

We can simplify this by writing $k^2 = k(k-1) + k$. This leads us to:

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^2) &= \binom{r+b}{n}^{-1} \sum_{k=2}^n k(k-1) \binom{r}{k} \binom{b}{n-k} + EX \\ &= \binom{r+b}{n}^{-1} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{r!}{(k-2)!(r-k)!} \binom{b}{n-k} + \frac{nr}{b+r}. \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{r!}{(k-2)!(r-k)!} \binom{b}{n-k} &= r(r-1) \sum_{k=2}^n \binom{r-2}{k-2} \binom{b}{\{n-2\} - \{k-2\}} \\ &= r(r-1) \binom{b+r-2}{n-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefrom,

$$E(X^2) = r(r-1) \frac{\binom{b+r-2}{n-2}}{\binom{b+r}{n}} + \frac{nr}{b+r} = \frac{rn(r-1)(n-1)}{(b+r)(b+r-1)} + \frac{nr}{b+r} = \frac{nr}{b+r} \left[\frac{(r-1)(n-1)}{b+r-1} + 1 \right],$$

and

$$\text{Var}X = E(X^2) - (EX)^2 = \frac{nr}{b+r} \left[\frac{(r-1)(n-1)}{b+r-1} + 1 - \frac{nr}{b+r} \right].$$