

### UNIFORM RANDOM VARIABLE

$$S_x = \{1, 2, \dots, L\}$$

$$P_k = \frac{1}{L} \quad k=1, 2, \dots, L$$

$$E[X] = \frac{L+1}{2}$$

$$V\text{AR}[X] = \frac{L^2 - 1}{12}$$

### BERNOULLI RANDOM VARIABLE

$$S_x = \{0, 1\}$$

$$P_0 = q = 1-p \quad P_1 = p$$

$$E[X] = p$$

$$V\text{AR}[X] = p(1-p)$$

→ has only two possible outcomes: success or failure

### BINOMIAL RANDOM VARIABLE

$$S_x = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

$$P_k = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$E[X] = np$$

$$V\text{AR}[X] = np(1-p)$$

→ describes probability of  $k$  successes out of  $n$  trials.

### GEOMETRIC RANDOM VARIABLE

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ Version } S_x = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$P_k = p(1-p)^k \quad k=0, 1, \dots$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1-p}{p}$$

$$V\text{AR}[X] = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ Version } S_x = \{1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$P_k = p(1-p)^{k-1}$$

$$E[X'] = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$V\text{AR}[X'] = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

### GEOMETRIC CONT'D.

$$\rightarrow P(X=n) \rightarrow P(X < n)$$

$$(1-p)^{n-1} p \quad 1-q^{n-1}$$

$$\rightarrow P(X \leq n) \rightarrow P(X > n)$$

$$1 - (1-p)^n \quad (1-p)^n$$

$$\rightarrow P(X \geq n) \quad (q)^{n-1}$$

### POISSON RANDOM VARIABLE

$$S_x = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$P_k = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} \quad \text{where } \lambda = np$$

$$E[X] = \lambda$$

$$V\text{AR}[X] = \lambda$$

→  $n$  is very large

→  $p$  is very small

### MEAN / EXPECTATION

$$E[X] = \sum_x x P(X=x)$$

$$\rightarrow E(aX+b) = a E(X) + b$$

$$\rightarrow E(aX^2 + bX + c) = a E[X^2] + b E[X] + c$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Var}(aX) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) \rightarrow \text{Var}(X+b) = \text{Var}(X)$$

### VARIANCE

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

### CONDITIONAL PMF

$$\text{e.g. } P(X=k|X>1) = \frac{P(X=k)}{P(X>1)}$$

$$P_{X|A}(x_i) = \frac{P(X=x_i|A)}{P(A)}$$

### JOINT PMF

$$p(x,y) = P(X=x \text{ and } Y=y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad 0 \leq p(x,y) \leq 1 \\ \textcircled{2} \quad \sum \sum p(x,y) = 1 \\ \textcircled{3} \quad P((X,Y) \in A) = \sum \sum p(x,y) \end{aligned}$$

### CONDITIONAL EXPECTATION

$$E[X|A] = \sum_x x P(X=x|A)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{condition } \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \textcircled{2} \text{ are required for } p(x,y) \text{ to be valid joint pmf}$$

### TOTAL EXPECTATION THEOREM

$$E[X] = \sum_i E[X|A_i] P(A_i)$$

### MARGINAL PMF

$$P_X(x) = \sum_j p(x,y_j)$$

$$P_Y(y) = \sum_i p(x_i, y)$$

### JOINT CDF

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y)$$

$$= \sum_{x \leq x} \sum_{y \leq y} p(x,y)$$

### EXPECTATION OF JOINT DRV.

$$E[g(X,Y)] = \sum \sum g(x,y) p(x,y)$$

→ What is  $P(X \leq a+b | X > a)$ ?

$$= \frac{p(a < X \leq a+b)}{P(X > a)}$$

$$= \frac{P(X > a) - P(X > a+b)}{(1-p)^a}$$

$$= \frac{(1-p)^a - (1-p)^{a+b}}{(1-p)^a}$$

$$= 1 - (1-p)^b = P(X \leq b)$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_x P(X=x) = 1$$

### SUMMATION FORMULAS

$$\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

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$$\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n i^4 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)(3n^2+3n-1)}{30}$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} ar^{i-1} = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

## DERIVATION OF POISSON MEAN & VARIANCE

$$E[X] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} e^{-\lambda} = \lambda \underbrace{\sum_{k'=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{k'}}{k'!} e^{-\lambda}}_1 = \lambda$$

$$E[X^2] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k^2 \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \frac{\lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} e^{-\lambda} = \lambda \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1) \frac{\lambda^{k+1}}{k!} e^{-\lambda} = \lambda \{ \lambda + 1 \}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 \\ = \lambda \{ \lambda + 1 - \lambda \} = \lambda$$

## DERIVATION OF MEAN & VARIANCE OF UNIFORM VARIABLE

$$E[X] = \sum_{k=1}^n k P[X=k] = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2n} = \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2}{n} - \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{12} - \frac{(n+1)^2}{4} = \frac{n^2-1}{12}$$

## INDEPENDENT RANDOM VARIABLE

→ if  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent

$$P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = P_{X_1}(x_1) \times \dots \times P_{X_n}(x_n)$$

$$\rightarrow P(X=x | Y=y) = P(X=x)$$

$$\rightarrow E[XY] = E[X] E[Y]$$

$$\rightarrow \text{if } P(X, Y) \neq P_X(x) P_Y(y)$$

then they are NOT  
INDEPENDENT

$$\rightarrow \text{Var}(X+Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{var}(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_n) = \text{var}(X_1) + \dots + \text{var}(X_n)$$

Q) The loose minute hand of clock is spun hard. The coordinates  $(x, y)$  of point where the tip of hand comes to rest is noted.  $z$  is defined as the sgn function of the product of  $x$  and  $y$ , where  $\text{sgn}(t)$  is 1 if  $t > 0$ , 0 if  $t = 0$  and -1 if  $t < 0$ .

(a) Describe underlying space  $S$ .

$$S = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 = r^2\} \text{ where } r = \text{radius of circle.}$$

The set  $S$  has uncountably infinitely many points. All points in  $S$  are equally likely.

$$P[(i, i) = 0] \text{ for all } (i, j) \in S.$$

(b) Show mapping from  $S$  to  $S_x$ , the range of  $X$ .

$$S_x = \{-1, 0, 1\}$$

$$S \longrightarrow S_x$$

$$x > 0, y < 0 \text{ or } x < 0, y > 0 \rightarrow -1$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0 \rightarrow 0$$

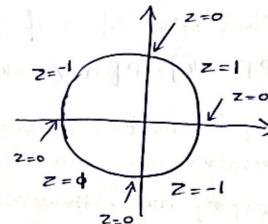
$$x > 0, y > 0 \text{ or } x < 0, y < 0 \rightarrow 1$$

(c) find probabilities of various values of  $X$ .

$$P(Z = -1) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(Z = 0) = 0$$

$$P(Z = 1) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$



'Quadrant'

$$S = 4.$$

Q) two transmitters send messages through bursts of radio signals to an antenna. During each time slot each transmitter sends a message with probability  $1/2$ . Simultaneous transmissions result in loss of messages. Let  $X$  be number of time slots until first message gets through.

(a) "

$$S = \{S, FS, FFS, FFFS, \dots\}$$

$$P(S) = 1/2 \text{ OR } (1/2 \times 1/2) + (1/2 \times 1/2)$$

$$P(F) = 1 - 1/2 = 1/2$$

$$P[FS \dots FS] = \underbrace{P(F) \dots P(F)}_{k-1} P(S) \\ = (1/2)^k$$

$$(c) P(X=1) = 1/2$$

$$P(X=2) = 1/2 \times 1/2 = 1/2^2$$

$$P(X=3) = 1/2^3$$

$$P(X=k) = 1/2^k$$

(b) "

$$S_x = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} = \mathbb{N}$$

$$S \longrightarrow 1$$

$$FS \longrightarrow 2$$

$$FFS \longrightarrow 3$$

$$FFFS \longrightarrow 4$$

• Suppose terminal 1 transmits with  $p = 1/2$  in given time slot but terminal 2 with  $1-p$ .

(a) find pmf.

$$P_{\text{success}} = \frac{1}{2}q + \frac{1}{2}p = \frac{1}{2}$$

		Term 2	
		$1-p$	$p$
$\text{Term 1}$	$q$	$1/2p$	$1/2q$
	$p$	$1/2q$	$1/2p$

Q) A coin is tossed  $n$  times. Let the random variable  $Y$  be the difference b/w number of heads and number of tails in the tosses of coin. Assume  $P[\text{heads}] = P$ .

(a) Describe "

Let  $m$  be number of tails  $0 \leq m \leq n$

The number of heads is  $n-m$  and difference is  $|Y| = n-m-m = n-2m$

$$\therefore S_Y = \{-n, -n+2, \dots, n-2, n\}.$$

(b) Find probability of event  $\{Y=0\}$

$$P[Y=0] = P[n=2m] = P[m=\frac{n}{2}] \text{ for never.}$$

(c) Find other values of  $Y$ .

$$P[Y=k] = P[n-2m=k] = P[m=\frac{n-k}{2}]$$

Q) A computer must reserves a path in a network for 10 minutes. To extend the reservation the computer must successfully send a "refresh" message before expiry time. However, messages are lost with probability  $1/2$ . Suppose that it takes 10 seconds to send a refresh request and receive acknowledgement. When should the computer start sending refresh messages in order to have 99% chance of successfully extending reservation time?

$X \sim$  be number of transmission until success.

$$P[X \leq k] = \sum_{j=1}^k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^j = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^j = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k$$

$$1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = 0.99$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = 0.01$$

$$k = \frac{\ln(100)}{\ln(2)} = 6.64 \times 7$$

start sending refresh messages

$7 \times 10$  seconds before expiry time.

(b) Find the mean and variance of time that it takes to renew the reservation.

$$P[X=j] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^j$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^j$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{j-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^j$$

From geometric series we have  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a^j = \frac{1}{1-a}$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a^j = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j a^{j-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1-a)^2}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{j-1} = \frac{1}{(1-\frac{1}{2})^2} = 4$$

$$\text{and } E[X] = \frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2.$$

Q) (a) Suppose a fair coin is tossed  $n$  times. Each coin toss costs a dollars and the reward in obtaining  $X$  heads is  $aX^2 + bX$ . Find the expected value of net reward.

$$P[X=k] = \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

$$E[aX^2 + bX] = aE[X^2] + bE[X]$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{j=0}^n j \binom{n}{j} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \sum_{j=0}^n j \frac{n!}{j!(n-j)!}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{n!}{(j-1)!(n-j)!} \quad \text{let } j' = j-1$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n n \sum_{j'=0}^{n-1} \frac{(n-1)!}{j'!(n-1-j')!} = n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \sum_{j'=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{j'}$$

$$= n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n 2^{n-1} = \frac{n}{2}$$

$$E[X^2] = \sum_{j=0}^n j^2 \binom{n}{j} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n n \sum_{j=1}^n j \frac{(n-1)!}{(j-1)!(n-j)!}$$

$$= n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \sum_{j'=0}^{n-1} (j'+1) \binom{n-1}{j'}$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \left[ \frac{n}{2} + 1 \right] \Rightarrow E[aX^2 + bX] = a \frac{n}{2} \left( \frac{n}{2} + 1 \right) + b \frac{n}{2}$$

(b) Suppose that reward in obtaining  $X$  heads is  $a^x$  where  $a > 0$ . Find expected value of reward.

$$\begin{aligned} E[a^X] &= \sum_{j=0}^n a^j \binom{n}{j} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^j = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^j \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{a}{2}\right)^n \end{aligned}$$

Q) Let  $M$  be a geometric random variable. Show that  $M$  satisfies memoryless property:  $P[M \geq k+j | M \geq j+1] = P[M \geq k]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P[M \geq k+j | M \geq j] &= \frac{P[M \geq k+j, M \geq j]}{P[M \geq j]} = \frac{P[M \geq k+j]}{P[M \geq j]} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=k+j}^{\infty} p(1-p)^{i-1}}{\sum_{i=j+1}^{\infty} p(1-p)^{i-1}} = \frac{(1-p)^{k+j-1}}{(1-p)^j} = (1-p)^{k-1} \\ &= P[M \geq k] \end{aligned}$$

Q) Let  $X$  be binomial random variable.

(a) Show that

$$\frac{P_X(k+1)}{P_X(k)} = \frac{n-k}{k+1} \frac{p}{1-p} \quad \text{where } P_X(0) = (1-p)^n$$

$$\frac{P_k}{P_{k-1}} = \frac{\binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}}{\binom{n}{k-1} p^{k-1} q^{n-k+1}} = \frac{\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} p}{\frac{n!}{(k-1)!} q} = \frac{(n-k+1)p}{kq}$$

$$\frac{P_k}{P_{k-1}} = \frac{(n+1)p - k(1-q)}{kq} = 1 + \frac{(n+1)p - k}{kq}$$

(b) Show that part a implies that: (1)  $P[X=k]$  is maximum at  $k_{\max} = \lceil (n+1)p \rceil$ , where  $\lceil x \rceil$  denotes largest integer that is smaller than or equal to  $x$ ; and (2) when  $(n+1)p$  is an integer then maximum is achieved at  $k_{\max}$  and  $k_{\max}-1$ .

Suppose  $(n+1)p$  is not an integer, then

$$\text{for } 0 \leq k \leq \lceil (n+1)p \rceil < (n+1)p$$

$$(n+1)p - k > 0$$

$$\text{so } \frac{P_k}{P_{k-1}} = 1 + \frac{(n+1)p - k}{kq} > 1 \Rightarrow P_k \text{ increases as } k \text{ increases from 0 to } \lceil (n+1)p \rceil$$

$$(n+1)p - k < 0$$

$$\text{so } \frac{P_k}{P_{k-1}} = 1 + \frac{(n+1)p - k}{kq} < 1 \Rightarrow P_k \text{ decreases as } k \text{ increases}$$

$P_k$  attains its maximum at  $k_{\max} = \lceil (n+1)p \rceil$

If  $(n+1)p = k_{\max}$  then above implies that

$$\frac{P_{k_{\max}}}{P_{k_{\max}-1}} = 1 \Rightarrow P_{k_{\max}} = P_{k_{\max}-1}$$

d) Show  $E[X | X > 1] = E[X] + 1$ .

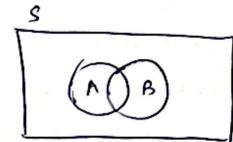
$$\begin{aligned} P(X=k | X > 1) &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1} \\ E[X | X > 1] &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1} = \sum_{k'=1}^{\infty} (k'+1) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k'} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k' \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k'} + \sum_{k'=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k'} \\ &= E[X] + 1 \quad (\text{proven}) \end{aligned}$$

Q) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be events for random experiment with sample space  $S$ . Show that the Bernoulli Random Variable satisfies following properties:

(a)  $I_S = 1$  and  $I_\emptyset = 0$

$$I_S = 1 \text{ iff } S \in S \Rightarrow I_S = 1 \text{ all } S$$

$$I_\emptyset = 0 \text{ iff } \emptyset \in \emptyset \Rightarrow I_\emptyset = 0 \text{ all } \emptyset$$



(b)  $I_{A \cap B} = I_A I_B$  and  $I_{A \cup B} = I_A + I_B$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{A \cap B}(\xi) &= 1 \text{ iff } \xi \in A \text{ and } \xi \in B \Leftrightarrow I_A(\xi) = 1 \text{ and } I_B(\xi) = 1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow I_{A \cap B}(\xi) = I_A(\xi) I_B(\xi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{A \cup B}(\xi) &= 0 \text{ iff } \xi \notin A \cup B \Leftrightarrow \xi \in A^c \cap B^c \Leftrightarrow I_{A^c}(\xi) I_{B^c}(\xi) = 1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (1 - I_A(\xi))(1 - I_B(\xi)) = 1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 1 - I_A(\xi) - I_B(\xi) + I_A(\xi) I_B(\xi) = 1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow I_A(\xi) + I_B(\xi) - I_A(\xi) I_B(\xi) = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow I_A(\xi) + I_B(\xi) - I_{A \cap B}(\xi) = 0 = I_{A \cup B}(\xi) \end{aligned}$$

(c) find expected value of  $I_A$

$$E[I_S] = 1 \cdot P[S] = 1$$

$$E[I_\emptyset] = 1 \cdot P[\emptyset] = 0$$

$$E[I_{A \cap B}] = 1 \cdot P[A \cap B]$$

$$E[I_{A \cup B}] = E[I_A] + E[I_B] - E[I_{A \cap B}]$$

$$= P[A] + P[B] - P[A \cap B]$$

Q) Let  $X$  be a binomial random variable that results from performance of  $n$  Bernoulli trials with probability of success  $p$ .

(a) Suppose that  $X=1$ . Find probability that single event occurred in  $k$ -th Bernoulli trial.

$$P[I_{k-1} \mid X=1] = \frac{P[I_k=1 \text{ and } I_j=0 \text{ for all } j \neq k]}{P[X=1]}$$

$$= \frac{P[0 \ 0 \dots 0]}{P[X=1]} = \frac{p(1-p)^{n-1}}{\binom{n}{1} p(1-p)^{n-1}} = \frac{1}{n}$$

(b) Suppose  $X=2$ . Find probability that two events occurred in  $j$ th and  $k$ th Bernoulli trials where  $j < k$ .

$$P[I_j=1, I_k=1 \mid X=2] = \frac{P[I_j=1, I_k=1, I_m=0 \text{ for all } m \neq j, k]}{P[X=2]}$$

Q) Consider the expression  $(a+b+c)^n$ .

(a) Use binomial expansion for  $(a+b)$  and  $c$  to obtain an expression for  $(a+b+c)^n$ .

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (a+b)^k c^{n-k}$$

(b) Now expand all terms of  $(a+b)^k$  and obtain an expression that involves the multinomial coefficient for  $M=3$  mutually exclusive,  $A_1, A_2, A_3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} c^{n-k} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} a^j b^{k-j} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{n! k!}{k! (n-k)! j! (k-j)!} a^j b^{k-j} c^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{n!}{j! (n-k)! (k-j)!} a^j b^{k-j} c^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{j_1} \sum_{j_2} \sum_{j_3} \frac{n!}{j_1! j_2! j_3!} a^{j_1} b^{j_2} c^{j_3} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Let  $P_1 = P[A_1]$ ,  $P_2 = P[A_2]$ ,  $P_3 = P[A_3]$ . Use result from part b to show that multinomial probabilities add to one.

$$1 = (P_1 + P_2 + P_3)^n = \sum_{j_1, j_2, j_3} \frac{n!}{j_1! j_2! j_3!} P_1^{j_1} P_2^{j_2} P_3^{j_3}$$

Q) Let  $X$  be discrete random variable that assumes only nonnegative integer values and that satisfies memoryless property. Show that  $X$  must be geometric random variable.

$$\begin{aligned} P[M \geq k] &= P[M \geq k+j \mid M > j] \\ &= \frac{P[M \geq k+j]}{P[M > j]} = \frac{P[M \geq k+j]}{P[M \geq j+1]} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$P[M \geq k+j] = P[M \geq k]P[M \geq j+1]$$

Let  $a_k = P[M \geq k]$  then we have

$$(*) a_{k+j} = a_k a_{j+1} \quad j \geq 1, k \geq 1$$

where  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_2 = 1 - P[M=1] = 1-p$

$$a_{k+1} = a_2 a_k \xrightarrow{k-1} k \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a_k = a_2$$

$$\Rightarrow P[M \geq k] = (1-p)^{k-1} \xrightarrow{k \geq 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P[M=k] &= P[M \geq k] - P[M \geq k+1] \\ &= (1-p)^{k-1} (1-p)^k \\ &= (1-p)^{k-1} (1 - (1-p)) \\ &= (1-p)^{k-1} p. \end{aligned}$$