

Discrete Uniform Distribution

.. each of n values has equal probability

$$f(x_i) = \frac{1}{n}$$

ex: coin toss; $P(\text{heads}) = \frac{1}{2}$
heads/tails

fair six-sided die: $S\{1 2 3 4 5 6\}$

$$P(4) = \frac{1}{6}$$

ex: 1st digit of a part's serial number may be

$S\{0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9\}$

.. assume uniformly distributed

.. what is the probability that the first digit
is a 7? $\frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{10} = 0.1$
or 10%

mean or expected value of a discrete uniform random variable w/ consecutive integers:

$$\mu = E(x) = \frac{b+a}{2} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Simple arithmetic mean}}$$

Where $S \{ a \leq X \leq b \}$

Serial number problem: $S \{ 0^{\uparrow a} \dots 9^{\downarrow b} \}$

$$\mu = E(x) = \frac{9+0}{2} = \underline{4.5}$$

ok that this is not a possible digit!

$$\sigma^2 = V(x) = \frac{(b-a+1)^2 - 1}{12} \quad \xleftarrow{\text{if consecutive}}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{(9-0+1)^2 - 1}{12} = 8.25 \text{ (digit)}^2$$

$$\text{standard deviation: } \sigma = +\sqrt{\sigma^2} = \underline{2.872}$$

- if range of values in sample space is not consecutive, use regular formulae!

Binomial Distribution

Bernoulli Trial : only two outcomes

heads/tails pass/fail good/bad
etc..

- 1.) trials are independent
- 2.) each trial only has two possible outcomes, defined as "success" or "failure"
- 3.) probability of "success", denoted as p , is constant.

... then the binomial random variable X
has the probability distribution

$$f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

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Combinations!
(unordered)

... where p is the probability of "success"

Ex: Water Samples

- Known: each sample has 10% chance of containing some pollutant
- Samples are considered independent
- find probability that out of 18 samples, 2 will contain the pollutant

let X : # of "successfully" polluted samples

$$n = 18$$

$$\therefore P = 0.1$$

exact two samples contain pollutant

$$\begin{aligned} P(2) = f(2) &= \binom{n}{x} P^x (1-P)^{n-x} \\ &= \binom{18}{2} 0.1^2 (1-0.1)^{18-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!}$$

$$\frac{18!}{2!(18-2)!} = \frac{18 \cdot 17 \cdot 16 \cdot 15!}{2 \cdot 1 \cdot 16!}$$

$$= 153$$

$$= 153 \cdot 1^2 \cdot 0.9^{16}$$

multiplication rule for two successes!

the rest of the samples!

$$= 0.2835 \text{ or } 28.35\%$$

what about the probability of at least four samples polluted?

$$P(X \geq 4) = P(4) + P(5) + P(6) + \dots + P(18)$$

too much work!!!

$$P(X \geq 4) = 1 - \underbrace{P(X < 4)}_{\substack{\text{Complement} \\ \text{of } P(X \geq 4)}}$$

$$P(X < 4) = P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + P(3)$$

way better

$$= \underbrace{0.150 + 0.3 + 0.2835 + 0.168}_{\text{see if you get these!}}$$

$$= 0.902$$

$$\therefore P(X \geq 4) = 1 - 0.902 = 0.098$$

or 9.8%

.. turns out the camera flash recharge rate example
Was a Bernoulli trial problem!

let X : # of passing cameras

$$P = 0.8 \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \\ \text{beginning of problem: known } 80\% \text{ pass rate!} \end{matrix}$$

$n = 3$ independent cameras

$$P(0) = \binom{3}{0} 0.8^0 (1 - 0.8)^{3-0}$$

↑
exactly
zero
cameras
passing

$$= \frac{3!}{0!(3-0)!} = 0.2^3 = \underline{0.008} \quad \checkmark \text{ yep}$$

$$P(1) = \binom{3}{1} 0.8^1 (1 - 0.8)^{3-1}$$

$$\frac{3!}{1!(3-1)!} = 3 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 0.2^2$$

$$= \cancel{\frac{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{2 \cdot 1}} \cdot 0.096$$

three outcomes for which one camera passed!

$$\begin{aligned} P(2) &= 0.384 && \} \text{check these!} \\ P(3) &= 0.512 \end{aligned}$$

- the sampling without replacement example with 850 manufactured parts is not a Bernoulli Trial
 - not independent because parts aren't independently selected

Mean and variance of binomial random variable:

$$\underbrace{\mu = E(X) = NP}_{\text{Water sample example: } n = 18, p = 0.1}$$

$\therefore E(X) = 18 \cdot 0.1 = 1.8$ polluted samples

$$\sigma^2 = V(X) = NP(1-P)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore V(X) &= 18 \cdot 0.1 (1 - 0.1) \\ &= 1.62 (\text{polluted samples})^2 \end{aligned}$$

Poisson Distribution

Poisson process: X : # of flaws

.. average # of flaws in an interval : λ

$$\lambda = n p$$

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probability of flaw in interval

then $f(x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$

↑
exact #
of flaws

key: interpreting original problem to get λ !

ex: CD manufacturing process

of flaws on disc: Poisson Process

.. Known: average # of flaws per square cm is 0.1

.. disc under study is 100 cm^2

.. find probability of 12 flaws on disc

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exactly

- trick is to find λ !
- we want probability of 12 flaws on disc
so interval is disc!
- need average # of flaws on disc,
not square cm!

$$0.1 \frac{\text{flaws}}{\text{cm}^2} \cdot \frac{100 \text{ cm}^2}{\text{disc}} = 10 \text{ flaws/disc} = \lambda$$
- $P(12) = \frac{e^{-10} 10^{12}}{12!} = 0.09478$
or 9.478 %

- what about the probability of zero flaws?

$$P(0) = \frac{e^{-10} 10^0}{0!} = 0.0000454$$

$\hookrightarrow = 1$

↑
not very likely!

$$P(X \leq 12) = P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + \dots + P(12)$$

\uparrow
up to 12

$$= 0.792 \quad \leftarrow \text{check!}$$