

# Probability and Mathematical Statistics: Homework #4

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**Problem 1** (mention the source of question, e.g., BH CH0 #1)**Solution**

First I want to calculate  $E(X)$

$$E(X) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{cp^k}{k} \cdot k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} cp^k = \frac{cp}{1-p}$$

to calculate  $Var(X)$ , we can calculate  $E(X^2) - (EX)^2$

$$E(X^2) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{cp^k}{k} \cdot k^2 = c \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kp^k = cp \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{dp^k}{dp} = cp \frac{d \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p^k}{dp} = cp \cdot \frac{d \frac{p}{1-p}}{dp} = \frac{cp}{1-p^2}$$

, so the answer is  $\frac{cp(1-cp)}{(1-p)^2}$

**Problem 2 (BH CH0 #2)****Solution**

- (a) We can let  $I_i$  be the indicator random variable represent that in the  $i_{th}$  trial, show if two people simultaneously success,  $P(I_i) = p_1 p_2$ ,  $P(I_i^c) = 1 - p_1 p_2$ , and  $I_i$  is *i.i.d* satisfy  $I_i \sim \text{Bern}(p_1 p_2)$ , then  $I$  satisfy  $\text{Bin}(n, p_1 p_2)$ , then I can define  $Z \sim \text{Geom}(p_1 p_2)$  represent the distribution of the Bern trials,  $Z$  is the number of failure trial number before first success happen, then  $Y = Z + 1$  satisfy the distribution of first success happen, so the distribution is  $P(Y = k) = P(Z + 1 = k) = P(Z = k - 1) = (1 - p_1 p_2)^{k-1} p_1 p_2$   
the expected time is  $E(Y) = E(Z + 1) = E(Z) + 1 = \frac{1}{p_1 p_2}$
- (b) the same as below, we can define  $I_i$  as at least one success happen at  $i_{th}$  trial,  $P(I_i^c) = (1 - p_1)(1 - p_2)$ ,  $P(I_i) = 1 - (1 - p_1)(1 - p_2)$ ,  $I_i$  satisfy  $\sim \text{Bern}(1 - (1 - p_1)(1 - p_2))$  then the number of trials (including first success) until at least one success happen represented by  $Y$ , then  $Z = Y - 1 \sim \text{Geom}(1 - (1 - p_1)(1 - p_2))$   
 $E(Y) = E(Z + 1) = \frac{1}{1 - (1 - p_1)(1 - p_2)}$
- (c) considering the random variable  $X$  be the time in  $k_{th}$  trial, they simultaneously and firstly win, when it happens, it should satisfy that  $(k - 1)$  trials they both failure the possibility of both failure is  $(1 - p_1)(1 - p_2) = (1 - p_1)^2$ , then  $P(X = k) = (1 - p_1)^{2(k-1)} p_1^2$ , then sum all the circumstances up, I can get that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - p_1)^{2(k-1)} p_1^2 = \frac{p_1}{2 - p_1}$ , then according to symmetry, the probability of Nick's first success precedes Penny is equal to Penny's first success precedes Nick's success, we can get the probability by calculate  $\frac{1}{2} (1 - \frac{p_1}{2 - p_1}) = \frac{1 - p_1}{2 - p_1}$

**Problem 3 (BH CH0 #3)**

- (a) We can first define  $X$  as the different number of stops it will happen among  $k$  people and  $X = I_2 + I_3 + \cdots + I_n$  among them

$$I_j = 1(\text{when } j_{th} \text{ floor stop}), I_j = 0, \text{ other}, E(I_j) = 1 - P(\text{nobody stop at } j_{th} \text{ floor}) = 1 - \left(\frac{n-2}{n-1}\right)^k$$

$$E(X) = E(I_2 + I_3 + \cdots + I_n) = (n-1) \cdot \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{n-1}\right)^k\right)$$

- (b) the same as below, but the  $E(I_j)$  changes to be  $1 - (1 - p_j)^k$ , so the total probability is  $\sum_{j=2}^n 1 - (1 - p_j)^k = n - 1 - \sum_{j=2}^n (1 - p_j)^k$

**Problem 4 (BH CH0 #4)****Solution**

- (a) the LOTUS define that  $E(g(x)) = \sum_x g(x)P(X = x)$ , to calculate the lefthandside I can let  $h(X) = Xg(X)$ , then

$$E(h(X)) = \sum_k kg(k)P(X = k) = \sum_{k=0} kg(k) \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g(k) \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} = \lambda \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g(k+1) \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$$

and the rhs

$$\lambda E(g(X+1)) = \lambda \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g(k+1) \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} = lhs$$

,so Q.E.D

- (b)

$$E(X^3) = E(X \cdot X^2) = \lambda E((X+1)^2) = \lambda E(X^2 + 2X + 1) = \lambda(E(X^2) + 2E(X) + E(1)) = \lambda(E(X \cdot X) + 2E(X \cdot 1) + 1) =$$

$$\lambda(\lambda E(X+1) + 2\lambda E(1) + 1) = \lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2 + \lambda$$

**Problem 5 (BH CH0 #5)**

- (a) First, I will use the property of CDF that is if  $m_1 \leq m_2$ , then  $P(Y \leq m_1) \leq P(Y \leq m_2)$  since  $P(Y \leq 23) = 0.507 \geq 0.5$ ,  $P(Y \geq 23) = 1 - P(Y \leq 22)$ ,  $P(Y \leq 22) < 0.5$ , so  $P(Y \geq 23) \geq 0.5$ , so 23 is the median, then to prove the uniqueness, if  $m > 23$ ,  $P(Y \geq m) = 1 - P(Y \leq m-1) \leq 0.493$  doesn't satisfy  $P(Y \geq m) \geq 0.5$ , then if  $m < 23$ ,  $P(Y \leq m) \leq P(Y \leq 22) < 0.5$ , which also doesn't satisfy, so that 23 is the only median.
- (b) To show the fact, we can first consider when  $X=j$ , since  $X \geq j$  then  $I_1 \cdots I_j = 1, I_{j+1} \cdots I_{366} = 0, X = I_1 + I_2 + \cdots + I_{366}$ , then I want to deduce from right to left. I can define the max index  $j$  which satisfy  $I_j = 1$ , it indicates  $X \leq j$ , then all the variable  $I_k, k \leq j$  must be 1 since  $j \geq k$ , since  $j$  is the max index, for any  $i > j, I_i = 0$ , then we can get that  $X = j$  exactly, so max index  $j, I_j = 1 \Rightarrow I_1 + I_2 + \cdots + I_{366} = j$  and  $X = j$ , it is a bijection, thus prove the equality

$$E(X) = E(I_1) + E(I_2) + \cdots + E(I_{366}) = \sum_{j=1}^{366} p_j$$

- (c) use python to solve it numerically, we can get the expected time equal to 24.616
- (d) We want to calculate  $Var(X)$ ,  $Var(X) = E(X^2) - (EX)^2$ , first, I want to handle  $X^2 = I_1^2 + I_2^2 \cdots + I_{366}^2 + 2 \sum_{j=2}^{366} \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} I_i I_j$ , then  $I_k^2 = I_k$  (proved by enumerate two circumstances),  $I_i I_j$  when  $(i < j)$ , this equal to  $I_j^2 = I_j$ , so it can be reduced to  $I_1 + \cdots + I_{366} + 2 \sum_{j=2}^{366} (j-1) I_j$ , so  $E(X^2) = E(X) + 2 \sum_{j=2}^{366} (j-1) p_j$ ,  $Var(X) = \sum_{j=1}^{366} p_j - (\sum_{j=1}^{366} p_j)^2 + 2 \sum_{j=2}^{366} (j-1) p_j$  using python I can calculate it numerically as 148.64

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sum=2
p=1
for i in range(3,367):
    p=p*(1-(i-2)/365)
    sum+=p
s=0
p=1
for i in range(2,367):
    p=p*(1-(i-2)/365)
    s+=2*(i-1)*p
v=sum-sum*sum+s
print(v)

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