

Probability and Statistics

Exercise sheet 2

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Exercise 2.1 Let $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ be a nonnegative discrete random variable taking its values in the set $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ (possibly countably infinite), where we assume that the values are ordered as $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$. Show that

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (x_{j+1} - x_j) \mathbb{P}[X > x_j] \quad (1)$$

with $x_0 := 0$.

How does this connect to equation (1.12) from the [lecture notes](#)?

Exercise 2.2 In a building with 6 floors (plus the ground floor), an elevator starts with 4 people at the ground floor. What is the probability that these people get off at exactly 2 floors?

Exercise 2.3 Consider Beispiel 2.1. Garderobenproblem from the [lecture notes](#), where n coats are distributed randomly to n persons. We assume a Laplace model on the set Ω of all permutations of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ as explained in the [lecture notes](#). What is the expected number of persons who get their own coat back—i.e. $\mathbb{E}[X]$ with $X(\omega) := |\{i \in \{1, \dots, n\} : \omega(i) = i\}|$?

Hint: Use the properties of expectation. Do not try to find the distribution of X .

Exercise 2.4 One coin is flipped and one die is rolled.

- Define a suitable probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ space using a Laplace model.
- Define random variables $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $Y : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ on this probability space such that X and Y represent the outcome of flipping the coin and of the roll of the die, respectively.
- Show that $\mathbb{P}[X = x, Y = y] = \mathbb{P}[X = x] \mathbb{P}[Y = y]$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. (This means that the random variables X and Y are independent; see later.)

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