

# Binomial Distribution

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# Sales Probability

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# Binomial Experiment

- A binomial experiment has the following characteristics:
  1. The process consists of a sequence of  $n$  trials
  2. Only **two exclusive outcomes** are possible for each trial. One outcome is called **“success”** and the other a **“failure”**
  3. The probability of a success denoted by  $p$ , does not change from trial to trial. The probability of failure is  $1-p$  and is also fixed from trial to trial.
  4. The trials are independent; the outcome of previous trials do not influence future trials.

# Binomial Experiment

- For example, let's consider an experiment involving 5 trials;  $n = 5$
- Our interest is in the number of 'successes' in  $n$  trials
- We can establish a discrete random variable  $X$  to represent the number of successes in our trials

$X = \# \text{ number of successes in } n \text{ trials}$

$x = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$

- We could have 0 successes all the way up to 5 successes

#success	#failure
0	5
1	4
2	3
3	2
4	1
5	0

# Binomial Experiment

Trial	1	2	3	4	5
Outcome	S	F	F	S	F

**2 successes, 3 failures**

Trial	1	2	3	4	5
Outcome	S	S	F	S	S

**4 successes, 1 failure**

# Binomial Experiment

Trial	1	2	3	4	5
Outcome	S	S	F	S	S
Outcome	F	S	S	S	S
Outcome	S	S	S	F	S
Outcome	S	F	S	S	S
Outcome	S	S	S	S	F

These are all valid outcomes with 4 successes and 1 failure

$$C(5, 4) = 5$$

# Binomial Experiment (n=5)

n	#successes	#failures	Combination	Total
5	0	5	C (5, 0)	1
5	1	4	C (5, 1)	5
5	2	3	C (5, 2)	10
5	3	2	C (5, 3)	10
5	4	1	C (5, 4)	5
5	5	0	C (5, 5)	1

# Quality Control Problem

- A (very poor) manufacturer is making a product with a 20% defect rate. If we select 5 randomly chosen items at the end of the assembly line, what is the probability of having 1 defective item in our sample?
- Hint: It is NOT  $\frac{1}{5}$  or 0.2 or 20% !
- Note: The success that we are interested in this problem is a defective product

So trials are  $n=5$  and #successes  $x=1$   $C(5,1) = 5$



# Quality Control Problem

Reminder: A success in this problem is a defective product

Trial	1	2	3	4	5
Outcome	F	F	S	F	F
Outcome	S	F	F	F	F
Outcome	F	F	F	S	F
Outcome	F	S	F	F	F
Outcome	F	F	F	F	S

# Quality Control Problem

Reminder: A success in this problem is a defective product

$P = 0.2$  (success)  
 $1 - p = 0.8$  (failure)

$C(5, 1) = 5$  {

Trial	1	2	3	4	5	Probability
Outcome	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.08192
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$$C(n, x) p^x (1 - p)^{n-x} \quad C(5, 1) \times 0.2^1 \times (0.8)^4 = 5 \times 0.08192 = 0.4096$$

# General Formula

$$C(n, x) p^x (1 - p)^{n-x}$$

$n$  = number of trials

$x$  = number of successes

$p$  = probability of success in any trial

$n = 5$

$x = 1$

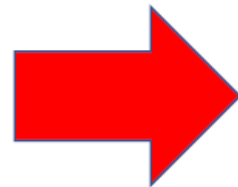
$p = 0.2$

$$C(5,1) \times 0.2^1 \times (1 - 0.2)^{5-1}$$

$$C(5,1) \times 0.2^1 \times (0.8)^4$$

**0.4096 or 41%**

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from scipy.stats import binom  
binom.pmf(1, 5, 0.2)  
> 0.40959
```

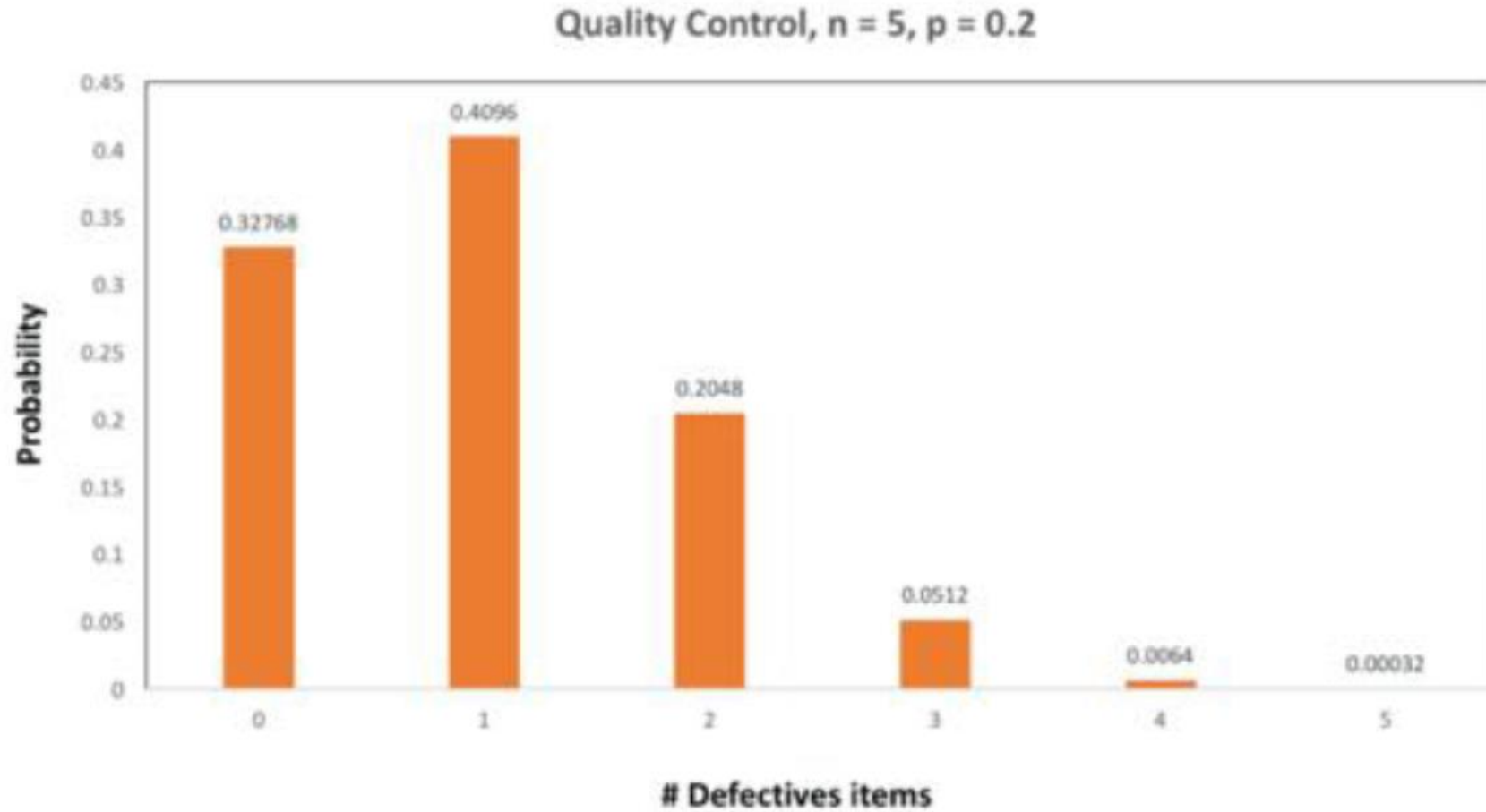


**Probability of 1 success  
or 1 defective product**

# Quality Control Problem

n	#successes	#failures	calculation	Probability	#defectives
5	0	5	$C(5,0) \times 0.2^0 \times (0.8)^5$	0.32768	0
5	1	4	$C(5,1) \times 0.2^1 \times (0.8)^4$	0.4096	1
5	2	3	$C(5,2) \times 0.2^2 \times (0.8)^3$	0.2048	2
5	3	2	$C(5,3) \times 0.2^3 \times (0.8)^2$	0.0512	3
5	4	1	$C(5,4) \times 0.2^4 \times (0.8)^1$	0.0064	4
5	5	0	$C(5,5) \times 0.2^5 \times (0.8)^0$	0.00032	5

# Binomial Distribution



# Binomial Distribution

- In general, if the random variable  $X$  follows the binomial distribution with parameters  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $p \in [0,1]$ , we write  $X \sim B(n, p)$ . The probability of getting exactly  $k$  successes in  $n$  trials is given by the *probability mass function*:

$$f(k, n, p) = \Pr(k; n, p) = \Pr(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ , where

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

# Sales Probability (Revisited)

- As a sales manager, you analyze the sales records for all salesperson under your supervision.
- William has a success rate of 75% and averages 10 sales calls per day. Peter has a success rate of 45% but averages 16 calls per day.
- What is the probability of each salesperson making 6 sales during any given day?

# Sales Probability - William

$$C(n, x) p^x (1 - p)^{n-x}$$

$n$  = number of trials

$x$  = number of successes

$p$  = probability of success in any trial

$n = 10$

$x = 6$

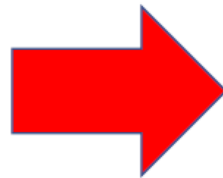
$p = 0.75$

$$C(10, 6) \times 0.75^6 \times (1 - 0.75)^{10-6}$$

$$C(10, 6) \times 0.75^6 \times (0.25)^4$$

**0.146 or 15%**

```
from scipy.stats import binom  
binom.pmf(6, 10, 0.75)  
> 0.1459
```



**Probability of 6 sales**



# Sales Probability - Peter

$$C(n, x) p^x (1 - p)^{n-x}$$

$n$  = number of trials

$x$  = number of successes

$p$  = probability of success in any trial

$n = 16$

$x = 6$

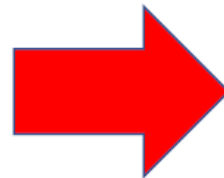
$p = 0.45$

$$C(16, 6) \times 0.45^6 \times (1 - 0.45)^{16-6}$$

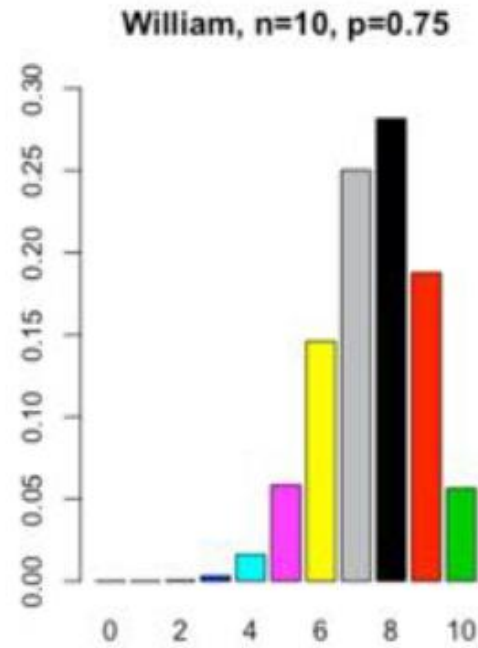
$$C(16, 6) \times 0.45^6 \times (0.55)^6$$

**0.168 or 17%**

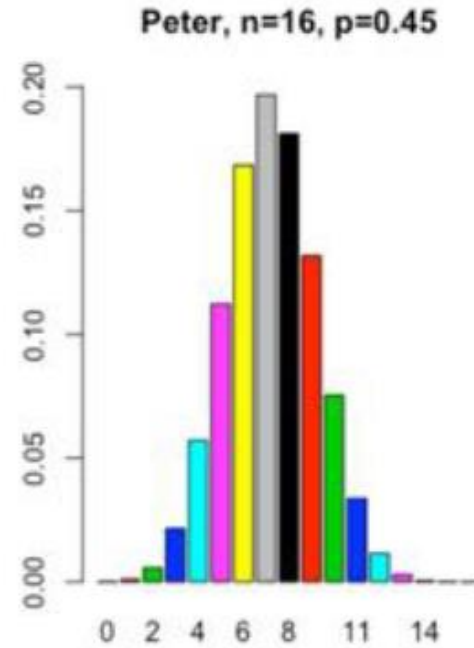
```
from scipy.stats import binom  
binom.pmf(6, 16, 0.45)  
> 0.1684
```



Probability of 6 sales



William ( $x = 6$ ) = 0.146



Peter ( $x = 6$ ) = 0.168

What about probability of making **8 sales** in any given day?

William ( $x = 8$ ) = 0.282

Peter ( $x = 8$ ) = 0.181

# Conclusion

- Even though Peter has a lower success rate in terms of making a sale, his greater number of sales calls per day overcomes the lower success rate.
- Therefore, the greater probability of making 6 sales per day belongs to Peter, even though William's success rate is higher.

# Binomial Distributions

Mean and Standard Deviation

# Example

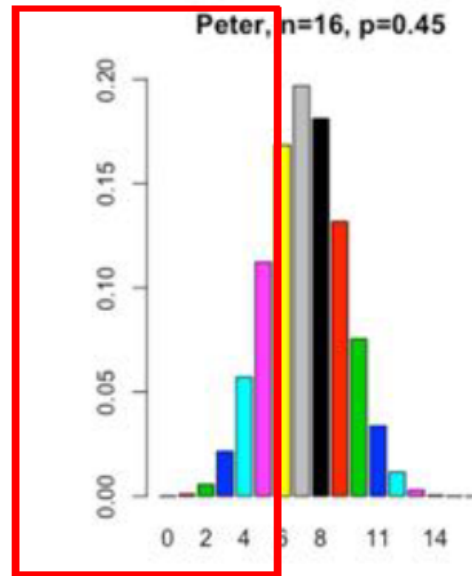
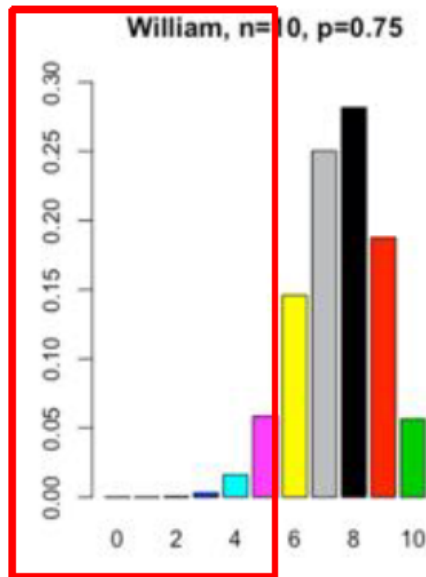
As a sales manager, you analyse the sales records for all salesperson under your guidance

William has a success rate of 75% and averages 10 sales called per day. Peter has a success rate of 45% but averages 16 calls per day.

What is the probability that each salesperson makes at least **6 sales on any given day**?

# Question

What is the mean and standard deviation #daily sales for each employee?



$n$  = number of trials (calls)

$p$  = probability of success in any call

$q = (1-p)$  probability of failure in any call

	$n$	$p$	$q$
William	10	0.75	0.25
Peter	16	0.45	0.55

# Binomial Mean (Expected) Value

$$\mu = n \cdot p$$

	n	p	q
William	10	0.75	0.25
Peter	16	0.45	0.55

William's mean # daily sales :  $\mu = 10 \times 0.75 = 7.5$

Peter's mean # daily sales :  $\mu = 16 \times 0.45 = 7.2$

Therefore we expect 7.5 sales and 7.2 sales per day respectively

# Binomial Standard Deviation

$$\sigma = \sqrt{n \cdot p \cdot q}$$

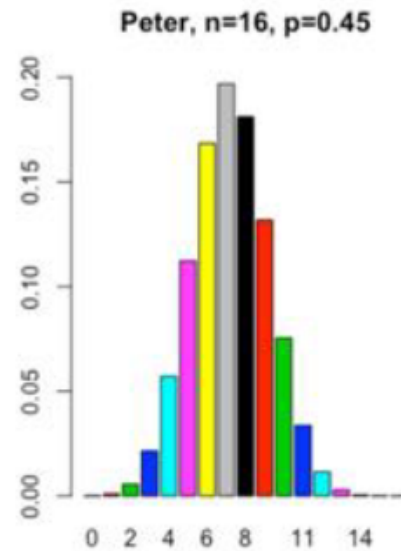
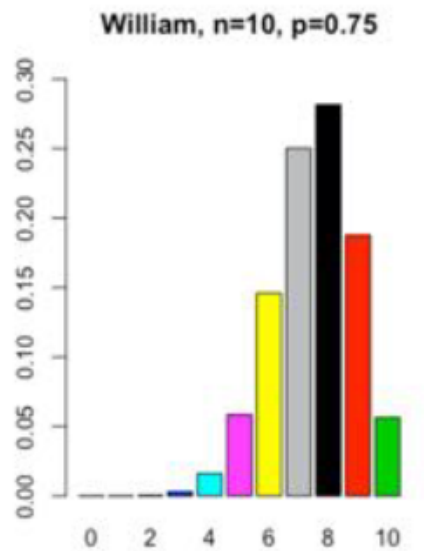
	n	p	q
William	10	0.75	0.25
Peter	16	0.45	0.55

William's standard deviation # daily sales :  $\sigma = (10 \times 0.75 \times 0.25)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1.37$

Peter's standard deviation # daily sales :  $\sigma = (16 \times 0.45 \times 0.55)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1.99$



# Mean and Standard Deviation for each employee



	$\mu$	$\sigma$
William	7.5 daily sales	1.37 daily sales
Peter	7.2 daily sales	1.99 daily sales

# Example

In June 2013, a poll conducted on where 46% of Americans said the following statement most closely matched their views:

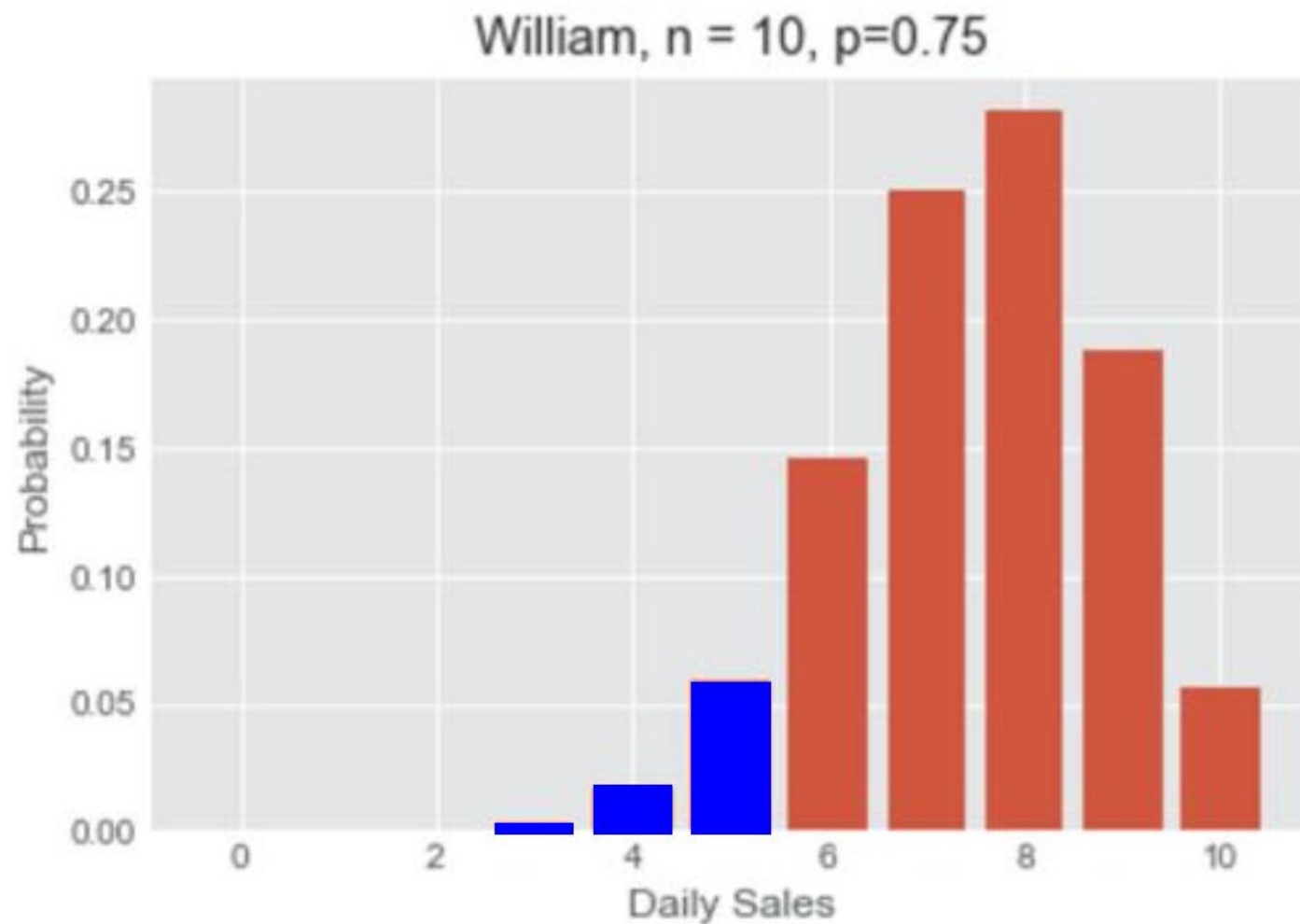
“Human form that we are now has been similar for the past 10,000 years or so”

If you would to replicate this survey in 2014, with sample of 78 similar people, what is expected numbers of respondents that would agree with this statement?

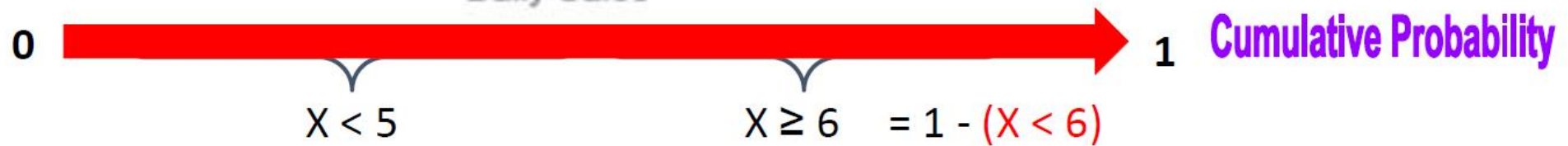
# Example – mean & standard deviation

$$\begin{aligned}\mu &= n \cdot p \\ \mu &= 78 \times 0.46 \\ &= 35.88 \\ &= 36\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= \sqrt{n \cdot p \cdot q} \\ \sigma &= 78 \times 0.46 \times 0.54 \\ \sigma &= 4.40\end{aligned}$$



$$\sum (prob) = 1$$



# Cumulative Probability

$$P(0 \leq X \leq 5)$$

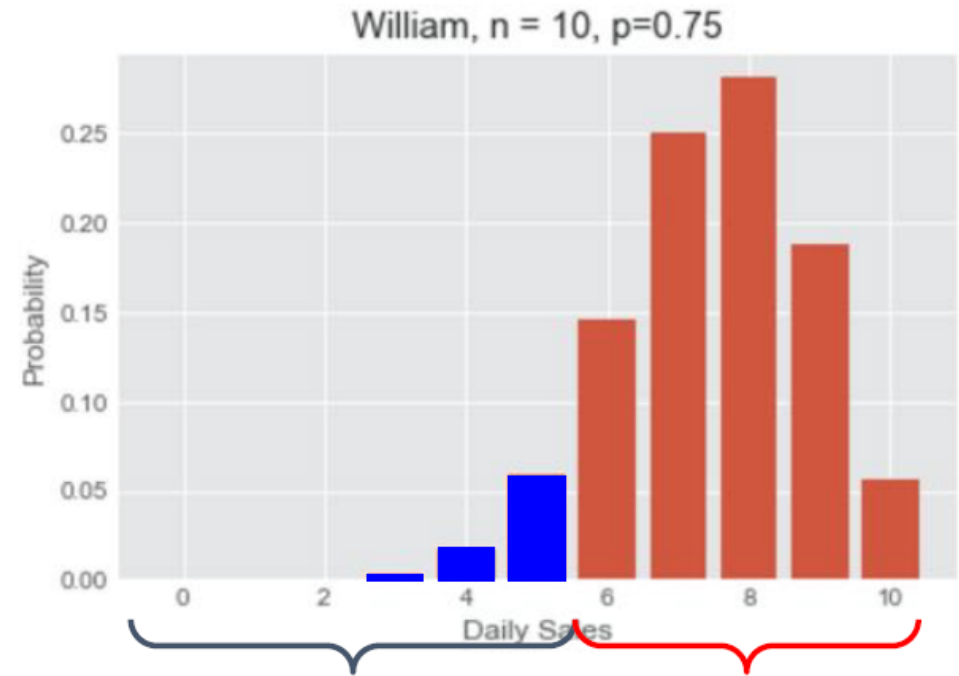
```
from scipy.stats import binom  
binom.cdf(5, 10, 0.75)  
> 0.078
```

$$P(0 \leq X \leq 5) = 0.078$$

$$P(X \geq 6)$$

```
from scipy.stats import binom  
1 - binom.cdf(5, 10, 0.75)  
> 0.922
```

$$P(X \geq 6) = 0.922$$



$X < 5$

# Cumulative Probability

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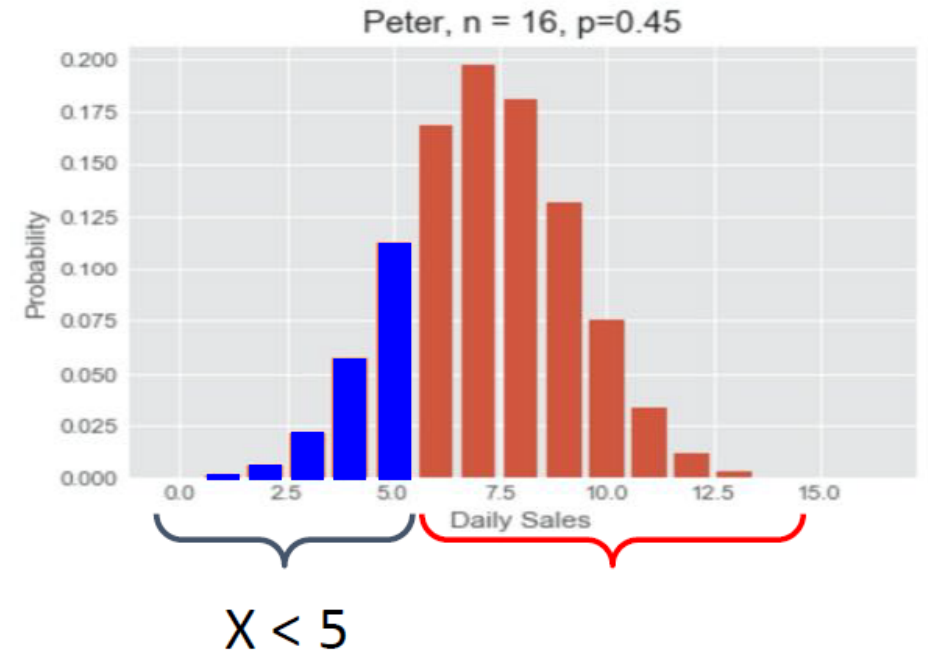
```
from scipy.stats import binom  
binom.cdf(5, 16, 0.45)  
> 0.198
```

$$P(0 \leq X \leq 5) = 0.198$$

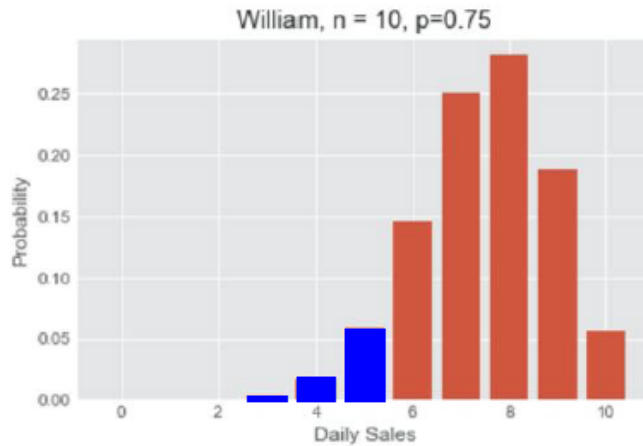
$$P(X \geq 6)$$

```
from scipy.stats import binom  
1 - binom.cdf(5, 16, 0.45)  
> 0.802
```

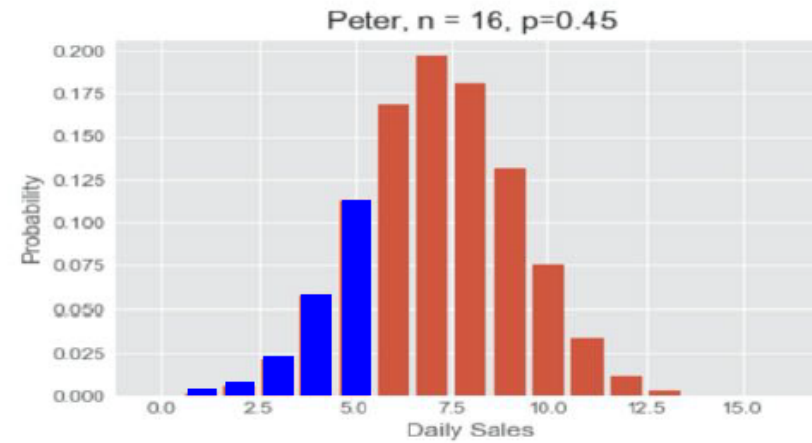
$$P(X \geq 6) = 0.802$$



# What is the probability of at least 6 daily sales for each person?



$$P(X \geq 6) = 0.922$$



$$P(X \geq 6) = 0.802$$

Therefore if daily sales quota is 6, William has a better chance of meeting that quota even if it appears that he is doing “less work”

# Binomial Distribution in scipy

- [scipy.stats.binom](#)
- The probability mass function for [binom](#) is:

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

```
binom.pmf(k, n, p, loc=0) Probability Mass Function  
binom.cdf(k, n, p, loc = 0) Cumulative Density Function  
binom.ppf(q, n, p, loc = 0) Percent Point Function  
binom.rvs(n, p, loc=0, size=1, random_state=None) Generate  
random normal numbers
```



`binom.pmf(k, n, p, loc=0)`

- `binom.pdf` returns binomial probabilities. There are three required arguments: the value (s) for which to compute the probability (k), the number of trials (n), and the success probability for each trial (p).
- For example, here we find the complete distribution when  $n=5$  and  $p=0.1$ .

```
from scipy.stats import binom
import numpy as np
binom.pmf(np.arange(0,5),5,0.1)
```

# `binom.cdf(k, n, p, loc = 0)`

- The function `binom.cdf` is useful for summing consecutive binomial probabilities. With  $n = 5$  and  $p = 0.1$ , here are some example calculations.

$$\Pr\{X \leq 2\} = \text{binom.cdf}(2, 5, 0.1) = 0.99144$$

$$\Pr\{X \geq 3\} = 1 - \Pr\{X \leq 2\} = 1 - \text{binom.cdf}(2, 5, 0.1) = 0.00856$$

$$\Pr\{1 \leq X \leq 3\} = ?$$

An alternative is to use `binom.pmf` in conjunction with `sum`

$$\Pr\{X \leq 2\} = \text{sum}(\text{binom.pmf}(\text{np.arange}(0, 3), 5, 0.1))$$

$$\Pr\{X \geq 3\} = \text{sum}(\text{binom.pmf}(\text{np.arange}(3, 6), 5, 0.1))$$

$$\Pr\{1 \leq X \leq 3\} = \text{sum}(\text{binom.pmf}(\text{np.arange}(1, 4), 5, 0.1)) = 0.409$$

# `binom.ppf(q, n, p, loc = 0)`

- We can also find the quantiles of a binomial distribution. For example, here is the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of a binomial distribution with  $n = 200$  and  $p = 0.3$ . The function `binom.ppf` finds the quantile.

```
binom.ppf(0.9, 200, 0.3)
```

```
[1] 68
```

```
binom.rvs(n, p, loc=0,  
size=1, random_state=None)
```

- The last function for the binomial distribution is used to take random samples. Here is a random sample of 20 binomial random variables drawn from the binomial distribution with  $n = 10$  and  $p = 0.5$ .

```
binom.rvs(10, 0.5, size=20, random_state=1)  
[1] array([5, 6, 0, 4, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 6, 4, 7, 2,  
6, 5, 5, 3, 4])
```

## Exercise

- Suppose there are twelve multiple choice questions in an History class quiz. Each question has five possible answers, and only one of them is correct. Find the probability of having four or less correct answers if a student attempts to answer every question at random.

