

Problem 1. Suppose that X is a geometric random variable, with probability of success p . Let t, s be positive integers with $t > s$. Explain why $P(X > t | X > s) = P(X > t - s)$.

Problem 2. For what values of N does the following statement hold?
 “If X_1, \dots, X_N are jointly Gaussian random variables such that $\text{Var}(\sum_i X_i) = \sum_i \text{Var}(X_i)$, then X_1, \dots, X_N are independent.”

Problem 3. Suppose that X_1, X_2, \dots are a sequence of random variables on the nonnegative integers, such that $E[X_n] \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Does it follow that $P(X_n = 0) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$?

Now suppose that in addition, $\text{Var}(X_n) = E[X_n]$. Does it follow that $P(X_n = 0) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$?