Integration of Joint PDF in a Region

Nipun Batra March 21, 2025 Let (X, Y) have a uniform joint PDF:

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad 0 \le x \le 2, 0 \le y \le 2.$$

Otherwise, $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = 0$.

Consider the region:

$$A = \{(x, y) \mid x + y \le 2\}$$

This forms a right triangle with vertices (0,0), (2,0), (0,2).

The probability is given by:

$$P(A) = \int_0^2 \int_0^{2-y} f_{X,Y}(x,y) \, dx \, dy.$$

Substituting $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{4}$:

$$P(A) = \int_0^2 \int_0^{2-y} \frac{1}{4} \, dx \, dy.$$

Compute the inner integral:

$$\int_0^{2-y} \frac{1}{4} \, dx = \frac{1}{4}(2-y).$$

Compute the outer integral:

F

$$P(A) = \int_0^2 \frac{1}{4} (2 - y) \, dy.$$
$$P(A) = \frac{1}{4} \left[2y - \frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^2.$$
$$P(A) = \frac{1}{4} \times (4 - 2) = \frac{1}{4} \times 2 = \frac{1}{2}.$$

- The probability of A is $P(A) = \frac{1}{2}$.
- This matches the geometric interpretation: The area of the triangle is ¹/₂ × 2 × 2 = 2, and P(A) follows from uniform probability.
- The integral visualization in GeoGebra/Desmos helps understand the computation.