

Download the template Jupyter notebook `HW3.Template.ipynb` from Canvas and work from that template. Problems 1a) and 2) are analytical questions.

1. (This is Problem 4.4 from Gregory.) A bottle contains three green balls and three red balls. The bottle is first shaken to mix up the balls.
  - (a) (2 pts) Calculate analytically the probability that blindfolded, you will pick a red ball on the third pick, if you learn that at least one red ball was picked on the first two picks.
  - (b) **CODING:** (3 pts) Write a Python function that simulates this an instance of drawing three balls from the bottle.
  - (c) **CODING:** (3 pts) Using the function from b), empirically calculate the probability from part a).
2. (6 pts; this is Problem 4.7 from Gregory.) In a particular water sample, ten bacteria are found, of which three are of type *A*. Calculate analytically the probability of obtaining six type *A* bacteria, in a second independent water sample containing 12 bacteria in total. HINT: You may find the following definite integral to be helpful:

$$\int_0^1 dx x^k (1-x)^{n-k} = \frac{1}{(n+1) \binom{n}{k}}. \quad (1)$$

3. **CODING:** This problem demonstrates empirically several properties of counting statistics, which obeys the Poisson distribution. We will approximate a Poisson process by generating random values between 0 and 10, but only looking at the ones between 0 and 1. Technically, this is a multinomial distribution, but for large  $N$  and at least moderately large number of bins, it is a good approximation to a Poisson process.
  - (a) (3 pts) Generate  $N = 10^6$  uniform random deviates between 0 and 10. Count the number of deviates that fall in each of 100 equal-sized bins between 0 and 1 (0.00-0.01, 0.01-0.02, etc). Calculate the mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$  of the counts per bin. Make sure that the mean is almost exactly what you expect:  $\bar{n} \approx N/100 = 1000$ .
  - (b) (3 pts) Repeat part a) for 10 and 1000 equally-sized bins. This empirically shows that  $\mu = \sigma^2 = \bar{n}$ , which is an important property of the Poisson distribution.
  - (c) **EXTRA CREDIT:** (2 pts) Now generate  $M = 100$  realizations of part a) and calculate the mean and variance of the counts per bin each time using 100 equally-sized bins. Make sure to not use the same random seed each time. You should now have  $M = 100$  values of both the mean and variance. Let's call these  $\mu_i$  and  $\sigma_i^2$ , respectively, where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, M$ . Now calculate the mean and variance of  $\mu_i$  and  $\sigma_i^2$ . This demonstrates that the general property that the variance (2nd moment) is much more difficult to measure accurately than the mean (1st moment).