

1. Soln: Let  $T$  denote the number of rolls required to produce the first head.

Then it's obviously that  $T \sim \text{Geo}(p)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } P(\text{"A tosses the first head"}) &= P(T \text{ is odd}) \\ &= P(T=1) + P(T=3) + P(T=5) + \dots \\ &= p + q^2p + q^4p + \dots \\ &= \frac{p}{1-q^2} \\ &= \frac{p}{(1+q)(1-q)} \\ &= \frac{p}{(1+q)p} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+q} \left( > \frac{1}{2} \text{ if } q < 1. \right) \end{aligned}$$

A has more chance to toss the first head!!!

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2 Soln: a).  $X \sim \text{Negb}(b, \frac{b}{w+b})$ , and its pmf is

$$P(X=k) = \binom{k-1}{b-1} \left(\frac{b}{w+b}\right)^b \left(\frac{w}{b+w}\right)^{k-b} \text{ for } k \geq b. \quad \square$$

b) When drawing without replacement,  $X$  could only take value from  $b$  to  $b+w$ .

For  $k = b, b+1, \dots, b+w$ ,

$$P(X=k) = P(b-1 \text{ blacks in first } k-1 \text{ draws}) \times$$

$$P(k\text{th draw is black} \mid b-1 \text{ blacks in first } k-1 \text{ draws})$$

pmf of HyperGeo( $k-1, b, b+w$ )  
at  $b-1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\binom{b}{b-1} \cdot \binom{w}{k-b}}{\binom{b+w}{k-1}} \cdot \frac{b-(b-1)}{b+w-k+1} \\
 &= \frac{b \cdot \frac{w!}{(k-b)!(w-k+b)!}}{\frac{(b+w)!}{(k-1)!(b+w-k+1)!}} \cdot \frac{1}{b+w-k+1} \\
 &= \frac{b w! (k-1)!}{(k-b)! (b+w)!}
 \end{aligned}$$

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3. Sol: Two extreme cases:

If the first  $n$  trials are all successes (or failures), then  $V_n = n$ .

If the first  $2(n-1)$  trials are  $(n-1)$  successes and  $(n-1)$  failures, then  $V_n = 2(n-1) + 1 = 2n-1$ .

So  $V_n$  takes values in  $\{n, n+1, \dots, 2n-1\}$ .

For  $k = n, n+1, \dots, 2n-1$ ,

$\{V_n = k\} = \{V_n = k, \text{ the } k\text{-th trial is success}\} \cup \{V_n = k, \text{ the } k\text{-th trial is failure}\}.$

and these 2 events are mutually exclusive.

$P("V_n = k, \text{ the } k\text{-th trial is success"})$

$= P(\text{"exactly } n-1 \text{ successes in first } k-1 \text{ trials, the } k\text{th trial is success"})$

$= P(\text{"exactly } n-1 \text{ successes in first } k-1 \text{ trials"}) \cdot P(\text{"the } k\text{th trial is success"})$

$$= \binom{k-1}{n-1} p^{n-1} q^{k-n} \cdot p$$

$$= \binom{k-1}{n-1} p^n q^{k-n}$$

It's exactly the pmf of  $\text{Negb}(n, p)$  at  $k$ .

By symmetry, we could get

$$P("V_n = k, \text{ the } k\text{-th trial is failure"}) = \binom{k-1}{n-1} q^n p^{k-n}$$

Therefore, for  $k = n, n+1, \dots, 2n-1$ ,

$$P(V_n = k) = \binom{k-1}{n-1} p^n q^{k-n} + \binom{k-1}{n-1} q^n p^{k-n}$$

$$= \binom{k-1}{n-1} (p^n q^{k-n} + q^n p^{k-n})$$

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