{24} \int_0^2 \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 2x \, dx + \frac{1}{24} \int_2^3 4x + 2 \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{24} \left(\frac{1}{2}x^3 + x^2 \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=2} + \frac{1}{24} (2x^2 + 2x) \Big|_{x=2}^{x=3} \\ &= \frac{5}{6} \end{aligned}$$

(c) $\mathbf{E}(X)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}(X) &= \frac{1}{24} \int_0^3 \int_x^{x+2} x(x+y) \, dy \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{24} \int_0^3 x \int_x^{x+2} x+y \, dy \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{24} \int_0^3 x(4x+2) \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{24} \int_0^3 4x^2 + 2x \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{24} \left(\frac{4}{3}x^3 + x^2 \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=3} \\ &= \frac{36+9}{24} = \frac{45}{24} \end{aligned}$$

It should be noted that for $g(X)$, a function solely of X ,

$$\mathbf{E}(g(X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f(x,y) dy dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dy dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f_X(x) dx$$

A similar result holds for $h(Y)$, a function solely of Y .

Question 3

The joint density of X and Y is given by:

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} e^{-(x+y)} & 0 < x < \infty, \quad 0 < y < \infty \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the density of the random variable X/Y .

We start by finding the CDF of X/Y .

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X/Y}(c) &= \mathbf{P}(X/Y \leq c) \\ &= \iint_{x/y \leq c} e^{-(x+y)} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{cy} e^{-x} \cdot e^{-y} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} (1 - e^{-cy}) dy \\ &= \left(-e^{-y} + \frac{e^{-(c+1)y}}{c+1} \right) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=\infty} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{c+1} \\ F_{X/Y}(c) &= \begin{cases} 0 & c < 0 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{c+1} & c > 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating to find the density, we obtain:

$$f_{X/Y}(c) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(c+1)^2} & 0 < c < \infty \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$