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2. Finding  $E[X_iX_j]$ , for  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ .

## Solution:

Let  $X_i = X_{i,1} + \cdots + X_{i,n}$  where

$$X_{i,k} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if the } k \text{th multinomial experiment has outcome i} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and let  $X_j = X_{j,1} + \cdots + X_{j,n}$  where

$$X_{j,k} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if the } k \text{th multinomial experiment has outcome j} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We then have

$$E[X_{i}X_{j}] = E\left[\left(\sum_{l=1}^{n} X_{i,l}\right) \left(\sum_{m=1}^{n} X_{j,m}\right)\right]$$

$$= E\left[\sum_{l=1}^{n} \sum_{m=1}^{n} X_{i,l}X_{j,m}\right]$$
 by the distributivity of summation
$$= \sum_{l=1}^{n} \sum_{m=1}^{n} E\left[X_{i,l}X_{j,m}\right]$$
 by the linearity of expectation

For each  $l, m \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ ,

$$E\left[X_{i,l}X_{j,m}\right] = \begin{cases} p_i p_j, & \text{if } l \neq m \\ 0, & \text{if } l = m \end{cases}$$

Since l=m only n times in out of the total  $n^2$  terms in the summation, we have that

$$E[X_i X_j] = (n^2 - n)p_i p_j$$