

ECE 313: Lecture 10

Bernoulli process

Connections between Bernoulli, binomial, and geometric distributions

Game: Throw a fair dice. Get an award if 6 shows up

`>>> D = [random.randint(1,6) for i in range(20)]`
`>>> D`
`[6, 3, 3, 2, 2, 3, 3, 6, 6, 3, 1, 5, 3, 6, 4, 5, 2, 2, 2, 4]`

$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } D_i = 6 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

← one outcome after 20 throws

n	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	throw
X	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
C	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	
L	$(L_1 = 1 - 0 = 1)$							$L_2 = 8 - 1 = 7$			$L_3 = 1$			$L_4 = 14 - 9 = 5$			

$X \Rightarrow \text{trf} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{with prob } p = \frac{1}{6} \\ 0 & \text{" " } 1 - p \end{cases} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$

$C_n = \# \{ i : 1 \leq i \leq n, X_i = 1 \}$
 $\sim \text{Binomial}(n, p) \mid P\{C_n = k\} = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$

$L_k = \underbrace{\# \text{ of throws to get the next win (on } X=1)}_m$

$L \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$

$$P\{L = m\} = (1-p)^{m-1} p,$$

for $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$E[L] = E[p \cdot 1 + (1-p)(1 + \tilde{L})]$$

In other words:

$$L = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w. prob } p \\ 1 + \tilde{L} & \text{w. prob } 1-p \end{cases}$$

$$E[L] = p + (1-p)(1 + \underbrace{E[\tilde{L}]}_{E[L]})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow E[L] = p + (1-p) + (1-p)E[L]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p E[L] = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow E[L] = \frac{1}{p}$$

$X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$

$$E[X] = \sum_{u_i} u_i \cdot P(\{X = u_i\}) = 0 \cdot (1-p) + 1 \cdot p = p$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[X] &= \underbrace{E[X^2]}_{(0^2 \cdot (1-p) + 1^2 \cdot p)} - \underbrace{(E[X])^2}_{p^2} = p - p^2 \\ &= p(1-p) \end{aligned}$$

$C_n \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$

$$E[C_n] = np$$

$C_n \sim \text{Binom}(100, \frac{1}{2})$

Ex: Throw a fair coin 100 times
 $p = \frac{1}{2}$ $n = 100$
 $P(\text{get 50 heads})^{\frac{1}{2}} = P(\{C_n = 50\})$

$$= \binom{100}{50} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{50} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{50} = \frac{100!}{50!50!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{100}$$