

- 1) A die is thrown twice, let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  denote the outcomes, and define random variable  $X$  to be the minimum of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . Determine the distribution of  $X$ .

$X_1$	1	2	3	4	5	6	$X_1$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$X_2$	1	1	1	1	1	1	$X_2$	4	4	4	4	4	4
$X$ is min of $X_1$ & $X_2$	1	2	3	4	5	6	$X_1$	1	2	3	4	5	6
	2	2	2	2	2	2	$X_2$	5	5	5	5	5	5
	3	3	3	3	3	3	$X_1$	1	2	3	4	5	6
	3	3	3	3	3	3	$X_2$	6	6	6	6	6	6

$$P(X=1) = 1/36$$

$$P(X=2) = 9/36$$

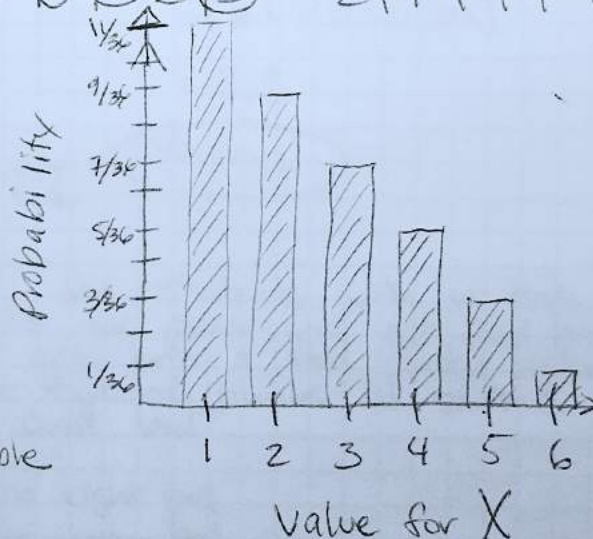
$$P(X=3) = 7/36$$

$$P(X=4) = 5/36$$

$$P(X=5) = 3/36$$

$$P(X=6) = 1/36$$

Discrete Random Variable



- 2) A fair die is rolled repeatedly until a six is seen. What is the expected number of rolls?

With every roll there's a  $1/6$  probability that the ~~roll~~ will be 6.

$$Pr(X=6) = 1/6$$

$$X = \begin{cases} 1, \text{roll is 6} \\ 0, \text{roll not 6} \end{cases}$$

total # rolls is  $X = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_k$

$$\text{first roll: } E(X_1) = 1/6(1) + 5/6(0) = 1/6$$

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{P} = \frac{1}{1/6} = 6$$

$$E(X) = E(X_1) + E(X_2) + \dots + E(X_k)$$

since each is  $1/6$ , it will take 6 rolls (expected) until a six is seen

- 3) On any given day, the probability it will be sunny is 0.8.  
 the probability you have a nice dinner 0.25  
 the probability that you go to bed early 0.5

Assume these events are independent. What is the expected number of days before all three of them happen together?

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(\text{sunny}) &= 0.8 \\ \Pr(\text{nice dinner}) &= 0.25 \\ \Pr(\text{bed early}) &= 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Pr(X=x, Y=y, Z=z) = \Pr(X=x) \Pr(Y=y) \Pr(Z=z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X=\text{sunny}, Y=\text{nice dinner}, Z=\text{bed early}) &= \Pr(\text{sunny}) \cdot \Pr(\text{nice din}) \cdot \Pr(\text{bed early}) \\ &= (0.8)(0.25)(0.5) \\ &= 0.1 \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X, Y, Z) = \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{0.1} = 10 \text{ days}$$

- 6) There is a dormitory for students with  $n$  beds for  $n$  students. One night the power goes out, and because it's dark, each student gets into a bed chosen uniformly at random. What is the expected number of students who end up in their own bed?

$$X = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{students in right bed} \\ 0, & \text{students in wrong bed} \end{cases}$$

If there is 1 student and 1 bed ( $n=1$ ), the student would have a bed.  $E(X)=1$

If there are 2 students and 2 beds ( $n=2$ ), the first student chooses a bed. That student is either in the right bed or wrong bed. The next student's ~~placement~~ placement is directly related (the same) as the first student - they are either in the right bed if the first student is in the right bed, or the wrong bed if the first student is in the wrong bed.

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{right bed} \\ 0, & \text{wrong bed} \end{cases} & \Pr(X=1) &= 0.5 \\ & & \Pr(X=0) &= 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X) = 1 \cdot (0.5) + 0 \cdot (0.5)$$

$$E(X) = 1$$



6) cont. For any given  $n$  students and  $n$  beds,

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n}$$

$$X = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_n$$

$$E(X) = E(X_1) + E(X_2) + E(X_3) + \dots + E(X_n) = np$$

In this case, probability,  $p$ , is  $\frac{1}{n}$

$$E(X) = np$$

$$E(x) = n\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$E(x) = 1$$

7) Dependent or Independent

a) Randomly permute  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$ .  $X$  is the number in the first position,  $Y$  is the number in the second position.

$$\text{Check } \Pr(X=x, Y=y) = \Pr(X=x)\Pr(Y=y)$$

Dependent

If  $x$  is the number in the first position, and is in the set  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$ , the number in the second position is not  $x$  and the probability that it is not  $x$  ~~increases~~ increases.

b) Randomly pick a card out of 52.  $X=1$  if the card is 9 and 0 otherwise.  $Y=1$  if the card is a heart, 0 otherwise.

$$X \begin{cases} 1, \text{ card is } 9 \\ 0, \text{ card not } 9 \end{cases}$$

$$Y \begin{cases} 1, \text{ card is } \heartsuit \\ 0, \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Pr(X=1, Y=1) = \Pr(X=1)\Pr(Y=1)$$

$$\frac{1}{52} = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{52} \neq \frac{1}{16}$$

dependent

- 12) Suppose a fair coin is tossed repeatedly until the same outcome occurs twice in a row (2 heads in a row or two tails in a row). What is the expected number of tosses?

Fair coin means:

$$\Pr(\text{heads}) = 0.50$$

$$\Pr(\text{tails}) = 0.50$$

Let  $X_1$  be the first toss  $X_1 \begin{cases} 1, \text{ either heads or tails} \\ 0, \text{ not possible} \end{cases}$

$$E(X_1) = 1 \quad \text{which means that whatever the toss should be expected}$$

Let  $X_2$  be the second toss  $X_2 \begin{cases} 1, \text{ same as first toss} \\ 0, \text{ not the same as first toss} \end{cases}$

$$\Pr(X_2 = 1) = 1/2$$

$$E(X_2) = 2$$

$$E(X) = E(X_1) + E(X_2)$$

$$E(X) = 1 + 2 = 3$$

Generalizing, any toss  $X_i$  and subsequent toss  $X_{i+1}$

will be  $E(X_i) = 1$

$$E(X_{i+1}) = 2$$