

Consider Bernoulli random variable, i.e. random variable that takes value 1 with probability  $p$  and value 0 with probability  $1 - p$ . Find its variance. Then find variance of binomial random variable with probability of success (i.e. head)  $p$  and number of trials (i.e. tosses)  $n$

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If  $X$  is a Bernoulli random variable with probability of success  $p \implies X$  takes value 1 with probability  $p$  and value 0 with probability  $1 - p$ .

$$\implies \mathbb{E}(X) = 1 \cdot p + 0 \cdot (1 - p) = p$$

$$\implies \mathbb{E}(X^2) = 1^2 \cdot p + 0^2 \cdot (1 - p) = p$$

Using the variance formula, we obtain  $\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}(X^2) - \mathbb{E}(X)^2 = p - p^2 = p(1 - p) \therefore$  the variance of a Bernoulli random variable is  $p \cdot (1 - p)$

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If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent Bernoulli random variables with probability of success  $p$  and  $X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$  is a binomial random variable with probability of success  $p$  and number of trials  $n$

$$\implies \mathbb{E}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(X_i) = np$$

Given that events are independent, the variance can be calculated as:

$$\text{Var}(X) = \text{Var}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2) + \dots + \text{Var}(X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) = np(1 - p) + np(1 - p) + \dots + np(1 - p)$$

$$\implies \text{Var}(X) = np \cdot (1 - p)$$