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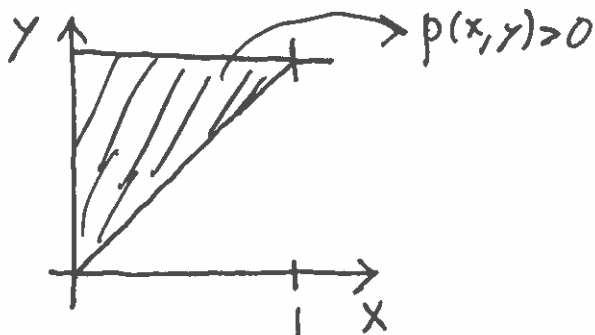
Quiz #9

1. Suppose X, Y are continuous random variables with joint probability density function

$$p(x, y) = \begin{cases} k(1-y) & 0 < x < y, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases},$$

where $k > 0$ is a constant.

- Find the value of k .
- Find the marginal density for X .
- Find the conditional density for Y given $X = x$.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{ca) } 1 &= \int_0^1 \int_x^1 k(1-y) dy dx \\ &= k \int_0^1 (y - y^2/2) \Big|_x^1 dx \\ &= k \int_0^1 (1 - 1/2 - x + x^2/2) dx \\ &= k \left(\frac{1}{2} + \left(-\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} \right) \Big|_0^1 \right) \\ &= k \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow k=6.$$

b. From the previous calculation

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 6 \left(\frac{1}{2} - x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right), & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & , \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

c). $p(y|x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(1-y)}{\frac{1}{2} - x + \frac{x^2}{2}}, & 0 < x < y, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & , \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$