

3.20 With and without replacement. In the following situations assume that half of the specified population is male and the other half is female.

- (a) Suppose you're sampling from a room with 10 people. What is the probability of sampling two females in a row when sampling with replacement? What is the probability when sampling without replacement?
- (b) Now suppose you're sampling from a stadium with 10,000 people. What is the probability of sampling two females in a row when sampling with replacement? What is the probability when sampling without replacement?
- (c) We often treat individuals who are sampled from a large population as independent. Using your findings from parts (a) and (b), explain whether or not this assumption is reasonable.

a) w/ replacement  $\Rightarrow P(2F) = P(F) \cdot P(F) = 0.5^2 = 0.25$

w/o replacement  $\Rightarrow P(2F) = P(F) \cdot \frac{4}{9} = \frac{5}{10} \cdot \frac{4}{9} = 0.2\bar{2}$

b) w/ & w/o replacement  $\Rightarrow P(2F) = P(F) \cdot P(F) = (0.5) \cdot (0.5) \approx 0.25$

$P(2F) = P(F) \cdot \frac{9999}{10000} \approx 0.25$

c) This assumption is reasonable because if the sample to replace is less than 10% of the population/sample in total, then the effect of not replacing becomes negligible.

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- Based on your answers to parts (c) and (d), how does increasing the probability of an event affect the mean and standard deviation of the wait time until success?

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3.26 Chicken pox, Part I. The National Vaccine Information Center estimates that 90% of Americans have had chickenpox by the time they reach adulthood.<sup>50</sup>

- Is the use of the binomial distribution appropriate for calculating the probability that exactly 97 out of 100 randomly sampled American adults had chickenpox during childhood.
- Calculate the probability that exactly 97 out of 100 randomly sampled American adults had chickenpox during childhood.
- What is the probability that exactly 3 out of a new sample of 100 American adults have *not* had chickenpox in their childhood?
- What is the probability that at least 1 out of 10 randomly sampled American adults have had chickenpox?
- What is the probability that at most 3 out of 10 randomly sampled American adults have *not* had chickenpox?

a) Yes, because the trials are independent, meaning they all have equal probability of success in each trial, and the number of trials are fixed.

$$b) P(X=97) = \binom{100}{97} q^3 \cdot p^{97} \approx 161,700 (0.1)^3 \cdot (0.9)^{97} \approx 0.0059$$

$$c) P(X=3) = P(X=97) \approx 0.0059$$

$$d) P(X=0) = q^{10} = (0.1)^{10} = 0.0000000001$$

$$P(X \geq 1) = 1 - P(X=0) = 0.9999999999$$

$$e) P(X \leq 3) = P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2) + P(X=3) \approx 0.639$$

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$$P(X=1) = 10 (0.1)^1 (0.9)^9 \approx 0.38742$$

$$P(X=2) = 45 (0.1)^2 (0.9)^8 \approx 0.19371$$

$$P(X=3) = 120 (0.1)^3 (0.9)^7 \approx 0.0571$$

3.32 Arachnophobia. A 2005 Gallup Poll found that 7% of teenagers (ages 13 to 17) suffer from arachnophobia and are extremely afraid of spiders. At a summer camp there are 10 teenagers sleeping in each tent. Assume that these 10 teenagers are independent of each other.<sup>2</sup>

- (a) Calculate the probability that at least one of them suffers from arachnophobia.
- (b) Calculate the probability that exactly 2 of them suffer from arachnophobia.
- (c) Calculate the probability that at most 1 of them suffers from arachnophobia.
- (d) If the camp counselor wants to make sure no more than 1 teenager in each tent is afraid of spiders, does it seem reasonable for him to randomly assign teenagers to tents?

$$a) P(X \geq 1) = 1 - P(0) \approx 0.516$$

$$P(0) = q^{10} = (0.93)^{10} \approx 0.484$$

$$b) P(X=2) = \binom{10}{2} p^2 q^8 = 45 (0.07)^2 (0.93)^8 \approx 0.1234$$

$$c) P(X \leq 1) = P(X=0) + P(X=1) \approx 0.848$$

$$P(0) \approx 0.484$$

$$P(1) = 10 (0.07)(0.93)^9 \approx 0.3643$$

d) Yes, because the probability of that working w/ a random group is ~85%.

$$E(X) = 1.18$$

3.12 Serving in volleyball. A not-so-skilled volleyball player has a 15% chance of making the serve, which involves hitting the ball so it passes over the net on a trajectory such that it will land in the opposing team's court. Suppose that her serves are independent of each other.

- (a) What is the probability that on the 10<sup>th</sup> try she will make her 3<sup>rd</sup> successful serve?
- (b) Suppose she has made two successful serves in nine attempts. What is the probability that her 10<sup>th</sup> serve will be successful?
- (c) Even though parts (a) and (b) discuss the same scenario, the probabilities you calculated should be different. Can you explain the reason for this discrepancy?

$$\begin{aligned}
 a) P(3 \text{ in } 10) &= \binom{10-1}{3-1} (q)^{10-3} p^{3-1} \cdot p \\
 &= \binom{9}{2} (0.85)^6 (0.15)^2 \cdot (0.15) \\
 &= 36 (0.85)^6 (0.15)^3 \\
 &= 0.039
 \end{aligned}$$

$$b) P(10^{\text{th}}) = P(S) = 0.15$$

c) For b, the probabilities are independent so she is equally likely to make the serve on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> time. In part a it was not given that she had already 2/9 goals, thus we needed the odds of scoring  $(2/9) \cap$  scoring on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

3.44 Stenographer's typos, Part I. A very skilled court stenographer makes one typographical error (typo) per hour on average.

- (a) What probability distribution is most appropriate for calculating the probability of a given number of typos this stenographer makes in an hour?
- (b) What are the mean and the standard deviation of the number of typos this stenographer makes?
- (c) Would it be considered unusual if this stenographer made 4 typos in a given hour?
- (d) Calculate the probability that this stenographer makes at most 2 typos in a given hour.

a) The poisson probability distribution

b)  $\mu = 1/\text{hr}$

$$\text{SD}(X) = \sqrt{1/\text{hr}} = 1 \text{ typo/hr}$$

c) Yes, because it is double the range of the standard deviation.

d)  $P(X \leq 2) = P(0) + P(1) + P(2) = \frac{1}{4e}$

$$P(0) = \frac{1}{e} \text{ ~~1/1~~ }$$

$$P(1) = \frac{1}{e}$$

$$P(2) = \frac{1}{2e}$$