

Let  $X_1, X_2 \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Bern}(\frac{1}{2})$  and  $T_2 = X_1 + X_2$ . For  $\text{Bern}(p)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{P}_{T_2}(x) &= \mathbb{P}_{X_1}(x) \cdot \mathbb{P}_{X_2}(x) \\
 &= \sum_{x \in \text{Supp}[X]} \mathbb{P}_{X_1}(x) \mathbb{P}_{X_2}(t-x) \\
 &= \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} p^x (1-p)^{1-x} p^{t-x} (1-p)^{1-t+x} \\
 &= \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} p^t (1-p)^{2-t} \\
 &= p^t (1-p)^{2-t} \underbrace{\sum_2 1} \\
 &= 2p^t (1-p)^{2-t}
 \end{aligned}$$

This was wrong.

$$p(2) = p^0(1-p)^{1-0} \underbrace{p^{2-0}(1-p)^{t-2}}_{\text{turned off using indicator function}} + p^1(1-p)^{t-1} p^{2-1}(1-p)^{1-2+1}$$

Let  $X_1, X_2 \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Binom}(n, p)$ . Let  $Y = X_1 + X_2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{P}_Y(x) &= \mathbb{P}_{X_1}(x) \cdot \mathbb{P}_{X_2}(x) \\
 &= \sum_{x \in \text{Supp}[X]} \mathbb{P}_{X_1}(x) \mathbb{P}_{X_2}(y-x) \\
 &= \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \underbrace{\mathbb{1}_{x \in \{0,1,\dots,n\}}}_{\text{not needed}} \binom{n}{y-x} p^{y-x} (1-p)^{1-y+x} \underbrace{\mathbb{1}_{y-x \in \{0,1,\dots,n\}}}_{\text{not needed}} \\
 &= \sum_{x \in \{0,1,\dots,n\}} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \binom{n}{y-x} p^{y-x} (1-p)^{n-y+x} \\
 &= p^y (1-p)^{2n-y} \binom{2n}{y} \text{ by Vandermonde's Identity} \\
 &= \text{Binom}(2n, p)
 \end{aligned}$$

Consider  $B_1, B_2, \dots \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Bern}(p)$ . Let  $X = \min_t \{B_t = 1\} - 1$ . This is called a geometric random variable. So  $X \sim \text{Geom}(p)$ .  $\text{Supp}[X] = \{0, 1, \dots\} = \mathbb{N}$ . Parameter Space:  $0 < p < 1$ . In fact

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{P}(X = 0) &= p \\
 \mathbb{P}(X = 1) &= (1-p)p \\
 \mathbb{P}(X = 2) &= (1-p)^2 p \\
 \mathbb{P}(X = x) &= (1-p)^x p
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, for the convolution of  $\text{Geom}(p)$ . Let  $T_2 = X_1 + X_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(t) &= \mathbb{P}_{X_1}(x) \cdot \mathbb{P}_{X_2}(x) \\
 &= \sum_{x \in \text{Supp}[X]} \mathbb{P}_{X_1}(x) \mathbb{P}_{X_2}(t-x) \\
 &= \sum_{x \in \mathbb{N}_0} (1-p)^x p (1-p)^{t-x} p \mathbb{1}_{t-x \in \mathbb{N}_0} \\
 &= (1-p)^t p^2 (t+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now  $\text{Supp}[T_2] = \{0, 1, \dots\}$ . Let  $T_3 = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 = X_3 + T_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(t) &= \mathbb{P}_{X_3}(x) \cdot \mathbb{P}_{T_2}(x) \\
 &= \sum_{x \in \text{Supp}[X_3]} \mathbb{P}_{X_3}(x) \mathbb{P}_{T_2}(t-x) \\
 &= \sum_{x \in \mathbb{N}_0} (1-p)^x p (t-x+1) (1-p)^{t-x} p^2 \mathbb{1}_{t-x \in \text{Supp}[T_2] = \mathbb{N}_0} \\
 &= p^3 (1-p)^t \sum_{x \in \mathbb{N}_0} (t-x+1) \mathbb{1}_{x \leq t} \\
 &= (1-p)^t p^3 \left( (t+1) \sum_{x \in \mathbb{N}_0} \mathbb{1}_{x \leq t} - \sum_{x \in \mathbb{N}_0} x \mathbb{1}_{x \leq t} \right) \\
 &= (1-p)^t p^3 \left( (t+1) \underbrace{\sum_{x=0}^t 1}_{t+1} - \underbrace{\sum_{x=0}^t x}_{\frac{t(t+1)}{2}} \right) \\
 &= (1-p)^t p^3 \left( \frac{t^2 + 3t + 2}{2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

In fact,  $T_3$  = number of failures until 3 successes.

$$\mathbb{P}(T_3 = t) = \binom{t+2}{2} (1-p)^t p^3$$

Note that

$$\binom{t+2}{2} = \frac{(t+2)!}{2!t!} = \frac{(2+t)(1+t)}{2} = \frac{t^2 + 3t + 2}{2}$$

These have a name.  $T_2 \sim \text{NegBinom}(2, p)$ .  $T_3 \sim \text{NegBinom}(3, p)$ .

Let  $X \sim \text{Binom}(n, p)$  where  $\text{Supp}[X] = \{0, \dots, n\}$ . What if  $n$  is really big? What if  $p$  is really small? Let  $n$  and  $p$  be related such that  $\lambda = np$  or  $p = \frac{\lambda}{n}$ . What is the pmf if

$n \rightarrow \infty$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \binom{n}{x} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^x \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-x} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} \frac{\lambda^x}{n^x} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-x} \\
 &= \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{(n-x)! n^x} \underbrace{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n}_{e^{-\lambda}} \underbrace{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-x}}_1 \\
 &= \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} = \text{Poisson}(\lambda)
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$ .  $\text{Supp}[X] = \{0, 1, \dots\} = \mathbb{N}_0$ . Parameter Space:  $\lambda \in (0, \infty)$ .

Convolution of Poisson: Let  $X_1, X_2 \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ . Let  $T = X_1 + X_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(t) &= \sum_{x \in \text{Supp}[X]} \mathbb{P}_{X_1}(x) \mathbb{P}_{X_2}(t-x) \\
 &= \sum_{x \in \mathbb{N}_0} \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} \frac{\lambda^{t-x} e^{-\lambda}}{(t-x)!} \mathbb{1}_{x \leq t} \\
 &= \lambda^t e^{-2\lambda} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{N}_0} \frac{1}{x!(t-x)!} \mathbb{1}_{x \leq t} \frac{t!}{t!} \\
 &= \frac{\lambda^t e^{-2\lambda}}{t!} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{N}_0} \binom{t}{x} \mathbb{1}_{x \leq t} \\
 &= \frac{\lambda^t e^{-2\lambda}}{t!} \sum_{x=0}^t \binom{t}{x} \\
 &= \frac{\lambda^t e^{-2\lambda}}{t!} \cdot 2^t \\
 &= \frac{(2\lambda)^t e^{-2\lambda}}{t!} \\
 &= \text{Poisson}(2\lambda)
 \end{aligned}$$