

Stat 100A, Fall 2002, Homework Solutions

Exercise 20/page 173: a)

$$P(X > 0) = P(\text{win first bet}) + P(\text{lose, win, win}) = 18/38 + (20/38)(18/38)^2 = .5918$$

b) No, because if the gambler wins then he or she wins \$1. However a loss would be either \$1 or \$3

c) X can be 1(lose, win, win or win) or -1(lose, win, lose or lose, lose, win) or -3(lose, lose, lose) so

$$E(X) = 1[18/38 + (20/38)(18/38)^2] - [(20/38)(20/38)(18/38)^2] - 3(20/38)^3 = -.108$$

Exercise 29/page 175

If check 1, then 2: expected cost =  $C_1 + (1-p)C_2 + pR_1 + (1-p)R_2$

If check 2, then 1: Expected cost =  $C_2 + pC_1 + pR_1 + (1-p)R_2$  so the first is best if

$$C_1 + (1-p)C_2 \leq C_2 + pC_1 \text{ or } C_1 \leq [p/(1-p)]C_2$$

Exercise 38 / page 176

a)  $E[(2+X)^2] = \text{Var}(2+X) + (E[2+X])^2 = \text{Var}(X) + 9 = 14$

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

Exercise 40 / page 176

$$X \sim \text{Bi}(5, 1/3)$$

$$P(X \geq 4) = C(5, 4) \cdot (1/3)^4 \cdot (2/3) + (1/3)^5 = 11/243 = .045$$

Exercise 43 / page 176

$$X = \# \text{ wrong digits} \sim \text{Bi}(5, .2)$$

$$P(X \geq 3) = C(5,3)(.2)^3(.8)^2 + C(5,4)(.2)^4(.8) + (.2)^5 = .05792$$

Exercise 57/ page 177

$$X \sim \text{Po}(3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } P(X \geq 3) &= 1 - P(X < 3) = 1 - \exp(-3) - 3 \exp(-3) - \exp(-3) \cdot 3^2 / 2 = \\ &= 1 - \exp(-3) \cdot (17/2) = .577 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{c) } P(X \geq 3 | X \geq 1) = P(X \geq 3, X \geq 1) / P(X \geq 1) = P(X \geq 3) / P(X \geq 1)$$

$$P(X \geq 1) = 1 - P(X = 0) = 1 - \exp(-3) = 1 - .049 = .951$$

$$\text{So } P(X \geq 3 | X \geq 1) = .577 / .951 = .607$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 19. \quad E[X^n] &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i^n e^{-\lambda} \lambda^i / i! \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i^n e^{-\lambda} \lambda^i / i! \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i^{n-1} e^{-\lambda} \lambda^i / (i-1)! \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (j+1)^{n-1} e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{j+1} / j! \\
 &= \lambda \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (j+1)^{n-1} e^{-\lambda} \lambda^j / j! \\
 &= \lambda E[(X+1)^{n-1}]
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $[X^3] = \lambda E[(X+1)^2]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lambda \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (i+1)^2 e^{-\lambda} \lambda^i / i! \\
 &= \lambda \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i^2 e^{-\lambda} \lambda^i / i! + 2 \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i e^{-\lambda} \lambda^i / i! + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \lambda^i / i! \right] \\
 &= \lambda [E[X^2] + 2E[X] + 1] \\
 &= \lambda (\text{Var}(X) + E^2[X] + 2E[X] + 1) \\
 &= \lambda (\lambda + \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1) = \lambda (\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1)
 \end{aligned}$$