

IEOR 241 : Homework 5

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Exercise 1

(a)

$$\mathbb{P}(X = 1) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1, t \leq 1} (F(1) - F(t)) = \frac{1}{4}.$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X = 2) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 2, t \leq 2} (F(2) - F(t)) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X = 3) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 3, t \leq 3} (F(3) - F(t)) = \frac{1}{12}$$

(b)

$$\mathbb{P}(\frac{1}{2} < X < \frac{3}{2}) = F(\frac{3}{2}) - F(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{5}{8} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Exercise 2

Case $i = 2$:

Let $j \in \mathbb{N}$, A_j : “The j -th match is won by Team A”, B_j : “The j -th match is won by Team B”. Let S be the number of match played.

The probability that the game ends on the second match is :

$$\mathbb{P}(S = 2) = \mathbb{P}((A_1 \cap A_2) \cup (B_1 \cap B_2)) = p^2 + (1 - p)^2 = 1 - 2p(1 - p).$$

The probability that the game ends on the third match is :

$$\mathbb{P}(S = 3) = \mathbb{P}((A_1 B_2 A_3 \cup A_1 B_2 B_3 \cup B_1 A_2 B_3 \cup B_1 A_2 A_3)) = 2p^2(1 - p) + 2p(1 - p)^2 = 2p(1 - p)$$

So :

$\mathbb{E}(S) = 2\mathbb{P}(S = 2) + 3\mathbb{P}(S = 3) = 2(1 - 2p(1 - p)) + 3(2p(1 - p)) = 2 - 4p(1 - p) + 6p(1 - p) = 2 + 2p(1 - p)$

Now let $f : x \rightarrow 2 + 2x(1 - x)$, $f \in \mathcal{C}^1([0; 1], \mathbb{R})$ as f is a polynomial function.

$\forall x \in [0; 1], f'(x) = 2[(1 - p) - p] = 2 - 4p$ as $\forall x \in [0; \frac{1}{2}], f'(x) \geq 0$ it is a maximum that is reached in $\frac{1}{2}$.

That's why $E(X) = f(p)$ is maximum when $p = \frac{1}{2}$ and in this case : $E(X) = \frac{5}{2}$.

Case $i = 3$:

$$\mathbb{P}(S = 3) = p^3 + (1 - p)^3$$

$$\mathbb{P}(S = 4) = 3p^3(1 - p) + 3p(1 - p)^3$$

$$\mathbb{P}(S = 5) = 5p^3(1 - p)^2 + 5p^2(1 - p)^3$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = 3\mathbb{P}(S = 3) + 4\mathbb{P}(S = 4) + 5\mathbb{P}(S = 5) = 3 + 3p + 3p^2 - 12p^3 + 6p^4$$

Let $f : x \rightarrow 3 + 3p + 3p^2 - 12p^3 + 6p^4 \in \mathcal{C}^2([0; 1], \mathbb{R})$ because it is polynomial.

$$\forall x \in [0; 1] f'(x) = 3 + 6p - 36p^2 + 24p^3 \text{ and } f''(x) = 6 - 72p + 72p^2 = 6(1 - 12p + 12p^2).$$

As A and B are playing symmetric roles in the problem you have :

$\forall x \in [0; \frac{1}{2}], f(x) = f(1 - x)$ which implies : $f'(x) = -f'(1 - x)$ and $f''(x) = f''(1 - x)$. Finding the root of $f''(x^*) = 0$ in $[0; \frac{1}{2}]$ yields $x^* = \frac{12 - 4\sqrt{6}}{24}$.

As $\forall x \in [0; x^*], f''(x) \geq 0$ and $\forall x \in [x^*, \frac{1}{2}], f''(x) \leq 0$ it means $\forall x \in [0; \frac{1}{2}], f'(x) \geq 0$ and $f'(1 - x) \leq 0$ and finally f is maximized on $x = \frac{1}{2}$.

As $\mathbb{E}(X) = f(p)$ then $\mathbb{E}(X)$ is maximized for $p = \frac{1}{2}$.

Exercise 3

Let $i \in \mathbb{N}$, $X_i = 1$ if the i -th person sits at an unoccupied table and 0 instead. Let also Y the number of table.

You can notice that : $\mathbb{P}(X_i = 1) = (1 - p)^{i-1}$ and $Y = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$

$$\mathbb{E}(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E}(X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N p^{i-1} = \frac{1 - (1 - p)^N}{p}$$

Exercise 4

In this case suppose $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}$, i -th person is aged i . Let X_i be 1 if the i -th person finds his hat and 0 otherwise. $\forall i \in \llbracket 1; 1000 \rrbracket$, $\mathbb{P}(X_i = 1) = \frac{1}{1000}$ and $\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \frac{1}{1000}$.

Let $S = \sum_{i=1}^{1000} X_i$ be the number of people finding their hat.

$$\mathbb{E}(S) = \sum_{i=1}^{1000} \mathbb{E}(X_i) = 1000 \frac{1}{1000} = 1$$

Exercise 5

Let M be the number of matched pairs and let $\forall (i, j) \in \llbracket 1; N \rrbracket$, I_{ij} be the indicator of the i -th person finds hat j and j -th person finds hat i . $\mathbb{P}(I_{ij} = 1) = \frac{1}{N(N-1)}$ and there are $\binom{N}{2}$ possible pairs so

$$\mathbb{E}(M) = \frac{\binom{N}{2}}{N(N-1)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Exercise 6

(a)

$\mathbb{E}((2 + X)^2) = 8 + \mathbb{E}(X^2)$. With $\mathbb{V}(X) = \mathbb{E}(X^2) - \mathbb{E}(X)^2 = \mathbb{E}(X^2) - 1$ and $\mathbb{V}(X) = 5$ you have $\mathbb{E}(X^2) = 6$ and

$$\mathbb{E}((2 + X)^2) = 14$$

(b)

$\mathbb{V}(4 + 3X) = \mathbb{V}(3X) = 9\mathbb{V}(X) = 45$ so

$$\mathbb{V}(4 + 3X) = 45$$

Exercise 7

$$\mathbb{E}((X - Y)^2) = \mathbb{E}(X^2 - 2XY + Y^2) = 2(\sigma^2 + \mu^2) - 2\mu^2$$

Exercise 8

Let $i \in \mathbb{N}$, $X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{-th roll is a 1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ and $Y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{-th roll is a 2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Notice that $X = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ and $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$ then $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Cov}(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i) = \sum_{(i,j) \in \llbracket 1;n \rrbracket^2} \text{Cov}(X_i, Y_j)$.

Now notice that $\forall i, j \in \mathbb{N}^2, i \neq j \implies X_i$ indep with Y_j . Thus $\forall i, j \in \mathbb{N}^2, i \neq j, \text{Cov}(X_i, Y_j) = 0$

Thus $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Cov}(X_i, Y_i)$. Moreover $\text{Cov}(X_i, Y_i) = \mathbb{E}(X_i Y_i) - \mathbb{E}(X_i) \mathbb{E}(Y_i) = -(\frac{1}{6})^2$

Finally :

$$\boxed{\text{Cov}(X, Y) = -\frac{n}{36}}$$