

Review(2.4)

- Bernoulli distribution and its mean, variance.
- Binomial distribution and its p.m.f., properties.
- Cumulative distribution function and its properties.
- Geometric distribution and Negative binomial distribution

A Property of Binomial distribution

If $X \sim b(n, p)$, then $(n - X) \sim b(n, 1 - p)$.

Example: An urn contains 9 blue balls and 6 red balls. The balls are well mixed. Draw one ball each time, and record the color, then put it back (with replacement). Let X be the number of times we get blue balls among 10 draws. What is the distribution of X , and what is the probability that there are at least 9 blue balls out of 10 draws? (0.0464)

Binomial v.s. Hypergeometric distribution

Example: A jar has N marbles, S of them are orange and $N - S$ are blue. Suppose 3 marbles are selected. Find the probability that there are 2 orange marbles in the sample, if the selection is done ...

with replacement without replacement
(a) $N = 10, S = 4$

(b) $N = 100, S = 40$

(c) $N = 1000, S = 400$

	Binomial	Hypergeometric
	with replacement	without replacement
Probability	$P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} \cdot p^x \cdot (1 - p)^{n-x}$	$P(X = x) = \frac{\binom{S}{x} \cdot \binom{N-S}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$
Expected Value	$E(X) = n \cdot p$	$E(X) = n \cdot \frac{S}{N}$
Variance	$\text{Var}(X) = n \cdot p \cdot (1 - p)$	$\text{Var}(X) = n \cdot \frac{S}{N} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{S}{N}\right) \cdot \frac{N-n}{N-1}$

If the population size is large (compared to the sample size) Binomial Distribution can be used regardless of whether sampling is with or without replacement.

Geometric and Negative binomial distribution

Example: Suppose that during practice, a basket ball player can make a free throw 80% of the time. Furthermore, assume that a sequence of free throw shooting can be thought of as independent Bernoulli trials.

- Let X_1 equal the number of free throws that this player must attempt to make a total of 1 shot. What is the distribution of X_1 .
- Let X_2 equal the minimum number of free throws that this player must attempt to make a total of 10 shots. What is the distribution of X_2 .

Today's Lecture (2.5)

- Moment-generating function (m.g.f.) and its properties
- Calculating mean and variance through m.g.f.

Moment generating function

Definition: Let X be a random variable of the discrete type with p.m.f. $f(x)$ and space S . If there is a positive number h such that

$$E[e^{tX}] = \sum_{x \in S} e^{tx} f(x)$$

exists and is finite for $-h < t < h$, then the function of t defined by $M(t) = E[e^{tX}]$ is called the moment-generating function (m.g.f.) of X .

- If the space of X is $\{b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots\}$, the moment generating function is given by

$$M(t) = e^{tb_1} f(b_1) + e^{tb_2} f(b_2) + e^{tb_3} f(b_3) + \dots$$

where $f(b_i) = P(X = b_i)$.

- If the moment generating function exists for t in an open interval containing zero, it uniquely determines the distribution of the random variable.

Example: What is m.g.f. of the following distribution?

x	1	2	3	4	5
$f(x)$	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1

Property of m.g.f

If the moment-generating function exists in an open interval containing zero, then $E(X^r) = M^{(r)}(0)$. In particular,

- $\mu = M'(0)$
- $\sigma^2 = E[X^2] - [E(X)]^2 = M''(0) - [M'(0)]^2$

Binomial distribution $b(n, p)$:

$$f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

- Step 1: The m.g.f $M(t)$ is

- Step 2: Calculate the derivatives of $M(t)$,

$$- M'(t) = n[(1-p) + pe^t]^{n-1}(pe^t)$$

$$- M''(t) = n(n-1)[(1-p) + pe^t]^{n-2}(pe^t)^2 + n[(1-p) + pe^t]^{n-1}(pe^t)$$

- Step 3: Calculate μ, σ^2 based on $M'(t)$ and $M''(t)$.

$$- \mu = E(X) = M'(0) = np$$

$$- \sigma^2 = E(X^2) - \mu^2 = M''(0) - [M'(0)]^2 = np(1-p)$$

The m.g.f. of Geometric distribution

Recall: We say that X has a *geometric distribution* if

$$f(x) = p(1 - p)^{x-1}, \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} M(t) &= \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) \\ &= \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} e^{tx} p(1 - p)^{x-1} \\ &= p(1 - p)^{-1} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} [e^t(1 - p)]^x \\ &= p(1 - p)^{-1} \frac{e^t(1 - p)}{1 - e^t(1 - p)} = \frac{pe^t}{1 - e^t(1 - p)} \end{aligned}$$

Note that $e^t(1 - p) < 1$, i.e. $t < -\log(1 - p)$. So

$$\begin{aligned} M'(t) &= \frac{pe^t}{[1 - e^t(1 - p)]^2} \\ M''(t) &= \frac{pe^t[1 + (1 - p)e^t]}{[1 - e^t(1 - p)]^3} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= M'(0) = \frac{1}{p} \\ \sigma^2 &= M''(0) - (M'(0))^2 \\ &= \frac{2 - p}{p^2} - \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1 - p}{p^2} \end{aligned}$$

Negative Binomial distribution

Definition: We say that X has a negative binomial distribution if

$$f(x) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{x-r}, \quad x = r, r+1, r+2, \dots$$

In this case, $\mu = r/p$ and $\sigma^2 = r(1-p)/p^2$ and

$$M(t) = \frac{(pe^t)^r}{[1 - (1-p)e^t]^r}, \quad \text{where } t < -\log(1-p)$$

A note about distribution names

Discrete distributions often get their names from mathematical power series.

- Binomial probabilities sum to 1 because of the Binomial Theorem:

$$(p + (1-p))^n = \text{sum of Binomial probabilities} = 1$$

- Negative Binomial probabilities sum to 1 by the Negative Binomial expansion: i.e. the Binomial expansion with a negative power, $-r$:

$$p^r (1 - (1-p))^{-r} = \text{sum of NegBin probabilities} = 1$$

- Geometric probabilities sum to 1 because they form a Geometric series:

$$p \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} (1-p)^x = \text{sum of Geometric probabilities} = 1$$

A note about discrete distribution in EXCEL

- Hypergeometric with N = population size, S = number of "successes" in the population, n = sample size.

X = number of "successes" in the sample without replacement.

=HYPGEOMDIST(x, n, S, N) gives $P(X = x)$;

- Binomial, X = number of "successes" in n independent trials.

=BINOMDIST($x, n, p, 0$) gives $P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$;

=BINOMDIST($x, n, p, 1$) gives $P(X \leq x)$;

- Negative Binomial, X = number of independent trials until the r -th "success"

=NEGBINOMDIST($x-r, r, p$) gives $P(X = x) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{x-r}$.