

# Last lecture

Example for binomial distribution

Geometric distribution (Ch 2.5)

- Definition
- Examples
- Property – memoryless

$$p_G(k) =$$

$$\mu_G =$$

$$Var(G) = \sigma_G^2 =$$

# Agenda

## Geometric distribution (Ch 2.5)

- Property – memoryless

## Bernoulli Process (Ch 2.6)

- Definition
- Properties
- Negative binomial distribution

## Poisson Process (Ch 2.6)

- Definition

# Property – Memoryless property

For geometric series, failing 10 times will not affect the 11-th trial

- $P\{L > k + n | L > n\} =$
- Called “memoryless property”
- What’s the expected total number to get the first 1 after getting {0,0,0,0}?

# Game – Push the luck (simplified Incan-Gold)

Start a game with infinite rounds and 0 points

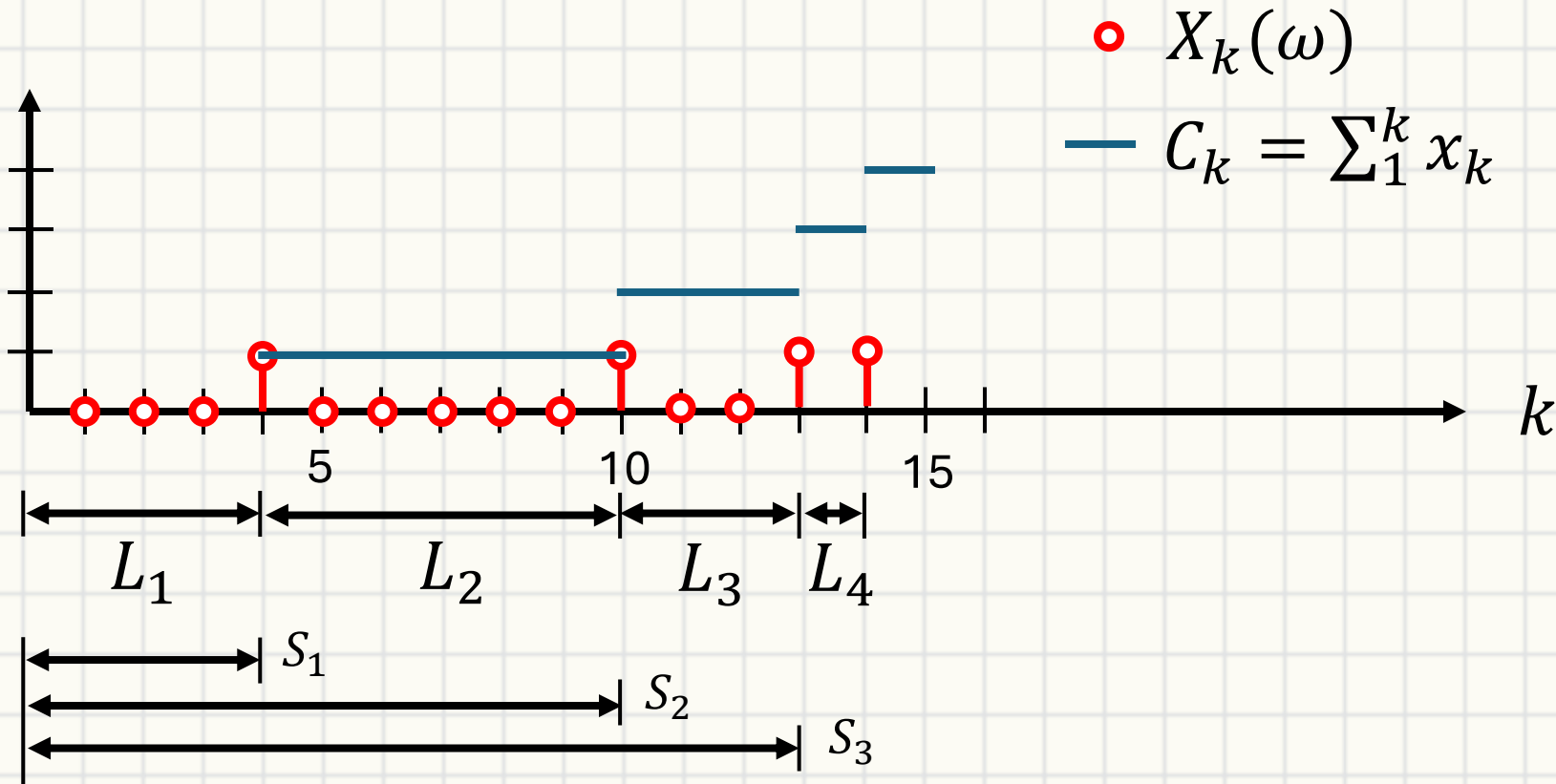
- 2 Actions per round – Go or Keep
- Go
  - $p = \frac{2}{3}$  win 1 point
  - Otherwise, lose all points
- Keep
  - Deposit the current point and end the game
- What's the best strategy?

# **Bernoulli Process**

# Bernoulli Process Definition

An infinite sequence  $X_1, X_2 \dots$  s.t.  $X_k \sim \text{Bern}(p)$

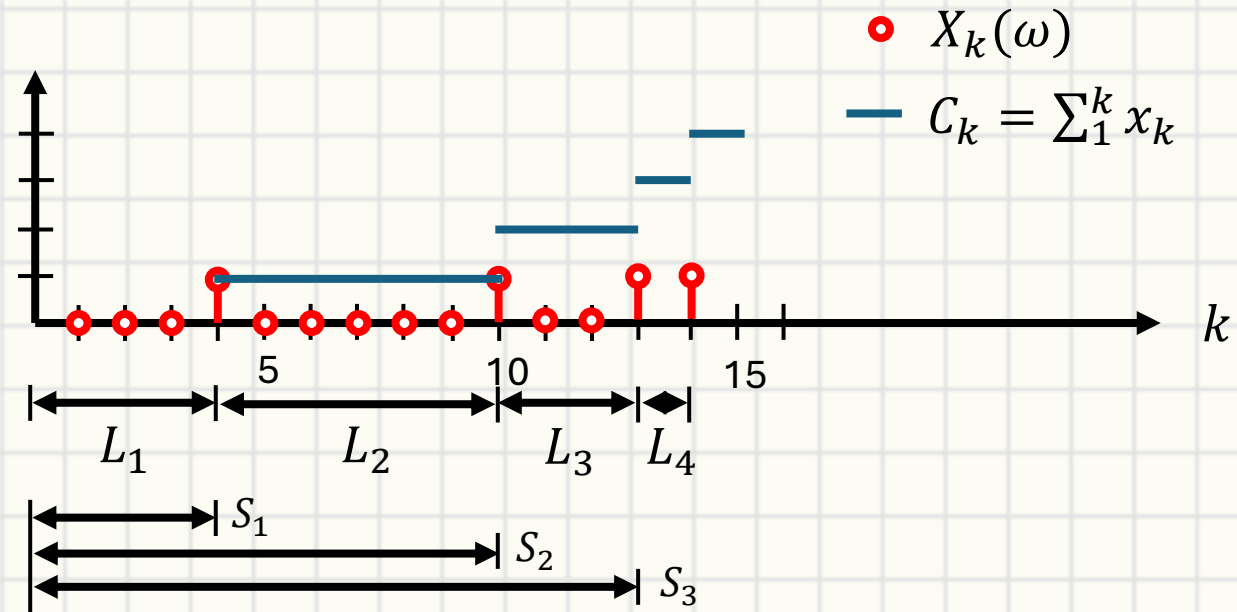
- $\omega$  is a possible outcome of the sequence
- $X_k(\omega)$  is called a “ ” of outcome  $\omega$



# Bernoulli Process Definition

Observe that a Bernoulli process can be defined by

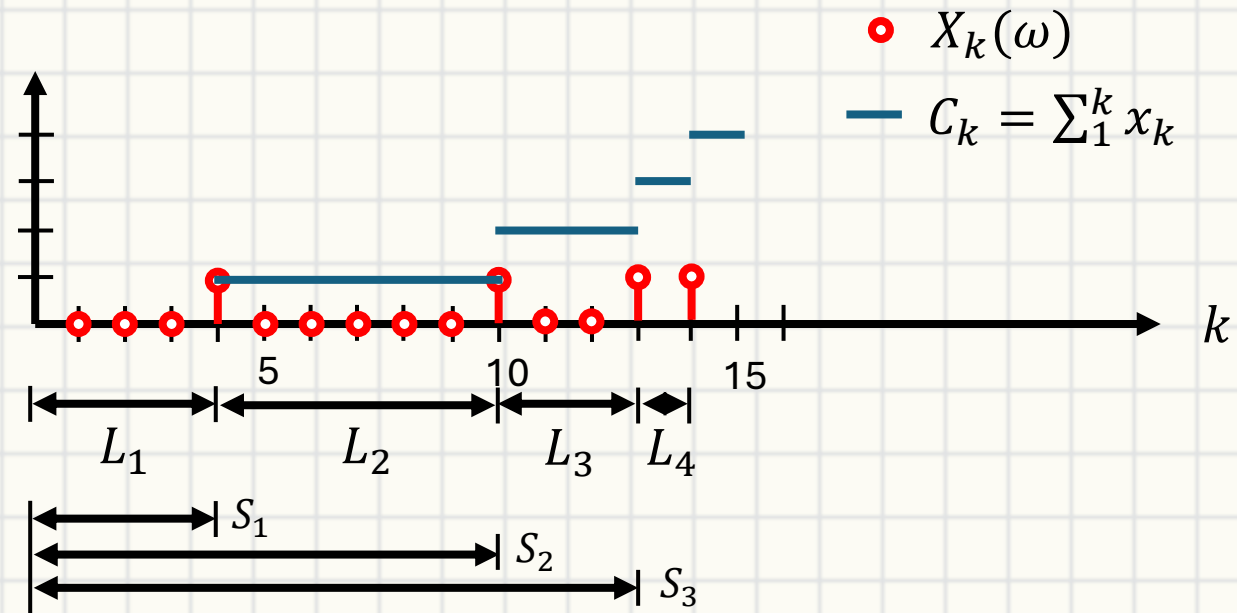
1.  $X_k \sim \text{Bern}(p)$
2.  $C_k \sim B(k, p)$
3.  $L_k \sim L(p)$
4.  $S_r = \sum_{1}^r L_r$  : # of trials required to get  $r$  ones



# $S_r$ - Negative Binomial Distribution

What is the pmf of  $S_r$  with parameter  $(r, p)$ ?

- # of trials required to get  $r$  ones
- $p_S(n) =$





# Poisson Distribution

# Poisson Distribution $Pois(\lambda)$

A binomial distribution with large  $n$ , small  $p$ , and  $\lambda = np$

- Example – Misspelled words in a document
  - Many number of words  $n$
  - Small misspelled rate  $p$
- When we care about the “rate”  $np$ 
  - We only have the mean  $np$
  - We know  $p$  is small
- $p_X(k) =$

# Poisson Distribution $Pois(\lambda)$

- Why  $p_X(k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$ ?
  - $p_X(k) \propto \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$
  - $e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$
  - $\mu_x =$
  - $\sigma_x^2 =$

# Poisson Distribution Example

A coffee shop has in average 6 customers per hour, what's the probability that there are NO customers in the next hour?