Stats

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Probability Distributions

Binomial

The binomial distribution is used to model a situation with a fixed number of independent trials each with a constant probability of success.

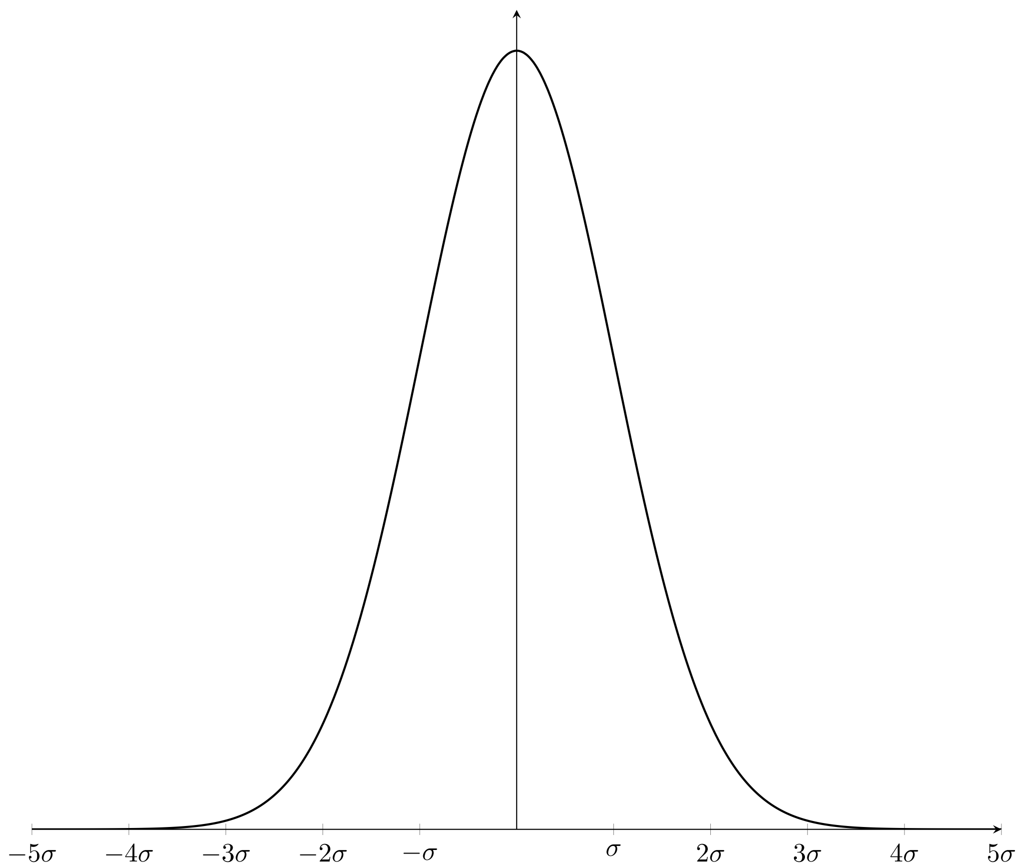
You can model X as a binomial distribution if:

- There a fixed number of trials, n
- Each trial must succeed or fail
- There is a fixed probability of success, p
- Each trial is independent

$$\text{If } X \sim \mathrm{B}(n, p), \text{ then } \boxed{P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}} \; (0 \le x \le n)$$

Normal

The normal distribution $X \sim \mathrm{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ is symmetrical, meaning the mean and median are equal.



Hypothesis Testing

Every hypothesis test has two hypotheses:

$$H_0: \text{The null hypothesis - this is what you assume to be true by default}$$
$$H_1: \text{The alternative hypothesis}$$

The hypotheses are written in different forms depending on whether the test is one- or two-tailed.

One-tailed:	Two-tailed:
$H_0: p = k$	$H_0: p = k$
$H_1: p \lessgtr k$	$H_1: p \neq k$

If the question says that someone measured and got a value, then you plug that value into a probability calculation with the parameters from the null hypothesis, with the inequality sign in the same direction as the alternative hypothesis. If the probability of the event happening when assuming H_0 is less than the level of significance, then we reject H_0 and accept the alternative hypothesis.

A critical value is the smallest or largest value (depending on the direction of the inequality) obtained by a random variable such that H_0 would be rejected. Finding a critical value is often best done with the tables in the back of the book.