

1. You toss a fair coin until you get head twice. What is the probability that you made n tosses?

The function for the Fibonacci Numbers is $\frac{x}{1 - x - x^2}$

Thus, the number of ways to end at k flips is F_{k-1} so the probability of ending at k flips is

$$\frac{F_{k-1}}{2^k}$$

2. Each person in a group of n people is requested to select a number between 1 to k . Describe the probability that at least 2 people chose the same number.

There are k choices and n people.

- First person will choose a random number.
- Second person will choose a random number and will have $\frac{1}{k}$ probability to choose the number chosen by others.
- Third person will have $\frac{2}{k}$ probability.
- n -th person will have $\frac{n-1}{k}$ probability.

Getting the probability that way will be way too hard, let's get the probability of *not* having two identical choices:

- First person will choose a random number (and have $\frac{k}{k}$ probability).
- Second person will choose a random number and have $\frac{k-1}{k}$ to choose the number not chosen by others.
- Third person will have $\frac{k-2}{k}$ probability.
- n -th person will have $\frac{k-n+1}{k}$ probability.

Probability (p) is then:

$$p = 1 - \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)(k-3)\dots(k-n+3)(k-n+2)(k-n+1)}{k^n} = 1 - \frac{k!}{k^n(k-n)!}$$

3. The frequency of the Malum Indentum disease in the population is 1 in 10,000. A test that checks if one is infected with the disease is 99% accurate. One takes the test and gets a positive response (test says she is infected). What's the probability that she is infected?

we can use Bayes theorem here

$$P(A|B) = (P(A) * P(B|A)) / P(B)$$

A - ill \bar{A} - is not ill

B - test positive

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A|B) * P(A)}{P(B|A) * P(\bar{A}) + P(B|\bar{A}) * P(\bar{A})}$$

$$P(A) = 0,001$$

$$P(B|A) = 0,99$$

$$P(\bar{A}) = 0,9999$$

$$P(B|\bar{A}) = 0,01$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{0,99 * 0,0001}{0,99 * 0,0001 + 0,01 * 0,9999} = 0,0098$$

4. Let X and Y be discrete random variables, Z be a continuous random variable, and α and β constants.

Prove the following qualities:

a. $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$,

Then we can consider the random variable $X + Y$ to be the result of applying the function $\varphi(x, y) = x + y$ to the joint random variable (X, Y) .

$$\begin{aligned} E(X + Y) &= \sum_j \sum_k (x_j + y_k) P(X = x_j, Y = y_k) \\ &= \sum_j \sum_k x_j P(X = x_j, Y = y_k) + \sum_j \sum_k y_k P(X = x_j, Y = y_k) \\ &= \sum_j x_j P(X = x_j) + \sum_k y_k P(Y = y_k) . \end{aligned}$$

The last equality follows from the fact that

$$\sum_k P(X = x_j, Y = y_k) = P(X = x_j)$$

and

$$\sum_j P(X = x_j, Y = y_k) = P(Y = y_k) .$$

Thus, $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$

b. $E(\alpha Z) = \alpha E(Z)$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\alpha Z) &= \sum_j \alpha z_j P(Z = z_j) \\ &= \alpha \sum_j z_j P(Z = z_j) \\ &= \alpha E(Z) . \end{aligned}$$

c. If X and Y are independent then $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$

Where X and Y are continuous random variables, by definition they are independent when $f_{XY}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(XY) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y)xydx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x)f_Y(y)xydx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x)xdx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y)ydy \\ &= E(X)E(Y) \end{aligned}$$

d. $V(\alpha X + \beta) = \alpha^2 V(X)$

$$\begin{aligned} V(\alpha X + \beta) &= E[(\alpha X + \beta) - E[\alpha X + \beta]]^2 \\ &= E[(\alpha^2 X + \beta - \alpha E[X] - \beta)^2] \\ &= E[\alpha^2 (X - E[X])^2] \\ &= \alpha^2 E[(X - E[X])^2] = \alpha^2 V(X) \end{aligned}$$

e. If X and Y are independent then $V(X+Y) = V(X)+V(Y)$

$$\begin{aligned} V(X + Y) &= E((X + Y)^2) - (E(X + Y))^2 \\ &= E(X^2 + 2XY + Y^2) - (E(X) + E(Y))^2 \\ &= E(X^2) + 2E(X)E(Y) + E(Y^2) - (E(X))^2 - 2E(X)E(Y) - (E(Y))^2 \\ &\quad \text{using } E(XY) = E(X)E(Y) \text{ at the start since } X, Y \text{ independent} \\ &= E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 + E(Y^2) - (E(Y))^2 \\ &= V(X) + V(Y) \end{aligned}$$

5. Let $X_i \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ be IID (independent identically distributed) random variables.

Let $Y = \max(X_1, \dots, X_n)$. What is $E(Y)$?

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[Y] &= \int_0^1 \dots \int_0^1 \max(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n \\
 &= n! \int_{x_1 < \dots < x_n} \max(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n \\
 &\quad \text{since the integral is the same over all } n! \text{ such regions} \\
 &= n! \int_{x_1 < \dots < x_n} x_n dx_1 \dots dx_n \\
 &\quad \text{since the max in this region is } x_n \\
 &= n! \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_n} \int_0^{x_{n-1}} \dots \int_0^{x_2} x_n dx_1 \dots dx_n \\
 &= n! \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_n} \int_0^{x_{n-1}} \dots \int_0^{x_3} x_n x_2 dx_2 \dots dx_n \\
 &= n! \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_n} \int_0^{x_{n-1}} \dots \int_0^{x_4} x_n \frac{1}{2} x_3^2 dx_3 \dots dx_n \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= n! \int_0^1 x_n \cdot \frac{1}{(n-1)!} x_n^{n-1} dx_n \\
 &= n \int_0^1 x_n^n dx_n \\
 &= \frac{n}{n+1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

6. A drunken point hops on the number line, making jumps sized 1. The probability to jump to the right is fixed: $P(\text{right}) = p$. Let X_n be the position of the point after n jumps.

a. What is $E(X_n)$?

b. What is $V(X_n)$?

$$P(\text{right}) = p$$

$$P(\text{left}) = 1-p$$

if we do k steps to right we also do $(n-k)$ steps to left

$$k - (n-k) = 2k - n = m \leftarrow X_n \text{ - the position}$$

$$k = \frac{m+n}{2}$$

so we need $m+n$ to be even

$P_1 = 0$ if $m+n$ is an odd number

$$P = C_n^{\frac{m+n}{2}} * p^{\frac{m+n}{2}} * (1-p)^{\frac{m+n}{2}}$$

According Bernaulli distribution

$$E(X) = \sum_{k=0}^n 2(k-n) * C_n^k * p^k * (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$V(x) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$