

Probability & Statistics (1)

Jointly Distributed Random Variables (I)

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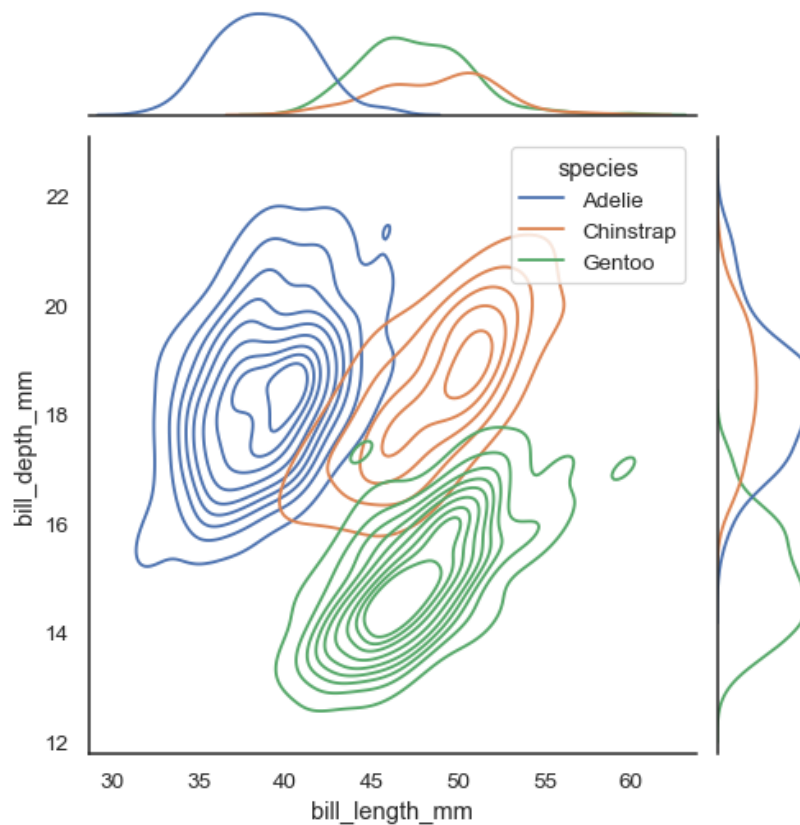
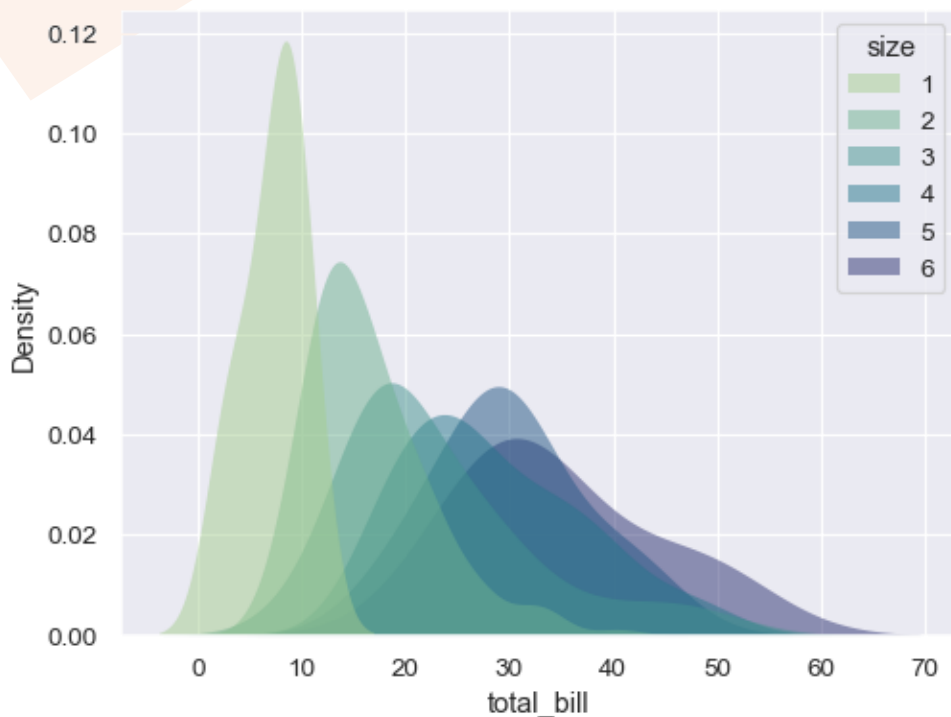
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Joint Distribution Functions

- 之前我們都只有考慮到一個隨機變數，如果今天我們需要同時考慮兩個隨機變數結合起來的機率分布，這個時候我們就會使用到Joint Distribution Functions。



Joint Distribution Functions

- 假設我們今天給定兩個隨機變數： X 與 Y ，那麼他們的 joint cumulative probability distribution function 可以被定義為：

$$F(a, b) = P\{X \leq a, Y \leq b\}, \text{ where } -\infty < a, b < \infty$$

- 如果我們想要求 X 的 distribution 的話：

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(a) &= P\{X \leq a\} = P\{X \leq a, Y \leq \infty\} = P\left(\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \{X \leq a, Y \leq \infty\}\right) \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} P\{X \leq a, Y \leq \infty\} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} F(a, b) = F(a, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

- 同理可證，如果我們要求 Y 的 distribution 的話：

$$F_Y(b) = P\{Y \leq b\} = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} F(a, b) = F(\infty, b)$$

Joint Distribution Functions

- 通常我們會稱 F_X 與 F_Y 的 distribution functions 為 X 與 Y 的 marginal distributions。

$$\begin{aligned} P\{X > a, Y > b\} &= 1 - P(\{X > a, Y > b\}^c) \\ &= 1 - P(\{X > a\}^c \cup \{Y > b\}^c) \\ &= 1 - P(\{X \leq a\} \cup \{Y \leq b\}) \\ &= 1 - [P\{X \leq a\} + P\{Y \leq b\} - P\{X \leq a, Y \leq b\}] \\ &= 1 - F_X(a) - F_Y(b) + F(a, b) \end{aligned}$$

Joint Distribution Functions

- 如果今天我們的隨機變數 X 與 Y 都是離散的時候，則 X 與 Y 的joint probability mass function為

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

- X 的probability mass function可以從 $p(x, y)$ 得出

$$p_X(x) = P\{X = x\} = \sum_{y:p(x,y)>0} p(x, y)$$

- 所以 Y 的probability mass function為:

$$p_Y(y) = P\{Y = y\} = \sum_{x:p(x,y)>0} p(x, y)$$

Joint Distribution Functions

• 範例一

假設隨機從摸彩桶取出3張摸彩券，而這個桶子中有3張一獎，4張二獎與5張銘謝惠顧。我們令隨機變數 X 與 Y 分別為抽到一獎與二獎的張數， X 與 Y 的joint PMF為: $p(i, j) = P\{X = i, Y = j\}$ ，試求其joint PMF的數值。

Solution:

$$p(0,0) = \frac{\binom{5}{3}}{\binom{12}{3}} = \frac{10}{220}; p(0,1) = \frac{\binom{4}{1}\binom{5}{2}}{\binom{12}{3}} = \frac{40}{220}; p(0,2) = \frac{\binom{4}{2}\binom{5}{1}}{\binom{12}{3}} = \frac{30}{220}; p(0,3) = \frac{\binom{4}{3}}{\binom{12}{3}} = \frac{4}{220}$$

$$p(1,0) = \frac{\binom{3}{1}\binom{5}{2}}{\binom{12}{3}} = \frac{30}{220}; p(2,0) = \frac{\binom{3}{2}\binom{5}{1}}{\binom{12}{3}} = \frac{15}{220}; p(3,0) = \frac{\binom{3}{3}}{\binom{12}{3}} = \frac{1}{220};$$

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$$p(1,1) = \frac{\binom{3}{1} \binom{4}{1} \binom{5}{1}}{\binom{12}{3}} = \frac{30}{220}; p(1,2) = \frac{\binom{3}{1} \binom{4}{2}}{\binom{12}{3}} = \frac{18}{220}; p(2,1) = \frac{\binom{3}{2} \binom{4}{1}}{\binom{12}{3}} = \frac{12}{220};$$

Table 1 $P\{X = i, Y = j\}$

$i \backslash j$	0	1	2	3	Row sum= $P\{X = i\}$
0	$\frac{10}{220}$	$\frac{40}{220}$	$\frac{30}{220}$	$\frac{4}{220}$	$\frac{84}{220}$
1	$\frac{30}{220}$	$\frac{60}{220}$	$\frac{18}{220}$	0	$\frac{108}{220}$
2	$\frac{15}{220}$	$\frac{12}{220}$	0	0	$\frac{27}{220}$
3	$\frac{1}{220}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{220}$
Column sum= $P\{Y = j\}$	$\frac{56}{220}$	$\frac{112}{220}$	$\frac{48}{220}$	$\frac{4}{220}$	1

Joint Distribution Functions

• 範例二

假設今天做人口抽樣調查，15%家庭中沒有小孩，20%有一個小孩，35%有兩個小孩，30%有三個小孩。假設小孩是男生或是女生的機率相等，那麼隨機抽樣一個家庭， B 為小孩為男生的數量； G 為小孩為女生的數量，則 $P\{B = i, G = j\}$ 的機率為何？

Solution:

$$P\{B = 0, G = 0\} = P\{no\ children\} = 0.15$$

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Table $P\{B = i, G = j\}$

$i \backslash j$	0	1	2	3	Row Sum = $P\{B = j\}$
0					0.3750
1					0.3875
2					0.2000
3					0.0375
Column Sum = $P\{G = j\}$	0.3750	0.3875	0.2000	0.0375	

Joint Distribution Functions

- We say that X and Y are jointly continuous if there exists a function $f(x, y)$, defined for all real x and y , having the property that, for every set C of pairs of real numbers (that is, C is a set in the two-dimensional plane),

$$P\{(X, Y) \in C\} = \iint_{(x,y) \in C} f(x, y) dx dy$$

- The function $f(x, y)$ is called the joint probability density function of X and Y . If A and B are any set of real numbers, then, by defining $C = \{(x, y): x \in A, y \in B\}$

$$P\{X \in A, Y \in B\} = \int_B \int_A f(x, y) dx dy$$

Joint Distribution Functions

$$F(a, b) = P\{X \in (-\infty, a], Y \in (-\infty, b]\} = \int_{-\infty}^b \int_{-\infty}^a f(x, y) dx dy$$

Differentiation

$$f(a, b) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial a \partial b} F(a, b)$$

$$P\{a < X < a + da, b < Y < b + db\} = \int_{-\infty}^{b+db} \int_{-\infty}^{a+da} f(x, y) dx dy$$

$$\approx f(a, b) da db$$

Joint Distribution Functions

$$P\{X \in A\} = P\{X \in A, Y \in (-\infty, \infty)\} = \int_A \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy dx = \int_A f_X(x) dx$$

where

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy; \quad f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx$$

Joint Distribution Functions

• 範例三

給定 X 與 Y 的joint density function為

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-x}e^{-2y}, & 0 < x < \infty, 0 < y < \infty \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

試問 (a) $P\{X > 1, Y < 1\}$; (b) $P\{X < Y\}$; (c) $P\{X < a\}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} P\{X > 1, Y < 1\} &= \int_0^1 \int_1^{\infty} 2e^{-x}e^{-2y} dx dy = \int_0^1 2e^{-2y} \left(-e^{-x} \Big|_1^{\infty} \right) dy \\ &= e^{-1} \int_0^1 2e^{-2y} dy = e^{-1}(1 - e^{-2}) \end{aligned}$$

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(b)

$$\begin{aligned} P\{X < Y\} &= \iint_{(x,y):x<y} 2e^{-x}e^{-2y} dx dy = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^y 2e^{-x}e^{-2y} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} 2e^{-y}(1 - e^{-y}) dy = \int_0^{\infty} 2e^{-y} dy - \int_0^{\infty} 2e^{-3y} dy = 1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$P\{X < a\} = \int_0^a \int_0^{\infty} 2e^{-x}e^{-2y} dy dx = \int_0^a e^{-x} dx = 1 - e^{-a}$$

Joint Distribution Functions

- 範例四

X 與 Y 的 joint probability 定義如下:

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

試問隨機變數 X/Y 的 PDF 為何?

Joint Distribution Functions

Solution:

$$\Leftrightarrow a > 0$$

$$F_{\frac{X}{Y}}(a) = P\left\{\frac{X}{Y} \leq a\right\} = \iint_{\frac{x}{y} \leq a} e^{-(x+y)} dx dy = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{ay} e^{-(x+y)} dx dy$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} (1 - e^{-ay}) e^{-y} dy = \left\{-e^{-y} + \frac{e^{-(a+1)y}}{a+1}\right\}$$

Differentiation shows that the density function of X/Y is given by

$$f_{\frac{X}{Y}}(a) = \frac{1}{(a+1)^2}, \text{ where } 0 < a < \infty$$

Joint Distribution Functions

We can also define joint probability distributions for n random variables in exactly the same manner as we did for $n = 2$. For instance, the joint cumulative probability distribution function $F(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ of the n random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is defined by

$$F(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = P\{X_1 \leq a_1, X_2 \leq a_2, \dots, X_n \leq a_n\}$$

Further, the n random variables are said to be jointly continuous if there exists a function $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, called the joint probability density function, such that, for any set C in n -space,

$$P\{(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \in C\} = \iint_{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in C} \dots \int f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n$$

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In particular, for any n sets of real numbers A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n

$$P\{X_1 \in A_1, X_2 \in A_2, \dots, X_n \in A_n\}$$

$$= \int_{A_n} \int_{A_{n-1}} \dots \int_{A_1} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n$$

Independent Random Variables

隨機變數 X 與 Y 彼此為獨立(independent)，則任何兩個集合的實數 A 與 B

$$P\{X \in A, Y \in B\} = P\{X \in A\}P\{Y \in B\}$$

令 $E_A = \{X \in A\}$, $E_B = \{Y \in B\}$ ，因此對於所有的 a, b

$$P\{X \leq a, Y \leq b\} = P\{X \leq a\}P\{Y \leq b\}$$

因此， X 與 Y 的joint distribution function F ，且 X 與 Y 相互獨立

$$F(a, b) = F_X(a)F_Y(b), \text{ for all } a, b$$

當今天為離散隨機變數的時候

$$p(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y), \text{ for all } a, b$$

Independent Random Variables

$$P\{X \in A, Y \in B\} = \sum_{y \in B} \sum_{x \in A} p(x, y) = \sum_{y \in B} \sum_{x \in A} p_X(x) p_Y(y)$$

$$= \sum_{y \in B} p_Y(y) \sum_{x \in A} p_X(x) = P\{Y \in B\}P\{X \in A\}$$

$$f(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y), \text{ for all } x, y$$

Independent Random Variables

- 範例五

假設有 $n + m$ 次獨立試驗，成功的機會為 p 。 X 為在前面 n 次試驗中成功的次數， Y 為在後面 m 次試驗中成功的次數。 X 與 Y 相互獨立。

$$\begin{aligned} P\{X = x, Y = y\} &= \binom{n}{x} p^x (1 - p)^{n-x} \binom{m}{y} p^y (1 - p)^{m-y} \\ &= P\{X = x\} P\{Y = y\} \end{aligned}$$

相對地， X 與 Y 為相互獨立，其中 Z 為在 $n + m$ 有多少次成功。

Independent Random Variables

• 範例六

給一段的時間區間中，進去郵局的男女性別機率為 p 與 $1 - p$ 為一個 Poisson random variable，其參數為 λp 與 $\lambda(1 - p)$ 。

Solution:

令隨機變數 X 與 Y 代表走進郵局的男女性分別數量。

$$P\{X = i, Y = j\}$$

$$= P\{X = i, Y = j | X + Y = i + j\}P\{X + Y = i + j\}$$

$$+ P\{X = i, Y = j | X + Y \neq i + j\}P\{X + Y \neq i + j\}$$

According to ...

$$P(E) = P(E|F)P(F) + P(E|F^c)P(F^c)$$

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Since $P\{X = i, Y = j | X + Y \neq i + j\} = 0$

$$P\{X = i, Y = j\} = P\{X = i, Y = j | X + Y = i + j\}P\{X + Y = i + j\}$$

Then,

$$P\{X + Y = i + j\} = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{i+j}}{(i+j)!}$$

Given that $i + j$ people do enter the post office, since each person entering will be male with probability p , it follows that the probability that exactly i of them will be male.

$$P\{X = i, Y = j | X + Y = i + j\} = \binom{i+j}{i} p^i (1-p)^j e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{i+j}}{(i+j)!}$$

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$$P\{X = i, Y = j\} = \binom{i+j}{i} p^i (1-p)^j e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{i+j}}{(i+j)!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \frac{(\lambda p)^i}{i! j!} [\lambda(1-p)]^j$$

$$P\{X = i\} = e^{-\lambda p} \frac{(\lambda p)^i}{i!} e^{-\lambda(1-p)} \frac{[\lambda(1-p)]^j}{j!} = e^{-\lambda p} \frac{(\lambda p)^i}{i!}$$

Similarly,

$$P\{Y = j\} = e^{-\lambda(1-p)} \frac{[\lambda(1-p)]^j}{j!}$$

Independent Random Variables

• 範例七

一對情侶約去看世足，假設他們到達時間的時間為time uniformly distribution從中午12點到下午1點，試問兩個到達時間差距超過十分鐘的機率：

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} 2P\{X + 10 < Y\} &= 2 \iint_{x+10 < y} f(x, y) dx dy = 2 \iint_{x+10 < y} f_X(x) f_Y(y) dx dy \\ &= 2 \int_{10}^{60} \int_0^{y-10} \left(\frac{1}{60}\right)^2 dx dy = \frac{2}{60^2} \int_{10}^{60} (y - 10) dy = \frac{25}{36} \end{aligned}$$

Independent Random Variables

- **Proposition 1**

The continuous (discrete) random variables X and Y are independent if and only if their joint probability density function can be expressed.

$$f(x, y) = h(x)g(x), \text{ where } -\infty < x < \infty, -\infty < y < \infty$$

Proof:

Let us give the proof in the continuous case. First, note that independence implies that the joint density is the product of the marginal densities of X and Y , so the preceding factorization will hold when the random variables are independent.

Independent Random Variables

Now, suppose that

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = h(x)g(y)$$

Then,

$$1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x) dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(y) dy = C_1 C_2$$

where $C_1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x) dx$ and $C_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(y) dy$

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy = C_2 h(x)$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx = C_1 g(y)$$

Since $C_1 C_2 = 1$, it follows that $f(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$

Independent Random Variables

- 範例八

If the joint density function of X and Y is

$$f(x, y) = 6e^{-2x}e^{-3y}, \text{ where } 0 < x < \infty, 0 < y < \infty$$

And is equal to 0 outside this region, are the random variables independent? What if the joint density function is

- $f(x, y) = 24xy, \text{ where } 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1, 0 < x + y < 1$

and is equal to 0 otherwise.

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Solution:

In the first instance, the joint density function factors, and thus the random variables, are independent (with one being exponential with rate 2 and the other exponential with rate 3). In the second instance, because the region in which the joint density is nonzero cannot be addressed in the form $x \in A, y \in B$, the joint density does not factor, so the random variables are not independent.

$$I(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1, 0 < x + y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

And writing $f(x, y) = 24xyI(x, y)$

Independent Random Variables

- We need to define more than two random variables. In general, the n random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are said to be independent if, for all sets of real numbers A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n ,

$$P\{X_1 \in A_1, X_2 \in A_2, \dots, X_n \in A_n\} = \prod_{i=1}^n P\{X_i \in A_i\}$$

As a before, it can be shown that this condition is equivalent to

$$P\{X_1 \leq a_1, X_2 \leq a_2, \dots, X_n \leq a_n\} = \prod_{i=1}^n P\{X_i \leq a_i\}, \text{ for all } a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$$

Independent Random Variables

- 範例九

令 X, Y, Z 為獨立與 uniform distributed over $(0,1)$. Compute $P\{X \geq YZ\}$.

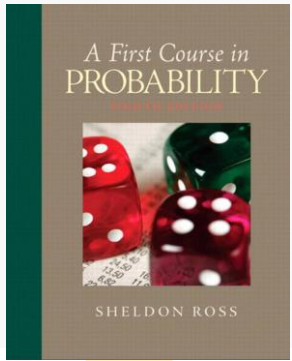
Solution:

Since $f_{X,Y,Z}(x, y, z) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)f_Z(z) = 1$, where $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1, 0 \leq z \leq 1$

$$P\{X \geq YZ\} = \iiint_{x \geq yz} f_{X,Y,Z}(x, y, z) dx dy dz$$

$$= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_{yz}^1 dx dy dz = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (1 - yz) dy dz = \int_0^1 \left(1 - \frac{z}{2}\right) dz = \frac{3}{4}$$

[#11] Assignment



- Selected Problems from Sheldon Ross Textbook [1].

6.2. Suppose that 3 balls are chosen without replacement from an urn consisting of 5 white and 8 red balls. Let X_i equal 1 if the i th ball selected is white, and let it equal 0 otherwise. Give the joint probability mass function of

- (a) X_1, X_2 ;
- (b) X_1, X_2, X_3 .

6.3. In Problem 2, suppose that the white balls are numbered, and let Y_i equal 1 if the i th white ball is selected and 0 otherwise. Find the joint probability mass function of

- (a) Y_1, Y_2 ;
- (b) Y_1, Y_2, Y_3 .

6.10. The joint probability density function of X and Y is given by

$$f(x, y) = e^{-(x+y)} \quad 0 \leq x < \infty, 0 \leq y < \infty$$

Find (a) $P\{X < Y\}$ and (b) $P\{X < a\}$.

[1] Sheldon Ross. A [First of Course in Probability](#). 8th edition.

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The End

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me.

Thank you for your attention))