

Problems

1. Baking Cookies

1)

X_i is an indicator random variable which indicates the Tiago's ruined cookie.

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{with probability } 1/2 \\ 0 & \text{with probability } 1/2 \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = E(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + X_4 + X_5) = E(X_1) + E(X_2) + E(X_3) + E(X_4) + E(X_5) (\because \text{linearity of expectation}) = 5E(X_1) (\because \text{symmetry}) = \frac{5}{2}$$

X : Binomial(5, 1/2)

$$\text{Var}(X) = 5 \cdot 1/2 \cdot (1 - 1/2) = 5/4$$

Y_i is an indicator random variable which indicates the Tim's ruined cookie.

Y : Binomial(10, 1/5)

$$\text{Var}(Y) = 10 \cdot 1/5 \cdot (1 - 1/5) = 40/25$$

$$\text{Var}(2X + 2Y) = 4\text{Var}(X) + 4\text{Var}(Y) = 5 + 160/25 = 285/25$$

$$\sigma(2X + 2Y) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(2X + 2Y)} = \sqrt{285/25}$$

2)

$$Pr(Y > X \mid X + Y = 2) = Pr(X = 0, Y = 2 \mid X + Y = 2) (\because \text{the only case satisfies these conditions})$$

$$= \frac{Pr((X=0, Y=2) \cap X+Y=2)}{Pr(X+Y=2)} (\because \text{definition of conditional probability})$$

$$= \frac{Pr(X=0, Y=2)}{Pr(X=0, Y=2) + Pr(X=1, Y=1) + Pr(X=2, Y=0)}$$

$$= \frac{(1/2)^2 \cdot (1/5)^2}{(1/2)^2 \cdot (1/5)^2 + (1/2)^2 \cdot (1/5) \cdot (4/5) + (1/2)^2 \cdot (4/5)^2} = 1/21$$

3)

$$E(X+Y) = E(X+Y \mid X+Y=0) + E(X+Y \mid X+Y=1) + E(X+Y \mid X+Y \geq 2) (\because \text{law of total expectation})$$

X : Binomial(5, 1/2)

$$E(X) = 5 \cdot 1/2 = 5/2$$

Y : Binomial(10, 1/5)

$$E(Y) = 10 \cdot 1/5 = 2$$

$$E(X+Y) = 5/2 + 2 = 9/2 (\because \text{linearity of expectation})$$

$$E(X+Y \mid X+Y=0) = 0$$

$$E(X+Y \mid X+Y=1) = 1$$

$$E(X+Y \mid X+Y \geq 2) = 9/2 - 0 - 1 = 7/2$$

2. Recognizing Distributions

1)

Geometric distribution($1/20$) is involved. (The parameter p is $1/20$ since there are 20 flavors.)
Because of the memory less property, past trials would not affect the expected number of cookies.
X: "The expected number of cookies I have to eat until I get Smoked Popcorn Cookie"
 $E(X) = 1/p = \frac{1}{1/20} = 20$

2)

Y: "The expected amount of cookies I have to eat in order to taste all remaining flavors"
Negative binomial distribution($15, 1/20$) is involved. (The parameter r is 15 since there are 15 remaining flavors. The parameter p is $1/20$ since there are 20 total flavors.)
 $E(Y) = r \cdot 1/p = 15 \cdot 20 = 300$

3)

Geometric distribution($1/20 \cdot 1/20 = 1/400$) is involved. (The parameter p is $1/400$ since I have to pick consecutive same flavor and there are 20 flavors.)
Z: "the expected number of cookies requested until I eat two consecutive Strawberry Cookies"
 $E(Z) = 1/p = \frac{1}{1/400} = 400$

4)

Negative binomial distribution($2, 1/20$) is involved. (The parameter r is 2 since I wanna eat 2 flavor. The parameter p is $1/20$ since there are 20 flavors.)
K: "The expected number of cookies requested until I eat a Chocolate Cookie and a Gingerbread Cookie"
 $E(K) = r \cdot 1/p = 2 \cdot 20 = 40$

3. Allergic Reaction

1)

Markov's inequality: $Pr(X \geq a) \leq \frac{E(X)}{a}$

X has a binomial distribution(10,0.4). (The parameter n is 10 since there are 10 cookies which means trials. The parameter p is 0.4 because of the problem's condition.)

$$E(X) = n \cdot p = 10 \cdot 0.4 = 4$$

$$Pr(X \geq 6) \leq 4/6 = 2/3 \text{ (Because of the formula of Markov's inequality)}$$

2)

$$Pr(X \geq 6) = Pr((X - 4) \geq (6 - 4)) \leq \frac{Var(X)}{(6-4)^2}$$

$$Var(X) = n \cdot p \cdot (1 - p) (\because \text{binomial distribution}) = 10 \cdot 0.4 \cdot 0.6 = 10 \cdot (0.24) = 2.4$$

$$Pr(X \geq 6) \leq \frac{Var(X)}{4} = 2.4/4 = 0.6$$

3)

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(X \geq 8) &= Pr(X = 8) + Pr(X = 9) + Pr(X = 10) \\ &= \binom{10}{8} \cdot (0.4)^8 \cdot (0.6)^2 + \binom{10}{9} \cdot (0.4)^9 \cdot (0.6) + \binom{10}{10} (0.4)^{10} \cdot (0.6)^0 (\because \text{binomial distribution}) \end{aligned}$$

4. Accept Cookies?

There is a consistent demand for cookies, averaging three requests every "10 minutes" from the moment the exam commences.

There are 0.3 requests every 1 minute on average which means $\lambda = 0.3 \text{ request/minute}$.

1)

T: "Time from the start of the exam until the first cookie is requested"

T has an exponential distribution($\lambda = 0.3$).

$$Pr(T \geq 5) = e^{-0.3 \cdot 5} = e^{-1.5}$$

2)

X: "the number of cookies requested during the first time interval of the exam"

X is a kind of Poisson random variable, so we can use the equation of Poisson RV.

$$Pr(X \geq 10) = 1 - Pr(X \leq 9) (\because \text{complement rule}) = 1 - \sum_{k=0}^9 \frac{(\frac{3}{10})^k \cdot e^{-\frac{3}{10}}}{k!}$$

3)

Y: "the number of cookies requested during a 2 hours exam"

Y_i : "The number of requested cookies during the i-th 10 minutes out of 120 minutes"

Y_i is a kind of Poisson random variable, so we can use the equation of Poisson RV.

$$E(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^{12} E(Y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{12} 3 = 36$$