

## Problem 18, § 3.4

a) Call the teams A and B, and let  $A_i =$  "team A wins game  $i$ ",  
 $B_i =$  "team B wins game  $i$ ". Say  $P(A_i) = p$ , so  $P(B_i) = q = 1 - p$ .  
Then

$$P(G=2) = P(A_1, A_2) + P(B_1, B_2) = p^2 + q^2$$

$$P(G=4) = P((A_1, B_2 \cup A_2, B_1) \cap (A_3, A_4 \cup B_3, B_4)) \\ = 2pq(p^2 + q^2)$$

$$\vdots \\ P(G=2k) = P((A_1, B_2 \cup A_2, B_1) \cap (A_3, B_4 \cup B_3, A_4) \cap \dots \cap \\ \cap (A_{2k-3}, B_{2k-2} \cup B_{2k-3}, A_{2k-2}) \cap \\ \cap (A_{2k-1}, A_{2k} \cup B_{2k-1}, B_{2k})) \\ = (2pq)^{k-1} (p^2 + q^2), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Note that an even number of games must be played, so

$$P(G=2k-1) = 0, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

b) Observe that  $G = 2T$ , where  $T$  is the number of "sets" of two games played until one team wins both games in the set.  
Then  $T \sim \text{geometric}(p^2 + q^2)$ , so

$$E(T) = \frac{1}{p^2 + q^2}, \quad \text{Var}(T) = \frac{2pq}{(p^2 + q^2)^2}$$

and hence,

$$E(G) = 2E(T) = \frac{2}{p^2 + q^2}$$

$$c) \quad \text{Var}(G) = 4 \text{Var}(T) = \frac{8pq}{(p^2 + q^2)^2}.$$