Webinar 2

Problems 8-13

(Solutions)

8. It has been claimed that in 60% of all solar-heat installations the utility bill is reduced by at least one-third. Accordingly, what are the probabilities that the utility bill will be reduced by at least one-third in

a. four of five installations;

b. at least four of five installations

c. atmost four of five installations?

Solution:

(a) Substituting $x = 4$, $n = 5$, and $p = 0.60$ into the formula for the binomial distribution, we get

$$b(4; 5, 0.60) = \binom{5}{4}(0.60)^4(1-0.60)^{5-4}$$
$$= 0.259$$

(b) Substituting $x = 5$, $n = 5$, and $p = 0.60$ into the formula for the binomial distribution, we get

$$b(5; 5, 0.60) = \binom{5}{5}(0.60)^5(1-0.60)^{5-5}$$
$$= 0.078$$

and the answer is $b(4; 5, 0.60) + b(5; 5, 0.60) = 0.259 + 0.078 = 0.337$.

9. For health reasons, homes need to be inspected for radon gas which decays and produces alpha particles. One device counts the number of alpha particles that hit its detector. To a good approximation, in one area, the count for the next week follows a Poisson distribution with mean 1.3. Determine

a. the probability of exactly one particle next week.

b. the probability of one or more particles next week.

c. the probability of at least two but no more than four particles next week.

Solution:

Unlike the binomial case, there is no choice of a fixed Bernoulli trial here because one can always work with smaller intervals.

(a) $P(X = 1) = \dfrac{\lambda^1 e^{-\lambda}}{1!} = \dfrac{1.3\, e^{-1.3}}{1} = .3543$

Alternatively, using Table 2W, $F(1, 1.3) - F(0, 1.3) = 0.627 - 0.273 = 0.354$

(b) $P(X \geq 1) = 1 - P(X = 0) = 1 - e^{-1.3} = 0.727$

(c) $P(2 \leq X \leq 4) = F(4, 1.3) - F(1, 1.3) = 0.989 - 0.627 = 0.362$

Let x be the count for next week. By the question x is folled a Poisson distribution with mean $\lambda = 1.3$.

$\therefore$ The ~~pdf~~ pmf of x is

$$P(x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^{x}}{x!} \quad ; \; x = 0, 1, 2, \ldots, \infty$$

A) The probability of exactly one particle next week is

$$P(x=1) = \frac{e^{-1.3}\, 1.3^{1}}{1!} = 0.3543$$

B) The probability of one or more particle next week is

$$P(x \geq 1) = \cancel{P(x} \; 1 - P(x=0)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{e^{-1.3}\, 1.3^{0}}{0!} = 1 - 0.2725 = 0.7275$$

c) The probability of at least two but no more than four particles next week is

$$P(2 \leq x \leq 4) = \sum_{x=2}^{4} \frac{e^{-1.3}\, 1.3^{x}}{x!}$$

$$= 0.2303 + 0.0998 + 0.0324$$

$$= 0.3625.$$

10. A computing system manager states that the rate of interruptions to the internet service is 0.2 per week. Use the Poisson distribution to find the probability of

a. one interruption in 3 weeks

b. at least two interruptions in 5 weeks

c. at most one interruption in 15 weeks.

Solution:

Interruptions to the network occur randomly and the conditions for the Poisson distribution initially appear reasonable. We have $\lambda = 0.2$ for the expected number of interruptions in one week.

In terms of the cumulative probabilities,

(a) with $\lambda = (0.2) \cdot 3 = 0.6$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} F(1; 0.6) - F(0; 0.6) &= 0.878 - 0.549 \\ &= 0.329 \end{aligned}$$

(b) With $\lambda = (0.2) \cdot 5 = 1.0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - F(1; 1.0) &= 1 - 0.736 \\ &= 0.264 \end{aligned}$$

(c) With $\lambda = (0.2) \cdot 15 = 3.0$ we get

$$F(1; 3.0) = 0.199$$

Solution from Chegg.com

Mean = λ = 0.2 per week

Mean for 3 week = λ = 0.2*3 = 0.6
Let x be the random variable follows Poisson distribution.
X~Poisson(λ = 0.6)
poisson distribution is given by
P (X = x) = (e^(-λ)*(λ)^X)/X!

$$p(X = 1) = \frac{e^{-0.6}(0.6)^1}{1!}$$

= 0.3293
The required probability is 0.3293
b) λ = 0.2*5 = 1

$p(X \geq 2) = 1 - p(X < 2)$
$= 1 - \{p(X=0) + p(X=1)\}$

$$= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^{1} \frac{e^{(-1.0)}(1.0)^x}{x!}$$

= 1 - 0.7358
=0.2642
The required probability is 0.2642
c) λ = 0.2*15 = 3
$p(X \leq 1) = p(X=0) + p(x=1)$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^{1} \frac{e^{(-3.0)}(3.0)^x}{x!}$$

= 0.1991
Therefore the required probability is 0.1991

11. The Poisson Approximation to the Binomial Distribution:

It is known that 5% of the books bound at a certain bindery have defective bindings. Find the probability that 2 of 100 books bound by this bindery will have defective bindings using a. the formula for the binomial distribution; b. the Poisson approximation to the binomial distribution

Solution:

(a) Substituting $x = 2$, $n = 100$, and $p = 0.05$ into the formula for the binomial distribution, we get

$$b(2; 100, 0.05) = \binom{100}{2}(0.05)^2(0.95)^{98} = 0.081$$

(b) Substituting $x = 2$ and $\lambda = 100(0.05) = 5$ into the formula for the Poisson distribution, we get

$$f(2; 5) = \frac{5^2 \cdot e^{-5}}{2!} = 0.084$$

It is of interest to note that the difference between the two values we obtained (the error we would make by using the Poisson approximation) is only 0.003. [Had we used Table 2W instead of using a calculator to obtain e^{-5}, we would have obtained $f(2; 5) = F(2; 5) - F(1; 5) = 0.125 - 0.040 = 0.085$.]

12. Let X, the grade of a randomly selected student in a test of a ISM course, be a normal random variable. A professor is said to grade such a test on the curve if he finds the average μ and the standard deviation σ of the grades and then assigns letter grades according to the following table.

Range of the grade	$X \geq \mu + \sigma$	$\mu \leq X < \mu + \sigma$	$\mu - \sigma \leq X < \mu$	$\mu - 2\sigma \leq X < \mu - \sigma$	$X < \mu - 2\sigma$
Letter grade	A	B	C	D	F

Suppose that the professor of the probability course grades the test on the curve. Determine the percentage of the students who will get A, B, C, D, and F, respectively.

Solution:

Range of the grade	$X \geq \mu + \sigma$	$\mu \leq X < \mu + \sigma$	$\mu - \sigma \leq X < \mu$	$\mu - 2\sigma \leq X < \mu - \sigma$	$X < \mu - 2\sigma$
Letter grade	A	B	C	D	F

Solution: By the fact that $(X - \mu)/\sigma$ is standard normal,

Ref normal table

$$P(A) = P(X \geq \mu + \sigma) = P\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \geq 1\right) = 1 - \Phi(1) \approx 0.1587,$$

$$P(B) = P(\mu \leq X < \mu + \sigma) = P\left(0 \leq \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} < 1\right) = \Phi(1) - \Phi(0) \approx 0.3413,$$

$$P(C) = P(\mu - \sigma \leq X < \mu) = P\left(-1 \leq \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} < 0\right) = \Phi(0) - \Phi(-1)$$
$$= 0.5 - 0.1587 \approx 0.3413,$$

$$P(D) = P(\mu - 2\sigma \leq X < \mu - \sigma) = P\left(-2 \leq \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} < -1\right) = \Phi(-1) - \Phi(-2)$$
$$= 0.1587 - 0.0228 \approx 0.1359,$$

$$P(F) = P(X < \mu - 2\sigma) = P\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} < -2\right) = \Phi(-2) \approx 0.0228.$$

Therefore, approximately 16% should get A, 34% B, 34% C, 14% D, and 2% F. If an instructor grades a test on the curve, instead of calculating μ and σ, he or she may assign A to the top 16%, B to the next 34%, and so on. ♦

13. BITSAT is conducted every year by BITS for admission to three campuses. Among the eligible students the average score is 320 with a standard deviation of 40. What is the probability that when a random score is drawn, it ranges from 300 to 340? (Assume that scores follows normal distribution)

Solution:

a. $X =$ BITSAT score $\sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ $\mu = 320$, $\sigma = 40$

then $z = \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0,1)$

$P(300 < X < 340)$

$= P\left(\frac{300-320}{40} < Z < \frac{340-320}{40}\right) = P(-0.5 < Z < 0.5)$

$= \boxed{0.3829}$