

## LECTURE 6

- **Readings:** Sections 2.4-2.6

### Lecture outline

- Review: PMF, expectation, variance
- Conditional PMF
- Geometric PMF
- Total expectation theorem
- Joint PMF of two random variables

## Review

- Random variable  $X$ : function from sample space to the real numbers
- PMF (for discrete random variables):  
 $p_X(x) = \mathbf{P}(X = x)$
- Expectation:

$$\mathbf{E}[X] = \sum_x x p_X(x)$$

$$\mathbf{E}[g(X)] = \sum_x g(x) p_X(x)$$

$$\mathbf{E}[\alpha X + \beta] = \alpha \mathbf{E}[X] + \beta$$

- $\mathbf{E}[X - \mathbf{E}[X]] =$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(X) &= \mathbf{E}[(X - \mathbf{E}[X])^2] \\ &= \sum_x (x - \mathbf{E}[X])^2 p_X(x) \\ &= \mathbf{E}[X^2] - (\mathbf{E}[X])^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Standard deviation:**  $\sigma_X = \sqrt{\text{var}(X)}$

## Random speed

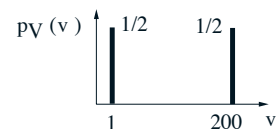
- Traverse a 200 mile distance at constant but random speed  $V$



- $d = 200$ ,  $T = t(V) = 200/V$
- $\mathbf{E}[V] =$
- $\text{var}(V) =$
- $\sigma_V =$

## Average speed vs. average time

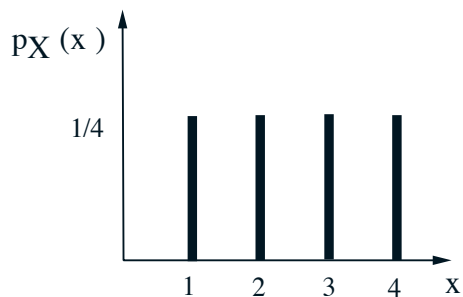
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- time in hours  $= T = t(V) =$
- $\mathbf{E}[T] = \mathbf{E}[t(V)] = \sum_v t(v) p_V(v) =$
- $\mathbf{E}[TV] = 200 \neq \mathbf{E}[T] \cdot \mathbf{E}[V]$
- $\mathbf{E}[200/V] = \mathbf{E}[T] \neq 200/\mathbf{E}[V]$ .

### Conditional PMF and expectation

- $p_{X|A}(x) = \mathbf{P}(X = x \mid A)$
- $\mathbf{E}[X \mid A] = \sum_x x p_{X|A}(x)$



- Let  $A = \{X \geq 2\}$

$$p_{X|A}(x) =$$

$$\mathbf{E}[X \mid A] =$$

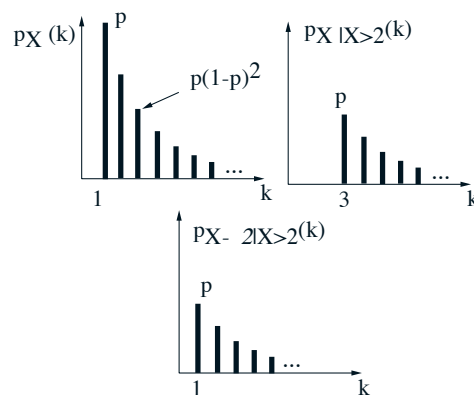
## Geometric PMF

- $X$ : number of independent coin tosses until first head

$$p_X(k) = (1 - p)^{k-1}p, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

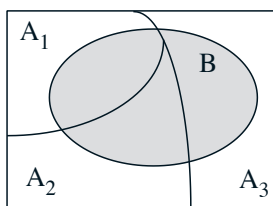
$$E[X] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kp_X(k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(1-p)^{k-1}p$$

- Memoryless property: Given that  $X > 2$ , the r.v.  $X - 2$  has same geometric PMF



## Total Expectation theorem

- Partition of sample space into disjoint events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$



$$\mathbf{P}(B) = \mathbf{P}(A_1)\mathbf{P}(B \mid A_1) + \cdots + \mathbf{P}(A_n)\mathbf{P}(B \mid A_n)$$

$$p_X(x) = \mathbf{P}(A_1)p_{X|A_1}(x) + \cdots + \mathbf{P}(A_n)p_{X|A_n}(x)$$

$$\mathbf{E}[X] = \mathbf{P}(A_1)\mathbf{E}[X \mid A_1] + \cdots + \mathbf{P}(A_n)\mathbf{E}[X \mid A_n]$$

- Geometric example:

$$A_1 : \{X = 1\}, \quad A_2 : \{X > 1\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}[X] &= \mathbf{P}(X = 1)\mathbf{E}[X \mid X = 1] \\ &\quad + \mathbf{P}(X > 1)\mathbf{E}[X \mid X > 1] \end{aligned}$$

- Solve to get  $E[X] = 1/p$

## Joint PMFs

- $p_{X,Y}(x,y) = \mathbf{P}(X = x \text{ and } Y = y)$

4	1/20	2/20	2/20	
3	2/20	4/20	1/20	2/20
2		1/20	3/20	1/20
1		1/20		
	1	2	3	4

- $\sum_x \sum_y p_{X,Y}(x,y) =$

- $p_X(x) = \sum_y p_{X,Y}(x,y)$

- $p_{X|Y}(x | y) = \mathbf{P}(X = x | Y = y) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x, y)}{p_Y(y)}$

- $\sum_x p_{X|Y}(x | y) =$