

1. [Probability] Assume that the probability of obtaining heads when tossing a coin is  $\lambda$ .
  - a. What is the probability of obtaining the first head at the  $(k + 1)$ -th toss?
  - b. What is the expected number of tosses needed to get the first head?

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1.9.  $P(k \text{ tails in first } k \text{ tosses, then 1 head}) = (1-\lambda)^k \lambda$

b. Let  $n$  be number of tosses.  
 $X = E[n]$

If the tosses are independent.

$$X = \lambda \cdot 1 + (1-\lambda)(X+1)$$
$$X = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

2. [Probability] Assume  $X$  is a random variable.
  - a. We define the variance of  $X$  as:  $\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2]$ . Prove that  $\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$ .
  - b. If  $E[X] = 0$  and  $E[X^2] = 1$ , what is the variance of  $X$ ? If  $Y = a + bX$ , what is the variance of  $Y$ ?

2  $X \rightarrow$  random variable

a.  $\text{var}(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2]$

to prove,  $\text{var}(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}(X) &= E[X^2 - 2XE[X] + E[X]^2] \\ &= E[X^2] - 2E[XE[X]] + E[E[X]^2] \\ &= E[X^2] - 2E[X]^2 + E[X]^2 \\ &= E[X^2] - E[X]^2 \\ &\quad \text{HP}\end{aligned}$$

b.  $E[X] = 0 \quad E[X^2] = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= a + bX \\ \text{var}(X) &= E[X^2] - E[X]^2 \\ &= 1 - 0^2 \\ &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}(y) &= \text{var}(a + bX) \\ &= E[y^2] - E[y]^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}E[y^2] &= E[(a + bX)^2] \\ &= E[a^2 + 2abX + b^2X^2] \\ &= a^2 + 2abE[X] + b^2E[X^2] \\ &= a^2 + b^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}E[y] &= E[a + bX] \\ &= a + bE[X] \\ &= a.\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{var}(y) = a^2 + b^2 - (a)^2 = b^2$$

3. [Probability] Your friend Aku is a great predictor about winning horse race. Assume that we know three facts: 1) If Aku tells you that a horse name black beauty will win, it will win with probability 0.99. 2) If Aku tells you that a black beauty will not win, it will not win with probability 0.99999. 3) With probability  $10^{-5}$ , Aku predicts that a black beauty is a winning horse. This also means that with probability  $1 - 10^{-5}$ , Aku predicts that a black beauty will not win.
- Given a horse, what is the probability that it wins?
  - What is the probability that Aku correctly predicts a black beauty is winning?

Make Assumptions about values when it is necessary in consistent manner. Refer necessary table from following link when necessary.

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Qn 3. Let  $A$  be the event "Alec predicts that the horse is a winning horse."

Let  $\neg A$  be the event "Alec predicts that the horse is not a winning horse."

Let  $W$  be the event that the horse is a winning horse.

Let  $\neg W$  be the event that horse is not a winning horse.

Given  $P(W|A) = 0.99$   
 $P(\neg W|\neg A) = 0.99999$

$$P(A) = 10^{-5}$$

a)  $P(W)$  :  $P(W, A) + P(W, \neg A)$   
 $\uparrow$   
Probability of winning  
 $= P(W|A)P(A) + P(W|\neg A)P(\neg A)$   
 $= 0.99 \times 10^{-5} + (1 - 0.99999)(1 - 10^{-5})$   
 $\approx 1.99 \times 10^{-5}$

b) Prob that Alec predicts winning correctly.

$$P(A|W) = \frac{P(A, W)}{P(W)}$$

$$= \frac{P(W|A)P(A)}{P(W)}$$

$$= \frac{0.99 \times 10^{-5}}{1.99 \times 10^{-5}}$$

$$\approx 0.4975$$