CS 70 Discrete Mathematics and Probability Theory Fall 2022 Satish Rao and Babak Ayazifar DIS 11B

1 Number Game

Sinho and Vrettos are playing a game where they each choose an integer uniformly at random from [0, 100], then whoever has the larger number wins (in the event of a tie, they replay). However, Vrettos doesn't like losing, so he's rigged his random number generator such that it instead picks randomly from the integers between Sinho's number and 100. Let *S* be Sinho's number and *V* be Vrettos' number.

(a) What is $\mathbb{E}[S]$?

(b) What is $\mathbb{E}[V|S=s]$, where *s* is any constant such that $0 \le s \le 100$?

(c) What is $\mathbb{E}[V]$?

2 Joint Distributions

(a) Give an example of discrete random variables *X* and *Y* with the property that $\mathbb{E}[XY] \neq \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$. You should specify the joint distribution of *X* and *Y*.

(b) Give an example of discrete random variables X and Y that (i) are *not independent* and (ii) have the property that $\mathbb{E}[XY] = 0$, $\mathbb{E}[X] = 0$, and $\mathbb{E}[Y] = 0$. Again you should specify the joint distribution of X and Y.

3 Coupon Collector Variance

It's that time of the year again—Safeway is offering its Monopoly Card promotion. Each time you visit Safeway, you are given one of n different Monopoly Cards with equal probability. You need to collect them all to redeem the grand prize.

Let *X* be the number of visits you have to make before you can redeem the grand prize. Show that $Var(X) = n^2 (\sum_{i=1}^n i^{-2}) - \mathbb{E}[X]$.