

Problem 2.3

Transforming the equation (2.262) based on the definition (2.10) of the number of combinations, we will obtain:

$$\frac{N!}{(N-m)!m!} + \frac{N!}{(N-m+1)!(m-1)!} = \frac{(N+1)!}{(N-m+1)!m!}$$

So we will solve the problem with above equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{N!}{(N-m)!m!} + \frac{N!}{(N-m+1)!(m-1)!} &= \frac{N!(N-m+1)}{(N-m+1)!m!} + \frac{N!m}{(N-m+1)!m!} \\ &= \frac{N!(N+1)}{(N-m+1)!m!} = \frac{(N+1)!}{(N-m+1)!m!} \quad (Solved) \end{aligned}$$

We will prove equation (2.263) by induction and easy to see that the equation is true if $N = 1$. Assuming the equation (2.263) holds true on N then we will prove that equation also holds:

$$\begin{aligned} (1+x)^{N+1} &= (1+x) \sum_{m=0}^N C_N^m x^m = x \sum_{m=0}^N C_N^m x^m + \sum_{m=0}^N C_N^m x^m \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^N C_N^m x^{m+1} + \sum_{m=0}^N C_N^m x^m = \sum_{m=1}^{N+1} C_N^{m-1} x^{m+1} + \sum_{m=0}^N C_N^m x^m \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^N (C_N^m + C_N^{m-1}) x^m + x^{N+1} + x^0 \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^N C_{N+1}^m x^m + x^{N+1} + x^0 \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{N+1} C_{N+1}^m x^m \quad (Solved) \end{aligned}$$

Then we will show that the equation (2.264) holds true by induction like above. Substituting $y = (1 - x)$, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
(x + y)^{N+1} &= (x + y) \sum_{m=0}^N C_N^m x^m y^{N-m} \\
&= x \sum_{m=0}^N C_N^m x^m y^{N-m} + y \sum_{m=0}^N C_N^m x^m y^{N-m} \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^N C_N^m x^{m+1} y^{N-m} + y \sum_{m=0}^N C_N^m x^m y^{N-m+1} \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^{N+1} C_{N+1}^{m-1} x^m y^{N-m} + \sum_{m=0}^N C_N^m x^m y^{N-m+1} \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^N (C_{N+1}^{m-1} + C_N^m) x^m y^{N-m} + x^{N+1} + y^{N+1} \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^N C_{N+1}^m x^m y^{N-m} + x^{N+1} + y^{N+1} \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^{N+1} C_{N+1}^m x^m y^{N-m+1}
\end{aligned}$$

We have solved the equation by induction then substitute again $y = (1 - x)$, we will prove the binomial distribution is normalized.

$$\sum_{m=0}^N C_N^m x^m y^{N-m} = (x + 1 - x)^N = 1^N = 1$$