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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 such that

$$X = X_1 + X_2 + X_2 + X_3 + \cdots + X_n$$

where p = success (1) and 1 - p = failure (0)

Expected Value for n trials:

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

$$E(X_i) = p \tag{1}$$

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.