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[(1a)] Let \mathbf{X} be a Geometric random variable with $\mathbf{p} = 1/3$ and \mathbf{Y} be a Poisson random variable with $\lambda = 2$. Assuming that \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} are independent, find $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y} \geq 4)$.

Solution 1:

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y} \geq 4) = \frac{1}{3}e^{-2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{m-1} \left(\sum_{n=\max(0,4-m)}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n!} \right) = 1 - \frac{67}{27e^2}$$

Solution 2:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y} \geq 4) &= 1 - \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y} \leq 3) = \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{3}e^{-2} \sum_{m=1}^3 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{m-1} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{m-3} \frac{2^n}{n!} \right) = \\ &= 1 - \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X}=1, \mathbf{Y}=0) - \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X}=2, \mathbf{Y}=1) - \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X}=3, \mathbf{Y}=2) = \\ &= 1 - e^{-2} \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{4}{27} + 2 \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{9} \right) + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \right) = 1 - \frac{67}{27e^2} \\ &= 1 - \frac{e^{-2}}{3} \left(1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{9} + 2 \left(1 + \frac{2}{3} \right) + 2 \right) = 1 - \frac{67}{27e^2} \end{aligned}$$

[(1b)] In the same situation find $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{XY})$.

Solution 1:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{XY}) &= \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y})\mathbf{XY} - \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y})\mathbb{E}\mathbf{XY} = \\ &= \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}^2\mathbb{E}\mathbf{Y} + \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}\mathbb{E}\mathbf{Y}^2 - (\mathbb{E}\mathbf{X})^2\mathbb{E}\mathbf{Y} - \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}(\mathbb{E}\mathbf{Y})^2 = 30 + 18 - 18 - 12 = 18 \end{aligned}$$

because from the table of distributions we have

$$\mathbb{E}\mathbf{X} = 3, \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}^2 = (\mathbb{E}\mathbf{X})^2 + \text{Var}(\mathbf{X}) = 9 + 6 = 15$$

$$\mathbb{E}\mathbf{Y} = 2, \mathbb{E}\mathbf{Y}^2 = (\mathbb{E}\mathbf{Y})^2 + \text{Var}(\mathbf{Y}) = 4 + 2 = 6$$

Solution 2:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{XY}) &= \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y})\mathbf{XY} - \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y})\mathbb{E}\mathbf{XY} = \\ &= \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}^2\mathbb{E}\mathbf{Y} + \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}\mathbb{E}\mathbf{Y}^2 - (\mathbb{E}\mathbf{X})^2\mathbb{E}\mathbf{Y} - \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}(\mathbb{E}\mathbf{Y})^2 = \\ &= (\mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}^2 - (\mathbb{E}\mathbf{X})^2)\mathbb{E}\mathbf{Y} + \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}(\mathbb{E}\mathbf{Y}^2 - (\mathbb{E}\mathbf{Y})^2) = \text{Var}(\mathbf{X}) \cdot \mathbb{E}\mathbf{Y} + \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X} \cdot \text{Var}(\mathbf{Y}) = 6 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 = 18 \end{aligned}$$

[(2a)] Let X, Y be uniformly distributed in the rectangle defined by $-1 < x - y < 1$, $1 < x + y < 4$. Find the marginal density $f_X(x)$.

Solution 1 and Solution 2 will be explained in a video lecture. Answer:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \text{ or } x > 2.5 \\ 2x/3 & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 2/3 & \text{if } 1 < x < 1.5 \\ (5 - 2x)/3 & \text{if } 1.5 < x < 2.5 \end{cases}$$

For *Solution 1*, we compute that the area of the rectangle is $A = 3$, and so $f(x, y) = 1/3$. Then we can use

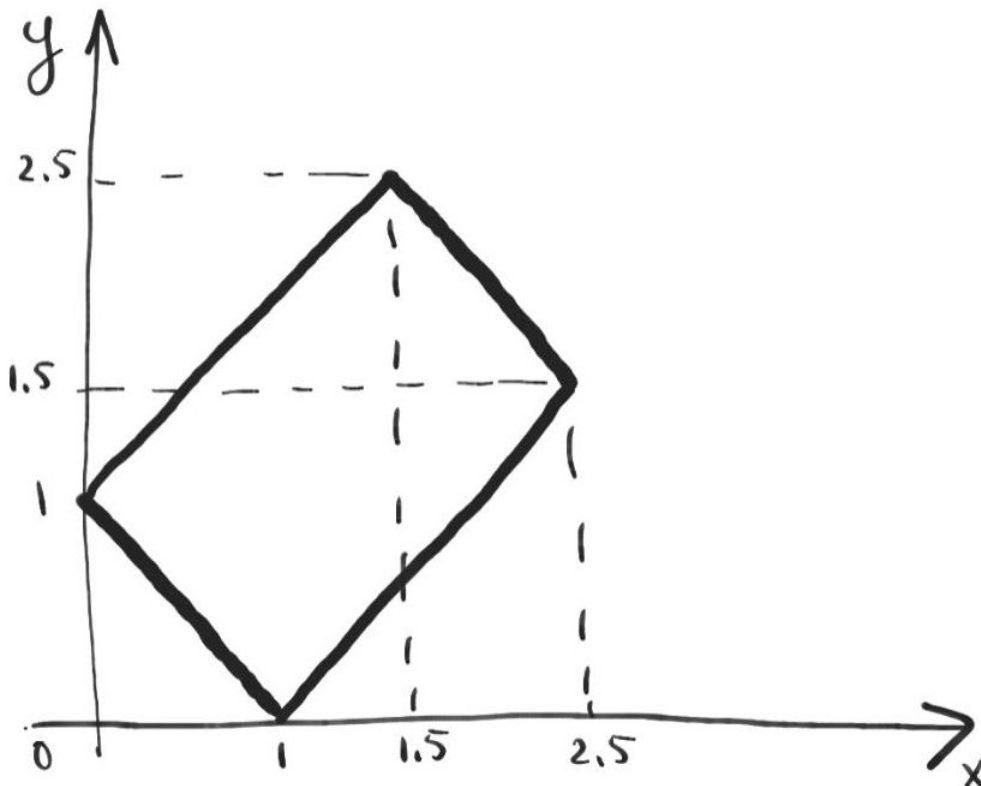
$$f_X(x) = \int_A f(x, y) dy$$

$$f_X(x) = \int_{1-x}^{1+x} \frac{1}{3} dy = 2x/3 \text{ if } 0 < x < 1.$$

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-1+x}^{1+x} \frac{1}{3} dy = 2/3 \text{ if } 1 < x < 1.5.$$

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-1+x}^{4-x} \frac{1}{3} dy = (5 - 2x)/3 \text{ if } 1.5 < x < 2.5.$$

For *Solution 2*, use not calculus but geometry: we note that $f_X(x) = L(x)/A$ where $L(x)$ is the length of the vertical line segment above x and inside the area.



[(2b)] In the same situation find $\mathbb{E}(Y|X)$.

Solution 1 and Solution 2 will be explained in a video lecture. For *Solution 1*, $f(x, y) = 1/3$ and

$$\mathbb{E}(Y|X) = \frac{1}{f_X(x)} \int_A y f(x, y) dy = \frac{1}{f_X(x)} \int_A y f(x, y) dy = \int_A y f_{Y|X=x}(y) dy$$

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

$$\mathbb{E}(Y|X) = \int_{1-x}^{1+x} y \frac{1}{2x} dy = \frac{(1+x)^2 - (1-x)^2}{4x} = 1 \text{ if } 0 < x < 1.$$

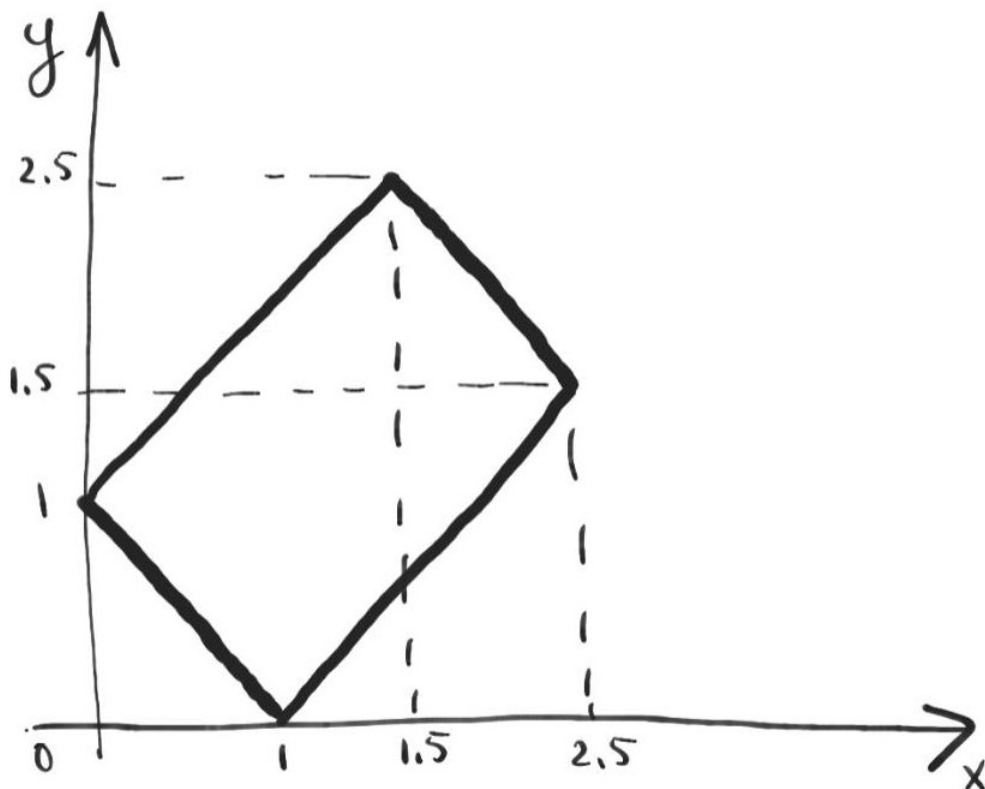
$$\mathbb{E}(Y|X) = \int_{-1+x}^{1+x} \frac{y}{2} dy = \frac{(1+x)^2 - (-1+x)^2}{4} = x \text{ if } 1 < x < 1.5.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(Y|X) = \int_{-1+x}^{4-x} \frac{y}{5-2x} dy = \frac{(4-x)^2 - (-1+x)^2}{5-2x} = \frac{15-6x}{5-2x} = \frac{2}{3} \text{ if } 1.5 < x < 2.5.$$

Answer:

$$\mathbb{E}(Y|X) = \begin{cases} \text{DNE} & \text{if } x < 0 \text{ or } x > 2.5 \\ 1 & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ x & \text{if } 1 < x < 1.5 \\ 2/3 & \text{if } 1.5 < x < 2.5 \end{cases}$$

For *Solution 2*, use not calculus but geometry: we use that $f_X(x) = L(x)/A$ where $L(x)$ is the length of the vertical line segment above x and inside the area. Hence $\mathbb{E}(Y|X) = M(x)$ where $M(x)$ is the middle point of the vertical line segment above x and inside the area.



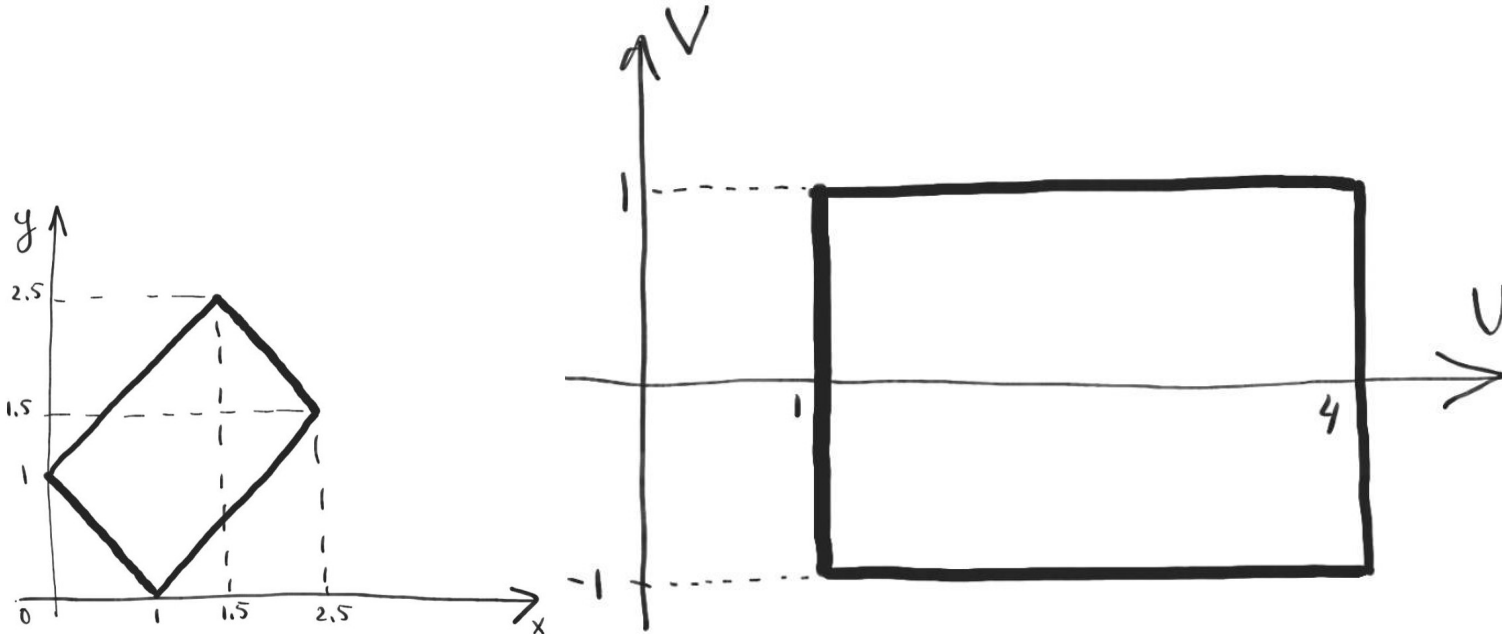
[(2c)] In the same situation find $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$.

Solution 1 and Solution 2 will be explained in a video lecture. Answer:

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}XY - \mathbb{E}X \cdot \mathbb{E}Y = \frac{5}{3} - \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{5}{48}$$

Solution 1:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}XY &= \int_A xyf(x, y) dx dy = \\ \frac{1}{3} \left(\int_0^1 \int_{1-x}^{1+x} xy dy dx + \int_1^{1.5} \int_{-1+x}^{1+x} xy dy dx + \int_{1.5}^{2.5} \int_{-1+x}^{4-x} xy dy dx \right) &= \dots = \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{19}{12} + \frac{11}{4} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{8}{12} + \frac{19}{12} + \frac{33}{12} \right) = \frac{5}{3} \end{aligned}$$



Solution 2: $U = X + Y$, $V = X - Y$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}XY &= \frac{1}{4} \mathbb{E}(U + V)(U - V) = \frac{1}{4} (\mathbb{E}U^2 - \mathbb{E}V^2) = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{3} \int_1^4 u^2 du - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 v^2 dv \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{64 - 1}{9} - \frac{2}{6} \right) = \frac{5}{3} \end{aligned}$$