

Solution for exercise 5.2.7 in Pitman

We denote the radius of the circle by ρ . The area of the circle is $\pi\rho^2$. If a chosen point is within radius r it has to be within the circle of radius r with area πr^2 . We find the probability as the fraction of these two areas

$$F_R(r) = P(R_1 \leq r) = \frac{r^2}{\rho^2}$$

with density (page 333)

$$f_R(r) = \frac{dF_R(r)}{dr} = \frac{2r}{\rho^2}$$

With R_1 and R_2 independent we have the joint density from (2) page 350

$$f(r_1, r_2) = \frac{4r_1r_2}{\rho^4}$$

We now integrate over the set $r_2 < \frac{r_1}{2}$ (page 349) to get

$$P\left(R_2 \leq \frac{R_1}{2}\right) = \int_0^\rho \int_0^{\frac{r_1}{2}} \frac{4r_1r_2}{\rho^4} dr_2 dr_1 = \frac{1}{2\rho^4} \int_0^\rho r_1^3 dr_1 = \frac{1}{8}$$