

Dice Probability

Imagine that we roll two fair six-sided dice (i.e., all six sides have equal probability). Let X_1 and X_2 be the independent random variables representing these outcomes. Let $S = X_1 + X_2$ be the sum of the two rolls.

3a) What is the variance of S , i.e., what is $V[S]$?

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\rightarrow P(\text{losing two games}) \\
 &= \frac{P(W_t = 0, W_{t-1} = 0)}{P(W_{t-1} = 0)} \times \frac{P(W_t = 0, W_{t-1} = 1)}{P(W_{t-1} = 1)} \\
 &= \frac{0.2985}{0.2985 + 0.1791} \times \frac{0.1940}{0.1940 + 0.3283} \\
 &= 0.6250 \times 0.3715 \\
 &= \boxed{0.2321}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$\rightarrow X_1$ and X_2 : the independent random variable

$\rightarrow S = X_1 + X_2$ (the sum of the two rolls)

* Expected value of S ,

$$\rightarrow E(S) = \sum_{s \in S} S P(S)$$

* where, $S = \{2, \dots, 12\}$, $X_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ (which are the dice rolls)
 $X_2 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 * E(S) &= 2P(2) + 3P(3) + 4P(4) + 5P(5) + 6P(6) + 7P(7) \\
 &\quad + 8P(8) + 9P(9) + 10P(10) + 11P(11) + 12P(12)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2 \times \frac{1}{36} + 3 \times \frac{2}{36} + 4 \times \frac{3}{36} + 5 \times \frac{4}{36} + 6 \times \frac{5}{36} + 7 \times \frac{6}{36} \\
 &\quad + 8 \times \frac{5}{36} + 9 \times \frac{4}{36} + 10 \times \frac{3}{36} + 11 \times \frac{2}{36} + 12 \times \frac{1}{36}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{36} (2+3(2) + 12 + 20 + 30 + 42 + 40 + 36 + 30 + 22 + 12)$$

$$= \frac{252}{36}$$

$$\rightarrow E(s) = \boxed{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(s) = E(s - E(s))^2$$

$$= \sum_{s \in S} (s - E(s))^2 p(s)$$

$$= \frac{1}{36} \times (2-7)^2 + \frac{2}{36} \times (3-7)^2 + \frac{3}{36} \times (4-7)^2$$

$$+ \frac{4}{36} \times (5-7)^2 + \frac{5}{36} \times (6-7)^2 + \frac{6}{36} \times (7-7)^2$$

$$+ \frac{5}{36} \times (8-7)^2 + \frac{4}{36} \times (9-7)^2 + \frac{3}{36} \times (10-7)^2$$

$$+ \frac{2}{36} \times (11-7)^2 + \frac{1}{36} \times (12-7)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{36} (25 + 32 + 27 + 16 + 5 + 0 + 5 + 16 + 27 + 32 + 25)$$

$$= \frac{1}{36} \times 2 \times 105$$

$$= \frac{210}{36}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Var}(s) = \boxed{5.83}$$

3b) Determine the probability distribution of S , i.e., the probability that $S = \{2, \dots, 12\}$.

(b.) The probability distribution is as below,

X	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$P(X)$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{6}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{1}{36}$

→ It seems to be discrete uniform distribution where probability is similar with each other.

X_2	$X_1 =$	1	2	3	4	5	6
1		2	3	4	5	6	7
2		3	4	5	6	7	8
3		4	5	6	7	8	9
4		5	6	7	8	9	10
5		6	7	8	9	10	11
6		7	8	9	10	11	12

→ As above can be the number of occurrence of S values, which are summed up from X_1 and X_2 .

3c) Write a simple one-line formula describing this probability distribution.

3d) What is the expected value of \sqrt{S} , i.e., what is $E(\sqrt{S})$?

(c.) probabilities dist. function,

$$\rightarrow P(X) = \begin{cases} \frac{n-1}{36} & \text{for } x \leq 7 \\ \frac{n-8}{36} & \text{for } x > 7 \end{cases}$$

(d.) expected value of \sqrt{S} ,

$$\Rightarrow E(\sqrt{S}) = \sum_{s \in S} \sqrt{s} P(s)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{2} \times \frac{1}{36} + \sqrt{3} \times \frac{2}{36} + \sqrt{4} \times \frac{3}{36} + \sqrt{5} \times \frac{4}{36} + \sqrt{6} \times \frac{5}{36} \\ &\quad + \sqrt{7} \times \frac{6}{36} + \sqrt{8} \times \frac{5}{36} + \sqrt{9} \times \frac{4}{36} + \sqrt{10} \times \frac{3}{36} \\ &\quad + \sqrt{11} \times \frac{2}{36} + \sqrt{12} \times \frac{1}{36} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{36} (\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3} + 6 + 4\sqrt{5} + 5\sqrt{6} + 6\sqrt{7} \\ &\quad + 5\sqrt{8} + 12 + 3\sqrt{10} + 2\sqrt{11} + \sqrt{12}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow E(\sqrt{S}) = \boxed{2.60}$$

3e) Imagine we roll a third dice, X_3 . What is the expected value of $(X_1 + X_2 + X_3)^2$, i.e., what is $E(X_1 + X_2 + X_3)^2$?

(e.) for a third dice,

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{* Expect value } [(X_1 + X_2 + X_3)^2] \\ &= E[(X_1 + X_2 + X_3)^2] \\ &= E[X_1^2 + X_2^2 + X_3^2 + 2X_1X_2 + 2X_3X_1 + 2X_2X_3] \\ &= E(X_1^2) + E(X_2^2) + E(X_3^2) + 2E(X_1)E(X_2) \\ &\quad + 2E(X_2)E(X_3) + 2E(X_3)E(X_1) \end{aligned}$$

→ However, $E(X_1) = E(X_2) = E(X_3)$ as there are same dice rolls,

$$[E(X_1) = 2.91 \text{ and } V(X_1) = 3.5]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow E[(X_1 + X_2 + X_3)^2] &= 3E(X_1^2) + 2(E(X_1))^2 + 2(E(X_1))^2 + 2(E(X_1))^2 \\ &= 3E(X_1^2) + 6(E(X_1))^2 \end{aligned}$$