

HW9 solution

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$n = 100$.

- (a) $p = 0.01$ with $\mu = (100)(0.01) = 1$ and $\sigma = \sqrt{(100)(0.01)(0.99)} = 0.995$.
So, $z = (0.5 - 1)/0.995 = -0.503$. $P(X \leq 0) \approx P(Z \leq -0.503) = 0.3085$.
- (b) $p = 0.05$ with $\mu = (100)(0.05) = 5$ and $\sigma = \sqrt{(100)(0.05)(0.95)} = 2.1794$.
So, $z = (0.5 - 5)/2.1794 = -2.06$. $P(X \leq 0) \approx P(Z \leq -2.06) = 0.0197$.

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$\alpha = 5$; $\beta = 10$;

- (a) $\alpha\beta = 50$.
- (b) $\sigma^2 = \alpha\beta^2 = 500$; so $\sigma = \sqrt{500} = 22.36$.
- (c) $P(X > 30) = \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{30}^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta} dx$. Using the incomplete gamma with $y = x/\beta$, then

$$1 - P(X \leq 30) = 1 - P(Y \leq 3) = 1 - \int_0^3 \frac{y^4 e^{-y}}{\Gamma(5)} dy = 1 - 0.185 = 0.815.$$

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$\beta = 1/5$ and $\alpha = 10$.

- (a) $P(X > 10) = 1 - P(X \leq 10) = 1 - 0.9863 = 0.0137$.
- (b) $P(X > 2)$ before 10 cars arrive.

$$P(X \leq 2) = \int_0^2 \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha} \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} dx.$$

Given $y = x/\beta$, then

$$P(X \leq 2) = P(Y \leq 10) = \int_0^{10} \frac{y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} dy = \int_0^{10} \frac{y^{10-1} e^{-y}}{\Gamma(10)} dy = 0.542,$$

with $P(X > 2) = 1 - P(X \leq 2) = 1 - 0.542 = 0.458$.

Matlab

% HW09 matlab question

% 1. plot the binomial distribution of $X=1:100$

$x=1:100$;

$y=\text{binopdf}(x,100,0.4)$;

figure;

plot(x,y,'-');title('1. binopdf');xlabel('N');ylabel('probability');

% 2. plot the normal distribution that approximates the previous
% distribution

mean=100*0.4;

sd=sqrt(100*0.4*0.6); %sd=Standard Deviation

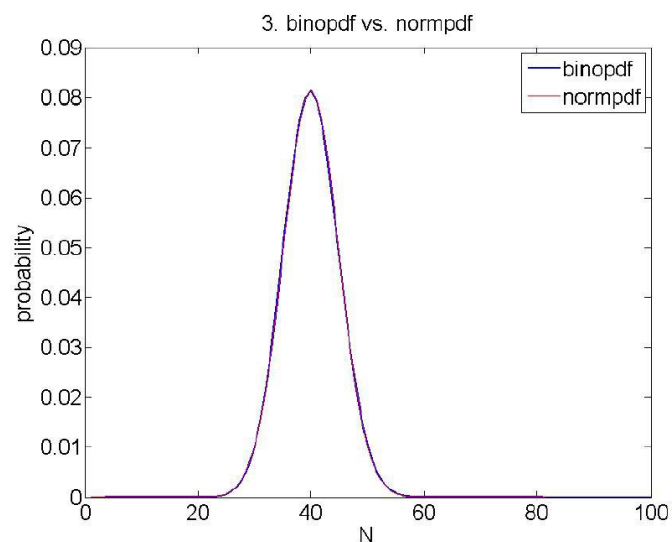
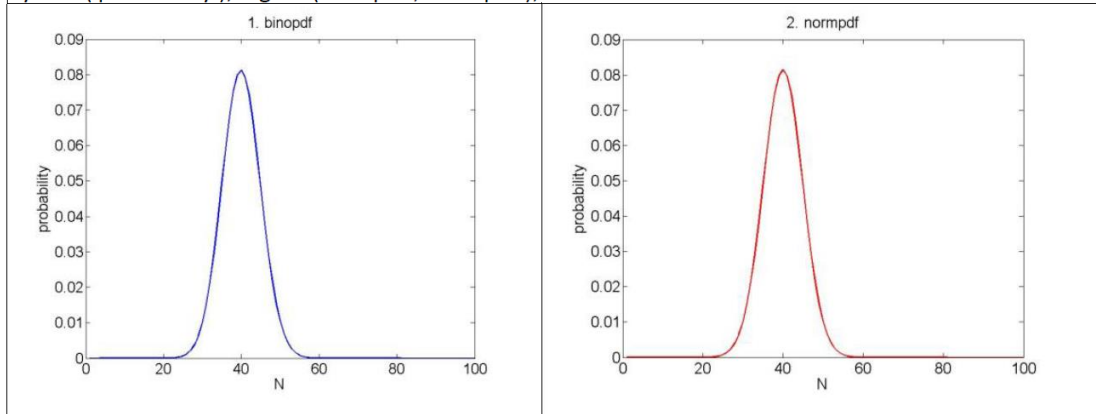
$z=\text{normpdf}(x,\text{mean},\text{sd})$;

figure;plot(x,z,'r');title('2. normpdf');xlabel('N');ylabel('probability');

% 3. compare the two pdf

figure;plot(x,y,'b',x,z,'r');title('Comparison');title('3. binopdf vs. normpdf');xlabel('N');

ylabel('probability'); legend('binopdf','normpdf');



In this case, the result shows that normal distribution can provide a good approximation to binomial distribution. However, there are still some tiny differences at some points.