

341 Prove that the average value of

(a) n^2 as n varies over \mathbb{N} according to probability 2^{-n} is 6 .

(b) n as it varies over \mathbb{N} according to probability $(5/6)^n \times 1/6$ is 5 .

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

(a) n^2 as n varies over $\text{nat}+1$ according to probability 2^{-n} is 6 .

§ Lemma 0:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot 2^{-n} \\ = & (\sum n: \text{nat} \cdot 2^{-n}) - 2^{-0} \\ = & (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot 2^{-(n-1)}) - 1 \\ = & (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot 2^{-n} \times 2) - 1 \\ = & 2 \times (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot 2^{-n}) - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 1:

$$\begin{aligned} & \top \quad \text{use Lemma 0} \\ = & (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot 2^{-n}) = 2 \times (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot 2^{-n}) - 1 \\ = & (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot 2^{-n}) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

and therefore, as n varies over $\text{nat}+1$, 2^{-n} is a distribution.

Lemma 2:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot n \times 2^{-n} \\ = & \sum n: \text{nat} \cdot n \times 2^{-n} \\ = & \sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot (n-1) \times 2^{-(n-1)} \\ = & 2 \times (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot n \times 2^{-n}) - 2 \times (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot 2^{-n}) \quad \text{use Lemma 1} \\ = & 2 \times (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot n \times 2^{-n}) - 2 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3:

$$\begin{aligned} & \top \quad \text{use Lemma 2} \\ = & (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot n \times 2^{-n}) = 2 \times (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot n \times 2^{-n}) - 2 \\ = & (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot n \times 2^{-n}) = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 4:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot n^2 \times 2^{-n} \\ = & \sum n: \text{nat} \cdot n^2 \times 2^{-n} \\ = & \sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot (n-1)^2 \times 2^{-(n-1)} \\ = & 2 \times (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot n^2 \times 2^{-n}) - 4 \times (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot n \times 2^{-n}) + 2 \times (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot 2^{-n}) \quad \text{Lemmas 1 and 3} \\ = & 2 \times (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot n^2 \times 2^{-n}) - 4 \times 2 + 2 \\ = & 2 \times (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot n^2 \times 2^{-n}) - 6 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 5:

$$\begin{aligned} & \top \quad \text{use Lemma 4} \\ = & (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot n^2 \times 2^{-n}) = 2 \times (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot n^2 \times 2^{-n}) - 6 \\ = & (\sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot n^2 \times 2^{-n}) = 6 \end{aligned}$$

The average value of n^2 as n varies over $\text{nat}+1$ according to distribution 2^{-n} is

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{-n} \cdot n^2 \\ = & \sum n': \text{nat}+1 \cdot 2^{-n'} \times n'^2 \quad \text{use Lemma 5} \\ = & 6 \end{aligned}$$

(b) n as it varies over nat according to probability $(5/6)^n \times 1/6$ is 5 .

§ Lemma 6:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum n: \text{nat} \cdot (5/6)^n \\ = & 1 + \sum n: \text{nat}+1 \cdot (5/6)^n \\ = & 1 + \sum n: \text{nat} \cdot (5/6)^{n+1} \\ = & 1 + 5/6 \times \sum n: \text{nat} \cdot (5/6)^n \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 7:

$$\begin{aligned} & \top \quad \text{use Lemma 6} \\ = & (\sum n: \text{nat} \cdot (5/6)^n) = 1 + 5/6 \times (\sum n: \text{nat} \cdot (5/6)^n) \\ = & (\sum n: \text{nat} \cdot (5/6)^n) = 1 / (1 - 5/6) \\ = & (\sum n: \text{nat} \cdot (5/6)^n) = 6 \end{aligned}$$

and therefore, as n varies over nat , $(5/6)^n \times 1/6$ is a distribution.

Lemma 8:

$$\sum n: \text{nat} \cdot (5/6)^n \times n$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 0 + \sum n: nat+1 \cdot (5/6)^n \times n \\
&= \sum n: nat \cdot (5/6)^{n+1} \times (n+1) \\
&= 5/6 \times (\sum n: nat \cdot (5/6)^n \times n) + 5/6 \times (\sum n: nat \cdot (5/6)^n) && \text{use Lemma 7} \\
&= 5/6 \times (\sum n: nat \cdot (5/6)^n \times n) + 5/6 \times 6 \\
&= 5/6 \times (\sum n: nat \cdot (5/6)^n \times n) + 5
\end{aligned}$$

Lemma 9:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\top && \text{use Lemma 8} \\
&= (\sum n: nat \cdot (5/6)^n \times n) = 5/6 \times (\sum n: nat \cdot (5/6)^n \times n) + 5 \\
&= (\sum n: nat \cdot (5/6)^n \times n) = 5 / (1 - 5/6) \\
&= (\sum n: nat \cdot (5/6)^n \times n) = 30
\end{aligned}$$

The average value of n as it varies over nat according to distribution $(5/6)^n \times 1/6$ is $(5/6)^n \times 1/6 \cdot n$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum n'': nat \cdot (5/6)^{n''} \times 1/6 \times n'' \\
&= 1/6 \times \sum n'': nat \cdot (5/6)^{n''} \times n'' && \text{use Lemma 9} \\
&= 1/6 \times 30 \\
&= 5
\end{aligned}$$