

Last lecture

Distributions

- Bernoulli (Ch 2.4.3)
- Binomial (Ch 2.4.4)

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

$$P_X(1) = p, \quad \mu_X = p$$

$$\sigma_X^2 = p(1-p)$$

$$Y \sim \text{Bi}(n, p)$$

Geometric distribution (Ch 2.5)

- Definition, mean and variance

$$P_Y(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$\mu_Y = np, \quad \sigma_Y^2 = np(1-p)$$

$$\hookrightarrow L \sim \text{Geo}(p) \quad P_L(k) = (1-p)^{k-1} p$$

$$\mu_L = \frac{1}{p}, \quad \text{Var}(L) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

Agenda

Correction on Best-of-K

Geometric distribution (Ch 2.5)

- Memoryless property

Bernoulli Process (Ch 2.6)

- Definition
- Connect to distributions

Poisson Distribution (Ch 2.7)

Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

Binomial Example – Best of K

$$p_X(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

Team A and B play “Best of 7” games

- No tie, whoever wins 4 games out of 7 is the match winner
- E.g. $w_i = \{A, A, A, B, A\}$: the winner is A
- Let p denotes A's win rate per game
- Y denotes the number of games played, $p_Y(k) = ?$

$$P_Y(0) = P_Y(1) = P_Y(2) = P_Y(3) = 0$$

$$k \geq 4$$

$$P_Y(k) = P_Y(k, A) + P_Y(k, B)$$

$$P_Y(k, A) = \binom{k-1}{4-1} p^4 (1-p)^{k-4}$$

Diagram illustrating the binomial coefficient $\binom{k-1}{4-1}$ for $P_Y(k, A)$. The top row shows $k-1$ and the bottom row shows $4-1$. A blue arrow points from the text "Last game must be win by A" to the top row, and another blue arrow points from the text "win by A" to the bottom row. A blue circle labeled 'A' is positioned to the right of the bottom row, with a blue bracket underneath it labeled $k-1$.

Geometric Distributions

Property – Memoryless property

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

↪ Already get n "T"

- $P\{L > k + n | L > n\} = P\{L > k\}$
↳ At least $k+n$ "T"

- Called "memoryless property"

- What's the expected total number to get the first 1 after getting $\{0,0,0,0\}$?

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



$$4 + \mu_L = 4 + \frac{1}{p}$$

Game – Push the luck (simplified Incan-Gold)

Start a game with infinite rounds and 0 points

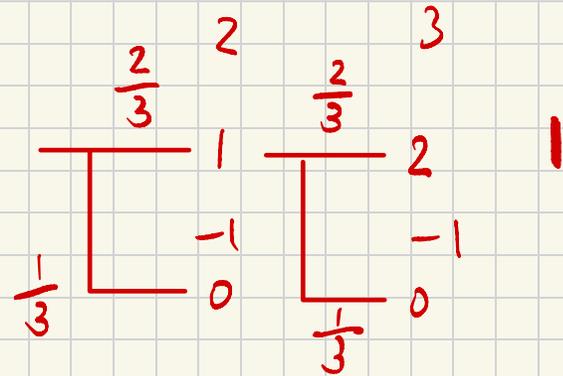
- 2 Actions per round – Go or Keep
- Go
 - $p = \frac{2}{3}$ win 1 point
 - Otherwise, lose all points
- Keep
 - Deposit the current point and end the game
- What's the best strategy?

Go until round k^* $k^* ?$

① $L \sim \text{Geo}(\frac{1}{3})$ $\mu_L = 3$ $k^* = \mu_L - 1 = 2$

② Go @ 3rd round $k^* = 3$

<1> Expeded outcome per round $E_S[G] = (\frac{2}{3})^k k$



$\frac{2}{3} < \frac{8}{9} = \frac{24}{27} \Rightarrow \downarrow$

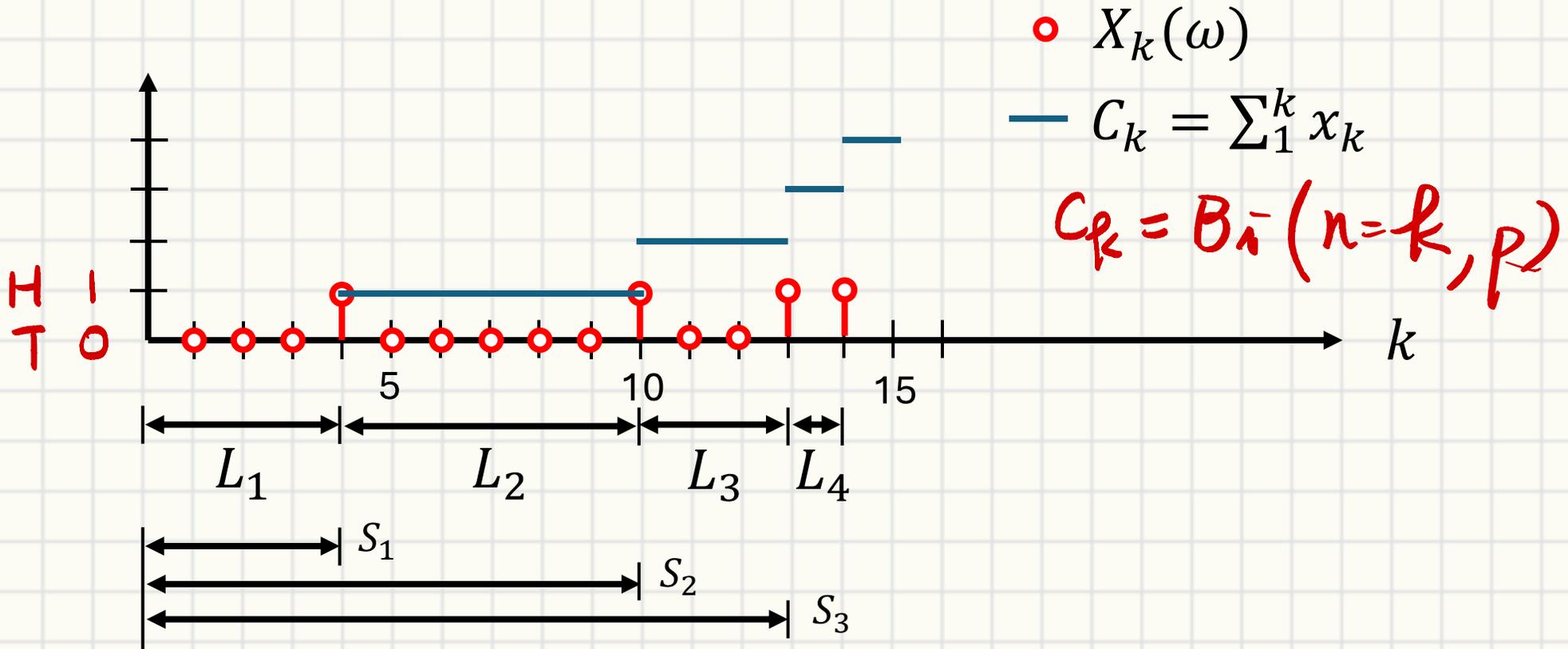
$k=1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad \dots$

Bernoulli Process

Bernoulli Process Definition

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

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



Bernoulli Process Definition

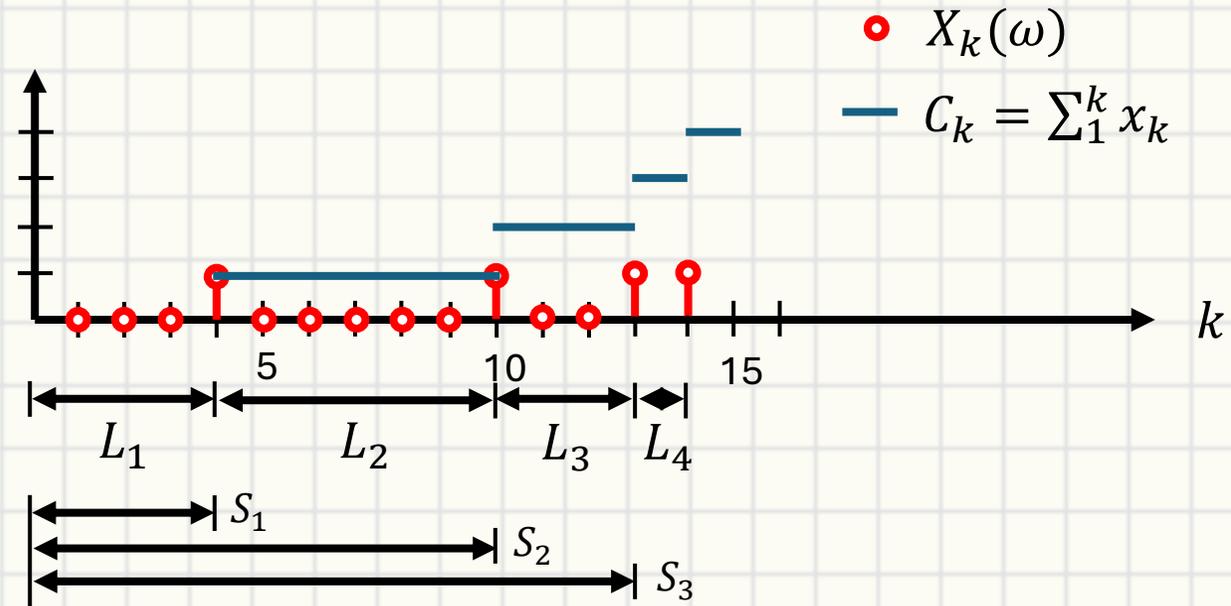
Observe that a Bernoulli process can be defined by

1. $X_k \sim \text{Bern}(p)$
2. $C_k \sim \text{Bi}(k, p)$ (with $B(k, p)$ crossed out in red)
3. $L_k \sim \text{Geo}(p)$ (with $L(p)$ crossed out in red)
4. $S_r = \sum_{1}^r L_r$: # of trials required to get r ones (with a red wavy underline under S_r)



Best-of- k games

$$Y_A = S_4$$



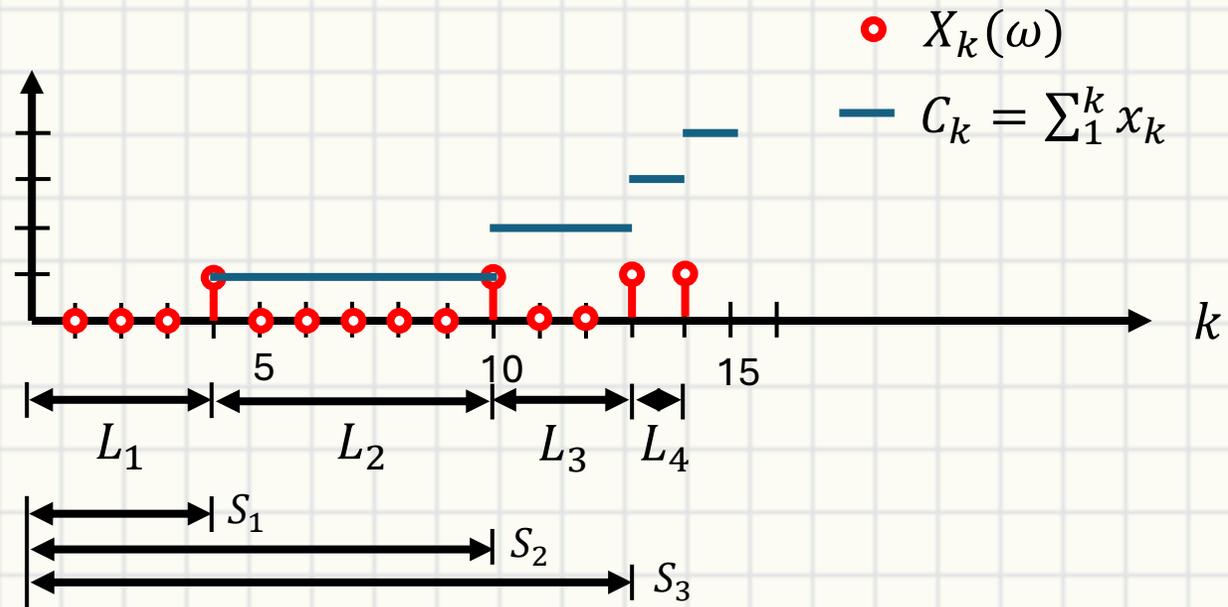
S_r - Negative Binomial Distribution

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

- # of trials required to get r ones

- $p_S(n) = \binom{n-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{n-r}$

↳ last toss must be 1



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

$$\Rightarrow B_{\bar{n}}(1000, 0.01)$$
$$\sim B_{\bar{n}}(10000, 0.001)$$
$$\sim B_{\bar{n}}\left(\frac{10}{p}, p\right)$$

- When we care about the “rate” np
 - We only have the mean np
 - We know p is small

- $p_X(k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$

Poisson Distribution $Pois(\lambda)$

- Why $p_X(k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$?

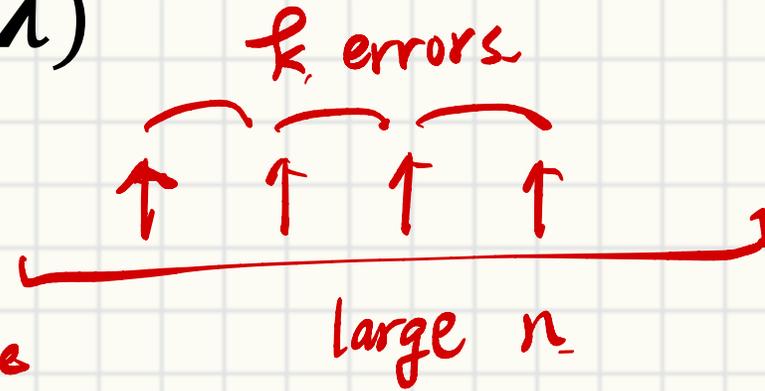
- $p_X(k) \propto \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$
→ failing rate
→ permute

- $e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$

- $\mu_x = \lambda$

- $\sigma_x^2 = \lambda$

$$\sigma_Y^2 = n p (1-p) \rightarrow = \lambda$$



$$\lambda = np, \quad Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$$

$$P_X(k) \sim P_Y(k)$$

$$= \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} p^k$$

Poisson Distribution Example

Consider a wireless link features bit error rate $1e^{-4}$

- $X \triangleq$ # of error bits in 1 Byte, $P_X(0) = ?$

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(8, 0.0001) \quad P_X(0) = \binom{8}{0} (0.0001)^0 (0.9999)^8$$

- $Y \triangleq$ # of error bits in 10MB, $P_Y(10) = ?$

$$\approx (0.9999)^8 \approx 0.9992$$

$$Y \sim \text{Bin}(8 \times 10^7, 10^{-4})$$

$$\sim \text{Poi}(\lambda = 8 \times 10^3)$$

$$P_Y(10) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{10}}{10!}$$

Poisson Distribution Example

Consider a wireless link features bit error rate $1e^{-4}$

- Each packet (N bits) is governed by an error correction algorithm that can correct up to 2 bits
- If we want packet error rate lower than 0.01, what's the maximum packet size N ?
- $P_X(0) + P_X(1) + P_X(2) \geq 0.99$
- $e^{-\lambda} \left(1 + \lambda + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \right) \geq 0.99$
- $\lambda = Np \leq 0.436$
- $N \leq 4360$