# How many times do you need to roll a discrete random variable to get your statistic

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Abstract—This paper proposes a method to get the method to know how many times do you need to roll a random variable to get your statistic

Index Terms—Joint Probability

### I. Introduction

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## II. THEORETICAL FOUNDATION

A. Probability of to get a value  $x_m$  in the k-th try

Given a discrete random variable X with N different possible values,  $X \in \{x_0, x_1, ..., x_{N-1}\}$ , where  $Pr(X = x_m) = p_m \ \{ \forall \ m \in Z^+ | 0 \le m < N \}$ . We define as T the discrete random variable that represent the probability of to get a value  $x_m$  until the k-th roll of a random variable X.

$$Pr(T = k) = (1 - p_m)^{k-1} p_m$$
 (1)

B. Probability of to get a value  $x_m$  in any of the first k-th tries

Using the data of section II-A

$$Pr(S=k) = \sum_{l=1}^{k} Pr(T=l) = \sum_{l=1}^{k} (1 - p_m)^{l-1} p_m$$
 (2)

# III. FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSIONS

In this letter, we considered

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IV. APPENDIX

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