

[sp-4]

1. Distribution and Expected Values for Discrete R.V.s.

1. Say I toss a fair coin $2n+1$ times ($n=0,1,\dots$), $X = (\# \text{ Heads})$, $Y = (\# \text{ Tails})$. Then, both X and Y follows $\text{Bin}(2n+1, 1/2)$, but the event $X=Y$ never occurs. ✓

2. $P(Y=k) = P(X+1=k) = P(X=k-1) = \frac{1}{7}$.
 $\Rightarrow Y$ and X has the same distribution.

$$P(X < Y) = P(1 \leq X < 7) = \frac{6}{7}.$$

3 Note that X, Y are not independent. ✓

3. Given the problem statement,

$$Y = X-1 \sim \text{Geom}(p)$$

Then, PDF of Y is

$$P(Y=k) = (1-p)^k p, \quad k=0,1,\dots$$

Thus,

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

And CDF of X is

$$P(X \leq x) = \sum_{j=1}^x P(X=j)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^x (1-p)^{j-1} p.$$

$$= p \sum_{j=1}^x (1-p)^{j-1}$$

$$= p \frac{1-(1-p)^x}{1-(1-p)}$$

$$= 1-(1-p)^x. \quad \text{where } x \geq 0 \text{ \& } x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

More generally, if x is not an integer, then,

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - (1-p)^{\lfloor x \rfloor}, & \text{if } x \geq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad \checkmark$$

When $p = 1/2$,

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - (1/2)^{\lfloor x \rfloor}, & \text{if } x \geq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



4. It is possible. Say let PMF of X is

$$P(X=0) = \frac{99}{100}, \quad P(X=10^6) = \frac{1}{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[X] = 10000$$

$$\text{Let } Y = 99 \Rightarrow E[Y] = 99 \quad \checkmark$$

5.

$$E[X] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \cdot P(X=n)$$

$$= P(X=1) + 2P(X=2) + 3P(X=3) + \dots$$

$$= [P(X=1) + P(X=2) + \dots] + [P(X=2) + P(X=3) + \dots] + \dots$$

$$= P(X>0) + P(X>1) + \dots$$

$$= (1 - F(0)) + (1 - F(1)) + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - F(n))$$



6. } Note the hint: ... to the previous problem. }

For $n \in \{0, 1\}$, $P(X > n) = 1$

1st one is highest.

For $n \geq 2$,

$$P(X > n) = \frac{(n-1)!}{n!} = \frac{1}{n} \leftarrow$$

Based on the problem 5,

$$E[X] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \cdot P(X=n)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(X > n)$$

$$= 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \{ \text{harmonic series} \}$$

$$= \infty$$

harmonic series
 \hookrightarrow diverges slowly.

II. Indicator R.V.s & Linearity of Expectation.

1.

Let $m = (\# \text{ pairs}) = \binom{50}{2}$. Let I_j be the indicator r.v. such that

$$I_j = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{same birthday} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Let $X = (\# \text{ pairs with the same birthday})$

Then,

$$E[X] = E[I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_m]$$

$$= m \cdot E[I_1]$$

$$= m \cdot P(I_1 = 1) = \binom{50}{2} / 365$$

Let $Y = (\# \text{ days in the year on which at least two of these people were born})$

Let A_j be the indicator r.v. such that

$$A_j = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{at least two are born on } j\text{th day.} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$P(A_j = 1) = 1 - P(A_j = 0)$$

$$= 1 - \binom{50}{1} \frac{1}{365} \left(\frac{364}{365}\right)^{49} - \binom{50}{0} \left(\frac{364}{365}\right)^{50}.$$

Then,

$$E[Y] = E[A_1 + \dots + A_{365}]$$

$$= 365 \cdot E[A_1]$$

$$= 365 \cdot P(A_j = 1)$$

$$= 365 \cdot \left(1 - 50 \frac{1}{365} \left(\frac{364}{365}\right)^{49} - \left(\frac{364}{365}\right)^{50}\right)$$

2.

Let $X = (\# \text{ bags distributed to first three students})$

Then,

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(20, \frac{3}{20})$$

Thus,

$$E[X] = 20 \times \frac{3}{20} = 3. \quad \checkmark$$

Let I_j be the indicator r.v. such that

$$I_j = \begin{cases} 1, & j^{\text{th}} \text{ student get at least one bag.} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} E[I_1 + \dots + I_{20}] \\ &= 20 E[I_1] \\ &= 20 P(I_1 = 1) \\ &= 20 (1 - P(I_1 = 0)) \quad \checkmark \\ &= 20 (1 - (\frac{19}{20})^{20}) \end{aligned}$$

3. Each step leads to decrease of ends by 2. Thus,

$$\# \text{ steps} = \frac{200}{2} = 100. \quad \checkmark$$

Let I_j be an indicator r.v. such that

$$I_j = \begin{cases} 1, & j^{\text{th}} \text{ step results in a loop} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$E[I_j] = P(I_j = 1) = \frac{\binom{100 - (j-1)}{1}}{\binom{200 - 2(j-1)}{2}} = \frac{1}{201 - 2j} \quad \checkmark$$

*{ official sol. is $n / \binom{2n}{2} = \frac{1}{2n-1}$,
n is #unlooped shoelaces at current
step. }*

Then,

$$E[I_1 + \dots + I_{100}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{199} + \frac{1}{197} + \dots + \frac{1}{3} + 1$$



4. Based on the problem statement, n is true random. That is, k people will be assigned to one of n locations equally likely.

Let I_j be the indicator r.v. such that

$$I_j = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{no phone number in } j^{\text{th}} \text{ location} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$P(I_j=1) = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^k = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^k$$

\Rightarrow Expected #locations without phone number

$$= E[I_1 + \dots + I_n]$$

$$= n \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^k$$



Let M_j be the indicator r.v. such that

$$M_j = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{exactly one phone number in } j^{\text{th}} \text{ location} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$P(M_j=1) = \frac{\binom{k}{1} (n-1)^{k-1}}{n^k} = \frac{k}{n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{k-1}$$



\Rightarrow Expected #locations with exactly one phone number

$$= E[M_1 + \dots + M_n]$$

$$= n \cdot \frac{k}{n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{k-1}$$

$$= k \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{k-1}$$

Let N_j be the indicator r.v. such that

$$N_j = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{more than one phone number} \\ & \text{in } j^{\text{th}} \text{ location} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$p(N_j=1) = 1 - p(L_j=1) + p(M_j=1).$$

$$\Rightarrow E[N_1 + \dots + N_n]$$

$$= n E[N_j]$$

$$= n (1 - E[L_j] - E[M_j])$$

$$= n - \{ \text{expected \# locations without phone numbers} \} \\ - \{ \text{expected \# locations with exactly} \\ \text{one phone number} \}$$

$$= n - n(1 - \frac{1}{n})^k - k(1 - \frac{1}{n})^{k-1} \quad \checkmark$$

\Rightarrow The sum of expected values must be n . \checkmark