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1 Condition on an Event

The random variable *X* has the PDF

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} cx^{-2}, & \text{if } 1 \le x \le 2, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(a) Determine the value of c.

(b) Let *A* be the event $\{X > 1.5\}$. Calculate $\mathbb{P}(A)$ and the conditional PDF of *X* given that *A* has occurred.

2 Joint Practice

Suppose that X and Y are random variables with joint density

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} Ax^2y^2 & \text{if } 0 \le x \le 1 \text{ and } 0 \le y \le 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where A is a positive constant.

- (a) What is the value of *A*?
- (b) What is the marginal density of X?
- (c) What is cov(X, Y)?

3 Darts with Friends

Michelle and Alex are playing darts. Being the better player, Michelle's aim follows a uniform distribution over a disk of radius 1 around the center. Alex's aim follows a uniform distribution over a disk of radius 2 around the center.

- (a) Let the distance of Michelle's throw from the center be denoted by the random variable *X* and let the distance of Alex's throw from the center be denoted by the random variable *Y*.
 - What's the cumulative distribution function of *X*?
 - What's the cumulative distribution function of *Y*?
 - What's the probability density function of *X*?
 - What's the probability density function of *Y*?
- (b) What's the probability that Michelle's throw is closer to the center than Alex's throw? What's the probability that Alex's throw is closer to the center?
- (c) What's the cumulative distribution function of $U = \max{X, Y}$?
- (d) What's the cumulative distribution function of $V = \min\{X, Y\}$?