

- a) I have N dollars.
Bought N dollars worth of 1 stock.

Let A be the random variable representing the amt of money after 1 time step.

Let P be the random variable representing the price of purchased stock after 1 time step.

$$A = NP.$$

$$E[A] = N E[P].$$

$$E[P] = 0 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow E[A] = N \cdot 1 = N //$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[A] &= E[(A - E[A])^2] \\ &= E[A^2] - E^2[A] \end{aligned}$$

$$A = NP, A^2 = N^2 P^2$$

$$E[A^2] = N^2 E[P^2]$$

$$E[P^2] = 0 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 2.$$

$$\Rightarrow E[A^2] = N^2 \cdot 2 = 2N^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}[A] = 2N^2 - N^2 = N^2 //$$

$$E[A] = N, \text{Var}[A] = N^2$$

- b) Let S_i be the expected price of stock i .

$$A = S_1 + S_2 + \dots + S_N.$$

$$E[A] = E[S_1 + S_2 + \dots + S_N]$$

$$= E[S_1] + E[S_2] + \dots + E[S_N] \quad (\text{linearity of expectation})$$

$$= 1 + 1 + \dots + 1$$

$$= N.$$

$$\text{Var}[A] = \text{Var}[S_1 + S_2 + \dots + S_N]$$

$$= \text{Var}[S_1] + \text{Var}[S_2] + \dots + \text{Var}[S_N] \quad (\text{pairwise independent additivity of variance})$$

$$\text{Var}[S_i] = E[(S_i - E[S_i])^2]$$

$$= E[(S_i - 1)^2]$$

$$= \sum_{\omega \in S} \Pr[\omega] \cdot [S_i(\omega) - 1]^2$$

$$= 0.5 \cdot [0 - 1]^2 + 0.5 \cdot [2 - 1]^2$$

$$= 0.5 + 0.5$$

$$= 1$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}[A] = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1$$

$$= N.$$

$$E[A] = N, \text{Var}[A] = N //$$

c) Take strategy (b). The variance is smaller so the risk is lower.

d) Let D be the random variable of a six-sided dice.

Let S be the set of all outcomes from rolling a dice once.

$$E_x[D] = \sum_{w \in S} P(w) \cdot D(w)$$

$$= 1 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \dots + 6 \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (1+2+3+\dots+6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{6 \cdot 7}{2}$$

$$= \frac{7}{2} = 3.5$$

$$E_x[D^2]$$

$$= 1 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 9 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 16 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 25 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 36 \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (1+4+9+16+25+36)$$

$$= 15 \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{Var}[D] = E_x[(D - E_x[D])^2]$$

$$= E_x[(D - 3.5)^2]$$

$$= E_x[D^2] - E_x^2[D]$$

$$= 15 \frac{1}{6} - (3.5)^2$$

$$= 2 \frac{1}{12}$$

Ans: $E_x[D] = 3.5$, $\text{Var}[D] = 2 \frac{1}{12} = 2.92$

e) Let $T = D^3$

$$E_x[T] = E_x[D^3]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (1+8+\dots+6^3) = \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{6^2(7)^2}{4} \right) = 73.5$$

$$\text{Var}[T] = E_x[T^2] - E_x^2[T]$$

$$= E_x[D^6] - (73.5)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (1+2^6+3^6+\dots+6^6) - (73.5)^2$$

$$= 5792.92$$

Ans: $E_x[T] = 73.5$, $\text{Var}[T] = 5792.92$

2) a) 7 propositions.

Let E_i be the indicator variable for proposition i . $E_i = 1$ if true, $E_i = 0$ if false.

Let $T = E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_7$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[E_i = 1] &= 1 - \Pr[E_i = 0] \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

$$E[T] = 7 \cdot \frac{7}{8} = \frac{49}{8} = 6.125 \quad (\text{linearity of expectation})$$

b) Suppose that there does not exist an assignment such that all propositions are true, then $E[T] \leq 6$.

$$\text{However } E[T] = 6.125 > 6$$

\Rightarrow Contradiction

\Rightarrow Such an assignment exists.

3) a) Let P_i be the time taken to complete problem set i .

$$B = P_1 + P_2 + P_3 \quad E[P_i] = 1 \cdot \frac{2}{3} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{3}.$$

$$E[B] = 3E[P] = 3 \cdot \frac{4}{3} = 4 //$$

Ans: $E[B] = 4$

b) $\Pr[\text{student rolls } \frac{1}{6}]$.

$$E[R] = \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \cdot 1 = \boxed{5} \quad (\text{time to failure})$$

c) Let R_i be the value of a 6 sided die roll.

$$E[R_i] = 3.5$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[R_1 \cdot R_2] &= E[R_1] \cdot E[R_2] \quad \text{since } R_i \text{ are all mutually independent.} \\ &= 3.5 \cdot 3.5 \\ &= \boxed{12.25} \end{aligned}$$

d) D is the number of days a student delays laundry.

$$D = \frac{1}{2}E[D] + \frac{1}{3}E[R] + \frac{1}{6}E[U] \quad (\text{Law of total expectation})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2}(4) + \frac{1}{3}(5) + \frac{1}{6}(12.25) \\ &\approx \boxed{5.708} \end{aligned}$$

- 4) Suppose we flip the chosen coin n times.
 Let C_1 be the number of heads if we flip the fair coin.
 Let C_2 be the number of heads if we flip the unfair coin.

$$PDF_{C_1}[k] = \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

$$n = 40$$

$$z_0 = 0.125$$

$$PDF_{C_2}[k] = \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^k \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n-k}$$

$$\text{Find } n \text{ s.t. } Pr[C_1 = k] < 5\%$$

$$Pr[C_2 = k] > 95\% \text{ where } \frac{1}{2} < k < \frac{3}{4} \dots \text{Let } k = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n < 5\% \text{ and } \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^k \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n-k} > 95\%$$

- 5) a) Let the total score of the true/false section be T .

Let score of the i^{th} qn be T_i .

$$\begin{aligned} Ex[T] &= Ex[T_1] + Ex[T_2] + \dots \\ &= \left(2 \cdot \frac{3}{4}\right) 10 \\ &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

Let value of dice roll be D

$$\begin{aligned} Ex[D_1 + D_2 + 3] &= Ex[D_1] + Ex[D_2] + 3 \\ &= 3.5 + 3.5 + 3 \\ &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$Ex[\text{2nd section}] = 10 \cdot 4 = 40$$

$$Ex[\text{last qn}] = 12 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 18 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 15$$

$$Ex[\text{Total}] = 15 + 40 + 15 = 70$$

$$b) 3.5 \cdot 3.5 = 12.25$$

$$\begin{aligned} Ex[\text{general impression}] &= \frac{4}{10} \cdot 40 + 50 \cdot \frac{7}{10} + \frac{3}{10} \cdot 60 \\ &= 49 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Ans: } 61.25 \approx 61$$

$$61.25 \cdot \frac{2}{7} + 70 \cdot \frac{4}{7} + 84 \cdot \frac{1}{7} = 69.5$$

$$Pr[X_i = 1] = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$Pr[X_i = 0] = 1 - \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$PDF_{X_i}(x) = \begin{cases} x < 0 = 0 \\ 0 \leq x < 1 = 1 - \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^n \\ x \geq 1 = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^n \end{cases}$$

$$Pr[X_i = 1 | X_1 = X_2 = \dots = X_n = 0] = 1 \neq Pr[X_i]$$

Since if all the boxes are empty, all the balls must have gone into X_i .

$$b) \quad Ex[X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n] = Ex[X_1] + Ex[X_2] + \dots + Ex[X_n]$$

$$= n \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\frac{1}{\frac{n}{n-1}}\right)^n \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^{n+1}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^n \cdot \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{e \cdot 1} = \frac{1}{e} // \end{aligned}$$

$$c) \quad Pr[\text{At least } k \text{ balls fall into the first box}]$$

Number of ways we can pick k throws into the first box = $\binom{n}{k}$

Probability of at least k balls falling into first box: $\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^k$

Using Boole's Inequality, $\binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^k$

$$d) \quad Pr[R \geq k] \leq \frac{n}{k!} \quad \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^k = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^k = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)! \cdot n^k} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$Pr[R \geq k] = Pr[R=k] + Pr[R=k+1] + \dots + Pr[R=n]$$

$$= \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^k (\dots) + \dots$$

$$! > \frac{n!}{(n-k)! \cdot n^k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Pr[\text{At least } k \text{ balls fall into any box}] &= n \cdot \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^k \\ &= n \cdot \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)! \cdot n^k} \\ &= \frac{n}{k!} \cdot \frac{n!}{(n-k)! \cdot n^k} \\ &\leq \frac{n}{k!} \cdot \frac{n!}{n!} = \frac{n}{k!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow Pr[\text{At least } k \text{ balls fall into any box}] \leq \frac{n}{k!} \quad \square$$

$$e) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_r[R \geq n^\epsilon] = 0 \text{ for all } \epsilon > 0.$$

As n grows large the no. of boxes that are empty is $\frac{n}{e}$.

$$P_r[R \geq n^\epsilon] \leq \frac{n}{(n^\epsilon)!}$$

$$P_r[R \geq k] \leq \frac{n}{k!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\approx \frac{n}{\sqrt{2\pi n^\epsilon} \left(\frac{n^\epsilon}{e}\right)^n} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} n^{1-\frac{1}{2}\epsilon} \cdot \left(\frac{n^\epsilon}{e}\right)^{-n} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} n^{1-\frac{1}{2}\epsilon - n\epsilon} \\ &= \frac{1}{e^{\sqrt{2\pi}}} n^{1-\epsilon(\frac{1}{2}+n)} \\ &= \frac{n^{1-\epsilon(\frac{1}{2}+n)}}{e^{\sqrt{2\pi}}} \\ &= \frac{n}{n^{\epsilon(\frac{1}{2}+n)}} e^{\sqrt{2\pi}} \\ &\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\approx \frac{n}{\sqrt{2\pi k} \left(\frac{k}{e}\right)^k} \\ &= \frac{n}{\sqrt{2\pi k}} \cdot \left(\frac{e}{k}\right)^k \\ &= \frac{ne^k}{k^{\frac{1}{2}+k}} \\ &\text{Let } k = n^\epsilon \\ &\frac{ne^{n^\epsilon}}{n^{\frac{1}{2}+n^\epsilon} \sqrt{2\pi} n^\epsilon} \\ &\frac{e^{n^\epsilon}}{n^{\epsilon n^\epsilon - 1} \sqrt{2\pi} \cdot n^{\frac{1}{2}\epsilon}} \\ &\frac{e^{n^\epsilon}}{n^{\epsilon n^\epsilon - 1 - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon} \sqrt{2\pi}} \\ &= \frac{e^{n^\epsilon}}{n^{\epsilon(n^\epsilon - \frac{1}{2}) - 1} \sqrt{2\pi}} \\ &\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{n^\epsilon}}{n^{\epsilon(n^\epsilon - \frac{1}{2}) - 1} \sqrt{2\pi}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{n^\epsilon}}{n^{\epsilon(n^\epsilon - \frac{1}{2}) - 1}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{n^\epsilon}}{e^{\ln(n) [\epsilon(n^\epsilon - \frac{1}{2}) - 1]}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{n^\epsilon - \ln(n) [\epsilon(n^\epsilon - \frac{1}{2}) - 1]} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^\epsilon - \ln(n) [\epsilon(n^\epsilon - \frac{1}{2}) - 1] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^\epsilon - \epsilon n^\epsilon \ln(n) + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \ln(n) + \ln(n) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^\epsilon (1 - \epsilon \ln(n)) + \ln(n) \left[\frac{1}{2} \epsilon + 1 \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^\epsilon (1 - \epsilon \ln(n)) + \ln(n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^\epsilon (1 - \epsilon \ln(n))}{\ln(n)} &= \frac{n^\epsilon - \epsilon n^\epsilon \ln(n)}{\ln(n)} \\ &= \frac{n^\epsilon}{\ln(n)} - \epsilon n^\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{\epsilon} = n^{\epsilon \left(\frac{1}{\ln(n)} - \epsilon \right)}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -n^{\epsilon} = -\infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(n) = o(n^{\epsilon(1-\epsilon \ln(n))})$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{\epsilon(1-\epsilon \ln(n))} + \ln(n) = -\infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{n^{\epsilon(1-\epsilon \ln(n))} + \ln(n)} = e^{-\infty} = 0.$$