

Math 140: Thursday, Oct 31, Day 17 Notes

Agenda for Thursday, Oct 31, 2024

Finish Probability !!!

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Coming up

- ! Online HW 10 due Tuesday and Online HW 11 posted today
- Breakfast at Tutoring - Monday, November 4th, 8 am - 11 am, Grayslake Tutoring Center (L135)



Binomial Distribution

Next, we will look into a special discrete probability distributions called **Binomial Distributions**.

There are **four conditions** that the experiment has to meet to be considered a **binomial experiment**:

- Condition 1: set number of trials, denoted with n
ex: toss a coin 10 times; $n=10$
- Condition 2: each trial has exactly two outcomes
"success" or "failure"
- Condition 3: each trial is independent
(trial outcomes don't affect each other)
- Condition 4: probability of success, denoted p , stays the same for each trial.

Example 1. Are the following binomial experiment:

a) Randomly guessing at a multiple-choice question with 4 possible answers has only two outcomes. If a success is guessing correctly, then a failure is guessing incorrectly. Suppose there are 6 multiple choice questions. Joe guesses on each question with no pattern.

- Condition 1: $n = 6$
 - Condition 2: ✓
 - Condition 3: ✓
 - Condition 4: $p = 1/4$
- $Q_1 :$
a)
b)
c)
d)
- yes!

b) Randomly guessing at a multiple-choice question has only two outcomes. If a success is guessing correctly, then a failure is guessing incorrectly. Suppose there are 6 multiple choice questions. The first 3 questions have 4 choices, and the last 3 questions have 5 choices each. Cesar guesses on each question with no pattern. Determine if this is a binomial experiment.

- Condition 1: ✓
 - Condition 2: ✓
 - Condition 3: ✓
 - Condition 4: ✗ $p = 1/4, 1/5$
- $Q_1 - 3$
a)
b)
c)
d)
- $Q_4 - 5$
a)
b)
c)
d)
e)

c) Cyanosis is the condition of having bluish skin due to insufficient oxygen in the blood. About 80% of babies born with cyanosis recover fully. A hospital is caring for 10 babies born with cyanosis. The random variable represents the number of babies that recover fully.

- Condition 1:
- Condition 2:
- Condition 3:
- Condition 4:

Notation and Properties of the Binomial distribution

- The outcomes of a binomial experiment fit a binomial probability distribution.
- We say the random variable $X =$ *the # of successes in n trials* is a binomial random variable and we write $X \sim B(n, p)$

X is binomial with n and prob of success p

- To find the probability that our random variable X takes on a certain value (denoted k) we use the following formula:

$$P(x = k) = \text{binomialpdf}(n, p, k) = \text{binomial}(10, 0.8, 5) = 0.026$$

calculator

$X \sim B(10, 0.8)$ $P(X=5) \rightarrow$ prob that exactly 5 babies recover

- To find the probability that our random variable X takes on values less than or equal to a certain value (denoted k) we use the following formula:

$$P(x \leq k) = \text{binomialcdf}(n, p, k)$$

$$P(X \leq 5) = \text{binomialcdf}(10, 0.8, 5) = 0.35$$

$\hookrightarrow$ cumulative

- The **mean** of a binomial probability distribution is

average or expected value

$$\mu = np$$

$\hookrightarrow$ mean

$$\mu = (10)(.8) = 8$$

Example 2. Randomly guessing at a multiple-choice question with 4 possible answers has only two outcomes. If a success is guessing correctly, then a failure is guessing incorrectly. Suppose there are 6 multiple choice questions. Mayra guesses on each question with no pattern.

$$n = 6, p = 0.25$$

- a) Find the probability of Mayra guessing correctly exactly 3 questions.

$$P(X = 3) = \text{binomialpdf}(6, 0.25, 3) = 0.132$$

k

- b) Find the probability of Mayra guessing correctly all of the questions.

$$P(X = 6) = \text{binomialpdf}(6, 0.25, 6) = .00024$$

$k = 6$

- c) Find the mean or expected number of questions Mayra guesses correctly.

$$\mu = np = (6)(.25) = 1.5 \text{ question}$$

Example 3. It has been stated that about 41% of adult workers have a high school diploma but do not pursue any further education. 20 adult workers are randomly selected.

$$p = .41$$

$$n = 20$$

- a) Find the probability that **exactly** 2 of them have a high school diploma but do not pursue any further education.

$$P(X=2) = \text{binomial pdf}(20, .41, 2) = 0.0024$$

- b) Find the probability that **at most** 12 of them have a high school diploma.

$$P(X \leq 12) = \text{binomialcdf}(20, .41, 12)$$

- c) Find the probability that **at least** 6 of them have a high school diploma.

$$P(X \geq 6) = 1 - \text{binomialcdf}(20, .41, 5)$$

- d) Find the probability that **more than** 10 of them have a high school diploma.

$$P(X > 10) = 1 - \text{binomialcdf}(20, .41, 10)$$

- e) Find the probability that **less** 5 of them have a high school diploma.

$$P(X < 5) = \text{binomialcdf}(20, .41, 4)$$

- f) How many adult workers do you **expect** to have a high school diploma but do not pursue any further education?

$$\mu = np = 20(.41) = 8.2 \text{ people}$$