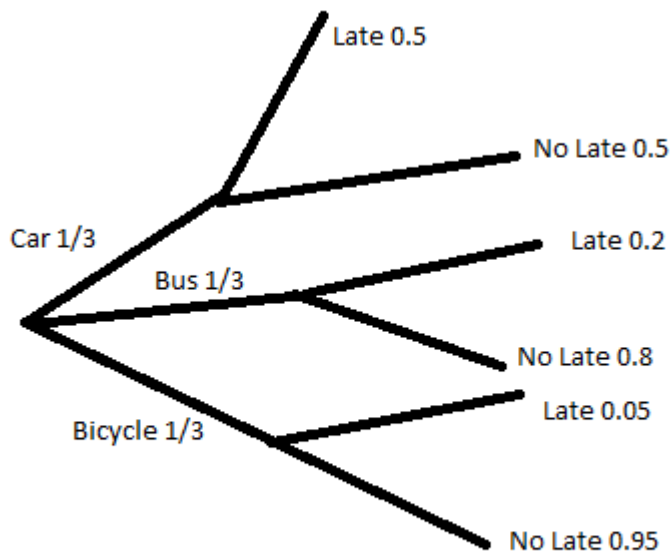


Homework 4 Solution

Solution 1:



$$P(\text{Late} | \text{Car}) = 0.5, P(\text{Late} | \text{Bus}) = 0.2, P(\text{Bicycle}) = 0.05$$

$$\text{a. } P(\text{Car}) = 1/3, P(\text{Bus}) = 1/3, P(\text{Bicycle}) = 1/3$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Car} | \text{Late}) &= (P(\text{Late} | \text{Car})P(\text{Car})) / \{P(\text{Late} | \text{Car})P(\text{Car}) + P(\text{Late} | \text{Bus})P(\text{Bus}) + \\ &\quad P(\text{Late} | \text{Bicycle})P(\text{Bicycle})\} \\ &= (1/3 * 0.5) / \{(1/3 * 0.5) + (1/3 * 0.2) + (1/3 * 0.05)\} \\ &= 0.16667 / (0.16667 + 0.06667 + 0.016667) \\ &= 0.66668 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b. } P(\text{Car}) = 0.3, P(\text{Bus}) = 0.2, P(\text{Bicycle}) = 0.6$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Car} | \text{Late}) &= (0.3*0.5) / \{(0.3*0.5) + (0.2*0.2) + (0.05*0.6)\} \\ &= 0.15 / (0.15 + 0.04 + 0.03) \\ &= 0.75 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2:Expectation and variance of the Binomial $B(n, p)$:

Let X_i be the i^{th} Bernoulli trial, let p the probability of success and $q = 1-p$

Then, $E[X_i] = p$ $\text{Var}[X_i] = pq$

$$E[B(n, p)] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] = np$$

$$\text{Var}[B(n, p)] = \text{Var}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right]$$

Since X_i are independent

$$\text{Var}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) = npq$$

Expectation and variance of the Binomial Geometric distribution:

Let X be the random variable representing the number of trials until the first success occur.

Let, on k Bernoulli trial success occurs

$$P(X=k) = (1-p)^{k-1}p$$

$$E[X] = (1-p)^0p + (1-p)^1p + (1-p)^2p + \dots$$

$$\text{let } S_n = \sum_{j=1}^n (1-p)^{j-1}p$$

$$\text{Then we have } E[X] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$$

$$\text{Now, } S_n = (1-p)^0p + (1-p)^1p + (1-p)^2p + \dots + (1-p)^{n-1}p$$

$$(1-p) S_n = (1-p)^1p + (1-p)^2p + (1-p)^3p + \dots + (1-p)^n p$$

$$S_n - S_n(1-p) = (1-p)^0p + (1-p)^1p + (1-p)^3p + \dots + (1-p)^{n-1}p - (1-p)^n p$$

Solving this,

$$pS_n = 1 - (1-p)^n \cdot (n+1)$$

$$S_n = 1/p - (1-p)^n \cdot (n+1)/p$$

$$E[X] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1/p - (1-p)^n \cdot (n+1)/p)$$

Variance:

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

$$E[X] = 1/p$$

$$E[X^2] = 1^2 (1-p)^0 p + (1-p)^1 p \cdot 2^2 + (1-p)^2 p \cdot 3^2 + \dots$$

$$(1-p)E[X^2] = 1^2 (1-p)^1 p + (1-p)^2 p \cdot 2^2 + (1-p)^3 p \cdot 3^2 + \dots$$

$$pE[X^2] = 1^2(1-p)p + 3(1-p)p + 5(1-p)^2 p + 7(1-p)^3 p + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k-1)(1-p)^{k-1} p$$

$$pE[X^2] = 2/p - 1$$

$$E[X^2] = 2/p^2 - 1/p^2$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

$$= (2/p^2 - 1/p^2) - (1/p^2)$$

$$= (1-p)/p^2$$

Poisson Distribution:

$$E[X] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\lambda^k e^{-\lambda} k / k!)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\lambda^k e^{-\lambda} / (k-1)!)$$

$$= \lambda \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\lambda^{k-1} e^{-\lambda} / (k-1)!)$$

$$= \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\lambda^k e^{-\lambda} / (k-1)!) = \lambda$$

Variance:

$$E[X^2] = \sum_{k>0} \lambda^k e^{-\lambda} k^2 / k!$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k>0} \lambda^{k-1} k / (k-1)!$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} (\sum_{k>0} \lambda^{k-1} (k-1) / (k-1)! + \sum_{k>0} \lambda^{k-1} / (k-1)!)$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} (\lambda \sum_{k>1} \lambda^{k-2} / (k-2)! + \sum_{k>0} \lambda^{k-1} / (k-1)!)$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} (\lambda \sum_{i \geq 0} \lambda^i / i! + \sum_{j \geq 0} \lambda^j / j!)$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} (\lambda e^{\lambda} + e^{\lambda})$$

$$= \lambda(\lambda+1)$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = \lambda$$

Solution 3:

Using the hint

$$E[\sum_{i=1}^{40} X_i] = \sum_{i=1}^{40} E[X_i]$$

For $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_{40}$

$$P(X_1 = 1) = 1/40 \text{ and } E[X_1] = 1/40$$

1st Sailor didn't pick 2nd sailor's room = 39/40

2nd Sailor picked his own room = 1/39

$$P(X_2 = 1) = 39/40 * 1/39 \text{ and } E[X_2] = 1/40$$

$$P(X_3 = 1) = 39/40 * 38/39 * 1/38 = 1/40, \quad E[X_3] = 1/40$$

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$$P(X_4 = 1) = 1/40 \quad E[X_4] = 1/40$$

$$\text{Thus } \sum_{i=1}^{40} E[X_i] = 1$$

Solution 4:

$$P(X_1 = 1) = 1 \quad E[X_1] = 1$$

$$P(X_2 = 1) = (n-1)/n \quad E[X_2] = n/(n-1)$$

$$P(X_3 = 1) = (n-2)/n \quad E[X_3] = n/(n-2)$$

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$$P(X_n = 1) = (n-(n-1))/n \quad E[X_n] = n$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} E[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i] &= \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n n/(n-i+1) \\ &= n * (\sum_{i=1}^n 1/(n-i+1)) = n * (\sum_{j=1}^n 1/j) = n \ln n \end{aligned}$$

Thus one needs to open $n \ln n$ boxes to collect all n transformers.

Solution 5:

Since this is a fair coin, the odds of success is $\frac{1}{2}$. We are looking at the random variable $B(100, 1/2) \Rightarrow 100$ Bernoulli trials

$$E[B] = 50, \text{Var}(B) = 25, \sigma(B) = 5$$

Using Markov Inequality:

$$P(B \geq 70) \leq E[B]/70 = 50/70 = 0.71$$

Using Chebyshev:

$$P(|B-50| \geq 20) \leq \frac{1}{2} (25/20^2) = 0.03125$$

Solution 6:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X_1+X_2) &= E((X_1+X_2) - E[X_1+X_2])^2 \\ &= E((X_1+X_2) - E[X_1] - E[X_2])^2 \\ &= E((X_1 - E[X_1]) + (X_2 - E[X_2]))^2 \\ &= E((X_1 - E[X_1])^2 - 2(X_1 - E[X_1])(X_2 - E[X_2]) + (X_2 - E[X_2])^2) \\ &= E[(X_1 - E[X_1])^2] - 2E[X_1 - E[X_1]] E[X_2 - E[X_2]] + E[(X_2 - E[X_2])^2] \\ &= \text{Var}(X_1) - 0 + \text{Var}(X_2) \\ &= \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2) \end{aligned}$$

Solution 7:

Let the two candidates be A and B.

Since 50% of the voters favor each candidate, if we pick a vote uniformly at random, the odds is 0.5 for picking a voter favoring each candidate.

There are two scenarios:

If $n \gg k$, this is just like flipping a fair coin k times, and the resulting distribution is a binomial distribution:

$Pr(X = j) = \binom{k}{j} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^j \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-j} = \binom{k}{j} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k$, where X is the r.v., indicating the number of voters out of these k voters that favors candidate A.

Thus, the probability that 45-55% of the voters favoring A is:

$$\sum_{j=0.45k}^{0.55k} Pr(X = j).$$

If $n \sim k$, i.e., roughly in the same order of magnitude of k , then let X be the number of voters of the chosen k voters favoring A:

Since any group of k voters are equally likely to be chosen, this probably can be calculated using product rule:

$$Pr(X = j) = \frac{\binom{n/2}{j} \binom{n/2}{k-j}}{\binom{n}{k}}$$

Thus, the probability that 45-55% of the voters favoring A is:

$$\sum_{j=0.45k}^{0.55k} Pr(X = j).$$

Solution 8:

Similar to the analysis of randomized quick sort. Let X_{ij} be the indicator variable of whenever X_i and X_j are compared ($X_i < X_j$).

However unlike quicksort, in selection sort

$P(X_{ij}) = \frac{1}{2}$, in other words the two are compared when X_j is in front of X_i

Hence, $E[\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n X_{ij}] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n E[X_{ij}] = n(n-1)/4$

Solution 9:

- a) Each edge of G has at least one endpoint in C . So, in the first iteration the probability that a vertex from the smallest vertex cover C^* is added to C is $\geq \frac{1}{2}$
- b) This is still $\geq \frac{1}{2}$.
Note that whether the vertex chosen in the first iteration belong to C^* or not, the same argument still holds
- c) $2k$. This is like flipping a fair coin, and asking for the number of flips to expected to get k heads. Since 2 flips are expected to get one head, one would need $2k$ flips.