

STA 247

Probability with Computer Applications

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Week 4 - Topic B

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- And 4 defects occur in 99 trials (unfixed order)

so $99_C_4 * p^4 * (1-p)^{95}$ which is $P(X=4)$ when $X \sim \text{Bin}(99, 0.02)$

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note p represent probability of success or defective in this case

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$$P(X = 95) = \binom{99}{4} (0.02)^5 \cdot (0.98)^{95} = 0.00176 = 0.18\%$$

Computing in R:

R code

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dbinom(4, size = 99, p = 0.2)*0.2  
[1] 0.00176734
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Notice in the example that $(x \text{ number of failures}) + (r \text{ number of successes}) = (\text{total number of trials})$. Since the last success is guaranteed in the last trial, you need only find the probability of $(r - 1)$ successes in the remaining $(x + r - 1)$ trials. This type of random variable X has a *negative binomial distribution*.

Examples

- The number of losing lotto numbers selected before you have 6 winning numbers
- The number of tails before getting 4 heads in a coin toss

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Let X = number of failures before r^{th} success and p the probability of success is fixed for each trial.

$$P(X = x) = \binom{x+r-1}{r-1} \cdot p^r \cdot (1-p)^x$$

A negative binomial distribution has expectation $E[X] = \frac{r(1-p)}{p}$ and variance $Var(X) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$

Note: There isn't a fixed number of trials, n as there is in a binomial distribution.

this is like finding combination of choose r from $x+r$:
which means finding unique combination of $r-1$
occurrences in $x+r$ trials. then times probability of
success P^r then probability of failures $(1-p)^x$