

# Probability & Statistics for EECS: Homework #05

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## Problem 1

1. As the treasure has equally probability to be in the realm from 1 to 9. Then we have that:

- (a) If treasure in realm 1, then we need to ask 1 questions.
- (b) If treasure in realm 2, then we need to ask 2 questions.
- (c) ...
- (d) If treasure in realm 8, then we need to ask 8 questions.
- (e) Note that if treasure in realm 9, then we need to ask 8 questions.

Then we denote that event  $X_i$  is that treasure in realm  $i$ . Then we have that:

$$P(X_i) = \frac{1}{9}.$$

Then we denote that  $Y$  is the number of questions we need to ask. Then we have that:

$$P(Y = k) = P(X_k) = \frac{1}{9}$$

Then we have that:

$$E(X_i) = 1 * \frac{1}{9} + 2 * \frac{1}{9} + \dots + 8 * \frac{1}{9} = \frac{44}{9}.$$

2. By using the bisection method, we could calculate the expected questions for each case that the treasure is in a specific realm.

- (a) If treasure in realm 1, then we need to ask 4 questions.
- (b) If treasure in realm 2, then we need to ask 4 questions.
- (c) If treasure in realm 3, then we need to ask 3 questions.
- (d) If treasure in realm 4, then we need to ask 3 questions.
- (e) If treasure in realm 5, then we need to ask 3 questions.
- (f) If treasure in realm 6, then we need to ask 3 questions.
- (g) If treasure in realm 7, then we need to ask 3 questions.
- (h) If treasure in realm 8, then we need to ask 3 questions.
- (i) If treasure in realm 9, then we need to ask 3 questions.

Then we have that: the expected questions is  $\frac{1}{9} * 4 + \dots + \frac{1}{9} * 3 = \frac{29}{9}$ .

## Problem 2

Use the model Coupon Collector in Lecture, we firstly denote that  $X_k$  is the number of days needed to see the Youthuber eating steaks with  $k$  types deneness at least once.

Firstly we have  $E[X_1] = 1$ , then  $X_2 - X_1 \sim \text{Geom}(\frac{n-1}{n})$ , then we have  $X_k - X_{k-1} \sim \text{Geom}(\frac{n-k}{n})$ , then denote that  $W_k = X_k - X_{k-1}$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_n] &= E[X_1 + X_2 - X_1 + \dots + X_n - X_{n-1}] \\ &= E[W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_n] \\ &= E[W_1] + E[W_2] + \dots + E[W_n] \\ &= 1 + \frac{n}{n-1} + \dots + \frac{n}{1} \\ &= n \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \end{aligned}$$

In this problem,  $k = 5$ , then we have  $E[X_5] = 5 * (\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{5}) = \frac{137}{12}$ .

### Problem 3

1. Denote the times that they are simultaneously successful is  $A$ . As we looking for the cases that they are simultaneously successful, where the probability that simultaneously successful is  $p_1 * p_2 = p_1 p_2$ , then this is the geometric distribution, we have

$$A - 1 \sim \text{Geom}(p_1 p_2)$$

and

$$A \sim \text{Fs}(p_1 p_2)$$

Then we denote that  $p = p_1 p_2$  and that  $q = 1 - p$ , we have :

$$E(A) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k P(X = k) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k q^{k-1} p = \frac{p}{q} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k q^k.$$

Firstly we denote the  $RES = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k q^k$ , as  $q * RES = q \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k q^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k q^{k+1}$ , then make subtraction and get  $RES - q * RES = -n q^{n+1} + \sum_{i=1}^n q^n$ , so we get that  $RES = \frac{q(1 - q^n - n q^n + n q^{n+1})}{(1 - q)^2}$ .

Take it into  $E(A)$ , we have  $E(A) = \frac{1}{p} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 - q^n - n q^n + n q^{n+1}) = \frac{1}{p}$ .

Then we get  $p = p_1 p_2$  and that  $q = 1 - p$  into  $E(A)$ , we have that

$$E(A) = \frac{1}{p_1 p_2}.$$

2. Denote the times that at least one has a success is  $B$ , the event's probability is  $1 - (1 - p_1)(1 - p_2) = p_1 + p_2 - p_1 p_2$ , then the same as this problem's question 1, we denote that  $p = p_1 + p_2 - p_1 p_2$ ,  $q = 1 - p$ , we have

$$E(B) = \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{p_1 + p_2 - p_1 p_2}.$$

3. Firstly we denote that  $p = p_1 = p_2$ , and  $q = 1 - p$ , then we find the probability that they simultaneously success, denote that  $C_1, C_2$  are the first time they success, then we have the probability  $P(C_1 = C_2) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(C_1 = n, C_2 = n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p^2 q^{2(n-1)} = \frac{p^2}{1 - q^2} = \frac{p}{2 - p}$ .

Then, as we have that  $P(C_1 = C_2) + P(C_1 < C_2) + P(C_1 > C_2) = P(C_1 = C_2) + 2P(C_1 < C_2) = 1$ , we get the

$$P(C_1 < C_2) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{p}{2 - p} \right) = \frac{1 - p}{2 - p}.$$

## Problem 4

Firstly we denote the  $RES = \sum_{k=0}^n kq^k$ , as  $q * RES = q \sum_{k=0}^n kq^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} kq^{k+1}$ , then make subtraction and get  $RES - q * RES = -nq^{n+1} + \sum_{i=1}^n q^n$ , so we get that  $RES = \frac{q(1 - q^n - nq^n + nq^{n+1})}{(1 - q)^2}$ . Then the  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n kq^k = \frac{q}{(1 - q)^2}$ . So we get that:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} kq^k = \frac{q}{(1 - q)^2}$$

1. According to the problem, we have that  $X \sim \text{Geom}(p), Y \sim \text{Geom}(q)$ . We have that  $P(X = k) = (1 - p)^k p, P(Y = k) = (1 - q)^k q$ . Then  $P(X = Y) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(X = k, Y = k) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - p)^k p (1 - q)^k q = pq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ((1 - p)(1 - q))^k = pq \frac{1}{1 - (1 - p)(1 - q)} = \frac{pq}{p + q - pq}$ . So, we have

$$P(X = Y) = \frac{pq}{p + q - pq}.$$

2. To solve  $E[\max(X, Y)]$ , we firstly calculate the  $P(\max(X, Y) = k)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P[\max(X, Y) = k] &= P(X = k, Y \leq k) + P(Y = k, X < k) \\ &= P(X = k)P(Y \leq k) + P(Y = k)P(X < k) \\ &= (1 - p)^k p \sum_{n=0}^k (1 - q)^n q + (1 - q)^k q \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} (1 - p)^n p \\ &= (1 - p)^k p [1 - (1 - q)^{k+1}] + (1 - q)^k q [1 - (1 - p)^k] \end{aligned}$$

We have that

$$\begin{aligned} E[\max(X, Y)] &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k P[\max(X, Y) = k] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \{ (1 - p)^k p [1 - (1 - q)^{k+1}] + (1 - q)^k q [1 - (1 - p)^k] \} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k (1 - p)^k p - k (1 - p)^k p (1 - q)^{k+1} + k (1 - q)^k q - k (1 - q)^k q (1 - p)^k \\ &= \frac{1 - p}{p} - p(1 - q) \frac{(1 - p)(1 - q)}{(p + q - pq)^2} + \frac{1 - q}{q} - q \frac{(1 - p)(1 - q)}{(p + q - pq)^2} \\ &= \frac{1 - p}{p} + \frac{1 - q}{q} - \frac{(1 - p)(1 - q)}{p + q - pq} \\ &= -1 - \frac{1}{p + q - pq} + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}. \end{aligned}$$

3. According to the question 2 of this problem, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} P[\min(X, Y) = k] &= P(X = k, Y \geq k) + P(Y = k, X > k) \\ &= P(X = k)P(Y \geq k) + P(Y = k)P(X > k) \\ &= (1 - p)^k p \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} (1 - q)^n q + (1 - q)^k q \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} (1 - p)^n p \\ &= (1 - p)^k p (1 - q)^k + (1 - q)^k q (1 - p)^{k+1} \\ &= [p + (1 - p)q](1 - p)^k (1 - q)^k \\ &= (p + q - pq)[(1 - p)(1 - q)]^k \end{aligned}$$

4. Firstly we calculate the probability  $P(X = i|X \leq Y)$ , we have

$$P(X = i|X \leq Y) = \frac{P(X = i, Y \geq i)}{P(X \leq Y)} = \frac{(1-p)^i p (1-q)^i}{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} P(X = j) P(Y \geq j)} = \frac{(1-p)^i p (1-q)^i}{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (1-q)^j (1-p)^j p}$$

We get that

$$P(X = i|X \leq Y) = (1-p)^n (1-q)^n (p+q-pq)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X|X \leq Y] &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k P(X = k|X \leq Y) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k (p+q-pq) (1-p)^k (1-q)^k \\ &= (p+q-pq) \frac{(1-p)(1-q)}{(p+q-pq)^2} \\ &= \frac{(1-p)(1-q)}{p+q-pq} \end{aligned}$$

So, the  $E[X|X \leq Y] = \frac{(1-p)(1-q)}{p+q-pq}$

## Problem 5

1. Denote that  $A_j$  is the rank of the  $j$ th dish you try,  $A$  is the sum of the ranks,  $X_i$  is the  $i$ th dish's rank. We have  $A = A_1 + \dots + A_k + (m - k)X$ , as  $X$  is the rank of the best dish that you find in the exploration phase.

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(A_i) &= E(Y_i|X = X_1)P(X = X_1) + \dots + E(Y_i|X = X_k)P(X = X_k) \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{X_1-1} j}{k(X_1 - 1)} + \dots + \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{X_k-1} j}{k(X_k - 1)} \\
 &= \frac{X_1}{2k} + \frac{X_2}{2k} + \dots + \frac{X_k}{2k} \\
 &= \frac{E(X)}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

We then have

$$E(A) = E(A_1) + E(A_2) + \dots + E(A_k) + E(X) + (m - k)E(X) = \frac{E(X)(k + 1)}{2} + (m - k)E(X)$$

So we get

$$E(A) = (m - \frac{k}{2} + \frac{1}{2})E(X)$$

2. To find the PMF of  $X$ , which is  $P(X = i)$ , we need to choose a dish with rank  $i$  and other  $k - 1$  dishes with rank  $\leq i$  from 1 to  $j - 1$ , we have

$$P(X = i) = \frac{\binom{i-1}{k-1}}{\binom{n}{k}}.$$

3. As we have get the PMF of  $X$ , then we get that

$$E(X) = \sum_{i=k}^n iP(X = i) = \sum_{i=k}^n i \frac{\binom{i-1}{k-1}}{\binom{n}{k}} = \frac{k}{\binom{n}{k}} \sum_{i=k}^n \binom{i}{k} = k \frac{\binom{n+1}{k+1}}{\binom{n}{k}} = \frac{k(n+1)}{k+1}$$

4. To make the  $E[X]$  maximze, we have

$$E[X] = (m - \frac{k}{2} + \frac{1}{2}) \frac{k(n+1)}{k+1}$$

To make this maximze, we need to get the differential to  $k$ , then we have

$$E[X]' = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{k(n+1)}{k+1} + (m - \frac{k}{2} + \frac{1}{2}) \frac{n+1}{(k+1)^2} = 0$$

Then we get

$$k = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(-2m - 1)}}{2} = \sqrt{2(m+1)} \pm 1$$

As  $k \in [0, m]$ , we get finally  $k$  is

$$k = \sqrt{2(m+1)} - 1.$$