

based on Lectures of Chapter 4.1–4.3

1. Consider the random variable X with the probability mass distribution

$$\mathbb{P}[X = -1] = 0.3, \quad \mathbb{P}[X = 2] = 0.5, \quad \mathbb{P}[X = 5] = 0.1, \quad \mathbb{P}[X = 10] = 0.1.$$

Calculate the expected value and variance of X as well as the expectation of Y with $Y = e^{2X}$.

2. Remember that the geometric distribution is given by the probability mass distribution

$$p(n) = P[X = n] = (1 - p)^n p$$

for non-negative integers n and some $p \in (0, 1)$.

- a) Prove that the probability mass distribution describes indeed a probability, i.e. show that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(n) = 1.$$

- b) Calculate the probability of $\mathbb{P}[X \geq 3]$.
- c) Prove that it holds for non-negative integers n, i that

$$\mathbb{P}[X \geq n + i \mid X \geq n] = \mathbb{P}[X \geq i].$$

3. Let X be a Poisson distributed random variable with parameter $\lambda = 2$.

- a) Calculate

$$\mathbb{P}[X \geq 2 \mid X \geq 1].$$

- b) Calculate

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{X+1}\right].$$

4. Let Y be a Poisson distributed random variable with parameter λ , where λ is a non-negative integer. Calculate

$$\mathbb{E}[|Y - \lambda|].$$