Probability & Statistics Project

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Q1: Random Walk

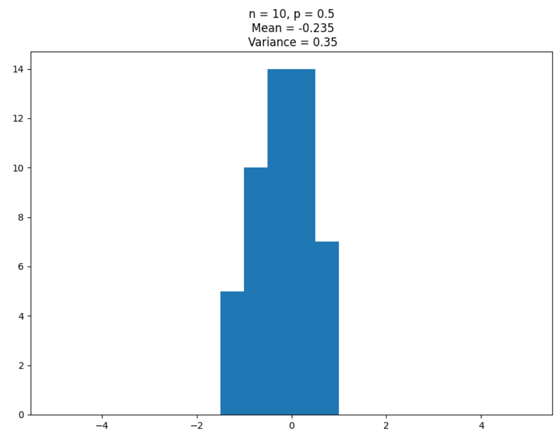
1.1

Function implementation in Python:

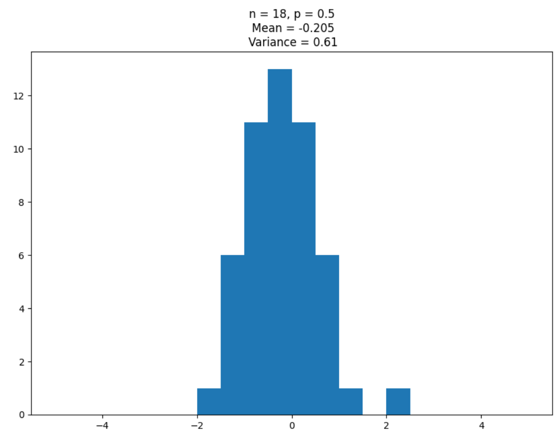
```python
def get_updated_position(n,p):
    pos = 0 #position
    for _ in range(n):
        rand = random.randint(1,100) #generating a random number in the range 1 to 100
        if rand < p*100:
            pos += 1 #move one step right
        else:
            pos -= 1 #move one step left
    return pos #return final position
```

Calling the function for several iterations to get multiple expected values:

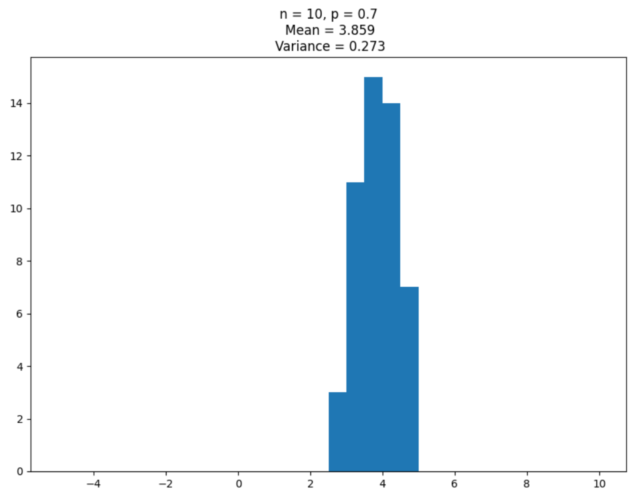
```python
def main_11():
    '''Calculating and plotting expected outcomes for various combinations of n and p'''
    p = 0.7
    n = 10
    expected = []
    for j in range(50): #expected values for each (n,p) for 50 iterations
        outcomes = []
        for i in range(25):
            outcomes.append(get_updated_position(n,p))
        expected.append(sum(outcomes)/25) #appending the expected (average) value for each(n,p
)
    #plotting and showing a histogram of calculated expected values
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize =(10, 7))
    ax.hist(expected, bins = range(-5,10))
    plt.title('n = '+str(n)+', p = '+str(p)+'\n Mean = '+str(round(statistics.mean(expected)
,3))+'\n Variance = '+str(round(statistics.variance(expected),3)))
    plt.savefig("Q1_histograms/q1"+'_n = '+str(n)+'_ p = '+str(p)+'.png')
    plt.show()
```



(a) No. of steps taken = 10 with probability of moving a step right = 0.5.



(b) No. of steps taken = 18 with probability of moving a step right = 0.5.



(c) No. of steps taken = 10 with probability of moving a step right = 0.7.

Histograms produced by the above code for expected final positions of objects against frequency, where n is the number of steps taken and p is the probability of the object moving one step to the right.

Histograms (a) and (b) have the same value of p and varying number of steps n.
Both histograms appear to follow a normal distribution, with (a) having a mean of -0.235 and a variance of 0.35 and (b) having a mean of -0.205 and a variance of 0.61. Increasing the number of steps has not had a significant effect on the mean but did increase the variance.

Histograms (a) and (c) have the same number of steps n and varying values of p.
Histogram (c) also appears to follow a normal distribution, having a mean of 3.859 and a variance of 0.273. Increasing p appears to have affected the mean of the distribution but not the variance as such.

1.2

Function implementation in Python:

```python
def get_updated_position_restricted(n,p):
    pos = 0 #position
    for _ in range(n):
        rand = random.randint(1,100) #generating a random number in the range 1 to 100
        if rand < p*100 or pos <= 0: #move one step right if pos == 0
            pos += 1
        else:
            pos -= 1 #move one step left
    return pos #return final position
```

Calling the function for several iterations to get multiple expected values:

```python
def main_12():
    '''Calculating and plotting expected outcomes for various combinations of n and p'''
    p = 0.7
    n = 24
    expected = []
    for j in range(50): #expected value for each (n,p) for 25 iterations
        outcomes = []
        for i in range(25):
            outcomes.append(get_updated_position_restricted(n,p))
        expected.append(sum(outcomes)/25) #appending the expected (average) value for each(n,p
    )
    #plotting and showing a histogram of calculated expected values
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize =(10, 7))
    ax.hist(expected, bins =
    [4,4.5,5,5.5,6,6.5,7,7.5,8,8.5,9,9.5,10,10.5,11,11.5,12,12.5,13,13.5,14])
    plt.title('n = '+str(n)+', p = '+str(p)+'\n Mean = '+str(round(statistics.mean(expected)
    ,3))+'\n Variance = '+str(round(statistics.variance(expected),3)))
    plt.savefig("Q1_histograms/Q1.22 "+'_n = '+str(n)+'_p = '+str(p)+'.png')
    plt.show()
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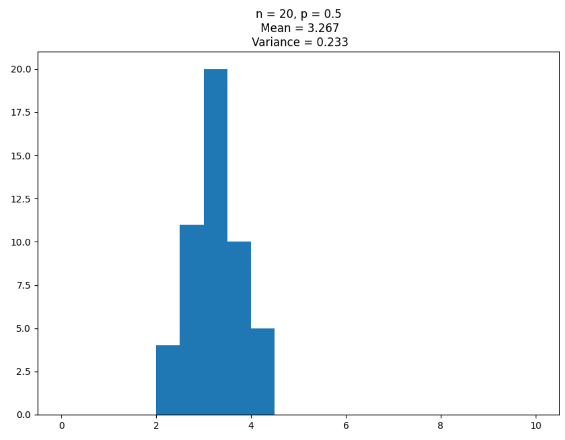
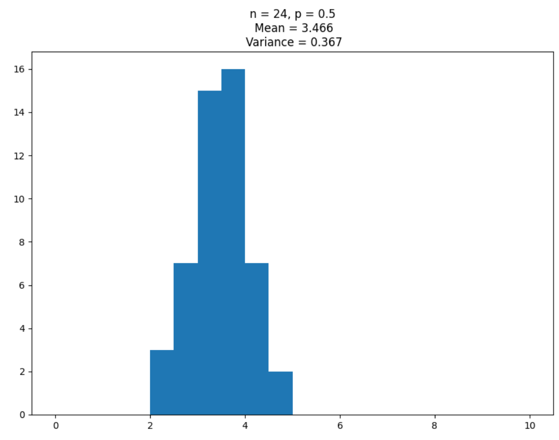
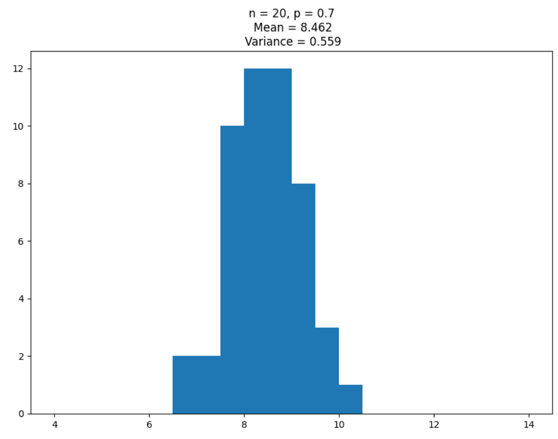


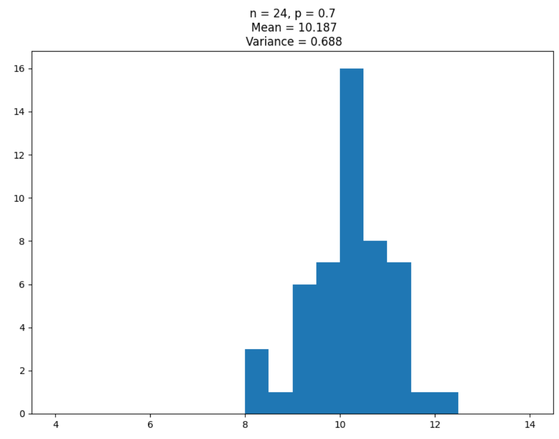
(d) No. of steps taken = 20 with probability of moving a step right = 0.5.



(e) No. of steps taken = 24 with probability of moving a step right = 0.5.



(f) No. of steps taken = 20 with probability of moving a step right = 0.7.



(g) No. of steps taken = 24 with probability of moving a step right = 0.7.

Histograms produced by the above code for expected final positions of objects against frequency, where n is the number of steps taken and p is the probability of the object moving one step to the right.

Histograms (d) and (e) have the same value of p and varying number of steps n.
Both histograms appear to follow a normal distribution, with (d) having a mean of 3.267 and a variance of 0.233 and (e) having a mean of 3.466 and a variance of 0.367. Again, increasing the number of steps has not had a significant effect on the mean but did increase the variance.

Histograms (f) and (g) have the same number of steps n respectively as (d) and (e) and varying values of p. They also appear to follow a normal distribution, with (f) having a mean of 8.462 and a variance of 0.559 and (g) having a mean of 10.187 and a variance of 0.668. Increasing p appears to have increased the mean and variance, but the mean has increased more significantly.

Additionally, due to the added constraint in this part, we see that no expected value for the final position is negative.

1.3

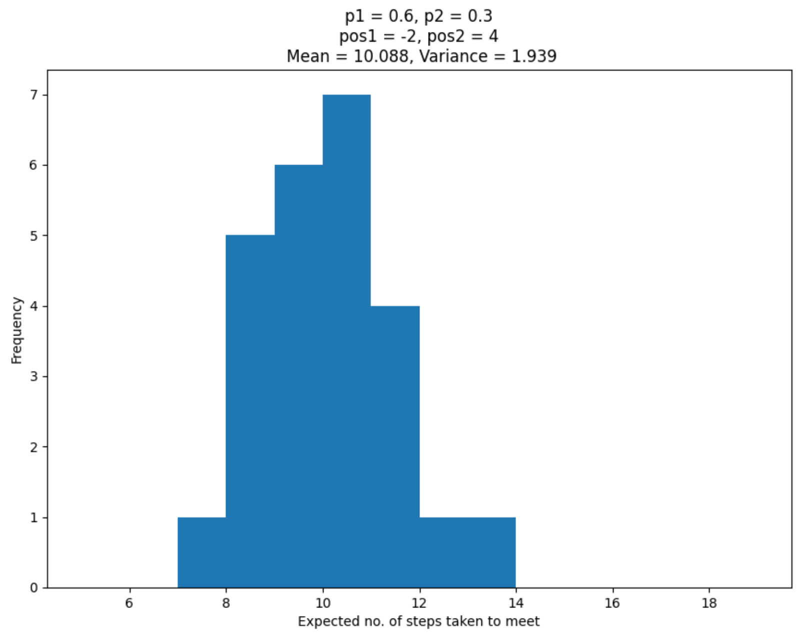
Function implementation in Python:

```python
def stepsToMeet(pos1,pos2,p1,p2):
    count = 0 #keeps count of number of steps taken for objects to meet
    while pos1 != pos2:
        rand = random.randint(1,100) #generating a random number in the range 1 to 100 to determine outcome
        if rand < p1*100:
            pos1 += 1 #move one step right
        else:
            pos1 -= 1 #move one step left
        rand = random.randint(1,100) #generating a random number in the range 1 to 100
        if rand < p2*100:
            pos2 += 1 #move one step right
        else:
            pos2 -= 1 #move one step left
        count += 1
    return count
```

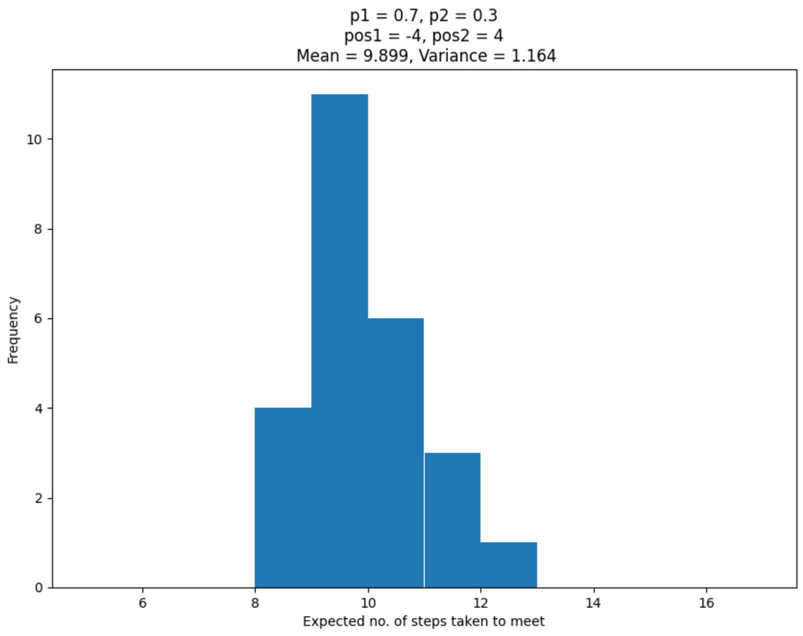
Calling the function for several iterations to get multiple expected values:

```python
def main_13():
    '''Calculating and plotting expected outcomes for various combinations of n & p'''
    expected = []
    p1 = 0.7
    p2 = 0.3
    pos1 = -4
    pos2 = 4
    for i in range(25):  #calculating the expected value for each (n,p) for 25 iterations
        outcomes = []
        for j in range(25):
            outcomes.append(stepsToMeet(pos1,pos2,p1,p2))
        #calculating the average expected value for each(n,p)
        expected.append(sum(outcomes)/25) #appending the expected (average) value for each(n,p)
    #plotting a histogram of calculated expected values
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize =(10, 7))
    ax.set_xlabel('Expected no. of steps taken to meet')
    ax.set_ylabel('Frequency')
    ax.hist(expected, bins = range(5,18))
    plt.title('p1 = '+str(p1)+', p2 = '+str(p2)+'\npos1 = '+str(pos1)+', pos2 = '+str(pos2)+'\n Mean = '+str(round(statistics.mean(expected),3))+', Variance = '+str(round(statistics.variance(expected),3)))
    plt.savefig("Q1_histograms/Q1.3 "+'_p1 = '+str(p1)+'_p2 = '+str(p2)+'_pos1 = '+str(pos1)+'_pos2 = '+str(pos2)+'(6).png')
    plt.show()
```

Histograms produced by the above code for expected number of steps taken for two objects walking randomly to meet, against frequency. $p1$ and $p2$ are the respective probabilities of object 1 and object 2 moving one step to the right, and $pos1$ and $pos2$ denote the starting positions of object 1 and object 2 respectively.



The above histogram shows that the expected number of steps to meet for two objects follows a normal distribution of mean 10.09 and variance 1.94 when they begin 6 steps apart with the given probabilities.



The above histogram shows that the expected number of steps to meet for two objects follows a normal distribution of mean 9.90 and variance 1.16 when they begin 8 steps apart with the given probabilities.

Q5: Hypothesis Testing

5.1

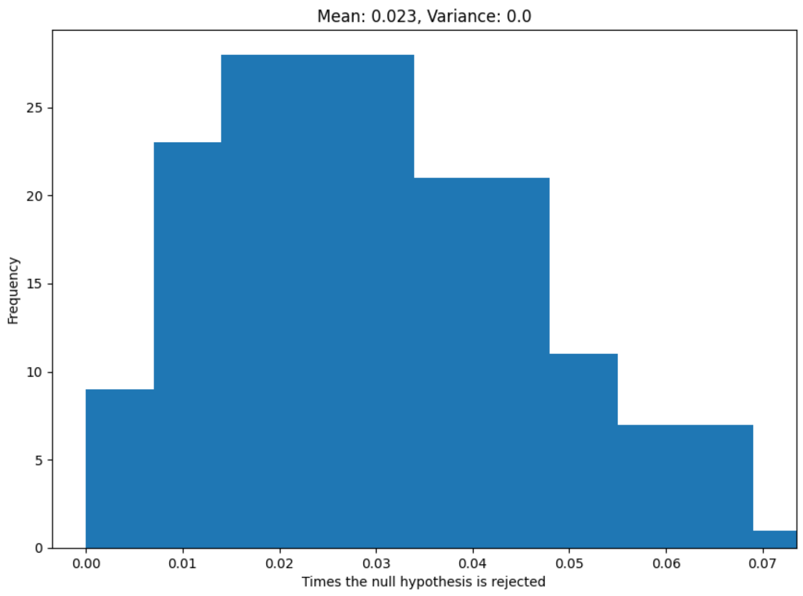
Function that implements the simulation of a fair coin:

```python
def cointoss():
    #assuming 0 = T & 1 = H
    return(random.randint(0,1))
```

Function that uses the above function to simulate 10 coin tosses multiple times and finds the expected number of times the null hypothesis is rejected:

```python
def simulate_tosses():
    expected = []
    for n in range(100): #to get 100 expected values
        rejected = []
        for j in range(100): #to get 1 expected value
            outcomes = []
            for i in range(10): #to get 10 outcomes/1 rejected value
                outcomes.append(cointoss())
            #check if hypothesis is accepted or rejected
            if sum(outcomes) == 0 or sum(outcomes) == 1 or sum(outcomes) == 10 or sum(outcomes
) == 9:
                rejected.append(1) #hypothesis rejected
            else:
                rejected.append(0) #hypothesis accepted
        expected.append(sum(rejected)/100)
    #plotting histogram
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize =(10, 7))
    ax.hist(expected,width = 0.01)
    ax.set_xlabel('Times the null hypothesis is rejected')
    ax.set_ylabel('Frequency')
    plt.title('Mean: '+str(round(statistics.mean(expected),3))+', Variance: '+str(round(
    statistics.variance(expected),3)))
    plt.savefig("Q5_histograms/Q5.1.png")
    plt.show()
```

Histogram of expected values:



Probability we will reject the null hypothesis even though it is true:
Simulation-wise: According to the mean of the expected values, the probability is 2.3%.
Mathematically: We reject the null hypothesis if the probability of the outcomes is below the threshold. Since the probability of the outcomes being accepted is 0.95 and the probability of them being rejected is 0.05, the probability that we reject the null hypothesis even though it is true is also 0.05 which is equal to the threshold.