

Solution for exercise 5.2.4 in Pitman

We can rewrite the density

$$f(x, y) = 2e^{-2x}3e^{-3y}$$

to see that X and Y are independent exponentially distributed random variables which basically solves a)-c). Alternatively:

Question a) The area B page 349 is defined by the rectangle $0 < u < x, 0 < v < y$.

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq x, Y \leq y) &= \int_0^x \int_0^y f(u, v) dv du = \int_0^x \int_0^y 2e^{-2u}3e^{-3v} dv du \\ &= \int_0^x 2e^{-2u} (1 - e^{-3y}) du = (1 - e^{-2x}) (1 - e^{-3y}) \end{aligned}$$

Question b)

$$f_X(x) = 2e^{-2x}$$

Question c)

$$f_Y(y) = 3e^{-3y}$$

Question d) The variables X and Y are independent since

$$f(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$

for all (x, y) .