

Seminar W3 - 832

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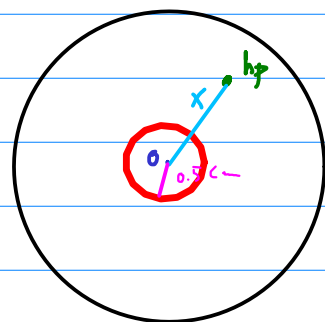
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**Exercise 3.** A darts player aims at the bullseye, which has a diameter of 1 cm. The distance from the center of the dartboard to the hit point of an arrow thrown by the player follows the  $\text{Beta}(a, b)$  distribution, where  $a, b > 0$ , with a mean value of  $\frac{3}{4}$  cm and a standard deviation of  $\frac{\sqrt{15}}{20}$  cm. We assume that the throws are independent.

- Find the probability that the player hits the bullseye on a throw.
- Find the mean value of the number of throws before the player hits the bullseye the first time.
- Find the probability that the player hits the bullseye 2 times out of 10 throws.



"the player hits the bullseye" =  
 $= (X \leq 0.5)$

$$E(X) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x \cdot f_X(x) dx$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{V(X)} = \sqrt{E(X^2) - E(X)^2}$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x^2 f_X(x) dx$$

a) We have to find  $P(X \leq 0.5)$ , knowing that

$$X \sim \text{Beta}(a, b)$$

We know that  $E(X) = \frac{3}{4}$  and that  $\sigma = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{20}$

Using the formulas for  $E(X)$  and  $V(X)$ , we must find  $a$  and  $b$ .

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$$B(a, b) = \frac{a-1}{a+b-1} B(a-1, b)$$

$$\Rightarrow E(X) = \frac{B(a+1, b)}{B(a, b)} = \frac{a}{a+b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^2) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} x^2 f_X(x) dx = \int_0^1 x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{B(a, b)} \cdot x^{a-1} \cdot (1-x)^{b-1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{B(a, b)} \underbrace{\int_0^1 x^{a+1} \cdot (1-x)^{b-1} dx}_{B(a+2, b)} = \frac{B(a+2, b)}{B(a, b)} = \frac{B(a+2, b)}{B(a+1, b)} \cdot \frac{B(a+1, b)}{B(a, b)} \\ &= \frac{a+1}{a+b+1} \cdot \frac{a}{a+b} = \frac{a(a+1)}{(a+b)(a+b+1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 = \frac{a(a+1)}{(a+b)(a+b+1)} - \left(\frac{a}{a+b}\right)^2 =$$

$$= \frac{a(a+1) \cdot (a+b)}{(a+b)^2 (a+b+1)} - \frac{a^2 \cdot (a+b+1)}{(a+b)^2 (a+b+1)} = \frac{a(a^2 + a + ab + b - a^2 - ab - a)}{(a+b)^2 (a+b+1)} =$$

$$= \frac{ab}{(a+b)^2 \cdot (a+b+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{a}{a+b} = \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{ab}{(a+b)^2 (a+b+1)} = \frac{15}{400} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 4a = 3a + 3b \\ \frac{ab}{(a+b)^2 (a+b+1)} = \frac{15}{400} \Rightarrow \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = 3b \\ \frac{ab}{(a+b)^2 (a+b+1)} = \frac{15}{400} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = 3b \\ \frac{3b^2}{16b^2 \cdot (4b+1)} = \frac{15}{400} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{16(4b+1)} = \frac{15}{400} \Rightarrow \frac{10}{500} \cdot 3 = \frac{2}{16 \cdot 15} \cdot (4b+1) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 4b+1 = 5 \Rightarrow b=1 \Rightarrow a=3$$

$$\Rightarrow X \sim \text{Beta}(3,1)$$

$$\Rightarrow f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{B(3,1)} \cdot x^2, & \text{for } x \in [0,1] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$B(3,1) = \int_0^1 x^{3-1} \cdot (1-x)^{1-1} dx =$$

$$= \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2, & x \in (0,1) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{"the player hits the bullseye"}) &= P(X \leq \frac{1}{2}) = \\ &= F_X(\frac{1}{2}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{1}{2}} f_X(x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f_X(x) dx = \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} 3x^2 dx = x^3 \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{8} \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $Y$  = "no. of throws before the player hits the bullseye first"

$$Y \sim \text{Geo}(p), \text{ where } p = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y \sim \binom{k}{p q^k}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \quad q = \frac{7}{8} \quad E(Y) = \frac{q}{p} = \frac{7/8}{1/8} = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow P(Y=k) = \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{7^k}{8^k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y) &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} k \cdot f_Y(k) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} k \cdot p q^k = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} k \cdot \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^k = \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^k = \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{7}{8} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n x^k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{n+1} - x}{x - 1} =$$

$$= \frac{0 - \alpha}{\alpha - 1} = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(\alpha) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \alpha^{k-1} = \left( \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \right)'_{\alpha} = \left( -1 + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \right)' =$$

$$= (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{(1-\alpha)^2} \cdot (-1) = \frac{1}{(1-\alpha)^2}$$

$$E(Y) = \frac{7}{64} \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot \left( \frac{7}{8} \right)^{k-1}}_{f'\left(\frac{7}{8}\right) = \frac{1}{\left(1-\frac{7}{8}\right)^2} = 64}$$

$$\Rightarrow E(Y) = \frac{7}{64} \cdot 64 = 7$$

(c) 10 throws

"throw" = Bernoulli trial

$p$  = probn of success =  $\frac{1}{8}$

$$P(\text{"2 successes in 10 throws"}) = P(Z=2)$$

$Z$  = "no. of successes in 10 throws"

$$Z \sim \text{Bino} \left( \underset{10}{n}, \underset{\frac{1}{8}}{p} \right) \Rightarrow Z \left( \binom{k}{n} \cdot p^k \cdot q^{10-k} \right)_{k=0, \dots, 10}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(Z=2) = \binom{2}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{8^2} \cdot \frac{7}{8} = \frac{10 \cdot 9}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{8^2} \cdot \frac{7}{8} \approx 0.2476$$

**Exercise 4.** An electronics store purchases a certain type of motherboard in boxes of 100 pieces each. It is known that 40% of the purchased boxes have 3 defective motherboards each, while 60% of the purchased boxes have 2 defective motherboards each. An employee of the store tests 2 motherboards from a random box. Find the probability that at least one of the tested motherboards is defective.

Sol. : Type I : 3 defective / 100

Type II : 2 defective / 100

$$P(\text{"at least one of the MB is defective"}) = 1 - P(\text{"none of the two is defective"})$$

$A$  = "both MB that we chose are not defective"

$B_i$  = "we chose a box of type  $i$ ",  $i = 1, 2$

$$P(A) = P(A \cap B_1) + P(A \cap B_2) =$$

$$= P(A|B_1) \cdot P(B_1) + P(A|B_2) \cdot P(B_2)$$

$$P(A|B_1) = P(\text{"selecting 2 non-defective MB's out of a type I box"}) =$$

$$= \frac{\# \text{ favorable cases}}{\# \text{ possible cases}} = \frac{C_{97}^2}{C_{100}^2}$$

$$P(A|B_2) = \frac{C_{98}^2}{C_{100}^2}$$

$$P(B_1) = \frac{4}{10} \quad P(B_2) = \frac{6}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A) = \frac{4}{10} \cdot \frac{C_{97}^2}{C_{100}^2} + \frac{6}{10} \cdot \frac{C_{98}^2}{C_{100}^2} \approx 0.95236$$

$$P(\text{"having at least 1 defective"}) =$$

$$= 1 - P(A) \approx 0.047$$