

4-10-19 ~~Probability & Distributions~~ ~~W. R. D. J. P. S.~~

1) calculate $\text{Var}(X)$ if X represents the outcome when a fair die is rolled.

2) The following gambling game known as "wheel of fortune" is as follows: A player bets on one of no's b/w 1 to 6. Three dices are rolled and if number bet by player appears i times, $i=1, 2, 3$, then find the player wins

$$(10) 1 + \dots + (6) 3 + (1) 0 = 60$$

$$P(X=i) = \frac{1}{6^3} \times \binom{3}{i}$$



1.) There is a dinner party where men check their hats. The hats are mixed up during dinner so that afterward each man receives a random hat. In particular, each man gets his own hat with prob. $\frac{1}{n}$. What is expected no. of men who get their own hat?

Sol) Let G_i be total no. of men who get their own hat.

$$G_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if person gets his own hat} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(G_i) &= E(G_{i_1}) + E(G_{i_2}) + \dots + E(G_{i_n}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} = n\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$E(G_i) = p(G_i).$$

2.) Game-A: We win \$2 with $\frac{2}{3}$ and lose \$1 with prob. $\frac{1}{3}$.

Game-B: we win \$1002 with prob. $\frac{2}{3}$ and lose \$2001 prob. $\frac{1}{3}$.

Which game is better financially?

$$\text{Sol) } E(X) = 2 \times \frac{2}{3} - 1 \times \frac{1}{3} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y) &= 1002 \times \frac{2}{3} - 2001 \times \frac{1}{3} \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X^2) = 4 \times \frac{2}{3} + 1 \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{9}{3} = 3.$$

$$E(Y^2) = \frac{2}{3} \times (1002)^2 + \frac{1}{3} \times (2001)^2 =$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = 3 - 1 = 2.$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = 2.004002.$$

If Var is high then it is more risky.

3) In a certain game, each card has a point value worth 10 points. Numbered cards in the range 2-9 are worth 5 points each. Aces are worth 15 points each. Suppose that you thoroughly shuffle a 52 cards deck. What is prob. Expected total value of three cards on top of deck after shuffle?

$$\text{Sol}) E(x) = \left(5 \times \frac{8}{13}\right) + \left(10 \times \frac{4}{13}\right) + \left(15 \times \frac{1}{13}\right) = \boxed{\frac{95}{13}}$$

Let $x = x_1 + x_2 + x_3$

$$E(x) = E(x_1) + E(x_2) + E(x_3)$$

$$= \frac{95}{13} + \frac{95}{13} + \frac{95}{13} = 3\left(\frac{95}{13}\right) = \boxed{\frac{285}{13}}$$

4) let T be the time for first success in Bernoulli trials process. Then we take the sample space \mathbb{Z} the integers and assign the geometric dist.

$$m(j) \Rightarrow P(T=j) = q^{j-1} \cdot p \quad E(T) = ?$$

$$\text{Sol}) E(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j q^{j-1} \cdot p = \frac{p}{q} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j q^j$$

$$= p \left[\frac{1}{q} + \frac{2q}{q} + \frac{3q^2}{q} + \frac{4q^3}{q} + \frac{5q^4}{q} + \dots \right]$$

$$A = q + 2q^2 + 3q^3 + 4q^4 + \dots$$

$$Aq = q + 2q^2 + 3q^3 + 4q^4 + \dots$$

$$\frac{A - Aq}{1 - q} = \frac{q}{1 - q} \quad \frac{\frac{q}{1-q} + \frac{q}{(1-q)^2}}{1 - q} \\ = \frac{q}{1 - q} + \frac{q}{(1 - q)^2} \\ = \frac{q - q + q}{(1 - q)^2} = \frac{q}{P^2 \cdot q} = \frac{1}{P^2}$$

$$E(x) = \frac{p}{q} \times \frac{q}{(1 - q)^2} = \boxed{\frac{p}{(1 - q)^2}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{P}}$$

5.) When looking at person's eyes colour it turns out that 1% of people in world has green eyes. Consider a group of 20 people.

- (a) None have green eyes. $\rightarrow {}^{20}C_0 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{100}\right)^0 \cdot \left(\frac{99}{100}\right)^{20}$
- (b) Nine have green Eyes. $\rightarrow {}^{20}C_9 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{100}\right)^9 \cdot \left(\frac{99}{100}\right)^{11}$
- (c) Atmost 3 have green Eyes. $\rightarrow {}^{20}C_0 + {}^{20}C_1 + {}^{20}C_2 + {}^{20}C_3$
- (d) At least 4 have green Eyes. $\rightarrow 1 - (c)$

6.) According to center for disease control (CDC) about 1 in 88 children in U.S have been diagnosed with autism.

Consider a group of 10 children.

- (a) None have autism.

- (b) Seven have autism.

- (c) At least 5 have autism.

- (d) At most 2 have autism.

7.) Two players A and B play a coin tossing game. A gives B one dollar if a head turns up, otherwise B pays A one dollar. If prob. that coin shows a head is p, find expected gain of A.

8.) A fair die is rolled n times, find the no. of trials needed for prob. of atleast one 6 to be $\geq \frac{1}{2}$ ($n = ?$)

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Probability and probability distribution is a period (2) through part X occurs. What is the probability that we have to roll the die twice to get a sum of 7? What is the resulting dist.?

$$\text{Sol}) P(X=1) = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1$$

$$P(X=2) = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1$$

$$P(X=3) = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1$$

$$P(X=k) = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{k-1} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1$$

2) 2 coins are tossed until HH occurs 3 times. What is prob. that (a) exactly 5 tosses of 2 coins are necessary. (b) $P(X < 6)$ (c) $E(X) = ?$ $\text{Var}(X) = ?$

$$\text{Sol}) P(X=s) = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{s-1}$$

$$P(X=5) = {}^5C_3 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2$$

$$(a) P(X=5) = {}^4C_2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2$$

$$(b) P(X < 6) = P(X=3) + P(X=4) + P(X=5)$$

$$P(X < 6) = {}^2C_2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^0 + {}^3C_2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^1$$

$$+ {}^4C_2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^1$$

$$(c) E(X) = \frac{8}{P} = \frac{3}{\frac{1}{6}} = 12.$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{8q}{P^2} = \frac{3}{\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2} = \frac{144}{4} = 36$$

$$E(X) = P \cdot X = q \cdot x = (x)$$

3) During a bad economy, a graduating ECE student goes to career fair booths in tech. Sector. His/her likelihood of receiving an off-campus interview invitation after career fair booth visit depends on how well he/she did in ECE 313. An A in 313 results in prob. $P=0.95$ of obtaining an invitation whereas a C in 313 results in prob. $P=0.15$.

(a) Give the p.m.f in terms of ϵ .

$$(b) E(Y) = P$$

(c) Assume that each student visits 15 booths during a typical career fair. Find prob. that in A in 313 will not get an off-campus interview invitation. Similarly find prob. that a C in 313 will get an invitation.

$$\text{Sol: } (a) P(Y=k) = \binom{15}{k} (P)^k (1-P)^{15-k}, \text{ for } k \leq 15$$

$$(b) E(Y) = \frac{1}{P} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{0.95} & \text{for } \epsilon = A \\ \frac{1}{0.15} & \text{for } \epsilon = C \end{cases}$$

$$(c) (i) (1 - 0.95)$$

$$(ii) 1 - (1 - 0.95)^5$$

4) Suppose that 105 passengers hold reservations for a 100 passenger flight. The no. of passengers who show up at the gate can be modeled as binomial r.v. with parameters $(105, 0.9)$.

(a) On average, how many passengers show up at the gate?

$$\text{Sol: } E(X) = np = 105 \times 0.9 = 94.5$$

$$(b) P(X \leq 100)?$$

$$\text{Sol: } 1 - P(X \geq 100) = 1 - \left[{}_{105}^{100} C_{100} (0.9)^{100} (0.1)^{5} + \dots + {}_{105}^{104} C_{104} (0.9)^{104} (0.1)^{1} \right]$$

- (c) Explain why the no. of no-shows can be modeled as a binomial r.v. with parameters $(105, 0.1)$.
- Sol) If X is a binomial variable with parameters (n, p) , then $Y = n - X$ is a r.v. with parameters $(n, 1-p)$. For this case no-show is a success.

- 5) An airline knows that 5% of people making reservations do not turn up for flight. So it sells 52 tickets for 50-seat flight. What is prob. that every passenger who turns up will get a seat?

Sol) $X \sim \text{Bin}(52, 0.95)$. X → no. of passengers turning up.

$$P(X \leq 50) = 1 - [P(X=51) + P(X=52)]$$

$$= 1 - \left[\frac{52}{51} C_{51}^{51} (0.95)^{51} (0.05) + \frac{52}{52} C_{52}^{52} (0.95)^{52} \right]$$

$$\approx 0.74$$

- 6) Suppose independent tests are conducted on monkey to develop a vaccine. If prob. of success is $\frac{1}{3}$ in each trial what is prob. that at least 5 trials are needed to get first success?

Sol) $X \rightarrow$ no. of tests.

$$P(X \geq 5) = 1 - [P(X=1) + P(X=2) + P(X=3) + P(X=4)]$$

$$= P(X=5) + P(X=6) + \dots + P(X=\infty)$$

$$= \sum_{n=5}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left[\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} = \boxed{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4}$$

7.) A bag contains N white and M black balls. Balls are randomly selected one at a time, until a black one is obtained. If we assume that each ball is selected and replaced before the next one is drawn.

i. What is the prob. that exactly n draws are needed?

(a) Exactly n draws are needed.

Sol.) $\left(\frac{N}{N+M}\right)^{n-1} \cdot \left(\frac{M}{N+M}\right)$

(b) At least k draws are needed.

Sol.) $P(X \geq k) = \left(\frac{N}{N+M}\right)^{k-1} + \left(\frac{N}{N+M}\right)^k \left(\frac{M}{N+M}\right)$

$$= \left(\frac{M}{N+M}\right) \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{N}{N+M}\right)^{k-1}}{\left(\frac{M}{N+M}\right)} = \boxed{\left(\frac{N}{N+M}\right)^{k-1}}$$

8.) Find the expected value and variance of no. of times one must throw a die until outcome 1 has occurred 4 times.

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$$(1-x)^4 + (x-1)^4 + (1-x)^4 + (x-1)^4 = (2-x)^4$$

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1.) The lifetime T (years) of an electronic component is a continuous R.V. with prob. d.f given by $f(t) = e^{-t}$ $t \geq 0$

(a) Find lifetime L which a typical component is 60% certain to exceed.

(b) If 5 components are sold to a manufacturer find prob. that at least one of them will have a lifetime less than L years.

$$\text{Sol: (a)} \quad P(T > L) = \int_L^\infty e^{-t} dt = [e^{-t}]_L^\infty = e^{-L} = 0.6.$$

$$L = 0.51 \text{ years}$$

$$(b) \quad P(T < L) = \int_0^L e^{-t} dt = [-e^{-t}]_0^L = -e^{-L} + 1 = 1 - e^{-L} = 0.41$$

$$(b) \quad P(\text{at least one fails}) = 1 - P(\text{none have less than } L \text{ years}) = 1 - (0.6)^5 = 0.92$$

2.) Suppose that crowd size at home games for a particular football club follows a normal distribution with mean 26000 and standard deviation 5000. What percentage of crowds are between 31000 & 36000?

$$\mu = 26000, \sigma = 5000$$

$$P(31000 < X < 36000) = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{5000\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{31000-26000}{5000}\right)^2} + e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{36000-26000}{5000}\right)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{5000\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[e^{-\frac{1}{2}} + e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{18}{25}\right)^2} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

$$F_x(2) - F_x(1)$$

$$= 0.9772 - 0.8413 \\ = 0.1359$$

3) let $x \sim N(3, 4)$ then find

$$P(2 < x \leq 5) = ?$$

so 1) $\mu = 3$, $\sigma^2 = 4$

$$\text{so } z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{2-3}{2} = -0.5$$

$$(use f_x(x) - F_x(0.5)) = 0.5328 \quad \text{from table}$$

$$\approx 0.8413 - 0.3085 \quad \text{from table}$$

4.) Assume that the time required for a dist. runner to run a mile is a normal random variable with parameters $\mu = 4$ miles/sec. and $\sigma = 2$ sec. What is prob that this athlete will run a mile.

(i) in less than 4 min. $P(3 < t < 4)$

(ii) in more than 3 min, 55 sec. $P(t > 3.9167)$

so 1) $\mu = 4$ $\sigma = 2$ $P(t < 4) = 1 - P(t > 4)$

$$P(0 < t < 240)$$

$$= \frac{-241 + 240}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$F\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + F\left(\frac{1-241}{2}\right) = 0.309$$

$$E\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0.309$$

$$(ii) 1 - F\left(\frac{235-241}{2}\right)$$

$$1 - F(-3) = 1 - F(3)$$

$$= 1 - 0.0013 = 0.9987$$

Q.E.D.

End of Q.P.

5) Assume that high price of commodity tomorrow is a normal variable with $\mu = 10$, $\sigma = \frac{1}{4}$. What is the shortest interval that has prob. 0.95 to include tomorrow's high price for this commodity?

$$\text{Sol: } \mu = 10, \sigma = \frac{1}{4} \quad \{ \text{See ex 16.6}\}$$

$$[10-a, 10+a] \quad \{ \text{See 16.6}\}$$

$$F\left(\frac{10+a-10}{\frac{1}{4}}\right) - F\left(\frac{10-a-10}{\frac{1}{4}}\right) = 0.95 \quad \{ \text{See 16.6}\}$$

$$F(4a) - F(-4a) = 0.95 \quad \{ \text{See 16.6}\}$$

$$F(4a) - (1 - F(-4a)) =$$

$$F(4a) = 0.975 \quad \{ \text{See 16.6}\}$$

Q5-10-19 A coin is tossed 3 times. Let $x = \text{no. of heads}$

in 3 tosses. Let $y = \text{no. of tails}$. Find joint PMF of (x, y) .

<u>x</u>	<u>y</u>	<u>$P(x,y)$</u>
3	0	$\frac{1}{8}$
2	1	$\frac{3}{8}$
1	2	$\frac{3}{8}$
0	3	$\frac{1}{8}$

$$P_{x,y}(3,3) = \frac{1}{8}, \quad P_{x,y}(0,3) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$P_{x,y}(2,1) = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$P_{x,y}(1,1) = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$P_{x,y}(1,0) = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$(a) P\{X=1 | Y=1\} = \frac{P\{X=1, Y=1\}}{P\{Y=1\}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$(b) P\{X=1 | Y=3\} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$(c) P\{Y=j | X=0\} =$$

$$(a) S_{01} = \begin{cases} 0 & i=0, 3 \\ \frac{1}{2} & i=1, 2 \end{cases}$$

$$(b) S_{01} = \begin{cases} 0 & i=1, 2 \\ \frac{1}{2} & i=0, 3 \end{cases}$$

$$(c) S_{01} = \begin{cases} 0 & i=1 \\ 1 & i=3 \end{cases}$$

2) A Restaurant Serves 3 fixed price dinners costing \$12, \$15 & \$20. For a randomly selected couple dining at this Restaurant, let $X = \text{Cost of Man's dinner}$ and $Y = \text{Cost of Women's dinner}$. The joint pmf of X & Y is as follows.

		Y			
		12	15	20	
X	12	.05	.05	.10	.20
	15	.05	.10	.35	.50
	20	0	.20	.10	.30
		.10	.35	.55	1

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X) \cdot E(Y)$$

$$f(x) = (12)(0.20) + (15)(0.50) + (20)(0.30)$$

$$= 2.4 + 7.5 + 6 = 15.9$$

$$E(Y) = 12(0.10) + 15(0.35) + 20(0.55)$$

$$= \boxed{17.45}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(XY) &= 144(0.05) + (780)(0.05) + (240)(0.10) \\ &\quad + 180(0.05) + 225(0.10) + 300(0.35) \\ &\quad + 300(0.20) + 400(0.10) + 0. \\ &= 7.2 + 9 + 24 + 9 + 22.5 + 40 + 60 + 105 \\ &= \boxed{276.7} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = 276.7 - (17.45)(15.9)$$

$$= \boxed{0.755}$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = 8.4 \Rightarrow \sigma_x = 2.91$$

$$\sigma_y^2 = E(Y^2) - [E(Y)]^2 = 8.6 \Rightarrow \sigma_y = 2.95$$

$$\rho_{XY} = \frac{-0.755}{2.91 \times 2.95} = -0.088 \approx -0.09.$$

to change the scale from dollar to cent
and find correlation coefficient.
and values will be same

(Q1) The values of x and y are independent trials

(Q2) Suppose that $n+m$ trials are performed. If x is no. of successes in first n trials and y is no. of successes in final m trials. Find $P\{x=a, y=b\}$

$$P\{x=a, y=b\} = P\{x=a\} \cdot P\{y=b\}.$$

$$= {}^n C_a p^a (1-p)^{n-a} \cdot {}^m C_b p^b (1-p)^{m-b}$$

4) Let X, Y be identically distributed with common PMF $P\{X=k\} = \frac{1}{N}$, $k=1, 2, \dots, N$. (Q)

Find correlation coefficient ρ_{xy} , ($N > 1$)

$$\text{Sol: } E(X) = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{N} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{N} + \dots + N \cdot \frac{1}{N} = \frac{N+1}{2}.$$

$$E(X^2) = 1^2 \cdot \frac{1}{N} + 2^2 \cdot \frac{1}{N} + \dots + N^2 \cdot \frac{1}{N} = \frac{(N+1)(2N+1)}{6}.$$

$$\text{var}(x) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \frac{(N+1)(2N+1)}{6} - \left[\frac{N+1}{2}\right]^2.$$

$$= \frac{N^2-1}{12}$$

$$E(XY) = \frac{1}{2} [E(X^2) + E(Y^2) - E(X-Y)^2],$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{2(N+1)(2N+1)}{6} - E(X-Y)^2 \right],$$

$$= \frac{(N+1)(2N+1)}{6} - \frac{E(X-Y)^2}{2}$$

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X) \cdot E(Y)$$

$$= \frac{(N+1)(2N+1)}{6} - \frac{E(X-Y)^2}{2} - \frac{(N+1)^2}{4}$$

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = \frac{N^2-1}{12} - \frac{E(X-Y)^2}{2}$$

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{\frac{N^2-1}{12} - \frac{E(X-Y)^2}{2}}{\sqrt{\frac{N^2-1}{12}}}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{6E(X-Y)^2}{N^2-1}$$

$$P\{X=Y\} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \rho_{X,Y} = 1.$$

$$P\{Y=N+1-X\} \Leftrightarrow \rho_{X,Y} = -1.$$

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(Q) In a chess competition including some men & some women, every player needs to play with exactly one game with every other player. It was found that in 45 games, both players were women, in 190 games both players were men. What is no. of games in which one person was men & other was women?

Sol.) No. of Women = $w \Rightarrow {}^w C_2 = 45$. Ans (2)

$$\frac{w!}{(w-2)!} = 45 \quad (w)(w-1) \\ w^2 - w - 90 = 0.$$

$$\text{No. of men} = m \Rightarrow {}^m C_2 = 150$$

$$m(m-1) = 380.$$

$$m^2 - m - 380 = 0.$$

$$w=10$$

$$m=20$$

$${}^{20} C_1 \times {}^{10} C_1 = 20 \times 10 = 200$$

(Q) In how many diff. ways 3 persons A, B, C having 6, 7 & 8 one rupee coins respectively can donate ₹10 collectively?

Sol.) $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = 10$ $n+8-1$

$$n+8-1 \text{ do } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \geq 0$$

$$10+3-1 \\ {}_{3-1} C_2 = {}^5 C_2 - {}^4 C_2 - {}^3 C_2.$$

$$12 {}^5 C_2 - {}^5 C_2 - {}^4 C_2 - {}^3 C_2$$

$$x+y+z=3$$

$$0,1,2,3$$

$$x+y+z=3$$

$$2+3-1$$

$${}^5 C_2$$

(a) How many students must be in a class to generate that at least two students receive the same score on final Exam, if Exam is graded on scale from 0 to 100 points?

Sol) $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 100 \Rightarrow 101 + 1 = 102$

(b) Among 100 people there are at least how many of them have birthday in same month?

Sol) $\lceil \frac{100}{12} \rceil = 9 \Rightarrow 12 \times 8 = 96$

(c) What is minimum no. of students required in a discrete mathematics class to be sure that atleast $\frac{5}{6}$ will receive the same grade, if there are five possible grades.

Sol) $5 \times 5 + 1 = 26$

(d) (a) How many cards must be selected from a standard deck of 52 cards to guarantee that atleast 3 cards of same suit are chosen?

Sol) $4 \times 2 + 1 = 9$

(b) How many must be selected to guarantee that atleast 3 hearts are selected

Sol) $13 \times 3 + 3 = 42$

(e) Suppose that a saleswoman has to visit eight diff. cities. She must begin her trip in specified city, but she can visit the other seven cities in any order. She

wishes How many possible orders can saleswoman
use when visiting these cities?

$$\text{So } 1) \ 1 \times 7! = \boxed{7!}$$