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1. Let X have the *discrete uniform distribution* on $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, i.e. $P(X = k) = 1/n$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Find the mean and variance of X .

2. Let X be a discrete random variable with probability mass function $p(x)$. The *entropy* of X is the quantity $H(X)$ defined by

$$H(X) = -E[\log_2(p(X))]$$

Like variance, entropy can be considered as a measure of uncertainty in a distribution. (In fact the units of entropy are *bits*.) Find the entropy of the Bernoulli(p) random variable. Plot $H(X)$ as a function of p , and comment.

3. Let X have possible values $\{1, 2\}$, let Y have possible values $\{1, 2, 3\}$, and suppose the joint mass function for (X, Y) is $p(x, y) = C(x + y)$ where $x \in \{1, 2\}$, $y \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, and C is a constant.

(a) Find the value of C .

(b) Find the marginal mass functions for X and Y .

(c) Are X and Y independent? Explain.

4. Deal a five-card hand from well-shuffled deck, and let X be the number of hearts in the hand, and Y be the number of clubs. Find the joint probability mass function for X and Y .

5. Consider a Bernoulli trials process with success probability p . Let X_n be the number of successes up to time n . Find the joint probability mass function for X_m and X_{m+n} . (Hint: Find $P(X_m = i, X_{m+n} = i + j)$ using the multiplication principle for conditional probabilities.)

6. Suppose that X and Y are independent discrete random variables. Show that $E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$.

7. The probability generating function for an integer-valued random variable X is

$$P(z) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3}z + \frac{1}{2}z^2$$

(a) Find the probability mass function for X .

(b) Find the moment-generating function for X .

(c) Suppose Y and Z are random variables with the same probability generating function as X , and that $\{X, Y, Z\}$ is independent. Find the probability mass function for $S = X + Y + Z$.

8. The probability generating function for a certain integer-valued random variable X is $P(z) = e^{\lambda(t-1)}$, where λ is a positive constant.

(a) Find the probability mass function for X .

(b) Find the mean and variance of X .