

# CSE 312 Section 5

**More Random Variable and Discrete Zoo**

# Administrivia



# Announcements & Reminders

- HW3

- Grades released on gradescope – check your submission to read comments
- Regrade requests open ~24 hours after grades are released and close after a week

- HW4

- Written is due tomorrow, Friday 2/7 @ 11:59pm
- Late deadline Sunday 2/9 @ 11:59pm

- HW5

- Will be released on the course website today
- Due Friday 2/14 @ 11:59pm
- Late deadline Sunday 2/16 @ 11:59pm

# Review & Questions



# Any lingering questions from this last week?

Each week in section, we'll be reviewing the main concepts from this week and putting them into action by going through some practice problems together. But before we get into that review, we'll try to start off each section with some time for you to ask questions. Was anything particularly confusing this week? Is there anything we can clarify before we dive into the review? This is your chance to clear things up!

# Review of Main Concepts

- **Expectation (expected value, mean, or average):** The expectation of a discrete random variable is defined to be

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_x x p_X(x) = \sum_x x \mathbb{P}(X = x)$$

The expectation of a function of a discrete random variable  $g(X)$  is

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X)] = \sum_x g(x) p_X(x)$$

- **Linearity of Expectation:** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be random variables, and  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then,  $\mathbb{E}[aX + bY + c] = a\mathbb{E}[X] + b\mathbb{E}[Y] + c$ . Also, for any random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n] = \mathbb{E}[X_1] + \mathbb{E}[X_2] + \dots + \mathbb{E}[X_n]$$

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- **Variance:** Let  $X$  be a random variable and  $\mu = E[X]$ . The variance of  $X$  is defined to be

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^2]$$

Notice that since this is an expectation of a non-negative random variable  $((X - \mu)^2)$ , variance is always nonnegative. With some algebra, we can simplify this to

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2$$

- **Standard Deviation:** Let  $X$  be a random variable. We define the standard deviation of  $X$  to be the square root of the variance, and denote it  $\sigma = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$
- **Property of Variance:** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $X$  be a random variable. Then,

$$\text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{Var}(X)$$

# Review of Main Concepts

- **Independence:** Random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent iff

$$\forall x \forall y, \mathbb{P}(X = x \cap Y = y) = \mathbb{P}(X = x) \mathbb{P}(Y = y)$$

In this case, we have  $\mathbb{E}[XY] = \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$  (the converse is not necessarily true).

- **i.i.d. (independent and identically distributed):** Random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. (or iid) iff they are independent and have the same probability mass function.
- **Variance of Independent Variables:** If  $X$  is independent of  $Y$ ,

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

This depends on independence, whereas linearity of expectation always holds.

Note that this combined with the above shows that  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  and if  $X$  is independent of  $Y$ ,

$$\text{Var}(aX + bY + c) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y)$$



# **Review Questions**

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Let  $X$  be the number of bins that remain empty when  $m$  balls are distributed into  $n$  bins randomly and independently. For each ball, each bin has an equal probability of being chosen. (Notice that two bins being empty are not independent events: if one bin is empty, that decreases the probability that the second bin will also be empty. This is particularly obvious when  $n = 2$  and  $m > 0$ .) Find  $\mathbb{E}[X]$ .

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Let  $X_i$  be 1 if bin  $i$  is empty, and 0 otherwise.

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 1 * \mathbb{P}(X_i = 1) + 0 * \mathbb{P}(X_i = 0) = \mathbb{P}(X_i = 1) = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^m$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_i] = n * \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^m$$

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(c) Find  $Var(X)$ .

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First let us define the range of  $X$ . A three sided-die can take on values  $\{1,2,3\}$ . Since  $X$  is the sum of two rolls, the range of  $X$  is  $\Omega_X = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ .

We must define two random variables  $R_1, R_2$  with  $R_1$  being the roll of the first die, and  $R_2$  being the roll of the second die. Then,  $X = R_1 + R_2$ . Note that  $\Omega_{R_1} = \Omega_{R_2} = \{1,2,3\}$ . With that in mind we can find the PMF of  $X$ :

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This gives us the following:

$$\begin{aligned} p_X(k) &= \mathbb{P}(X = k) = \sum_{i \in \Omega_{R1}} \mathbb{P}(R_1 = i, R_2 = k - i) \\ &= \sum_{i \in \Omega_{R1}} \mathbb{P}(R_1 = i) \cdot \mathbb{P}(R_2 = k - i) \quad (\text{By independence of the rolls}) \\ &= \sum_{i \in \Omega_{R1}} \frac{1}{3} \cdot p_{R2}(k - i) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (p_{R2}(k - 1) + p_{R2}(k - 2) + p_{R2}(k - 3)) \end{aligned}$$

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At this point, we can evaluate the pmf of  $X$  for each value in the range of  $X$ , noting that  $p_{R2}(k - i) = 0$  if  $k - i \notin \Omega_{R2}$ ,  $1/3$  otherwise. We get:

$$p_X(k) = \begin{cases} 1/9 & k = 2 \\ 2/9 & k = 3 \\ 3/9 & k = 4 \\ 2/9 & k = 5 \\ 1/9 & k = 6 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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There are two ways to find the expected value of  $X$ . We could apply the *definition of expectation* using the PMF found in part (a). This gives us

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{k=2}^6 k p_X(k) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{9} + 3 \cdot \frac{2}{9} + 4 \cdot \frac{3}{9} + 5 \cdot \frac{2}{9} + 6 \cdot \frac{1}{9} = \boxed{4}$$

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Alternatively, we can use *linearity of expectation* here. Let  $R_1$  be the roll of the first die, and  $R_2$  the roll of the second. Then,  $X = R_1 + R_2$ .

By linearity of expectation, we get:

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[R_1 + R_2] = \mathbb{E}[R_1] + \mathbb{E}[R_2]$$

We compute:

$$\mathbb{E}[R_1] = \sum_{i \in \Omega_{R_1}} i \cdot \mathbb{P}(R_1 = i) = \sum_{i \in \Omega_{R_1}} i \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}(1 + 2 + 3) = 2$$

Similarly,  $\mathbb{E}[R_2] = 2$ , since the rolls are independent.

Plugging into our expression for the expectation of  $X$  gives us:

$$E[X] = 2 + 2 = \boxed{4}$$

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(c) Find  $\text{Var}[X]$ .

We know from the definition of variance that

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2$$

We can compute the  $\mathbb{E}[X^2]$  term as follows:

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2] = \sum_{x=2}^6 x^2 p_X(x) = \frac{2^2 \cdot 1 + 3^2 \cdot 2 + 4^2 \cdot 3 + 5^2 \cdot 2 + 6^2 \cdot 1}{9} = \frac{52}{3}$$

Plugging this into our variance equation gives us

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That's a very small estimate, but of course the true probability is 0. Recall that using a Poisson distribution is a modeling assumption, it may produce nonzero probabilities for events that are practically impossible.

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Since  $0 \leq \text{Var}(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2]$ , since the squaring necessitates the result is non-negative.

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False

The forward implication is true, but the reverse is not. For example, if  $X$  is the discrete uniform random variable on the set  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$  such that

$P(X = -1) = P(X = 0) = P(X = 1) = \frac{1}{3}$ , and  $Y = X^2$ , we have  $E[X] = 0$ , so  $E[X]E[Y] = 0$ . However, since  $X = X^3$ ,  $E[XY] = E[XX^2] = E[X^3] = E[X] = 0$ , we have that  $E[X]E[Y] = 0 = E[XY]$ . However,  $X$  and  $Y$  are not independent; indeed,  $P(Y = 0|X = 0) = 1 \neq \frac{1}{3} = P(Y = 0)$

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$X$  is the sum of  $n$  independent Bernoulli trials, and  $Y$  is the sum of  $m$ . So  $X + Y$  is the sum of  $n + m$  independent Bernoulli trials, so  $X + Y \sim \text{Binomial}(n + m, p)$ .

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- d) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}$  be independent Bernoulli( $p$ ) random variables. Then,  
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Notice that  $X_i X_{i+1}$  is also Bernoulli (only takes on 0 and 1), but is 1 if and only if both are 1, so  $X_i X_{i+1} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p^2)$ . The statement holds by linearity, since  $E[X_i X_{i+1}] = p^2$ .

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- e) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}$  be independent Bernoulli( $p$ ) random variables. Then,  
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They are all Bernoulli  $p^2$  as determined in the previous part, but they are not independent.  $P(X_1 X_2 = 1 | X_2 X_3 = 1) = P(X_1 = 1) = p \neq p^2 = P(X_1 X_2 = 1)$ .

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The range of  $X$  is  $\{0, 1\}$ , so the range of  $nX$  is  $\{0, n\}$ .  $nX$  cannot be  $\text{Bin}(n, p)$ , otherwise its range would be  $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ .

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Again, the range of  $X$  is  $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ , so the range of  $\frac{X}{n}$  is  $\{0, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, \dots, 1\}$ . Hence it cannot be  $\text{Ber}(p)$ , otherwise its range would be  $\{0, 1\}$ .

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$$\text{Var}(X - Y) = \text{Var}(X + (-Y)) = \text{Var}(X) + (-1)^2 \text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$$

# Problem 5 (Midterm Review)



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How many integers in  $\{1, 2, \dots, 360\}$  are divisible by one or more of the numbers 2, 3, and 5?

Work on this problem with the people around you, and then we'll go over it together!

## 5 (Midterm Review)

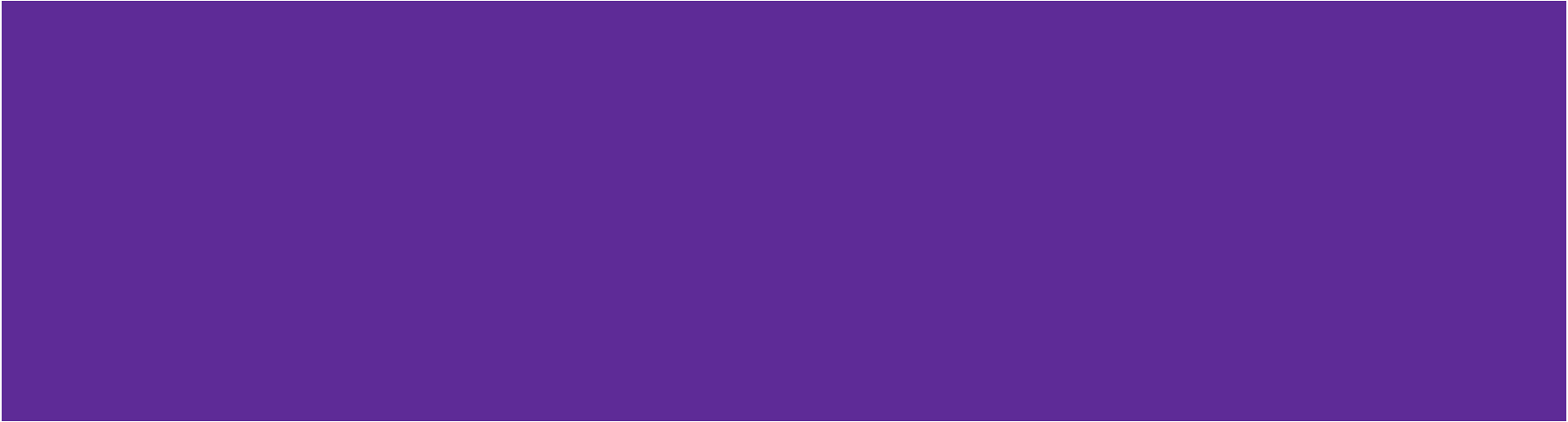
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Inclusion-exclusion:

$$\frac{360}{2} + \frac{360}{3} + \frac{360}{5} - \frac{360}{2 \times 3} - \frac{360}{2 \times 5} - \frac{360}{3 \times 5} + \frac{360}{2 \times 3 \times 5} = 80 + 120 + 72 - 60 - 36 - 24 + 12 = 264$$



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Consider the following inequality:  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5 + a_6 \leq 70$ . A solution to this inequality over the nonnegative integers is a choice of a nonnegative integer for each of the 6 variables  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6$  that satisfies the inequality. To be different, two solutions have to differ on the value assigned to some  $a_i$ . How many different solutions are there to the inequality?

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This is equivalent to asking how many different solutions are there to the equation  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5 + a_6 + a_7 \leq 70$ .

Using stars and bars, we see that the answer is  $\binom{76}{6}$

# Problem 12 (Midterm Review)



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You are working on a difficult passage from a new piece you are learning on the piano. You wish to play it correctly 4 times before stopping for the day. If your probability of playing it correctly on each attempt is  $\frac{2}{3}$ , and the attempts are independent (unfortunately!), what is the probability that you have to play it at least 8 times?

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You are working on a difficult passage from a new piece you are learning on the piano. You wish to play it correctly 4 times before stopping for the day. If your probability of playing it correctly on each attempt is  $\frac{2}{3}$ , and the attempts are independent (unfortunately!), what is the probability that you have to play it at least 8 times?

This is equivalent to the probability that, in the first 7 attempts, you play it correctly 3 or fewer times. Let  $X$  be the number of times you play it correctly in the first 7 attempts.

Then  $X \sim \text{Bin}(7, \frac{2}{3})$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(X \leq 3) &= \binom{7}{0} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^7 + \binom{7}{1} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^6 + \binom{7}{2} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5 + \binom{7}{3} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4 \\ &= \frac{379}{3^7} \approx 0.173\end{aligned}$$

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This is a geometric distribution:

$$\left(\frac{364}{365}\right)^{19} \frac{1}{365} \approx 0.0026$$

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$$\mathbb{P}(D | +) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(+ | D)\mathbb{P}(D)}{\mathbb{P}(+ | D)\mathbb{P}(D) + \mathbb{P}(+ | \bar{D})\mathbb{P}(\bar{D})} = \frac{0.9 \times 0.008}{0.9 \times 0.008 + 0.07 \times 0.992} \approx 0.09$$

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By the pigeonhole principle, two of them, say  $x$  and  $y$ , must have the same remainder when divided by 17. That means  $x \equiv y \pmod{17}$ , which in turn means 17 divides  $x - y$ .

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Therefore,

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[D_1 + D_2 + D_3] = \mathbb{E}[D_1] + \mathbb{E}[D_2] + \mathbb{E}[D_3] = 3.5 + 4.5 + 6.5 = 14.5$$

# **That's All, Folks!**

**Thanks for coming to section this week!**  
**Any questions?**