

INTRODUCTORY MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS
(STAT2001/6039)

Tutorial 4

Problem 1

Two dice are to be rolled together five times.

Let Y be the number of square totals which will result.

- (a) What is Y 's probability distribution?
Write down Y 's pdf (probability density function).
- (b) Calculate, tabulate and sketch Y 's pdf.
- (c) What's the probability that the five rolls will result in at least one square total?
- (d) If the two dice are to be rolled only once, what is another name for Y 's probability distribution?

Problem 2

Two dice are to be rolled together repeatedly until the first square total comes up.

Let Y be the number of rolls.

- (a) What is Y 's probability distribution? Write down Y 's pdf.
- (b) What's the probability that the first square total will occur on the third roll?
- (c) What's the probability that the dice will be rolled an even number of times?

Problem 3

Four accidents occurred at an intersection over the last three years.

Let Y be the number of accidents which will occur over the next month.

- (a) What is Y 's probability distribution (approximately)?
Write down Y 's pdf.
- (b) Find the probability that there will be:
 - (i) exactly one accident over the next month
 - (ii) at least one accident over the next month
 - (iii) at least one accident over the next two months.

Problem 4

A bag contains 5 white balls and 7 black balls.

Four balls are to be drawn randomly from the bag.

Let Y be the number of white balls amongst the four drawn.

- (a) What is Y 's probability distribution?
Write down Y 's pdf.
- (b) What's the probability that at least half the balls drawn will be white?