

Where are we?

A random variable is a numerical summary of the outcome of an experiment.

$\mathbb{E}[X]$ is the weighted average of possibilities of X .

For all rv's $\mathbb{E}[X + Y] = \mathbb{E}[X] + \mathbb{E}[Y]$.

Indicator rv's are a great trick to simplify expectation computations.

$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2]$ measures how "spread out" a rv is.

For independent rv's:

$$\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[XY] = \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$$

Make a prediction

How should $\text{Var}(X + c)$ relate to $\text{Var}(X)$ if c is a constant?

How should $\text{Var}(aX)$ relate to $\text{Var}(X)$ if a is a constant?

Zoo!



$X \sim \text{Unif}(a, b)$	$X \sim \text{Ber}(p)$	$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$	$X \sim \text{Geo}(p)$
$p_X(k) = \frac{1}{b - a + 1}$ $\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{a + b}{2}$ $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(b - a)(b - a + 2)}{12}$	$p_X(0) = 1 - p;$ $p_X(1) = p$ $\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{1}{p}$ $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1 - p}{p^2}$	$p_X(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n - k}$ $\mathbb{E}[X] = np$ $\text{Var}(X) = np(1 - p)$	$p_X(k) = (1 - p)^{k - 1} p$ $\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{1}{p}$ $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1 - p}{p^2}$

$X \sim \text{NegBin}(r, p)$	$X \sim \text{HypGeo}(N, K, n)$	$X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$
$p_X(k) = \binom{k - 1}{r - 1} p^r (1 - p)^{k - r}$ $\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{r}{p}$ $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{r(1 - p)}{p^2}$	$p_X(k) = \frac{\binom{K}{k} \binom{N - K}{n - k}}{\binom{N}{n}}$ $\mathbb{E}[X] = n \frac{K}{N}$ $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{K(N - K)(N - n)}{N^2(N - 1)}$	$p_X(k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$ $\mathbb{E}[X] = \lambda$ $\text{Var}(X) = \lambda$

Formally...

Let X be the number of flips needed, Y be the flips after the third.

$\mathbb{P}(Y = k | X \geq 3) = ?$

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Which is $p_X(k)$.