Lab 06 –

Discrete Probability Distributions

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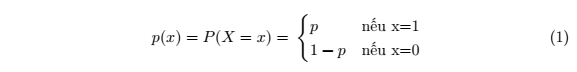
Required libs: math, numpy, matplotlib.



# 1 Bernoulli distribution

Bernoulli's distribution (named after the Swiss mathematician Jacob Bernoulli) is a discrete probability distribution of random variables that only takes two values, ​​0 or 1, where value 1 is obtained with probability of success p and value 0 is received with failure probability q = 1 - p.

If the random variable X follows this distribution, denote X ∼ Bernoulli (p). The probability density function of the Bernoulli distribution is determined by the formula:



Or in another form:



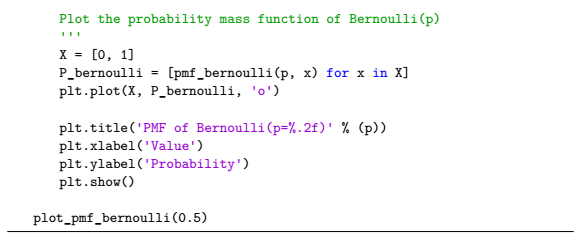
For example, call X is an event of throwing a coin of a homogeneous coin, if the coin appears a head X = 1, otherwise X = 0. The probability of success (being head) is p = 0.5. What is the probability of getting a head? Answer: 0.50 (1 - 0.5) 1−0 = 0.5.

Write the probability density function of Bernoulli distribution:

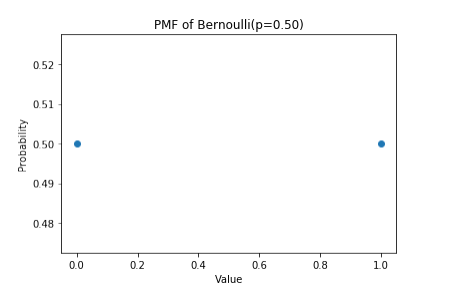


Using that pmf\_bernoulli function to draw a graph which shows the relationship between the random variable X and its corresponding probability. The horizontal axis represents the x value of the random variable, the vertical axis represents the probability p (x), respectively:





The result is:



# 2 Binomial distribution

The binomial distribution is a discrete probability distribution, which takes two parameters *n* and *k* with *k* as the number of successful tests in *n* independent tests.

The probability density function of the binomial distribution is determined by the formula:

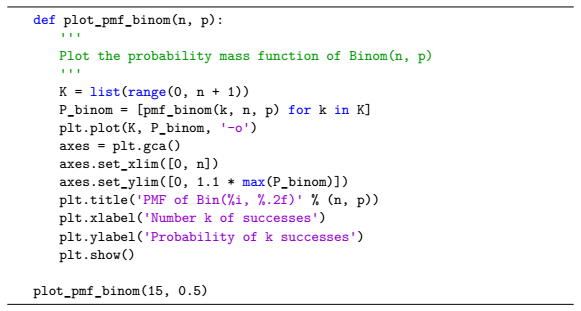


For example, toss a coin 15 times, what is the probability to get exactly 4 times of head, know that the probability of going getting head in each try is 0.5. Answer:  

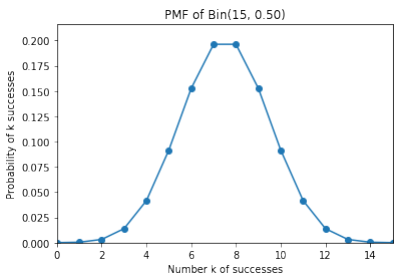
Write the probability density function of the binomial distribution:



Using the pmf\_binom function above, graph the relationship between k tests in the binomial distribution and the corresponding probability of the above example. We have, n = 15 tests, the probability of success at each try is p = 0.5; the horizontal axis represents k tests, the vertical axis represents the probability p (k) respectively:



The result is:



# 3 Poisson distribution

In probability and statistical theory, Poisson distribution is a discrete probability distribution that indicates the average number of successful occurrences of an event in a given time period. This average value is denoted as lambda (λ).

Let X be a random variable whose event occurs randomly and discretely, we count its occurrences in a given time interval t, expected value or average number of times that that random variable that happens in the period that t is λ. So the value of the random variable is the number of successful occurrences of the event (symbol k). And the probability density function indicates the probability that k will succeed in the test.

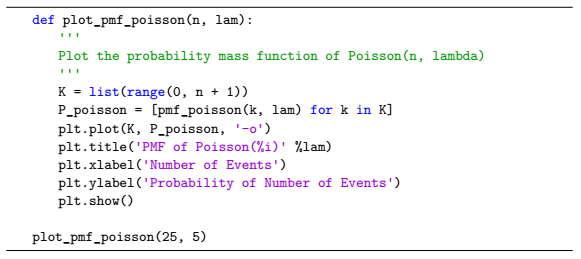
The probability density function is determined by the formula:



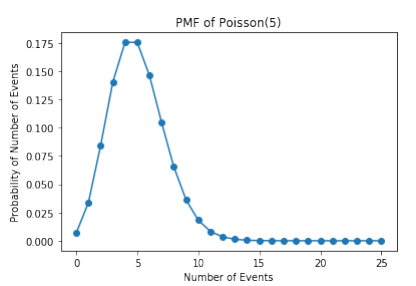
For example, a consulting company surveys that there are averages 5 calls for advice per minute. So called X is the number of incoming calls for consulting during the period t = 1 minute, then X follows Poisson distribution with λ = 5. What is the probability of having 10 incoming calls in 1 minute? Answer: 



Using the pmf\_poisson function above to graph the relationship between the number of occurrences in the Poisson distribution and the corresponding probability in the above example. Let k = 0,1, ..., 25, the horizontal axis represent k the test, the vertical axis represents the probability p (k; λ) respectively:



The result is:



# 4 Geometric distribution

Geometric Distribution is the distribution of the probability of the first occurrence of event X in the Bernoulli test. The probability density function of the geometric distribution is determined by the formula:

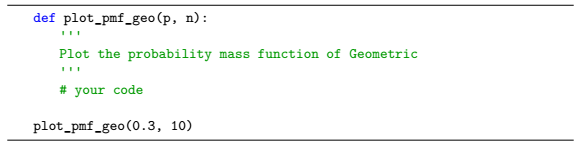


For example, in a game, candidates are given a ring and have to throw the ring on the hook from a fixed distance. As observed, only 30% of candidates can do this. So if the candidate has 5 throws, what is the probability that he will win the prize if he misses 4 times? Answer: 0.3 (1 - 0.3) 5−1 = 0.072.

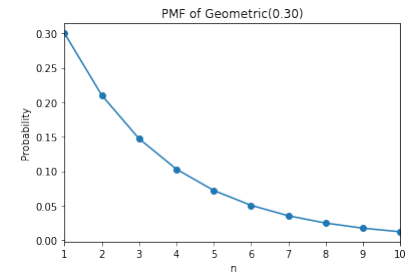
Write the probability density function of Poisson distribution:



Using the pmf\_geo function above to graph the relationship between the first hit after x tries and the corresponding probability. Given X = {1, 2, ..., 10}, the horizontal axis represents x tries, the vertical axis represents the probability p (p, x) respectively:



The result is:



# 5 Exercises

1. One factory has 5 machines. The probability of each machine is broken in 1 session is 0.1.

(a) Use probability distribution functions to calculate the probability that 2 machines are broken in 1 session. (Answer: 0.073)

(b) Call X = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5} is the event that in 1 session there are 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 broken machines respectively. Draw a graph representing the relationship between X and the corresponding probability.

2. A post office receives an average of 3 phone calls per minute.

(a) Use probability distribution functions to calculate the probability that the center receives 2 calls in 1 minute. (Answer: 0.224)

(b) Call X = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} as an event in 1 minute there are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 respectively calls to the post office. Draw a graph representing the relationship between X and the corresponding probability.

3. Each person is given 10 bullets and fired until 1 member hits the target. Knowing the probability of each bullet being hit is 40%.

(a) Use probability distribution functions to calculate the probability that a person hits the target in his third try. (Answer: 0.144)

(b) Call X = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10} as the event where a person hits the target in his 1st, 2nd, 3rd, ..., 10th try. Draw a graph representing the relationship between X and the corresponding probability.