

Chapter 7

Problems

1. Let $X = 1$ if the coin toss lands heads, and let it equal 0 otherwise. Also, let Y denote the value that shows up on the die. Then, with $p(i, j) = P\{X = i, Y = j\}$

$$\begin{aligned} E[\text{return}] &= \sum_{j=1}^6 2j p(1, j) + \sum_{j=1}^6 \frac{j}{2} p(0, j) \\ &= \frac{1}{12} (42 + 10.5) = 52.5/12 \end{aligned}$$

3. If the first win is on trial N , then the winnings is $W = 1 - (N - 1) = 2 - N$. Thus,

- (a) $P(W > 0) = P(N = 1) = 1/2$
 (b) $P(W < 0) = P(N > 2) = 1/4$
 (c) $E[W] = 2 - E[N] = 0$

5. The joint density of the point (X, Y) at which the accident occurs is

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= \frac{1}{9}, -3/2 < x, y < 3/2 \\ &= f(x)f(y) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$f(a) = 1/3, -3/2 < a < 3/2.$$

Hence we may conclude that X and Y are independent and uniformly distributed on $(-3/2, 3/2)$. Therefore,

$$E[|X| + |Y|] = 2 \int_{-3/2}^{3/2} \frac{1}{3} x dx = \frac{4}{3} \int_0^{3/2} x dx = 3/2.$$

7) a) $P(\text{particular item chosen by } A) = \frac{\binom{9}{1}}{\binom{10}{3}} = .3$

$P(\text{particular item chosen by both } A \text{ and } B) = .3^2 = .09$
 (Independence)

$X = \# \text{ items chosen by both}$

$X = X_1 + \dots + X_{10}$ where $X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A, B \text{ both choose it} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} E(X_i) = 10 \times .09 = .9$

b) Using same reasoning as before:

$$P(\text{particular item not chosen by either}) = .7^2 = .49$$

$$\text{So } E(\# \text{ items chosen by neither}) = 10 \times .49 = 4.9$$

c) $P(\text{particular item chosen by one but not other})$

$$= 2 \times .3 \times .7 = .42$$

$$\text{So } E(\# \text{ items chosen by one but not other}) \\ = 4.2$$

11. Let X_i equal 1 if a changeover occurs on the i^{th} flip and 0 otherwise. Then

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_i] &= P\{i-1 \text{ is } H, i \text{ is } T\} + P\{i-1 \text{ is } T, i \text{ is } H\} \\ &= 2(1-p)p, \quad i \geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

$$E[\text{number of changeovers}] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] = 2(n-1)(1-p)$$

16.
$$E[X] = \int_{y>x} y \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y^2/2} dy = \frac{e^{-x^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

17. Let I_i equal 1 if guess i is correct and 0 otherwise.

- (a) Since any guess will be correct with probability $1/n$ it follows that

$$E[N] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[I_i] = n/n = 1$$

- (b) The best strategy in this case is to always guess a card which has not yet appeared. For this strategy, the i^{th} guess will be correct with probability $1/(n-i+1)$ and so

$$E[N] = \sum_{i=1}^n 1/(n-i+1)$$

- (c) Suppose you will guess in the order $1, 2, \dots, n$. That is, you will continually guess card 1 until it appears, and then card 2 until it appears, and so on. Let J_i denote the indicator variable for the event that you will eventually be correct when guessing card i ; and note that this event will occur if among cards 1 thru i , card 1 is first, card 2 is second, \dots , and card i is the last among these i cards. Since all $i!$ orderings among these cards are equally likely it follows that

$$E[J_i] = 1/i! \quad \text{and thus} \quad E[N] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n J_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n 1/i!$$

30.
$$E[(X-Y)]^2 = \text{Var}(X-Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(-Y) = 2\sigma^2$$

33. (a) $E[X^2 + 4X + 4] = E[X^2] + 4E[X] + 4 = \text{Var}(X) + E^2[X] + 4E[X] + 4 = 14$

(b) $\text{Var}(4 + 3X) = \text{Var}(3X) = 9\text{Var}(X) = 45$

36. Let $X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{roll } i \text{ lands on } 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$, $Y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{roll } i \text{ lands on } 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$\text{Cov}(X_i, Y_j) = E[X_i Y_j] - E[X_i]E[Y_j]$$

$$= \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{36} & i = j \text{ (since } X_i Y_j = 0 \text{ when } i = j) \\ \frac{1}{36} - \frac{1}{36} = 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov} \sum_i X_i, \sum_j Y_j &= \sum_i \sum_j \text{Cov}(X_i, Y_j) \\ &= -\frac{n}{36} \end{aligned}$$

38.

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[XY] &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^x y 2e^{-2x} dy dx \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-2x} dx = \frac{1}{8} \int_0^{\infty} y^2 e^{-y} dy = \frac{\Gamma(3)}{8} = \frac{1}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[X] &= \int_0^{\infty} x f_x(x) dx, f_x(x) = \int_0^x \frac{2e^{-2x}}{x} dy = 2e^{-2x} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[Y] &= \int_0^{\infty} y f_y(y) dy, f_y(y) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{2e^{-2x}}{x} dx \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_y^{\infty} y \frac{2e^{-2x}}{x} dx dy \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^x y \frac{2e^{-2x}}{x} dy dx \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-2x} dx = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\infty} y e^{-y} dy = \frac{\Gamma(2)}{4} = \frac{1}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{8}$$

39.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Cov}(Y_n, Y_n) &= \text{Var}(Y_n) = 3\sigma^2 \\
 \text{Cov}(Y_n, Y_{n+1}) &= \text{Cov}(X_n + X_{n+1} + X_{n+2}, X_{n+1} + X_{n+2} + X_{n+3}) \\
 &= \text{Cov}(X_{n+1} + X_{n+2}, X_{n+1} + X_{n+2}) = \text{Var}(X_{n+1} + X_{n+2}) = 2\sigma^2 \\
 \text{Cov}(Y_n, Y_{n+2}) &= \text{Cov}(X_{n+2}, X_{n+2}) = \sigma^2 \\
 \text{Cov}(Y_n, Y_{n+j}) &= 0 \text{ when } j \geq 3
 \end{aligned}$$

75.

X is Poisson with mean $\lambda = 2$ and Y is Binomial with parameters 10, $3/4$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a)} \quad P\{X + Y = 2\} &= P\{X = 0\}P\{Y = 2\} + P\{X = 1\}P\{Y = 1\} + P\{X = 2\}P\{Y = 0\} \\
 &= e^{-2} \binom{10}{2} (3/4)^2 (1/4)^8 + 2e^{-2} \binom{10}{1} (3/4)(1/4)^9 + 2e^{-2} (1/4)^{10}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b)} \quad P\{XY = 0\} &= P\{X = 0\} + P\{Y = 0\} - P\{X = Y = 0\} \\
 &= e^{-2} + (1/4)^{10} - e^{-2}(1/4)^{10}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(c)} \quad E[XY] = E[X]E[Y] = 2 \cdot 10 \cdot \frac{3}{4} = 15$$

Theoretical Exercises

1. Let $\mu = E[X]$. Then for any a

$$\begin{aligned} E[(X-a)^2] &= E[(X-\mu + \mu - a)^2] \\ &= E[(X-\mu)^2] + (\mu - a)^2 + 2E[(X-\mu)(\mu - a)] \\ &= E[(X-\mu)^2] + (\mu - a)^2 + 2(\mu - a)E[(X-\mu)] \\ &= E[(X-\mu)^2] + (\mu - a)^2 \end{aligned}$$

2.
$$E[|X-a|] = \int_{x < a} (a-x)f(x)dx + \int_{x > a} (x-a)f(x)dx$$

$$= aF(a) - \int_{x < a} xf(x)dx + \int_{x > a} xf(x)dx - a[1-F(a)]$$

Differentiating the above yields

$$\text{derivative} = 2af(a) + 2F(a) - af(a) - af(a) - 1$$

Setting equal to 0 yields that $2F(a) = 1$ which establishes the result.

9. Let

$$I_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if a run of size } k \text{ begins at the } j^{\text{th}} \text{ flip} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\text{Number of runs of size } k = \sum_{j=1}^{n-k+1} I_j$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[\text{Number of runs of size } k] &= E\left[\sum_{j=1}^{n-k+1} I_j\right] \\ &= P(I_1 = 1) + \sum_{j=2}^{n-k} P(I_j = 1) + P(I_{n-k+1} = 1) \\ &= p^k(1-p) + (n-k-1)p^k(1-p)^2 + p^k(1-p) \end{aligned}$$

19.
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X+Y, X-Y) &= \text{Cov}(X, X) + \text{Cov}(X, -Y) + \text{Cov}(Y, X) + \text{Cov}(Y, -Y) \\ &= \text{Var}(X) - \text{Cov}(X, Y) + \text{Cov}(Y, X) - \text{Var}(Y) \\ &= \text{Var}(X) - \text{Var}(Y) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

48. $\phi_Y(t) = E[e^{tY}] = E[e^{t(aX+b)}] = e^{tb} E[e^{taX}] = e^{tb} \phi_X(ta)$

49. Let $Y = \log(X)$. Since Y is normal with mean μ and variance σ^2 it follows that its moment generating function is

$$M(t) = E[e^{tY}] = e^{\mu + \sigma^2 t^2 / 2}$$

Hence, since $X = e^Y$, we have that

$$E[X] = M(1) = e^{\mu + \sigma^2 / 2}$$

and

$$E[X^2] = M(2) = e^{2\mu + 2\sigma^2}$$

Therefore,

$$\text{Var}(X) = e^{2\mu + 2\sigma^2} - e^{2\mu + \sigma^2} = e^{2\mu + \sigma^2} (e^{\sigma^2} - 1)$$