

# Statistics and data analysis

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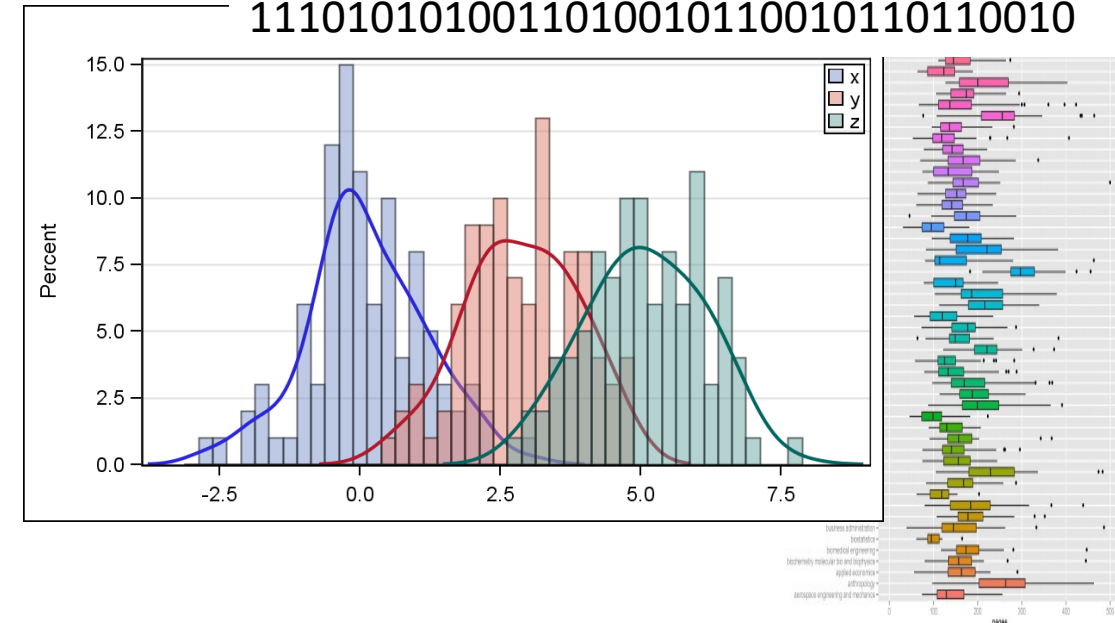
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Independence and variations, convolution, computer age statistics

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# Negative Binomial Distribution

- In successive Bernoulli( $p$ ) instances, what is the distribution of the number of trials (in some versions – failures) needed until the  $r^{\text{th}}$  success.  
(the Geometric Distribution is equivalent to  $r = 1$ )
- For this number to equal  $y$  we should have exactly  $r - 1$  successes in first  $y - 1$  trials, followed by a success

$$p(y) = \binom{y-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{y-r} \quad y = r, r+1, \dots$$

$$E(Y) = \frac{r}{p}$$

$$V(Y) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$$



# Randomistan basketball, again

Players shoot synchronously.

Player 1:

Probability of scoring =  $p < 1/2$

Shoots until he has  $r$  successes.

$X_1$  is the attempt when that happened.

Player 2:

Probability of scoring =  $mp$  for some integer  $1 < m$  so that  $mp < 1$

Shoots until she has  $mr$  successes.

$X_2$  is the attempt when that happened.



- Which is higher  $E(X_1)$  or  $E(X_2)$ ?
- Which is higher  $V(X_1)$  or  $V(X_2)$ ?
- Placing a bet on  $X_1 > X_2$ ?  
(Player 2 is better)

$$E(X_1) = \frac{r}{p} = \frac{mr}{mp} = E(X_2)$$

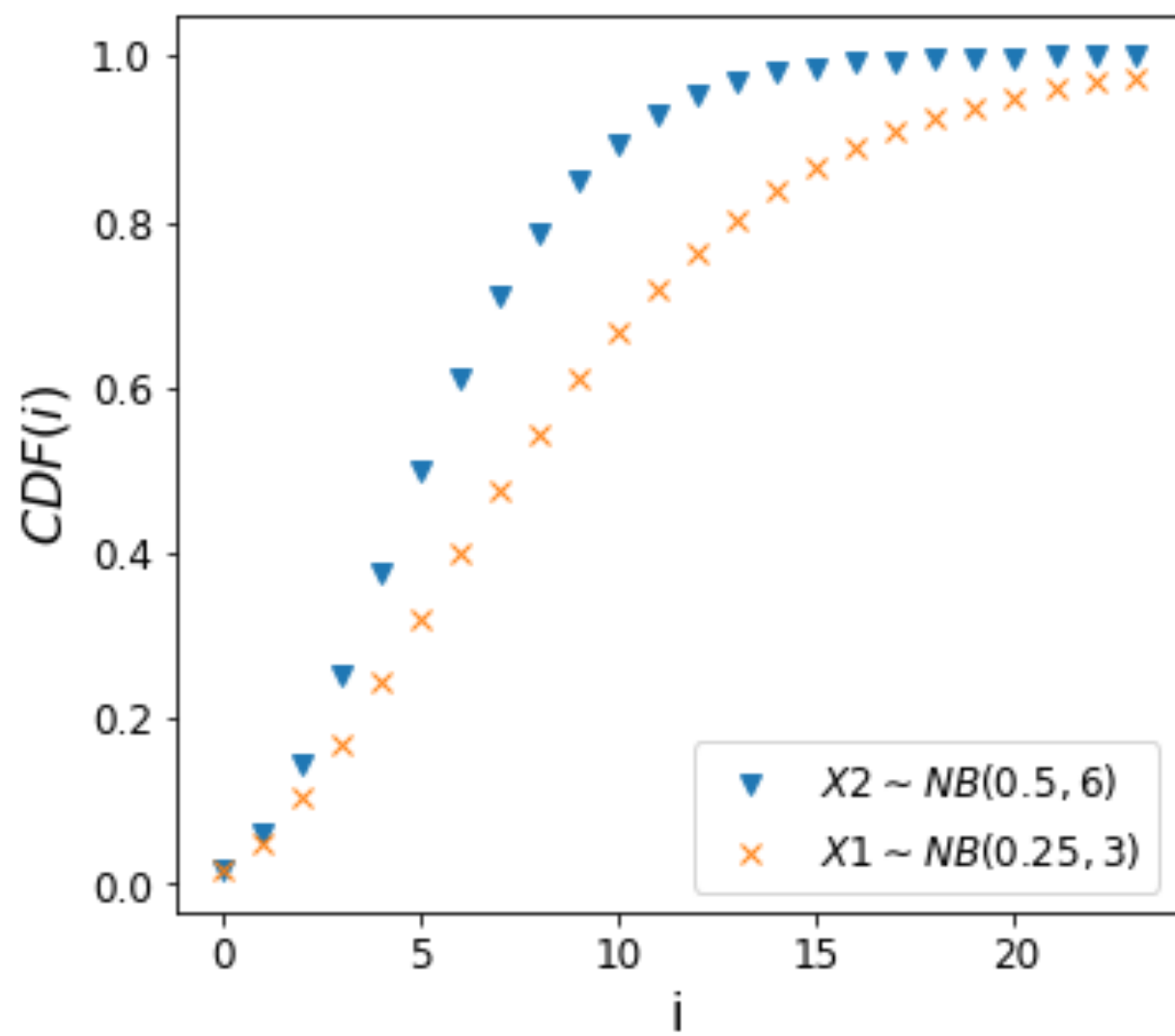
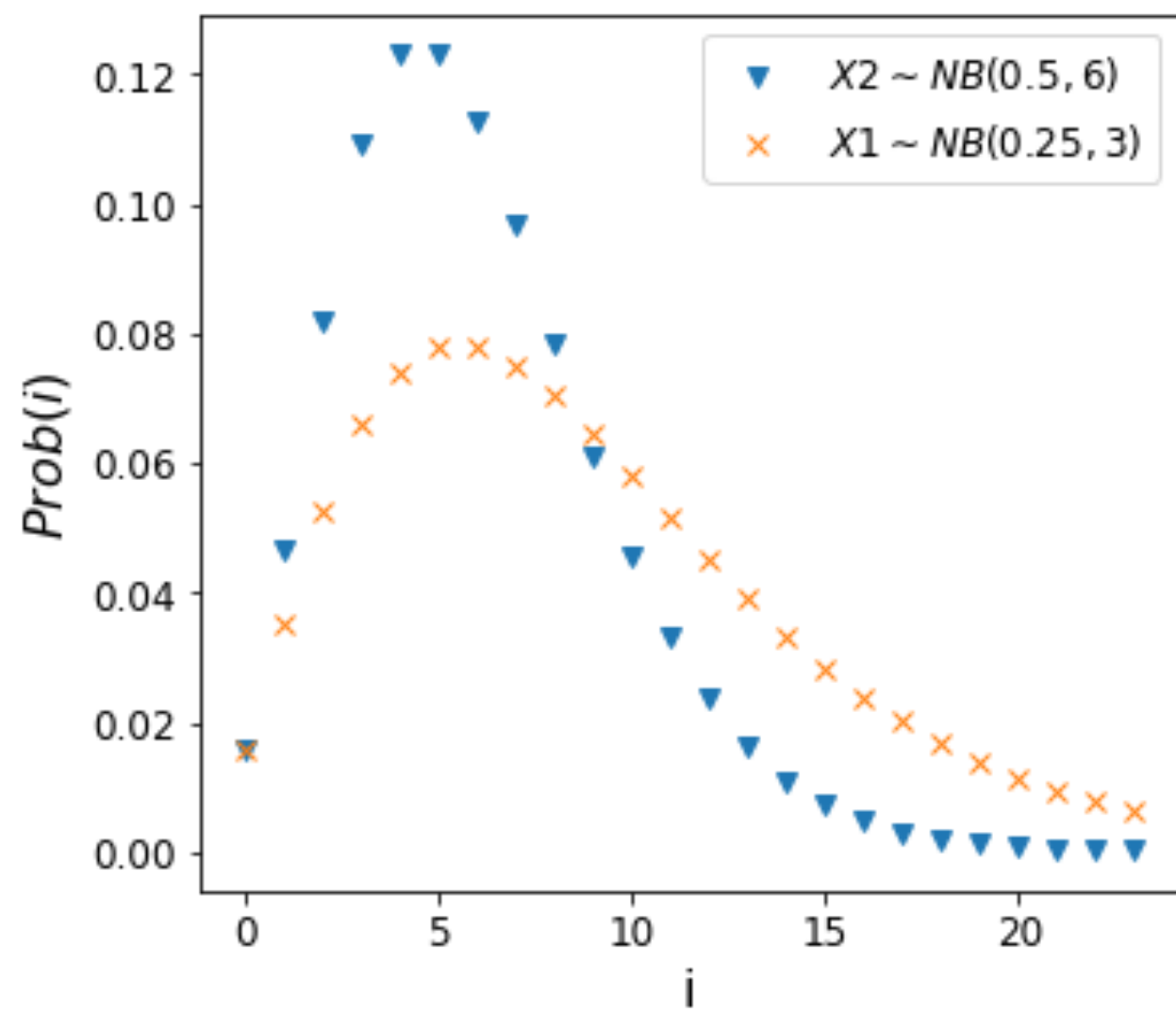
$$V(X_1) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2} \quad ? \quad \frac{mr(1-mp)}{(mp)^2} = V(X_2)$$

# scipy.stats.nbinom

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r = 3  
p = 0.25  
m = 2
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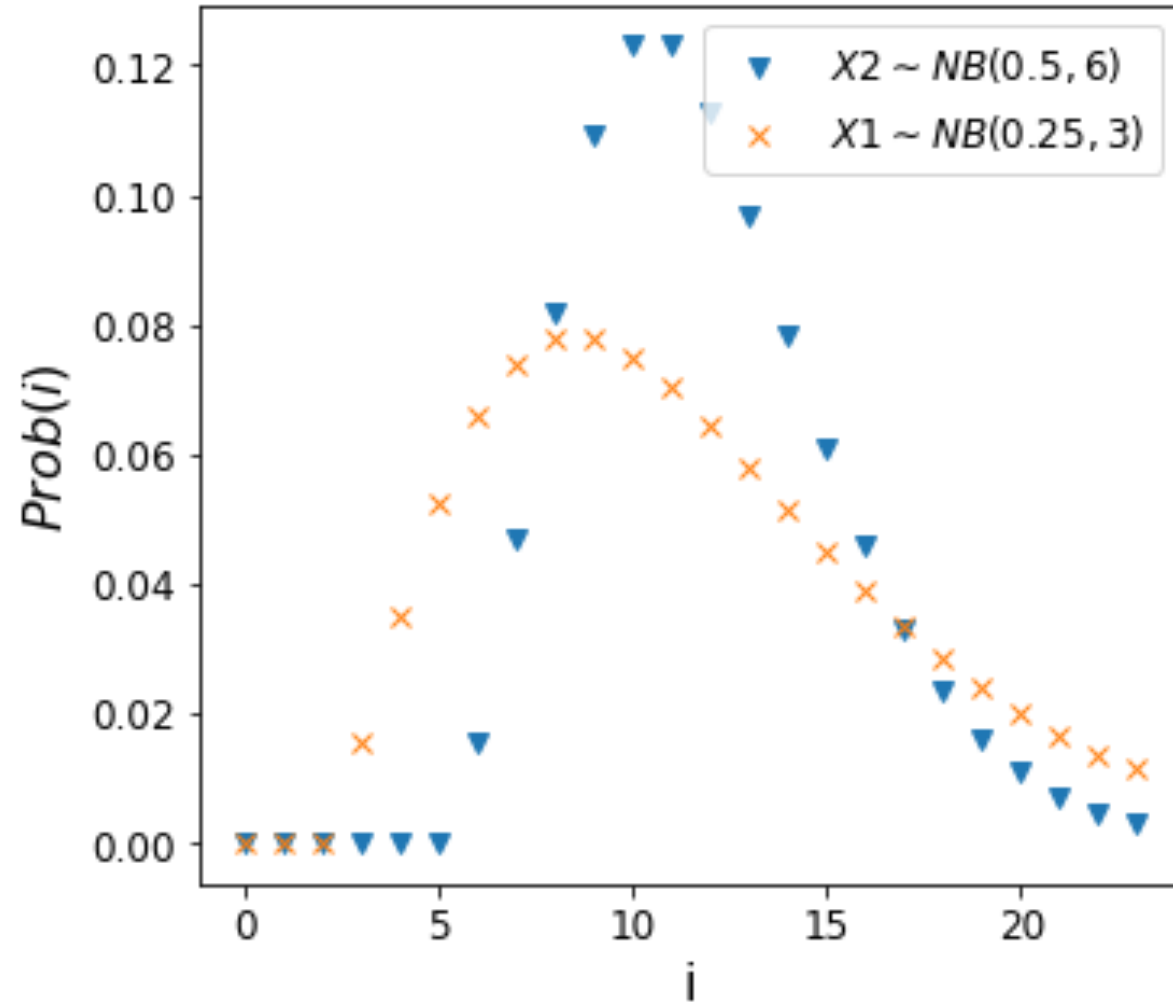
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from scipy.stats import nbinom  
import numpy as np  
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
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X1 = nbinom(r,p)  
X2 = nbinom(r*m,p*m)  
  
i = range(0,int(np.round(2*r/p,0)))  
  
p_X1_i = X1.pmf([xx for xx in i])  
p_X2_i = X2.pmf([xx for xx in i])  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(12,5))  
plt.subplot(1,2,1)  
plt.plot(i,p_X2_i,'v',label="$X2 \sim \text{NB}(\{\{0\}\},\{\{1\}\})$".format(p*m,r*m))  
plt.plot(i,p_X1_i,'x',label="$X1 \sim \text{NB}(\{\{0\}\},\{\{1\}\})$".format(p,r))  
plt.xlabel("i",fontsize=16)  
plt.ylabel('$Prob(i)$',fontsize=16)  
plt.legend()
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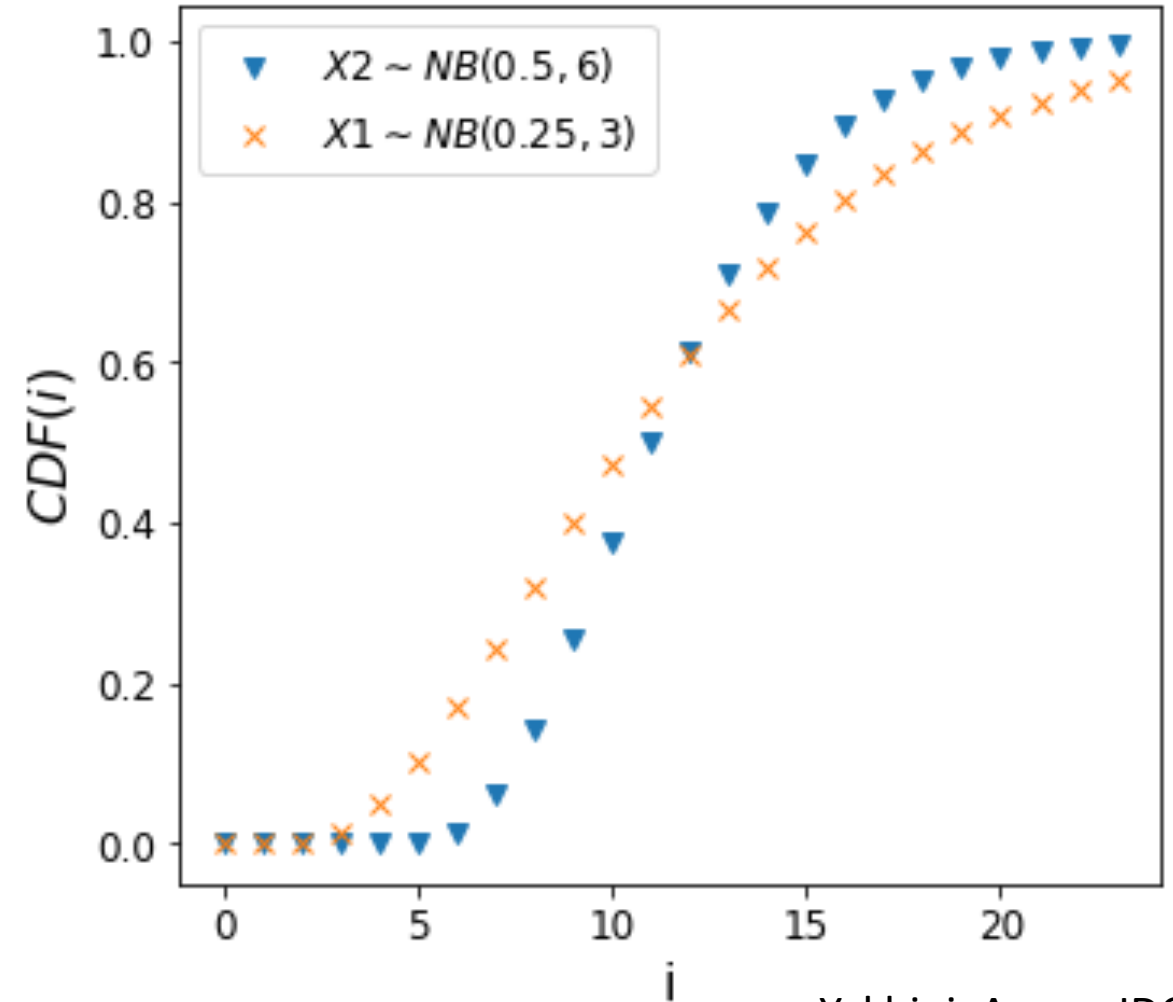
# Wrong behaviour

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X1 = nbinom(r,p)  
X2 = nbinom(r*m,p*m)
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# Correct behaviour

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X1 = nbinom(r,p,loc=r)  
X2 = nbinom(r*m,p*m,loc=m*r)
```



Note: E vs mod of a distribution

# Randomistan basketball story

- Which is higher  $E(X_1)$  or  $E(X_2)$ ?
- Which is higher  $V(X_1)$  or  $V(X_2)$ ?
- Placing a bet on  $X_1 > X_2$ ? (Player 2 is better)

```
r = 3
p = 0.25
m = 2
mean_X1, var_X1 = nbinom.stats(r,p,loc=r)
mean_X2, var_X2 = nbinom.stats(r*m,p*m,loc=m*r)
print(f'E(X1_1) = {mean_X1}, Var(X1_1) = {var_X1}')
print(f'E(X1_2) = {mean_X2}, Var(X1_2) = {var_X2}')
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E(X1_1) = 12.0, Var(X1_1) = 36.0
E(X1_2) = 12.0, Var(X1_2) = 12.0
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# How to assess betting on the players?

- Placing a bet on  $X_1 > X_2$ ? (Player 2 is better)

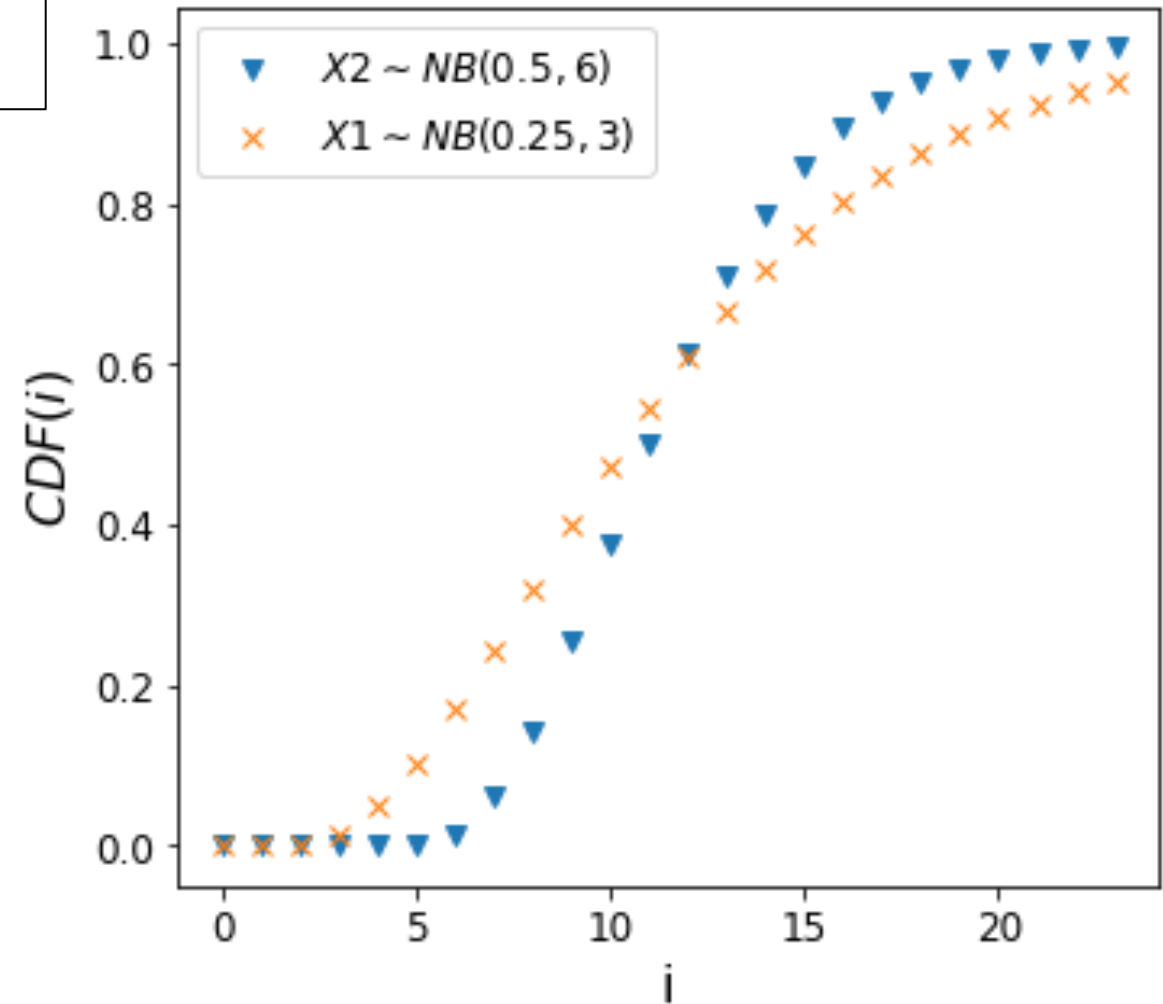
We can choose a player and bet on whether they succeed before 8, before 20. Which player should we prefer?

Calculate  $P(X_1 \leq 8)$  and  $P(X_2 \leq 8)$

Calculate  $P(X_1 \leq 20)$  and  $P(X_2 \leq 20)$

```
v1 = 8
v2 = 20
f_X1_v1 = X1.cdf(v1)
f_X2_v1 = X2.cdf(v1)
f_X1_v2 = X1.cdf(v2)
f_X2_v2 = X2.cdf(v2)
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P(X1 <= 8) = 0.32
P(X2 <= 8) = 0.14
X1 wins on 8 trial
P(X1 <= 20) = 0.91
P(X2 <= 20) = 0.98
X2 wins on 20 trial
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# Who completes the task earlier? Computer age statistics

Calculate  $P(X_1 > X_2)$

Lower Bound:

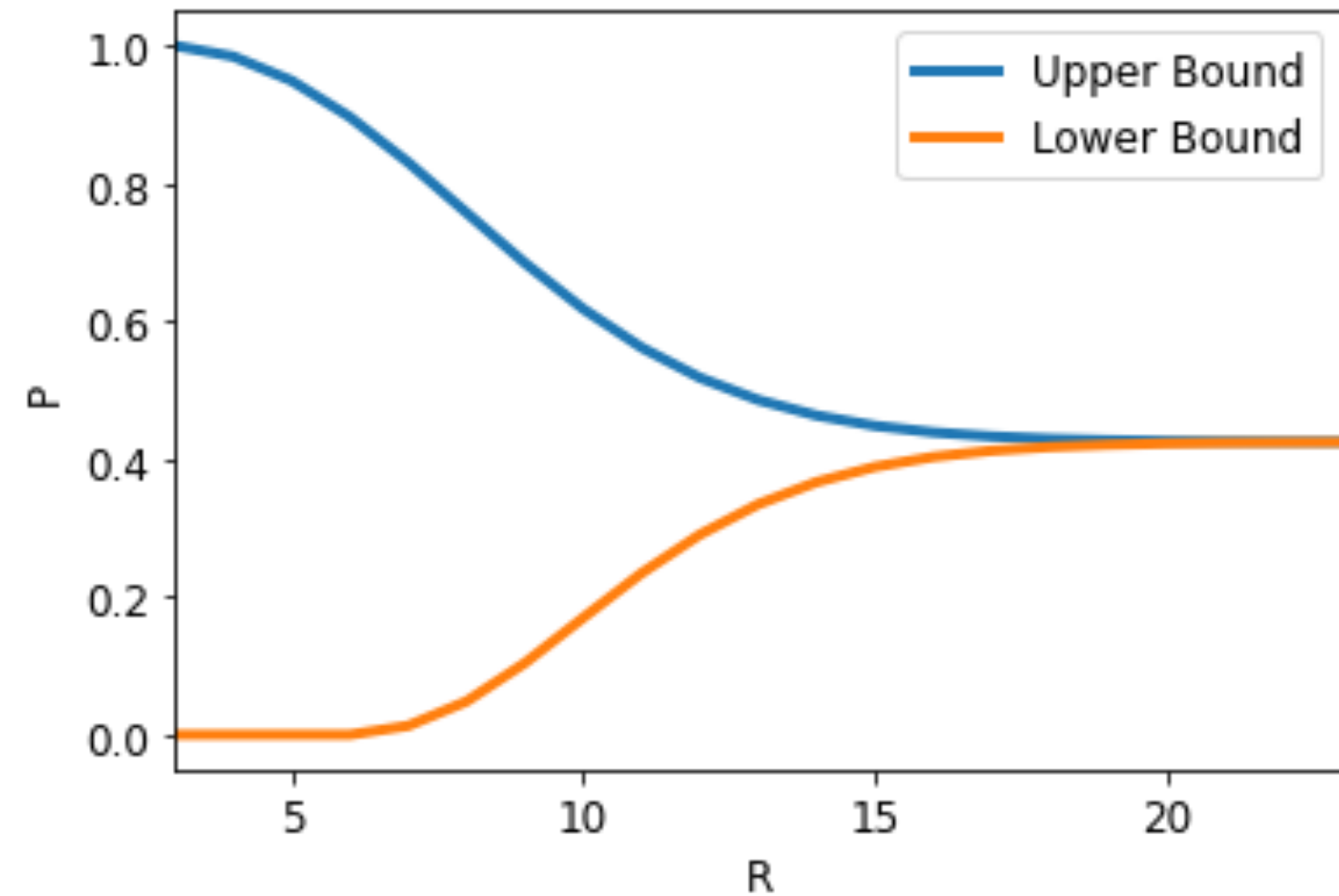
$$P(X_1 > X_2) = \sum_{y=m \cdot k}^{\inf} P(X_2 = y)P(X_1 > y) \geq$$
$$\sum_{y=m \cdot k}^R P(X_2 = y)P(X_1 > y) = \sum_{y=m \cdot k}^R P(X_2 = y)(1 - CDF_{X_1}(y))$$

Upper Bound:

$$P(X_1 > X_2) = 1 - P(X_2 \geq X_1) = 1 - \sum_{x=k}^{\inf} P(X_1 = x)P(X_2 \geq x) \leq$$
$$1 - \sum_{x=k}^R P(X_1 = x)P(X_2 \geq x) = 1 - \sum_{x=k}^R P(X_1 = x)(1 - P(X_2 < x)) = 1 - \sum_{x=k}^R P(X_1 = x)(1 - CDF_{X_2}(x - 1))$$

$$P(X_1 > X_2)$$

Calculate  $P(X > Y)$



$$P(X_1 > X_2) \in [0.4246, 0.4251]$$

# Sample/Coupon collection

The RV  $T$  counts the number of observations required to see at least  $m=1$  users from each country of the  $n=100$ . How many visits will it take if every visit comes from each of the countries with equal probabilities and independent of all previous visits?

$$T = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_i + \dots + X_{99} + X_{100}$$

Where the random variable  $X_i$  counts the number of visits, after the first  $i - 1$  countries are in, until the  $i$ -th country is also in.

# Sample/Coupon collection

We saw

$$E(T) = E(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_i + \dots + X_{99} + X_{100}) = \sum_{i=1}^{100} E(X_i)$$

Note that  $X_i \sim \text{Geom}\left(p_i = \frac{100-i+1}{100}\right)$  and we therefore have  $E(X_i) = \frac{1}{p_i} = \frac{100}{100-i+1}$

So:

$$E(T) = 100 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{100} \right)$$

$$\underline{E(T) = nH(n) \sim n \ln n.}$$

## Sample/Coupon collection

How can we use Chebyshev's inequality to get a bound on:

$$P(T > nH(n) + cn) ?$$

$$P(|X - \mu| \geq \lambda) \leq \frac{V(X)}{\lambda^2}$$

Sample/Coupon collection

$$P(|X - \mu| \geq \lambda) \leq \frac{V(X)}{\lambda^2}$$

$$P(T \geq E(T) + \lambda) \leq P(|T - E(T)| \geq \lambda)$$

$$P(T \geq nH(n) + cn) \leq \frac{V(T)}{c^2 n^2}$$

# Sample/Coupon collection

What about the Variance of T?

$$Var(T) = Var(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_i + \dots + X_{99} + X_{100}) = \sum_{i=1}^{100} Var(X_i)$$

$$X_i \sim Geom\left(p_i = \frac{100-i+1}{100}\right) \text{ and we therefore have } Var(X_i) = \frac{1-p_i}{p_i^2}$$

So:

$$Var(T) = \sum_{i=1}^{100} \frac{1-p_i}{p_i^2} = \sum_{i=1}^{100} \frac{1}{p_i^2} - \sum_{i=1}^{100} \frac{1}{p_i} = 100^2 \sum_{i=1}^{100} \frac{1}{i^2} - 100 \sum_{i=1}^{100} \frac{1}{i}$$

$$Var(T) = n^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^2} - nH(n)$$



# Sample/Coupon collection

$$\text{Var}(T) = n^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^2} - nH(n) < n^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^2} < n^2 \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

$$P(T \geq nH(n) + cn) \leq \frac{\text{V}(T)}{c^2 n^2} < \frac{\pi^2}{6c^2}$$

Taking  $n = 100$ :

$$c = 2: P(T \geq 518 + 200) < \frac{\pi^2}{24} = 0.4112$$

$$c = 3: P(T \geq 518 + 300) < \frac{\pi^2}{54} = 0.1828$$

$$c = 4: P(T \geq 518 + 400) < \frac{\pi^2}{96} = 0.1028$$

# Computer age statistics

We can calculate the true value of the variance and use this for the Chebyshev bound:

$$\text{Var}(T) = n^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^2} - nH(n)$$

$$P(T \geq nH(n) + cn) \leq \frac{V(T)}{c^2 n^2}$$

Taking  $n = 100$ :  $\text{Var}(T) = 16449$

$$c = 2: P(T \geq 518 + 200) \leq 0.3958$$

$$c = 3: P(T \geq 518 + 300) \leq 0.1759$$

$$c = 4: P(T \geq 518 + 400) \leq 0.0989$$

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v = single_coupon_variance(100)
print(f'Using exact Variance')
print(f'P(T_100>718) <= {v/4/100**2 :.4f}')
print(f'P(T_100>818) <= {v/9/100**2 :.4f}')
print(f'P(T_100>918) <= {v/16/100**2 :.4f}')

print(f'Using upper bound on the variance')
print(f'P(T_100>718) <= {math.pi ** 2 / 6 / 4 :.4f}')
print(f'P(T_100>818) <= {math.pi ** 2 / 6 / 9 :.4f}')
print(f'P(T_100>918) <= {math.pi ** 2 / 6 / 16 :.4f}')
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Using exact Variance

P(T\_100>718) <= 0.3958

P(T\_100>818) <= 0.1759

P(T\_100>918) <= 0.0989

Using upper bound on the variance

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P(T\_100>918) <= 0.1028

## Sample/Coupon collection

How can we calculate the probability directly:

$$P(T > nH(n) + cn) ?$$

$$T = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_i + \dots + X_{99} + X_{100}$$

# Sums of independent random variables

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two independent random variables. Let  $Z = X + Y$ .  
Then

$$P(Z = z) = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} P(X = i)P(Y = z - i)$$

For continuous random variables, the density function of  $Z$  is:

$$h(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)g(z - t)dt$$

# Computer age statistics

We can use convolutions to compute the actual FULL (or rather – the interesting part) distribution of  $T_N$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P(T_N = k) &= \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} P(G_N = i)P(T_{N-1} = k - i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} P(G_N = i)P(T_{N-1} = k - i) \end{aligned}$$

where  $G_s \sim Geo(p = \frac{N-s+1}{N})$ .

We need to initialize this with  $P(T_1 = 1) = 1$  and 0 for all other values.

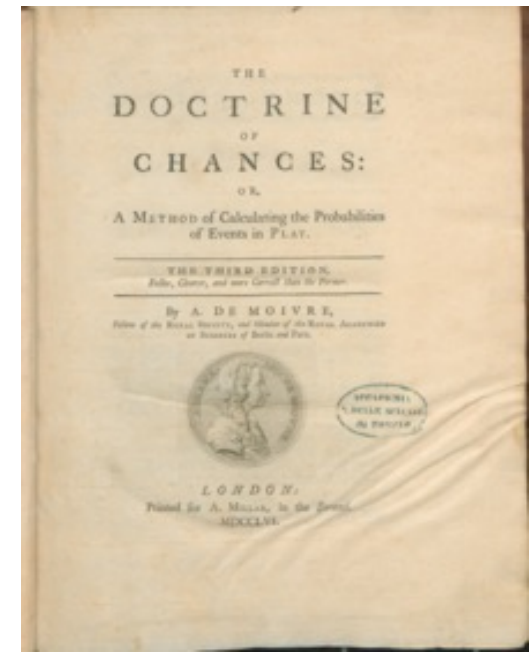
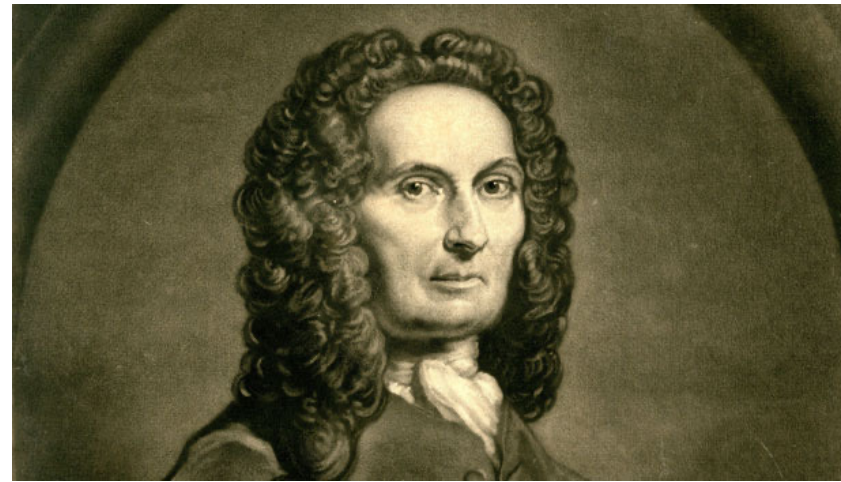
# Exact coupon collector waiting time

$$\text{exact } P(T_{100} > \bar{718}) = 0.12$$

$$\text{exact } P(T_{100} > 818) = 0.05$$

$$\text{exact } P(T_{100} > 918) = 0.02$$

# Sample/coupon collector and computers: Historical notes

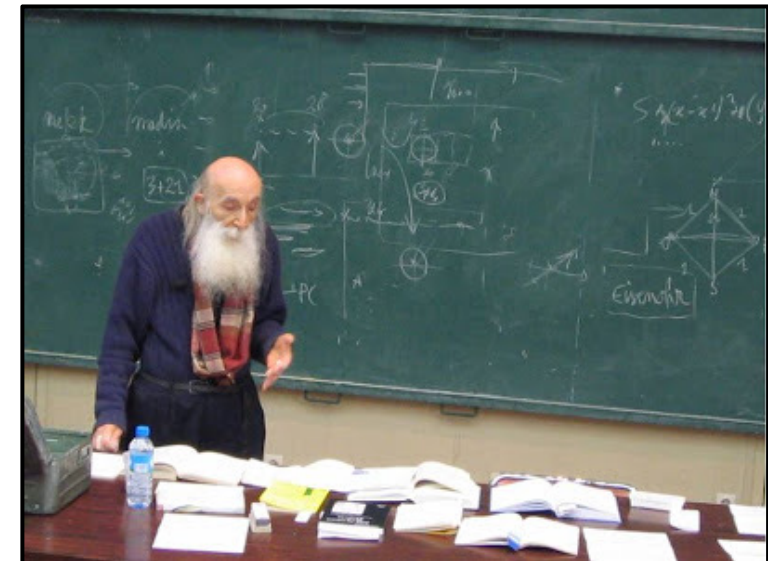


- The  $T_N$  discussion dates back to Abraham de Moivre 1667 (France) – 1754 (England)
- Rigorously treated by William Feller in the 1940s
- Variants are still being studied as an active field of research

Jean Paul Benzecri, French statistician (1932-2019):

**“It is unthinkable to use methods conceived before the invention of the computer. Statistics will have to be completely rewritten!”**

Stated in 1965.





# Pairwise independence

A set of random variables  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  is said to be pairwise independent if any two random variables  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  are independent.

Recall – a set of random variables as above is called (collectively or mutually) independent if

$$\forall (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i = x_i)$$

# Equivalence?

- Does collective independence imply pairwise independence?
- Does pairwise independence imply collective independence?

# Var of a sum?

Pairwise independence is sufficient for the linearity of variances.

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  two independent Bernoulli w  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Let  $Z = XOR(X, Y)$ .

We work in  $\Omega = \{0,1\}^3$ .

We have the following joint probability mass function:

X	Y	Z	P
0	0	0	0.25
0	1	1	0.25
1	0	1	0.25
1	1	0	0.25

$X + Y + Z$  vs  $\text{Binom}(0.5, 3)$

$$E(X + Y + Z) = ?$$

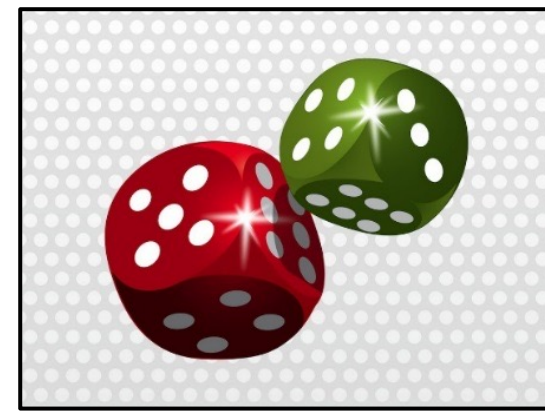
$$V(X + Y + Z) = ?$$

X	Y	Z	P
0	0	0	0.25
0	1	1	0.25
1	0	1	0.25
1	1	0	0.25

# Covariance and independence

$$P(X = x) = 1/3 \text{ for } x = -1, 0, 1 \quad , \quad Y = X^2$$

# Multinomial Distribution

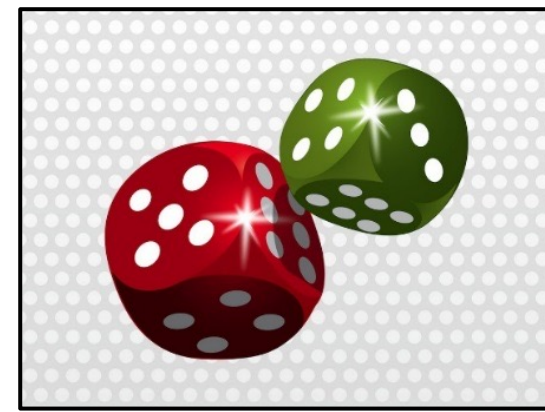


Roll a die  $n$  times,  $Y$  counts the number of 5's

- What is the distribution of  $Y$ ?
- Can you treat this as a coin? What is  $p$ ?
- What is  $E(Y)$ ?
- What is  $V(Y)$ ?



# Multinomial Distribution



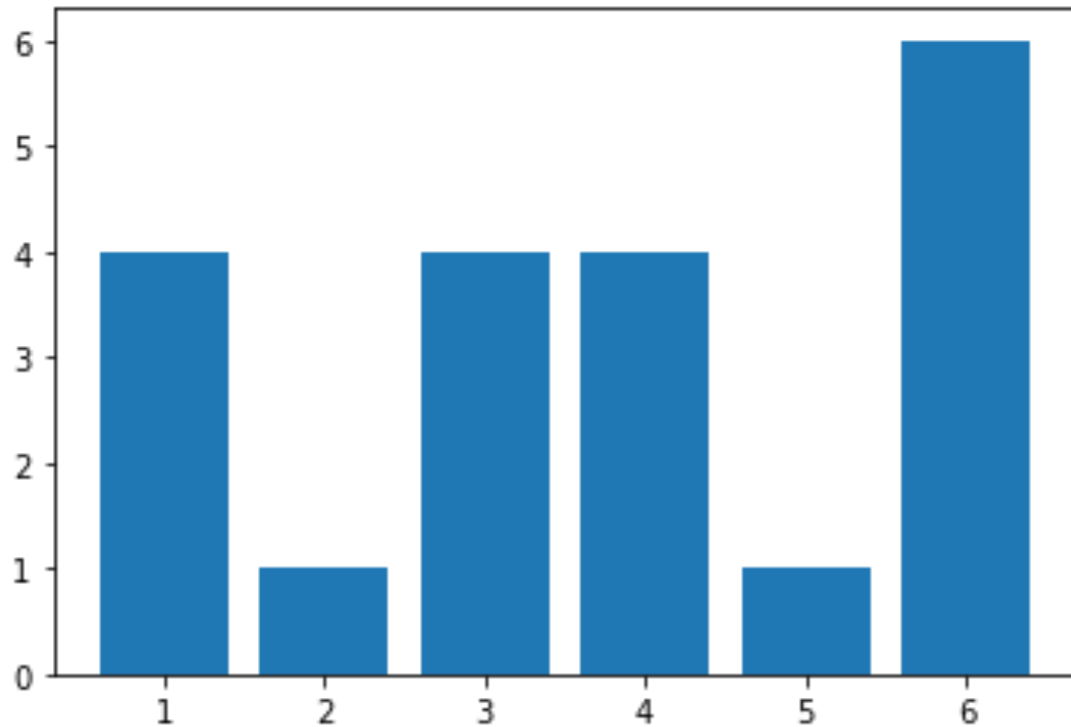
Now roll a die  $n$  times and define  $X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_6)$  where  $X_i$  counts the number of  $i$ 's

$$X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d) \sim \text{Multinomial}(n, p)$$

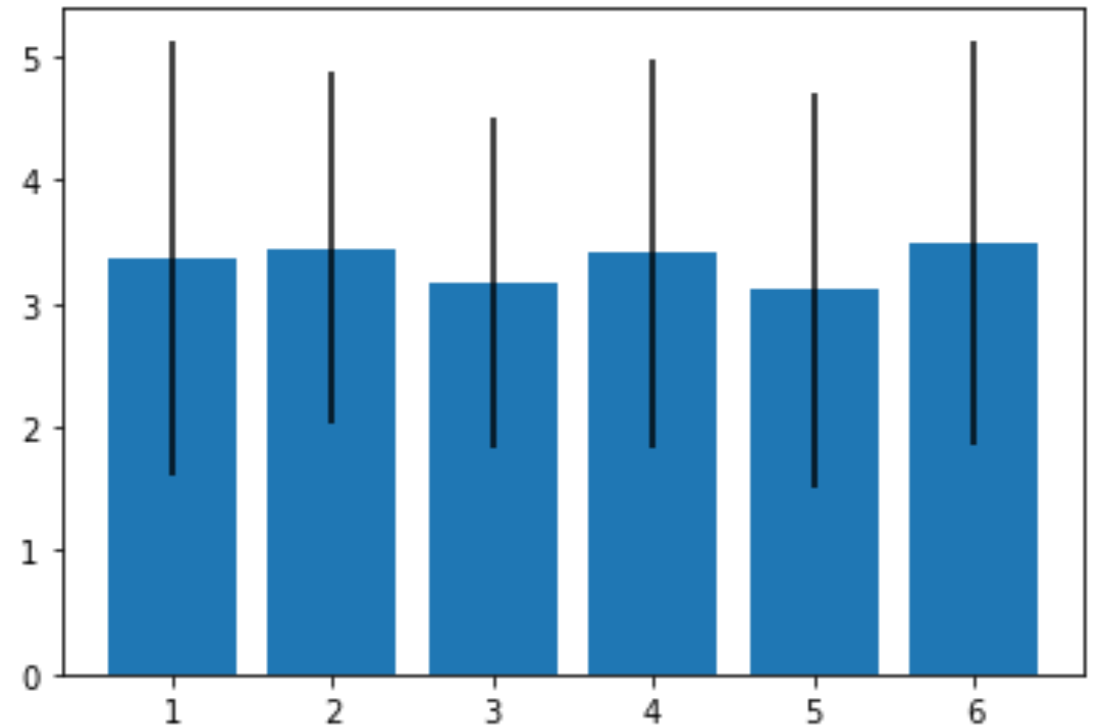
- What is  $d$ ?
- What is  $p$ ?
- What is  $E(X_i)$ ?
- What is  $V(X_i)$ ?

# Multinomial Distribution

$$X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_6) \sim \text{Multinomial}\left(20, \left(\frac{1}{6}, \dots, \frac{1}{6}\right)\right)$$

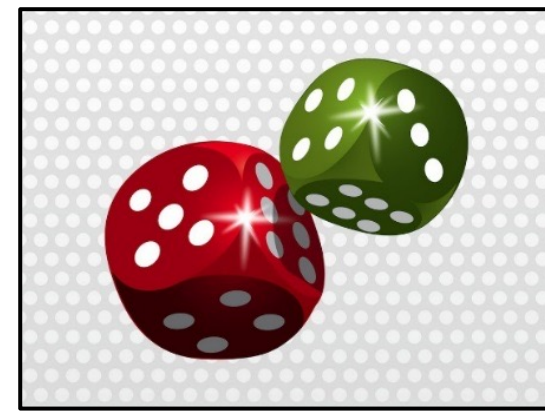


One experiment



100 repeated experiments, with averaging

# Multinomial Distribution



Now roll a die  $n$  times and define  $X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_6)$  where  $X_i$  counts the number of  $i$ 's

$$X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d) \sim \text{Multinomial}(n, p)$$

- Are these random variables collectively independent?
- Pairwise independent?

# Multinomial Distribution - covariances

Let  $X \sim \text{MNom}(N, P)$ ,  $X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d)$ . What is  $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$ ?

$$\text{Var}(X_i + X_j) = V(X_i) + 2\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) + V(X_j)$$

Now observe that  $X_i + X_j \sim \text{Binom}(N, p_i + p_j)$  and therefore we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) &= \text{Var}(X_i + X_j) - V(X_i) - V(X_j) = \\ &= N[(p_i + p_j)(1 - p_i - p_j) - p_i(1 - p_i) - p_j(1 - p_j)] \\ &= -2Np_i p_j \end{aligned}$$

# Multinomials, example

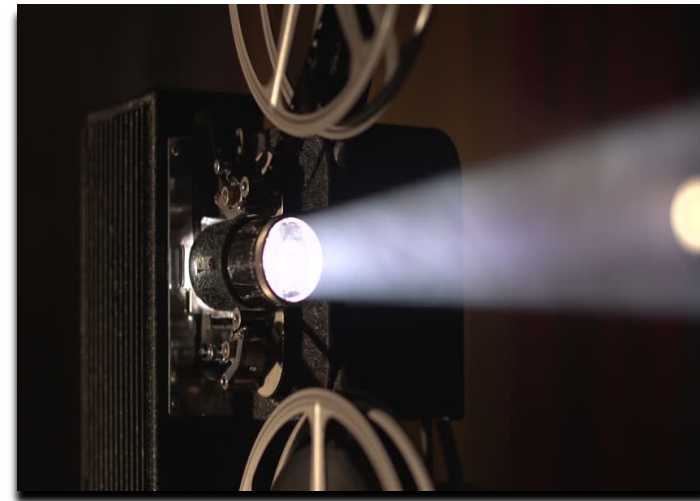
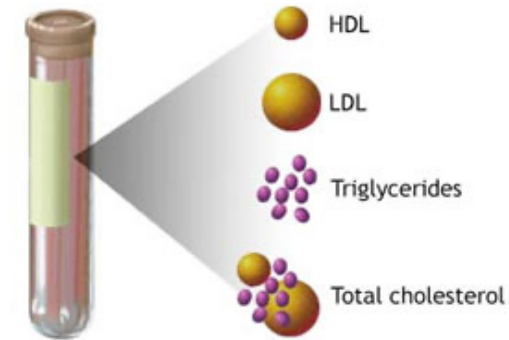
Let  $X \sim \text{MNom}(N, P)$ ,  $X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10})$

Also assume that  $P$  is uniform  $\frac{1}{10}$

What is  $\text{Cov}(X_1 + X_2, X_7 + X_8)$ ?

# Conditional independence

- Is the blood cholesterol level of a person independent of the number of movies watched by that person so far?
- No – they are both related to the age of the person.
- But – they are conditionally independent given the age.
- Presumably ..., socioeconomic and behavioral factors ignored ...
- Notation:  $X \perp Y \mid C$



# Conditional Independence - Definition

Two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are conditionally independent given a third rv  $C$  if for all pairs  $(x, y)$  AND for all possible values  $c$  of  $C$ , we have:

$$P((X = x \wedge Y = y) | C = c) = P(X = x | C = c) \cdot P(Y = y | C = c)$$



Conditionally independent but not independent?

Independent but not conditionally independent?

# Summary

- Computer age statistics:
  - + Comparing negative binomials
  - + Coupon collector – exact calculations
  - + Independence and convolutions
- Mutual indepce vs lower order indepce
- Multinomials
- Conditional independence