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1 Binomial Variance

Throw n balls into m bins uniformly at random. For a specific ball i, what is the variance of the number of roommates it has (i.e. the number of other balls that it shares its bin with)?

2 Continuous Intro

(a) Is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & 0 \le x \le 1\\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

a valid density function? Why or why not? Is it a valid CDF? Why or why not?

(b) Calculate $\mathbb{E}[X]$ and var(X) for X with the density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/\ell, & 0 \le x \le \ell, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(c) Suppose X and Y are independent and have densities

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & 0 \le x \le 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$
$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le y \le 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

What is their joint distribution?

(d) Calculate $\mathbb{E}[XY]$ for the above *X* and *Y*.

3 Continuous Computations

Let X be a continuous random variable whose pdf is cx^3 (for some constant c) in the range $0 \le x \le 1$, and is 0 outside this range.

(a) Find c.

- (b) Find $\mathbb{P}[1/3 \le X \le 2/3 \mid X \le 1/2]$.
- (c) Find $\mathbb{E}(X)$.
- (d) Find var(X).