

# SSIE 660: Stochastic Systems

## Homework assignment 5: Key

1. Solve Chapter 3. Problem 8.

$$(a) E[X] = E[X|\text{first roll is 6}]P[\text{first roll is 6}] + E[X|\text{first roll is not 6}]P[\text{first roll is not 6}]$$

$$E[X] = E[X|\text{first roll is 6}]\frac{1}{6} + E[X|\text{first roll is not 6}]\frac{5}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} + (1 + E[X])\frac{5}{6}$$

$$E[X] = 6$$

(b)  $E[X|Y = 1]$ : This is the case where the first outcome is a five.

$$E[X|Y = 1] = 1 + E[X] = 7$$

(c)  $E[X|Y = 5]$

$$= 1\left[\frac{1}{5}\right] + 2\left[\frac{4}{5}\right]\left[\frac{1}{5}\right] + 3\left[\frac{4}{5}\right]^2\left[\frac{1}{5}\right] + 4\left[\frac{4}{5}\right]^3\left[\frac{1}{5}\right] + 6\left[\frac{4}{5}\right]^4\left[\frac{1}{6}\right] + 7\left[\frac{4}{5}\right]^4\left[\frac{5}{6}\right]\left[\frac{1}{6}\right] + \dots$$

2. Solve Chapter 3. Problem 15.

$$f_{X|Y=y}(x|y) = \frac{\frac{1}{y}exp^{-y}}{f_y(y)} = \frac{\frac{1}{y}exp^{-y}}{\int_0^y \frac{1}{y}exp^{-y}dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{y}, \quad 0 < x < y$$

$$E[X^2|Y = y] = \frac{1}{y} \int_0^y x^2 dx = \frac{y^2}{3}$$

3. Solve Chapter 3. Problem 20.

$$(a) f(x|\text{disease}) = \frac{P(\text{disease}|x)f(x)}{\int P(\text{disease}|x)f(x)dx}$$

$$= \frac{p(x)f(x)}{\int P(x)f(x)dx}$$

$$(b) f(x|\text{no disease}) = \frac{[1 - P(x)]f(x)}{\int [1 - P(x)]f(x)dx}$$

$$(c) \frac{f(x|\text{disease})}{f(x|\text{no disease})} = C \frac{P(x)}{1 - P(x)}, \text{ where } C \text{ does not depend on } x.$$

4. Solve Chapter 3. Problem 30.

$$E[N] = \sum_{j=1}^m E[N|X_0 = j]p(j) = \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1}{p(j)} p(j) = m$$

5. Solve Chapter 3. Problem 36.

$$E[X] = E[X|X \neq 0](1 - p_0) + E[X|X = 0]p_0$$

yielding

$$E[X|X \neq 0] = \frac{E[X]}{1 - p_0}$$

Similarly,

$$E[X^2] = E[X^2|X \neq 0](1 - p_0) + E[X^2|X = 0]p_0$$

yielding

$$E[X^2|X \neq 0] = \frac{E[X^2]}{1 - p_0}$$

Hence,

$$Var(X|X \neq 0) = \frac{E[X^2]}{1 - p_0} - \frac{E^2[X]}{(1 - p_0)^2} = \frac{\mu^2 + \sigma^2}{1 - p_0} - \frac{\mu^2}{(1 - p_0)^2}$$

6. Solve Chapter 3. Problem 40.

Let  $X$  denote the number of the door chosen, and let  $N$  be the total number of days spent in jail.

$$E[N] = \sum_{i=1}^3 E\{N|X = i\}P\{X = i\}$$

(a) The process results each time the prisoner returns to his cell. Therefore,

$$E(N|X = 1) = 2 + E(N)$$

$$E(N|X = 2) = 3 + E(N)$$

$$E(N|X = 3) = 0$$

and

$$E(N) = (.5)(2 + E(N)) + (.3)(3 + E(N)) + (.2)(0)$$

or

$$E(N) = 9.5 \text{ days}$$

- (b) Let  $N_i$  denote the number of additional days the prisoner spends after having initially chosen cell  $i$ .

$$E[N] = \frac{1}{3}(2 + E[N_1]) + \frac{1}{3}(3 + E[N_2]) + \frac{1}{3}(0).$$

$$= \frac{5}{3} + \frac{1}{3}(E[N_1] + E[N_2])$$

Now to find the variance for part a ,

$$E[N_1] = \frac{1}{2}(3) + \frac{1}{2}(0) = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$E[N_2] = \frac{1}{2}(2) + \frac{1}{2}(0) = 1$$

$$\text{and so, } E[N] = \frac{5}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

To find the variance,

Now,

$$E[N^2] = 0.5E[(2 + N)^2] + 0.3E[(3 + N)^2] + 0.2E[0^2]$$

$$E[N^2] = 0.5E[(4 + 4N + N^2)] + 0.3E[(9 + 6N + N^2)]$$

$$E[N^2] = 2 + 2E[N] + 0.5E[N^2] + 2.7 + 1.8E[N] + 0.3E[N^2]$$

Solve for  $E[N^2]$ ,

$$E[N^2] = 204$$

$$V[N] = E[N^2] - E[N]^2$$

$$V[N] = 113.75$$

To find  $V[N^2]$  for part b, same way as part a

$$E[N^2] = 10.5$$

$$V[N] = 4.25$$