

P # 4.72 Two athletic teams play a series of games; the first team to win 4 games is declared the overall winner. Suppose that one of the teams is stronger than the other and wins each game with probability 0.6, independently of the outcomes of the other games. Find the probability, for $i = 4, 5, 6, 7$, that the stronger team wins the series in exactly i games. Compare the probability that the stronger team wins with the probability that it would win a 2-out-of-3 series.

Answer: ① $i=4$: $P(4) = \binom{4}{4}(0.6)^4(0.4)^0 = 0.1296$.

② $i=5$: In this case, since the first team to win 4 games and a series of games stop,
 $P(5) = \binom{5}{4}(0.6)^4(0.4)^1 - \binom{4}{4}(0.6)^4(0.4)^1 = 0.5184$.

③ $i=6$: It is also stopped when the previous game determines the overall winner.
 $P(6) = \binom{6}{4}(0.6)^4(0.4)^2 - \binom{5}{4}(0.6)^4(0.4)^2 = 0.2074$

④ $i=7$: for the same reason above,
 $P(7) = \binom{7}{4}(0.6)^4(0.4)^3 - \binom{6}{4}(0.6)^4(0.4)^3 = 0.1659$.

⑤ In the case of winning a 2-out-of-3 series,
 $P = \binom{3}{2}(0.6)^2(0.4)^1 - \binom{2}{2}(0.6)^2(0.4)^1 = 0.2880$.

P # 4.73. Suppose in Problem 72 that the two teams are evenly matched and each has probability $\frac{1}{2}$ of winning each game. Find the expected number of games played.

Answer: The two teams have evenly the overall winnings.

① $i=4$: $\binom{2}{1} \cdot P_i(4) = 2 \cdot \binom{4}{4}(0.5)^4 = 0.125$

② $i=5$: $\binom{2}{1} \cdot P_i(5) = 2 \cdot \left\{ \binom{5}{4} - \binom{4}{4} \right\} (0.5)^5 = 0.25$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad z=6 : \binom{7}{i} P_i(6) = 2 \cdot \left\{ \binom{6}{4} - \binom{5}{4} \right\} (0.5)^6 = 0.3125$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad z=7 : \binom{7}{i} P_i(7) = 2 \cdot \left\{ \binom{7}{4} - \binom{6}{4} \right\} (0.5)^7 = 0.3125$$

$$\therefore E[X] = 4(0.125) + 5(0.25) + 6(0.3125) + 7(0.3125) = 5.8125$$

P. # 4.75. A fair coin is continually flipped until heads appears for the 10-th time. Let X denote the number of tails that occur. Compute the probability mass function of X .

Answer: Let X be the number of tails, before heads appears for 10-th time, all other outcomes are tails. Thus, the experiment has $(10+X)$ trials. By the negative binomial Random Variable, the probability mass function of X is

$$P\{X=x\} = P\{Y=10+x\} \quad \text{where } Y \text{ is the total number of trials.}$$

$$P\{Y=10+x\} = \binom{(10+x)-1}{10-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(10+x)-10}$$

$$= \binom{9+x}{9} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10+x} = P\{X=x\}$$

✓ T. Ex # 36. Suppose the possible values of X are $\{x_i\}$, the possible values of Y are $\{y_j\}$, and the possible values of $X+Y$ are $\{z_k\}$. Let A_k denote the set of all pairs of indices (i,j) such that $x_i + y_j = z_k$; that is, $A_k = \{(i,j) : x_i + y_j = z_k\}$.

(a) Argue that

$$P\{X+Y=z_k\} = \sum_{(i,j) \in A_k} P\{X=x_i, Y=y_j\}$$

Answer:
$$\begin{aligned}
 P\{X+Y=z_k\} &= P\{z_k - Y = X\} = \sum_i P\{z_k - Y = x_i\} \\
 &= \sum_i P\{z_k - x_i = Y\} = \sum_i \sum_j P\{z_k - x_i = y_j\} \\
 &= \sum_i \sum_j P\{x_i + y_j = z_k\} \quad (\text{by axiom of probability}) \\
 &= \sum_{(i,j) \in A_k} P\{X=x_i, Y=y_j\} \\
 &\quad \text{because of } A_k = \{(i,j) : x_i + y_j = z_k\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

(b) Show that
$$E[X+Y] = \sum_k \sum_{(i,j) \in A_k} (x_i + y_j) P\{X=x_i, Y=y_j\}.$$

Answer:
$$\begin{aligned}
 E[X+Y] &= \sum_k z_k P\{X+Y=z_k\} \\
 &= \sum_k z_k \sum_{(i,j) \in A_k} P\{X=x_i, Y=y_j\} \quad \text{by part (a).} \\
 &= \sum_k \sum_{(i,j) \in A_k} z_k P\{X=x_i, Y=y_j\} \\
 &= \sum_k \sum_{(i,j) \in A_k} (x_i + y_j) P\{X=x_i, Y=y_j\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

(c) Using the formula from part (b), argue that
$$E[X+Y] = \sum_i \sum_j (x_i + y_j) P\{X=x_i, Y=y_j\}$$

Answer: By part (b),
$$\begin{aligned}
 E[X+Y] &= \sum_k \sum_{(i,j) \in A_k} (x_i + y_j) P\{X=x_i, Y=y_j\} \\
 &= \sum_{(i,j) \in \cup_k A_k} (x_i + y_j) P\{X=x_i, Y=y_j\} \\
 &= \sum_i \sum_j (x_i + y_j) P\{X=x_i, Y=y_j\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

(d) Show that

①
$$P(X=x_i) = \sum_j P(X=x_i, Y=y_j)$$

②
$$P(Y=y_j) = \sum_i P(X=x_i, Y=y_j)$$

Answer: ①
$$\sum_j P(X=x_i, Y=y_j) = \sum_j P(X=x_i) \cdot P(Y=y_j | X=x_i)$$

$$= P(X=x_i) \cdot \sum_j P(Y=y_j | X=x_i)$$

$$= P(X=x_i) \cdot 1 = P(X=x_i)$$

by axiom of probability, $\sum_j P(Y=y_j | X=x_i) = 1$.

②
$$\sum_i P(X=x_i, Y=y_j) = \sum_i P(Y=y_j) \cdot P(X=x_i | Y=y_j)$$

$$= P(Y=y_j) \cdot \sum_i P(X=x_i | Y=y_j)$$

$$= P(Y=y_j) \cdot 1 = P(Y=y_j)$$

by axiom of probability, $\sum_i P(X=x_i | Y=y_j) = 1$.

(d) Prove that $E[X+Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$.

Answer:
$$E[X+Y] = \sum_i \sum_j (x_i + y_j) P\{X=x_i, Y=y_j\}$$
 by part (c).
$$= \sum_i \sum_j x_i P\{X=x_i, Y=y_j\} + \sum_i \sum_j y_j P\{X=x_i, Y=y_j\}$$

$$= \sum_i x_i \sum_j P\{X=x_i, Y=y_j\} + \sum_j y_j \sum_i P\{X=x_i, Y=y_j\}$$

$$= \sum_i x_i P(X=x_i) + \sum_j y_j P(Y=y_j)$$
 by part (d)
$$= E[X] + E[Y]$$

Q.E.D.