

binomial distribution

- In **statistics** and probability theory, the **binomial distribution** is the probability distribution that is discrete and applicable to events having only two possible results in an experiment, either success or failure. (The prefix “bi” means two, or twice). A few circumstances where we have binomial experiments are tossing a coin: **head or tail**, the result of a test: **pass or fail**, selected in an interview: **yes/ no**, or nature of the product: **defective/non-defective**. Such a distribution of a binomial random variable is called a binomial probability distribution.
- Binomial Distribution is a commonly **used discrete distribution in statistics**. The normal distribution **as opposed to** a binomial distribution is a continuous distribution. Let us learn the formula to calculate the Binomial distribution considering many experiments and a few solved **examples** for a better understanding.

$$P(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} = \frac{n!}{(n-x)!x!} p^x q^{n-x}$$

where

n = the number of trials (or the number being sampled)

x = the number of successes desired

p = probability of getting a success in one trial

$q = 1 - p$ = the probability of getting a failure in one trial

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P

$k = \# \text{ HEADS}$

$$\frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} p^k (1-p)^{(n-k)}$$

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• $p^k (1-p)^{(n-k)}$