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AI1103 - Assignment 3

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PROBLEM:

- 3. The mean and variance, respectively of a binomial distribution for n independent trials with the probability of success as p, are
- (A) \sqrt{np} , np(1-2p)
- (B) \sqrt{np} , $\sqrt{np(1-p)}$
- (C) np, np
- (D) np, np(1-p)

SOLUTION

Let $X_1, X_2, X_3,, X_n$ be the random variable for n independent trials

Expected Value for n trials:

$$E(X_i) = X_i \cdot p_i$$

$$E(X_i) = p$$
 (1)

We know that,

$$E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} E(X_i)$$

$$E(X) = np$$
(2)

Mean of a binomial distribution for n independent trials is **np**.

Now,

$$E(X_i^2) = X_i^2 \cdot p_i$$

$$E(X_i^2) = p$$
(3)

For variance,

$$Var(X_i) = E(X_i^2) - E(X_i)^2$$
 (4)

$$Var(X_i) = p - p^2 \tag{5}$$

We can add $Var(X_i)$ to get Var(X) as these are independent trials

$$Var(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Var(X_i)$$

$$Var(X) = n(p - p^2)$$

$$Var(X) = np(1 - p)$$
(6)

Variance of a binomial distribution for n independent trials is np(1-p).

Hence, (D) is correct option.