

1) Birthday problem — out of k people, what is the probability of 2 people having same birthday = $1 - \frac{365 P_k}{365^k}$

2) Matching problem out of n cards
 $P(\text{No match}) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \frac{1}{i!} \approx \frac{1}{e}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
 $P(k \text{ matches}) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^{n-k} (-1)^i \frac{1}{i!} = n C_k \cdot P(\text{first } k \text{ cards matching}) \left[1 - P(A_{k+1} \cup A_{k+2} \cup \dots \cup A_n) \right]$
 $= n C_k \cdot \frac{1}{n P_k} \sum_{i=0}^{n-k} (-1)^i \frac{1}{i!}$

3) Gambler's Ruin
 $A \text{ \& } B$
 play with $p \text{ \& } q$
 of winning each round
 $P(A \text{ win} / \text{start with } i \text{ money of total } N) = \frac{1 - \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^i}{1 - \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^N} \quad q \neq p$
 $\frac{i}{N} \quad q = p$

4) Putnam — local maxima in permutation of n integers = $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 + \frac{1}{3} \times n - 2 = 1 + \frac{n-2}{3} = \frac{n+1}{3}$
 $\rightarrow$ Indicators for each position $\rightarrow$ Extreme posi (2) $\rightarrow$ Middle posi

5) St Petersburg Paradox $\rightarrow T = 2^x \$$ for #Tosses until (including head)
 $E(T) = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} 2^x \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x = \infty$ if money limited or toss limited to k
 $\Rightarrow E(T) = \sum_{x=1}^k 2^x \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x = k \$$

6) Using poisson in bday problem $\rightarrow$ Approx probability for k matches in a group of n people
 $N = n C_k \rightarrow$ subsets of people $\rightarrow$ very large
 $P =$ Probability of a given subset of k people all having same bday = $\frac{365}{365^k} = \frac{1}{365^{k-1}} \rightarrow$ very small
 Let $T =$ # subset of k people having same bday $\Rightarrow 1 - P(T=0) = P(\text{at least 1 occurrence of } k \text{ people with same bday}) = n$
 $T \sim \text{poisson}(d = NP = \frac{n C_k}{365^{k-1}})$
 $P(T=0) = \frac{e^{-d} d^0}{0!} = e^{-d} \Rightarrow m = 1 - e^{-\frac{n C_k}{365^{k-1}}}$
 eg $k=3$
 $m = 1 - e^{-\frac{n C_3}{365^2}}$

7) Coupon Collector — n Vintage toy types in a series
 $T = RV =$ # Toys until full set in series
 $E(T) = n \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \right) \approx n \log n$ for large n
 $= n \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \approx n \log n$

10) Laplace Rule of Succession $\rightarrow x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ Bern(θ) iid
 $\theta =$ unknown $\sim \text{Uniform}(0,1) \rightarrow$ Bayesian Interpret
 $P(\theta/s_n) = f(\theta) \cdot P(s_n|\theta)$
 $\int_0^1 f(\theta) \cdot P(s_n|\theta) d\theta$ normalises $\downarrow$ constant indep of θ
 $\Rightarrow P(\theta/s_n) = C \cdot n C_k \theta^k (1-\theta)^{n-k}$
 special case when $s_n = k = n$ $P(\theta/s_n = n) = C \cdot \theta^n$
 $P(\theta/s_n) = n+1 \theta^n$
 $P(x_{n+1} | s_n) = E(\theta/s_n) = \int_0^1 (n+1) \theta^{n+1} d\theta = \frac{n+1}{n+2}$
 $P(s_n|\theta) \sim \text{Binom}(n, \theta)$
 $C =$ normalised constant
 $C \int_0^1 \theta^n d\theta = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{C \theta^{n+1}}{n+1} \Big|_0^1 = 1$
 $C = n+1$

Distribution	Mean	Variance	MGF	$E(X^k)$	Relation to other distribution
Bernoulli (p) $E(X) = p$ $P(X) = \begin{cases} p & 1 \\ 1-p & 0 \end{cases}$	p	pq	$pe^t + q$	p	$I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_n \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ $I_1 \dots I_n$ iid Bernoulli p
Binomial (n, p) $P(X=k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$	np	npq	$(pe^t + q)^n$		$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p); Y \sim \text{Bin}(m, p)$ $n - X \sim \text{Bin}(n, q)$ $X + Y \sim \text{Bin}(n+m, p)$
Hypergeometric (w, b, n) $X \sim \text{HG}(p, q, n, N)$ $\frac{wC_k nC_{n-k}}{w+bC_n} \quad \begin{matrix} k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\} \\ 0 \leq k \leq w \\ 0 \leq n-k \leq b \end{matrix}$	$np = \frac{nw}{w+b}$	$npq \frac{N-n}{N-1}$ $\frac{nw}{(w+b)^2} \frac{N-n}{N-1}$			$\text{HG} \approx \text{Bin}(n, p) \quad N \rightarrow \infty$ $w = Np \quad w+b = N$ $b = Nq$
$X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$ $P(X=k) = q^{k-1} p \quad k=1, 2, \dots$	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{q}{p^2}$	• Memoryless $P(X=t+k X \geq t) = P(X=t)$ $E(X X \geq t) = t + \frac{1}{p}$ $E(X-t X \geq t) = \frac{1}{p}$		$Y = X-1; X \sim \text{Geometric}$ $E(Y) = \frac{q}{p}; \text{Var}(Y) = \frac{q}{p^2}$
$X \sim \text{Neg. Bino}(r, p)$ $P(X=n) = \binom{r+n-1}{n} p^n q^{r-1}$ # failures before r Success	$\frac{rq}{p}$	$\frac{rq}{p^2}$	$X \sim \text{Geo}(p)$ $Y_i = X_i - 1$ $Y = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_r$ $\sim \text{Neg. Bi}(r, p)$		$Y+r = \# \text{ trials}$ $E(Y)+r = rq/p + r = r(\frac{q}{p} + 1) = \frac{r}{p}$
Poisson Distribution $P(X=x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$	λ	λ	$e^{\lambda(e^t-1)}$ $X \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$ $Y \sim \text{Pois}(\mu)$ $X+Y \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda+\mu)$		$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t);$ $P(X=0) = \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^0}{0!} = e^{-\lambda t}$ $T \sim \exp(\lambda)$ $P(X=0) = P(T > t)$
Uniform (a, b) $f_u = \frac{1}{b-a} \quad a \leq u \leq b$ $F_u = \frac{x-a}{b-a} \quad a \leq u \leq b$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$	$u_1 + u_2 \rightarrow$  $u_1 - u_a \rightarrow$  $ u_1 - u_2 \rightarrow$ 		let $X \sim F_X(x); U \sim \text{Uni}(0,1) \quad F_X(x) - \text{cdf}$ then $F'(U) = x$ • $P(F'(U) < k) = P(U \leq F(k)) = F(k)$ • $F_X(X) \sim \text{Uniform}(0,1)$
Uniform [a, b] $P(X=x) = \frac{1}{b-a+1}$ $P(X \leq x) = \frac{x-a+1}{b-a+1}$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{b^2-a^2}{12}$	$E(u_1 - u_2) = 1/3$ $M = \max(u_1, u_2)$ $L = \min(u_1, u_2)$ $E(M) = 2/3 \quad E(L) = 1/3$		$X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2); X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ $X_1 + X_2 \sim N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)$ $X_1 - X_2 \sim N(\mu_1 - \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)$ $-X_1 \sim N(-\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$
Normal Distribution (μ, σ^2) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)$	μ	σ^2	$e^{t\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2}$ $E(z^n) = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}$ $\frac{(n-1)!!}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$ skip factors $E(z^{\text{odd}}) = 0$		$Z_1 \sim N(0,1); Z_2 \sim N(0,1) \Rightarrow Z_1 - Z_2 \sim N(0, 2)$ $Z_1 - Z_2 = \sqrt{2} Z$ $E(Z_1 - Z_2) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}$ $P\left(\frac{ Z_1 - Z_2 }{\sqrt{2}} < t\right) = \frac{1}{\pi(t^2+1)}$ Cauchy's

11. Chicken & Egg Problem

$N \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda) = \# \text{ eggs}$

$X|N \sim \text{Bino}(N, p) = \# \text{ eggs hatched given total } N \text{ eggs}$

$X = \# \text{ eggs hatched}$

define $Y = N - X$

$X + Y = N$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Joint PMF of } X, Y = P(X, Y) = \sum_N P(X, Y|N) \cdot P(N) = P(X=i, Y=j|N=i+j) \cdot P(N=i+j)$$

$$= P(X=i|N=i+j) \cdot P(N=i+j) = \binom{i+j}{i} p^i (1-p)^{N-i} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{i+j}}{(i+j)!}$$

$$= \frac{(i+j)!}{i! j!} \frac{p^i (1-p)^j}{(i+j)!} e^{-\lambda(p+1-p)} \lambda^{i+j} =$$

$$\frac{\frac{(p\lambda)^i e^{-\lambda p}}{i!}}{\text{Poisson}(\lambda p)} \cdot \frac{\frac{(1-p)^j \lambda^j e^{-\lambda(1-p)}}{j!}}{\text{Poisson}(\lambda(1-p))} = P(X=i, Y=j)$$