

Math 10B with Professor Stankova

Quiz 13; Tuesday, 5/7/2019

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Circle True or False or leave blank. (1 point for correct answer, -1 for incorrect answer, 0 if left blank)

1. True **FALSE** It is possible to have a geometric random variable  $X$  have expected value 5 and variance 5 as well.

**Solution:** If  $E[X] = 5$  then  $(1-p)/p = 5$  so  $p = 1/6$  and  $Var(X) = (1-p)/p^2 = 30$ .

2. True **FALSE** The number of ways to place  $b$  balls into  $u$  boxes with  $b > u$  is 0 if the boxes are indistinguishable and we want it to be injective but sometimes more than 0 if the boxes are distinguishable (still injective).

**Solution:** Both are 0.

Show your work and justify your answers. Please circle or box your final answer.

3. (10 points) I have a bag with 5 coins and 4 are fair while one has both sides tails.  
(a) (5 points) Suppose you randomly reach in the bag and grab a coin and flip it. Suppose that you flip tails. What is the probability you have a fair coin?

**Solution:** Using Bayes Theorem, it is

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{fair}|T) &= \frac{P(T|\text{fair})P(\text{fair})}{P(T|\text{fair})P(\text{fair}) + P(T|\overline{\text{fair}})P(\overline{\text{fair}})} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5}}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{\frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{5}} = \frac{2}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) (5 points) Now suppose you flip it again and get tails again (total of two tails in a row). What is the probability it is fair now?

**Solution:** Using Bayes Theorem, it is

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{fair}|TT) &= \frac{P(TT|\text{fair})P(\text{fair})}{P(TT|\text{fair})P(\text{fair}) + P(TT|\overline{\text{fair}})P(\overline{\text{fair}})} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{5}}{\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{5} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5}} = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$