

Lab Nr. 4, Probability and Statistics

Random number generators; RND; Computer simulations of discrete random variables Numerical characteristics of random variables

1. Function **rnd** in Statistics Toolbox; special functions **rand** and **randn**.

2. Using a $\mathcal{U}(0, 1)$ (standard Uniform) random number generator, generate the common discrete probability distributions:

a. **Bernoulli Distribution** $Bern(p)$, with parameter $p \in (0, 1)$: $X \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1-p & p \end{pmatrix}$;

b. **Binomial Distribution** $Bino(p)$, with parameters $n \in \mathbb{N}, p \in (0, 1)$: $X \begin{pmatrix} k \\ C_n^k p^k q^{n-k} \end{pmatrix}_{k=0, n}$;

Hint: A Binomial $Bino(n, p)$ variable is the sum of n independent $Bern(p)$ variables;

c. **Geometric Distribution** $Geo(p)$, with parameter $p \in (0, 1)$: $X \begin{pmatrix} k \\ pq^k \end{pmatrix}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$;

Hint: A Geometric $Geo(p)$ variable represents the number of failures (i.e. the number of Bernoulli trials that ended up being failures) needed to get the first success;

d. **Pascal Distribution** $NB(n, p)$ with parameters $n \in \mathbb{N}, p \in (0, 1)$: $X \begin{pmatrix} k \\ C_{n+k-1}^k p^n q^k \end{pmatrix}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$;

Hint: A Pascal $NB(n, p)$ variable is the sum of n independent $Geo(p)$ variables;

3. Numerical characteristics of random Variables: in *Statistics Toolbox* **stat**

The means and variances of the following distributions (fill in the table):

Distribution	Notation	Mean $E(X)$	Variance $V(X)$
Discrete Uniform	$U(m)$	$(m-1)/2$	$(m^2 - 1) / 2$
Binomial	$B(n, p)$	$n \cdot p$	$n \cdot p \cdot (1 - p)$
Hypergeometric	$H(N, n_1, n)$	$n_1 \cdot n / N$	$n_1 \cdot n \cdot (N-n) \cdot (N-n_1) / (N^2 \cdot (N-1))$
Poisson	$P(\lambda)$	λ	λ
Pascal (Neg. Bin.)	$NB(n, p)$	$n \cdot (1-p) / p^2$	$n \cdot (1-p) / p^2$
Geometric	$G(p)$	$1/p$	$(1-p) / p^2$
Uniform	$U(a, b)$	$(a+b)/2$	$(b-a)^2 / 12$
Normal	$N(\mu, \sigma)$	μ	σ
Gamma	$Ga(a, b)$	$a \cdot b$	$a \cdot b^2$
Exponential	$Exp(\lambda)$	$1/\lambda$	$1/\lambda^2$
Beta	$\beta(a, b)$	$a/(a+b)$	$ab / ((a+b)^2(a+b+1))$
Student	$T(n)$	0	$n/(n-2)$
Chi squared	$\chi^2(n)$	n	$2n$
Fisher	$F(m, n)$	$n/(n-2)$	$2n^2(m+n-2) / (m \cdot (n-2)^2(n-4))$