

Large Population (250,000)

proportion of "support"

$$p = 0.2$$

support 50,000
not 200,000

Draw one: $X_1 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{support} \\ 0 & \text{not} \end{cases}$

$$\Pr(X_1 = 1) = 0.2$$

Draw another (without replacement)

$$\Pr(X_2 = 1) = \frac{49,999}{249,999} \text{ or } \frac{50,000}{249,999}$$

$$\approx 0.2$$

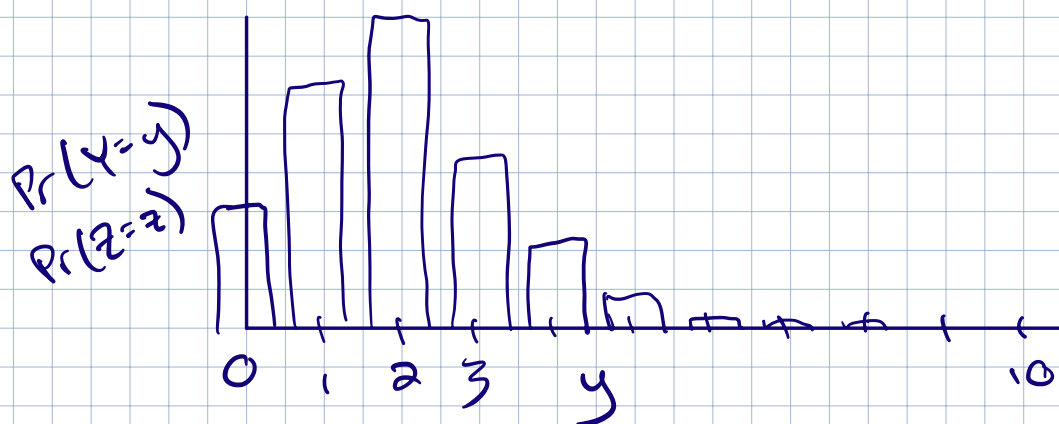
$$\Pr(X_{10} = 1) \approx 0.2$$

What probability model can we use for the total number of "support" in a sample of size 10?

$$Y = X_1 + \dots + X_{10} = \sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i$$

$$Y \overset{\text{approx}}{\sim} \text{Binomial}(p=0.2, n=10)$$

$$\Pr(Y=y) = p^y (1-p)^{n-y}$$



$$0 \quad \frac{1}{10} \quad \frac{2}{10} \quad \frac{3}{10} \quad z \quad \frac{9}{10} \quad 1$$

What is the probability model for the sample proportion?

$$\hat{p} = z = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \frac{1}{n} Y$$

$$\Pr(Z = 1/n) = \Pr(Y = 1)$$

$$\Pr(Z = 2/n) = \Pr(Y = 2)$$

$$\boxed{\Pr(Z = z) = p^{nz} (1-p)^{n-nz}}$$

⇒ the sampling distribution of the sample proportion is a rescaled binomial distribution

⇒ Recall from Chapter 4:
(4.3.2)

When n is large and

$$np \geq 10$$

$$n(1-p) \geq 10$$

Then Binomial (n, p)

$$\approx \text{Normal}(np, \sqrt{np(1-p)})$$

⇒ Now, under the same conditions:

$$\hat{p} \overset{\text{approx}}{\sim} \left(p, \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} \right)$$

(we will talk about large N
in lecture 16.

For now, focus on small N)