1. Solution: X and Y are independent random variables with binomial distributions Bin(r, p) and Bin(s, p) respectively. Z := X + Y has Bin(r + s, p) distribution. The conditional distribution of X given Z is given by

$$P(X = x | Z = z) = \frac{P(X = x, Z = z)}{P(Z = z)}$$
$$= \frac{P(X = x, Y = z - x)}{P(Z = z)}$$
$$= \frac{\binom{r}{x} \binom{s}{z-x}}{\binom{r+s}{z}}$$

where  $\min\{0, z - s\} \le x \le r$ . Solution (b):

$$E(X|Z) = \sum_{x=\min\{0,z-s\}}^{r} x \frac{\binom{r}{x}\binom{s}{z-x}}{\binom{r+s}{z}} \\ = \sum_{x=\min\{1,z-s\}}^{r} rz \frac{\binom{r-1}{x-1}\binom{s}{z-x}}{(r+s)\binom{r+s-1}{z-1}} \\ = z \frac{r}{r+s}$$

Solution (c):

$$E(X(X-1)|Z) = \sum_{x=\min\{0,z-s\}}^{r} x(x-1) \frac{\binom{r}{x}\binom{s}{(z-x)}}{\binom{r+s}{z}}$$
$$= \frac{rz}{r+s} \sum_{x=\min\{1,z-s\}}^{r} (x-1) \frac{\binom{r-1}{x-1}\binom{s}{(z-x)}}{\binom{r+s-1}{(z-1)}}$$
$$= \frac{rz}{r+s} \frac{(r-1)(z-1)}{r+s-1}$$

Therefore,

$$Var(X|Z) = z\frac{r}{r+s}\frac{s}{r+s}\frac{r+s-z}{r+s-1}$$

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2. Solution: There are r distinguishable balls and n distinguishable boxes  $B_1, B_2, \ldots, B_n$ . Each ball is put randomly into one of the Boxes.

$$\frac{X_a X_b}{\sum_{1 \le i < j \le n} X_i X_j}$$

has the same distribution for any two distinct a and b. Therefore by the linearity of Expectation, we get that the expectation of the above random variable is  $\frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}}$ . Therefore,

$$E\left(\frac{\sum_{1 \le a < b \le m} X_a X_b}{\sum_{1 \le i < j \le n} X_i X_j}\right) = \frac{\binom{m}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}}$$

3. Solution: In top-to-random shuffle, let  $N_i$  be the number of shuffles taken for the initial bottommost card to go from *i*-th bottommost position to (i + 1)-th bottommost position. Observe that  $N_{51} = 1$ . The number of shuffles needed for the initial bottommost card to come to the top is  $N = N_1 + N_2 + \cdots + N_{51}$ . Observe that  $N_i$ 's are independent random variables.  $P(N_i = k) = \frac{i}{51}(1 - \frac{i}{51})^{(k-1)}$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$E(N) = \sum_{i=1}^{51} E(N_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{51} \frac{51}{i}.$$

Similarly,

$$Var(N) = \sum_{i=1}^{51} Var(N_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{51} \frac{51^2}{i^2} (1 - \frac{i}{51}).$$

4. Solution (a): Given M, Z has binomial distribution Bin(M, 0.2). Therefore

$$E(s^Z|M) = (0.2 * s + 0.8)^M.$$

Solution (b): It is given that M has binomial distribution Bin(100, 0.5). Therefore

$$E(s^{Z}) = E(E(s^{Z}|M)) = E(0.2 * s + 0.8)^{M} = (0.1 * s + 0.9)^{100}$$

Therefore Z has binomial distribution Bin(100, 0.1).