## Assignment 9

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Let a pair of dice be thrown and the random variable X be the sum of the numbers that appear on the two dice. Find the mean or expectation of X.

**Solution:** Let  $X_1$  be random variable for first dice and  $X_2$  be random variable for second dice

$$X_{1}, X_{2} \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$X = X_{1} + X_{2}$$

$$X \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$$

$$p_{X_{i}}(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6} & 1 \leq X_{i} \leq 6 \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

$$p_{X}(n) = \Pr(X_{1} + X_{2} = n)$$

$$= \Pr(X_{1} = n - X_{2})$$

$$= \sum_{k} \Pr(X_{1} = n - k | X_{2} = k) p_{X_{2}}(k)$$

$$= \sum_{k} p_{X_{1}}(n - k) p_{X_{2}}(k)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \sum_{k=1}^{6} p_{X_{1}}(n - k)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} p_{X_{1}}(k)$$

$$p_X(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & n \le 1 \\ \frac{1}{6} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} p_{X_1}(k) = \frac{n-1}{36} & 2 \le n \le 7 \\ \frac{1}{6} \sum_{k=n-6}^{6} p_{X_1}(k) = \frac{13-n}{36} & 7 < n \le 12 \\ 0 & n > 12 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{split} E[X] &= \sum_{n=1}^{12} n p_X(n) \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{7} n \times \frac{n-1}{36} + \sum_{n=8}^{12} n \times \frac{13-n}{36} \\ &= \frac{2}{36} + \sum_{n=3}^{7} n \times \frac{n-1}{36} + \sum_{n=8}^{12} n \times \frac{13-n}{36} \\ &= \frac{2}{36} + \frac{1}{36} \left( \sum_{n=3}^{7} n(n-1) + (n+5)(13-(n+5)) \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{36} + \frac{1}{36} \left( \sum_{n=3}^{7} n^2 - n + (n+5)(8-n) \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{36} + \frac{1}{36} \left( \sum_{n=3}^{7} n^2 - n + 8n - n^2 + 40 - 5n \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{36} + \frac{1}{36} \left( \sum_{n=3}^{7} 2n + 40 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{18} + \frac{1}{18} \left( \sum_{n=3}^{7} n + 20 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{18} \left( 1 + \sum_{n=3}^{7} n + 20 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{18} \left( 1 + 23 + 24 + 25 + 26 + 27 \right) \\ &= 7 \end{split}$$





