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1 LLSE

We have two bags of balls. The fractions of red balls and blue balls in bag *A* are 2/3 and 1/3 respectively. The fractions of red balls and blue balls in bag *B* are 1/2 and 1/2 respectively. Someone gives you one of the bags (unmarked) uniformly at random. You then draw 6 balls from that same bag with replacement. Let X_i be the indicator random variable that ball *i* is red. Now, let us define $X = \sum_{1 \le i \le 3} X_i$ and $Y = \sum_{4 \le i \le 6} X_i$.

- (a) Compute $\mathbb{E}[X]$ and $\mathbb{E}[Y]$.
- (b) Compute Var(X).
- (c) Compute cov(X, Y). (*Hint*: Recall that covariance is bilinear.)
- (d) Now, we are going to try and predict Y from a value of X. Compute L(Y | X), the best linear estimator of Y given X. (*Hint*: Recall that

$$L(Y \mid X) = \mathbb{E}[Y] + \frac{\operatorname{cov}(X, Y)}{\operatorname{Var}(X)} (X - \mathbb{E}[X]).$$

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2 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 $\mathbb{E}[V]$?

3 Number of Ones

In this problem, we will revisit dice-rolling, except with conditional expectation.

- (a) If we roll a die until we see a 6, how many ones should we expect to see?
- (b) If we roll a die until we see a number greater than 3, how many ones should we expect to see?

(Hint: for both of the above subparts, the Law of Total Expectation may be helpful)

4 Marbles in a Bag

We have *r* red marbles, *b* blue marbles, and *g* green marbles in the same bag. If we sample marbles with replacement until we get 3 red marbles (not necessarily consecutively), how many blue marbles should we expect to see? (*Hint*: It might be useful to use Law of Total Expectation, E(Y) = E(E(Y|X)).)