

## HOMEWORK 4, MATH 425, SECTION 3

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**Exercise 1** (Ch 4, problems, 7).

- (a)  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- (b)  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- (c)  $\{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$
- (d)  $\{-5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

**Exercise 2** (Ch 4, problems, 8).

(a)

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$p(i)$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{7}{36}$	$\frac{9}{36}$	$\frac{11}{36}$

(b)

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$p(i)$	$\frac{11}{36}$	$\frac{9}{36}$	$\frac{7}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{1}{36}$

(c)

$i$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$p(i)$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{6}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{1}{36}$

(d)

$i$	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
$p(i)$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{6}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{1}{36}$

**Exercise 3** (Ch 4, problems 21).

- (a)  $EX > EY$ : If you are choosing an arbitrary student than the probability to choose the bus with the largest number of student is  $> \frac{1}{4}$ , where if you choose a random driver than each bus is equally likely. So in  $EX$ , busses with a lot of students are weighted more.
- (b)

$$EX = \frac{40}{148} \cdot 40 + \frac{33}{148} \cdot 33 + \frac{25}{148} \cdot 25 + 50 \cdot \frac{50}{148} = \frac{2907}{74} \approx 39.2838$$

$$EY = \frac{1}{4} \cdot 40 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 33 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 25 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 50 = \frac{148}{4} = 37.$$

**Exercise 4** (Ch 4, problems, 24). Let  $X$  be the amount that  $B$  wins. If  $A$  writes a 1, then

$$EX = p \cdot 1 + (1 - p) \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) = -\frac{3}{4} + \frac{7}{4}p.$$

If  $A$  writes a 2, then

$$EX = p \cdot \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) + 2 \cdot (1 - p) = 2 - \frac{11}{4}p.$$

By drawing the graphs, it is clear that

$$\min\left\{-\frac{3}{4} + \frac{7}{4}p, 2 - \frac{11}{4}p\right\}$$

is maximal when

$$-\frac{3}{4} + \frac{7}{4}p = 2 - \frac{11}{4}p$$

It follows that

$$\frac{18}{4}p = \frac{11}{4}$$

and  $p = \frac{11}{18}$ . In that case

$$EX = -\frac{3}{4} + \frac{7}{4} \cdot \frac{11}{18} = \frac{23}{72}.$$

**second part:** If  $B$  chooses 1, then

$$EX = q \cdot 1 + (1 - q)\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) = -\frac{3}{4} + \frac{7}{4}q$$

If  $B$  chooses 2 then

$$EX = q \cdot \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) + 2 \cdot (1 - q) = 2 - \frac{11}{4}q.$$

Now  $B$  tries to minimize

$$\max\left\{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{7}{4}q, 2 - \frac{11}{4}q\right\}$$

Again, this maximum is where

$$\frac{3}{4} + \frac{7}{4}q = 2 - \frac{11}{4}q$$

so

$$q = \frac{11}{18}$$

The expected loss of  $B$  is in that case  $\frac{23}{72}$ .

**Exercise 5** (Ch 4, problems 35). Let  $X$  be the amount that you win.

$$P(X = 1.1) = \frac{2 \cdot \binom{5}{2}}{\binom{10}{2}} = \frac{20}{45} = \frac{4}{9}.$$

and

$$P(X = -1) = 1 - \frac{4}{9} = \frac{5}{9}.$$

Hence

$$EX = \frac{4}{9}(1.1) - \frac{5}{9} \cdot 1 = -\frac{1}{15} \approx -0.06667$$

Also

$$E(X^2) = \frac{4}{9} \cdot (1.1)^2 + \frac{5}{9} \cdot 1^2 = \frac{82}{75} \approx 1.0933$$

and

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 = \frac{82}{7} - \left(\frac{1}{15}\right)^2 = \frac{49}{45} \approx 1.089$$

**Exercise 6** (Ch 4, theoretical exercises, 6).

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(N \geq i) &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=i}^{\infty} P(N = j) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq j} P(N = j) = \\ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^j P(N = j) &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j P(N = j) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j P(N = j) = EN. \end{aligned}$$