

Binomial Distribution $\text{Bin}(n, p)$

$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$

1) Story: X is # successes in n independent $\text{Bern}(p)$ trials.

2) Sum of indicators R.V's: $X = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$, $X_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j\text{'th trial is a success} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

where X_1, \dots, X_n i.i.d $\sim \text{Bern}(p)$

↳ Independent, Identically Distributed

3) PMF: $P(X=k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \quad k \in \{0, \dots, n\}$

↳ Probability Mass Function: Probability of one distinct event happening.

[$X=k$ is the event.]

CDF, Cumulative Distribution Function.

CDF of X

[$X \leq x$ is an event.] $\Rightarrow F(x) = P(X \leq x)$

PMF: (only defined for discrete R.V's):

Discrete: Possible Values a_1, a_2, \dots, a_N or a_1, a_2, \dots

PMF: $P(X=a_j) = p_j$ for all j . where $p_j \geq 0$, $\sum_j p_j = 1$.

Checking the 2nd condition on $\text{Bin}(n, p)$:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = (p + (1-p))^n = 1^n = 1$$

Via the Binomial theorem.

Now, we want to Prove the following theorem:

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p), Y \sim \text{Bin}(m, p) \quad \text{independent} \Rightarrow X + Y \sim \text{Bin}(n+m, p)$$

1) Immediate from Story.

2) Sum of
Indicator RV's: $X = X_1 + \dots + X_n, Y = Y_1 + \dots + Y_m \Rightarrow X + Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i + \sum_{j=1}^m Y_j$

\Rightarrow Sum of $(n+m)$ iid $\sim \text{Bern}(p)$

3) PMF: $P(X+Y=k) \stackrel{\text{Def}}{=} \sum_{j=0}^k P(X+Y=k | X=j) P(X=j) \quad [Y+j=k]$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^k P(Y=k-j | X=j) \binom{n}{j} p^j (1-p)^{n-j}$$

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Independent

$$= \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{m}{k-j} p^{k-j} (1-p)^{m-k+j} \binom{n}{j} p^j (1-p)^{n-j} = p^k (1-p)^{m+n-k} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{m}{j} \binom{n}{j}$$

Vandermonde

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{m}{k-j} p^{k-j} (1-p)^{m-k+j} \binom{n}{j} p^j (1-p)^{n-j} = p^k (1-p)^{m+n-k} \underbrace{\sum_{j=0}^k \binom{m}{k-j} \binom{n}{j}}_{\binom{m+n}{k}} \\
 &= p^k (1-p)^{m+n-k} \binom{m+n}{k} = \text{PMF of } \text{Bin}(m+n, p) \quad k \text{ Successes}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hypergeometric distribution :

Have b black, w white distinguishable marbles. Pick random sample of size n .

Find the distribution of (#white marbles in sample = X)

$$X \sim \text{Hypergeom}(w, b, n)$$

$$P(X=k) = \frac{\binom{w}{k} \binom{b}{n-k}}{\binom{w+b}{n}} \quad 0 \leq k \leq w, \quad 0 \leq n-k \leq b$$

  Hypergeometric distribution.

Comes from Sampling without replacement.

If we have replacement, it'd be reduced to Binomial.

(with Probability \rightarrow # all white marbles).

Checking the normalization constraint:

$$\underbrace{w}_{\text{Vandermonde}} \binom{w}{..} \binom{b}{..} = (w+b)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^{\omega} \frac{\binom{\omega}{k} \binom{b}{n-k}}{\binom{\omega+b}{n}}} = \frac{\binom{\omega+b}{n}}{\binom{\omega+b}{n}} = 1$$

Vandermonde