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Example:

- a. A coin toss 3-times, find the probability of 2-Heads.
- b. A coin toss 10-times, find the probability of 5-Heads.





# Binomial Distribution

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Q1. The probability that man aged 60 will live up to 70 is 0.65 out of 10 men. Now aged 60, find the probability:

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1. At least 7 will live up to 70

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2. Exactly 9 will live up to 70

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3. At most 9 will live up to 70









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# Binomial Distribution

Q2. Out of 800 families with 5 children each, how many families would be expected to have

- 3 boys
- 5 girls
- Either 2 or 3 boys
- At least 2 girls







# Binomial Distribution

Q3. The Probability that a pen manufactured by a company will be defective is  $\frac{1}{10}$ . If 12 such pen are manufactured. Find the probability that:

1. Exactly 2 will be defective
2. None will be defective
3. At least 2 will be defective











# Binomial Distribution

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Q4. Medical professionals use the binomial distribution to model the probability that a certain number of patients will experience side effects as a result of taking new medications.

E.g., suppose it is known that 5% of adults who take a certain medication experience negative side effects. We can use a [Binomial Distribution Calculator](#) to find the probability that more than a certain number of patients in a random sample of 100 will experience negative side effects.

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- $P(X > 10 \text{ patients experience side effects}) = \mathbf{0.01147}$
- $P(X > 15 \text{ patients experience side effects}) = \mathbf{0.0004}$

$$p = 0.05$$

$$q = 0.95$$

$$n = 100$$

$$p(x) = {}^nC_x p^x q^{n-x}$$

$$P(X > 5) = 1 - P(X \leq 5)$$

$$= 1 - [P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + P(3) + \dots]$$





# Binomial Distribution

Q5. Banks use the binomial distribution to model the probability that a certain number of credit card transactions are fraudulent.

E. g., suppose it is known that 2% of all credit card transactions in a certain region are fraudulent. If there are 50 transactions per day in a certain region, we can use a [Binomial Distribution Calculator](#) to find the probability that more than a certain number of fraudulent transactions occur in a given day:

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- $P(X > 2 \text{ fraudulent transactions}) = ??$
- $P(X > 3 \text{ fraudulent transactions}) = ??$



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- $P(X > 1 \text{ fraudulent transaction}) = \mathbf{0.26423}$
- $P(X > 2 \text{ fraudulent transactions}) = \mathbf{0.07843}$
- $P(X > 3 \text{ fraudulent transactions}) = \mathbf{0.01776}$

$$p = 0.02$$

$$n = 50$$

$$q = 0.98$$

$$p(x) = {}^n C_x p^x q^{n-x}$$

$$P(X > 1) = 1 - [P(0) + P(1)]$$







# Negative Binomial Distribution

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NBD is applicable when we need to performed an experiment untill a total of  $r$  success are obtained

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Note: If  $r = 1$ , means we perform an experiment till we obtained first success.

# Negative Binomial Distribution

Take a standard deck of cards, shuffle them, and choose a card. Replace the card and repeat until you have drawn two Kings.

$Y$  is the number of draws needed to draw two Kings.

As the number of trials isn't fixed (i.e. you stop when you draw the second King), this makes it a negative binomial distribution.

# Negative Binomial Distribution

$$P(x) = \left( C_{r-1}^{x-1} p^{r-1} q^{(x-1)-(r-1)} \right) p$$

$$P(x) = \binom{n}{x} \cdot p^x \cdot q^{n-x}$$



# Negative Binomial Distribution

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Q1. If the probability is 0.40 that a child exposed to the certain disease will contain it. What is the probability that the 10<sup>th</sup> child exposed to the disease will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> to catch?

$$\begin{aligned} P(X=10) &= \binom{9}{2} \cdot p^2 \cdot q^7 \cdot p \\ &= \frac{126}{12} (0.4)^2 (0.6)^7 \times 0.4 \\ &= 0.064 \end{aligned}$$











# Negative Binomial Distribution

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Q3. Let  $x$  be the number of births in a family until the 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter is born. If the probability of the having a male child is  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Find the probability that the 6<sup>th</sup> child in the family is the second daughter.







# Bernoulli Distribution

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A discrete random variable  $X$  is said to have a Bernoulli distribution with parameter  $p$ . If its probability mass function is given by:

$$P(x) = p^x(1 - p)^{n-x}, x = 0, 1$$





# Bernoulli distribution

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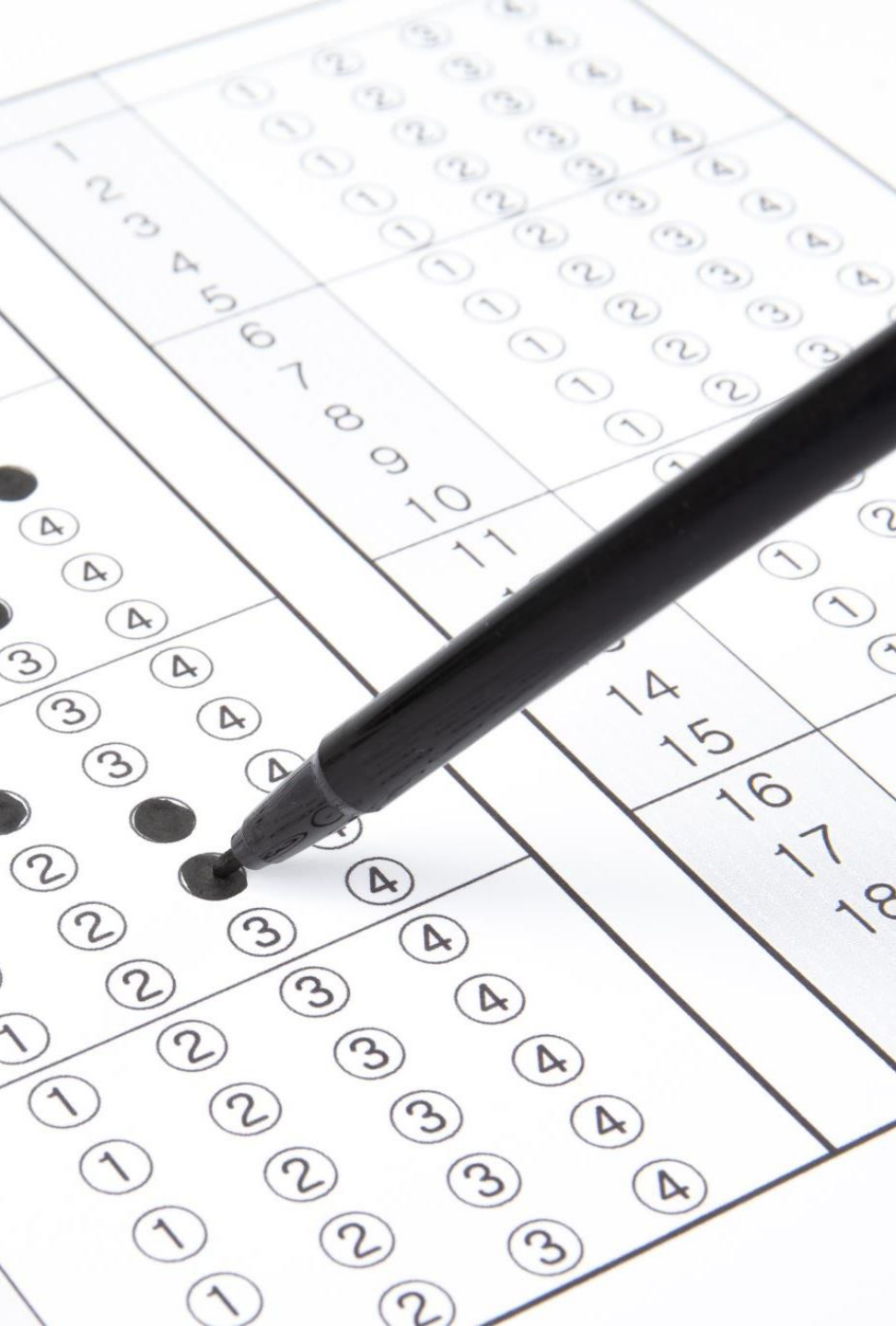
Bernoulli distribution arises when the following 3-conditions are satisfied.

1. Each trail of an experiment results in an outcome that may be classified as a success or failure
2. The probability of a success  $P(S) = p$  is the same for each trail.
3. The trails are independent; that is the outcome of one trail have no effect on the outcome of any other trail.

# Bernoulli distribution

- The prevalence of a certain disease in the general population is 10%.
- If we randomly select a person from this population, we can have only two possible outcomes (diseased or healthy person). We call one of these outcomes (diseased person) success and the other (healthy person), a failure.
- The probability of success ( $p$ ) or diseased person is 10% or 0.1. So, the probability of failure ( $q$ ) or healthy person =  $1-p = 1-0.1 = 0.9$ .

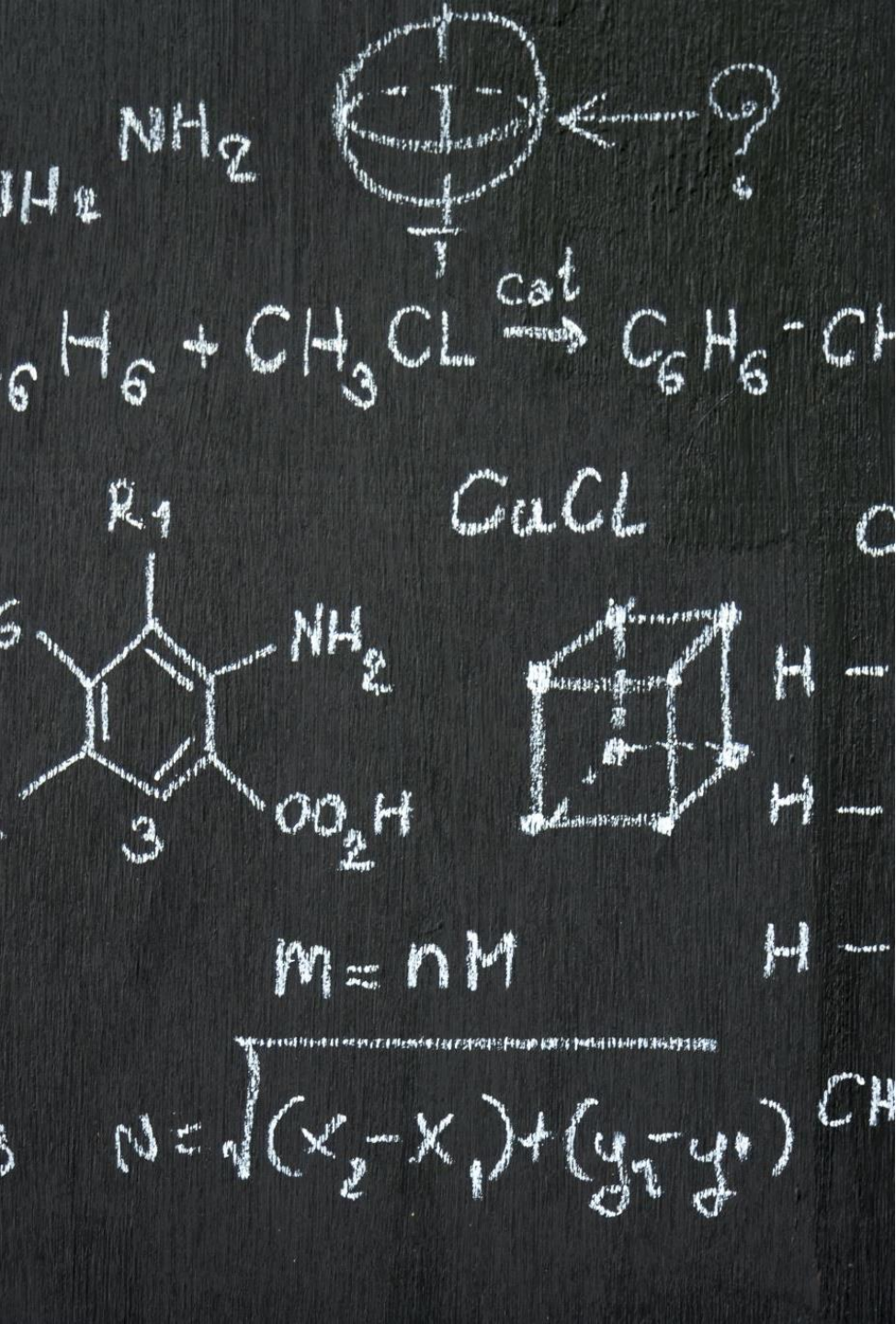




# Bernoulli distribution

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In an exam, 10 multiple choice questions are asked where only one out of four questions are correct. Find the probability of getting 5 out of 10 questions correct in an answer sheet.



# Bernoulli distribution

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Solution:

Probability of getting an answer correct,  $p = \frac{1}{4}$

Probability of getting an answer incorrect,  $q = 1 - p = \frac{3}{4}$

Probability of getting 5 answers correct,  $P(X=5) = (0.25)^5 (0.75)^0 = 0.0009765625$

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$$P = 1/50$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X=1) &= (1/50)^1 * (1-1/50)^0 \\ &= 1/50 \end{aligned}$$



# Bernoulli distribution

## Real-World Examples

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- Whether a person voted for a particular political party or abstained from voting. Success = 1 if voted for a political party



# Bernoulli distribution



- ❑ Whether the outcome of an interview is recommendation for next round of interview or not. Success = 1 if the result of interview is recommendation to the next round of interview



# Exercise Problems

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Q1. You are surveying people exiting from a polling booth and asking them if they voted independent. The probability ( $p$ ) that a person voted independent is 20%. What is the probability that 15 people must be asked before you can find 5 people who voted independent?









# Exercise Problems

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Q3. An oil company conducts a geological study that indicates that an exploratory oil well should have a 20% chance of striking oil.

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What is the probability that the third strike comes on the seventh well drilled?







# Exercise Problems

Q5. An oil company conducts a geological study that indicates that an exploratory oil well should have a 20% chance of striking oil.

What is the mean and variance of the number of wells that must be drilled if the oil company wants to set up three producing wells?










## Exercise Problems



Q6. Bob is a high school basketball player. He is a 70% free throw shooter. That means his probability of making a free throw is 0.70. During the season, what is the probability that Bob makes his third free throw on his fifth shot?





## Q6. Solution

This is an example of a negative binomial experiment. The probability of success ( $P$ ) is 0.70, the number of trials ( $x$ ) is 5, and the number of successes ( $r$ ) is 3.

We enter these values into the negative binomial formula.

$$b^*(x; r, P) = {}_{x-1}C_{r-1} * P^r * Q^{x-r}$$


$$b^*(5; 3, 0.7) = {}_4C_2 * 0.7^3 * 0.3^2$$

$$b^*(5; 3, 0.7) = 6 * 0.343 * 0.09 = 0.18522$$

Thus, the probability that Bob will make his third successful free throw on his fifth shot is 0.18522.



## Exercise Problems



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## Q7. Solution

- The probability of success ( $P$ ) is 0.70, the number of trials ( $x$ ) is 5, and the number of successes ( $r$ ) is 1. We enter these values into the negative binomial formula.

$$\begin{aligned}
 b^*(x; r, P) &= {}_{x-1}C_{r-1} * P^r * Q^{x-r} \\
 b^*(5; 1, 0.7) &= {}_4C_0 * 0.7^1 * 0.3^4 \\
 b^*(5; 3, 0.7) &= 0.00567
 \end{aligned}$$

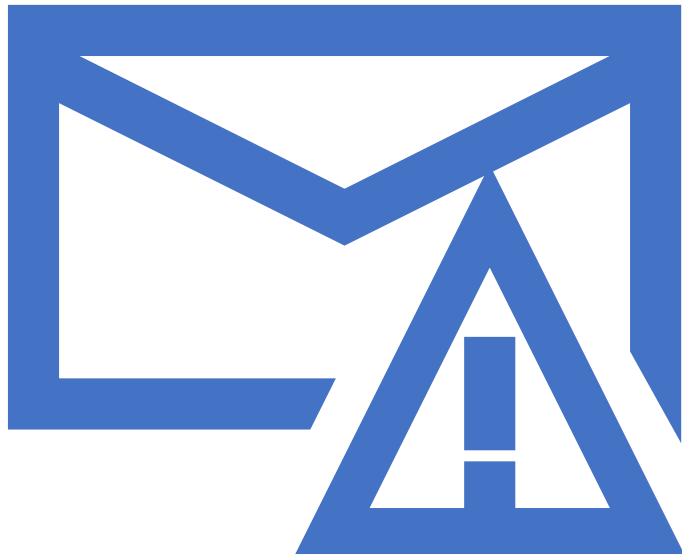


# Exercise Problems

## Q8. Number of Spam Emails per Day

Suppose it is known that 4% of all emails are spam. If an account receives 20 emails in a given day, find the probability that a certain number of those emails are spam:

- $P(X = 0 \text{ spam emails})$
- $P(X = 1 \text{ spam email})$
- $P(X = 2 \text{ spam emails})$



# Exercise Problems

Q8. Suppose it is known that 4% of all emails are spam. If an account receives 20 emails in a given day, find the probability that a certain number of those emails are spam:

- $P(X = 0 \text{ spam emails}) = \mathbf{0.44200}$
- $P(X = 1 \text{ spam email}) = \mathbf{0.36834}$
- $P(X = 2 \text{ spam emails}) = \mathbf{0.14580}$

# Exercise Problems

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## Q9. river overflows

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suppose it is known that a given river overflows during 5% of all storms. If there are 20 storms in a given year, find the probability that the river overflows a certain number of times:

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- $P(X = 0 \text{ overflows}) = \mathbf{0.35849}$
- $P(X = 1 \text{ overflow}) = \mathbf{0.37735}$
- $P(X = 2 \text{ overflows}) = \mathbf{0.18868}$









# Poisson Distribution

- Suppose we are counting the number of occurrences of an event in a given unit of time, distance, area, or volume.

For Example:

- The number of car accidents in a day
  - The number of defective items in a lot
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# Poisson Distribution

## Suppose:

- Events are occurring independently
- The probability that an event occurs in a given length of time does not change through time.
- Then  $X$ , the number of events in a fixed unit of time, has a Poisson Distribution

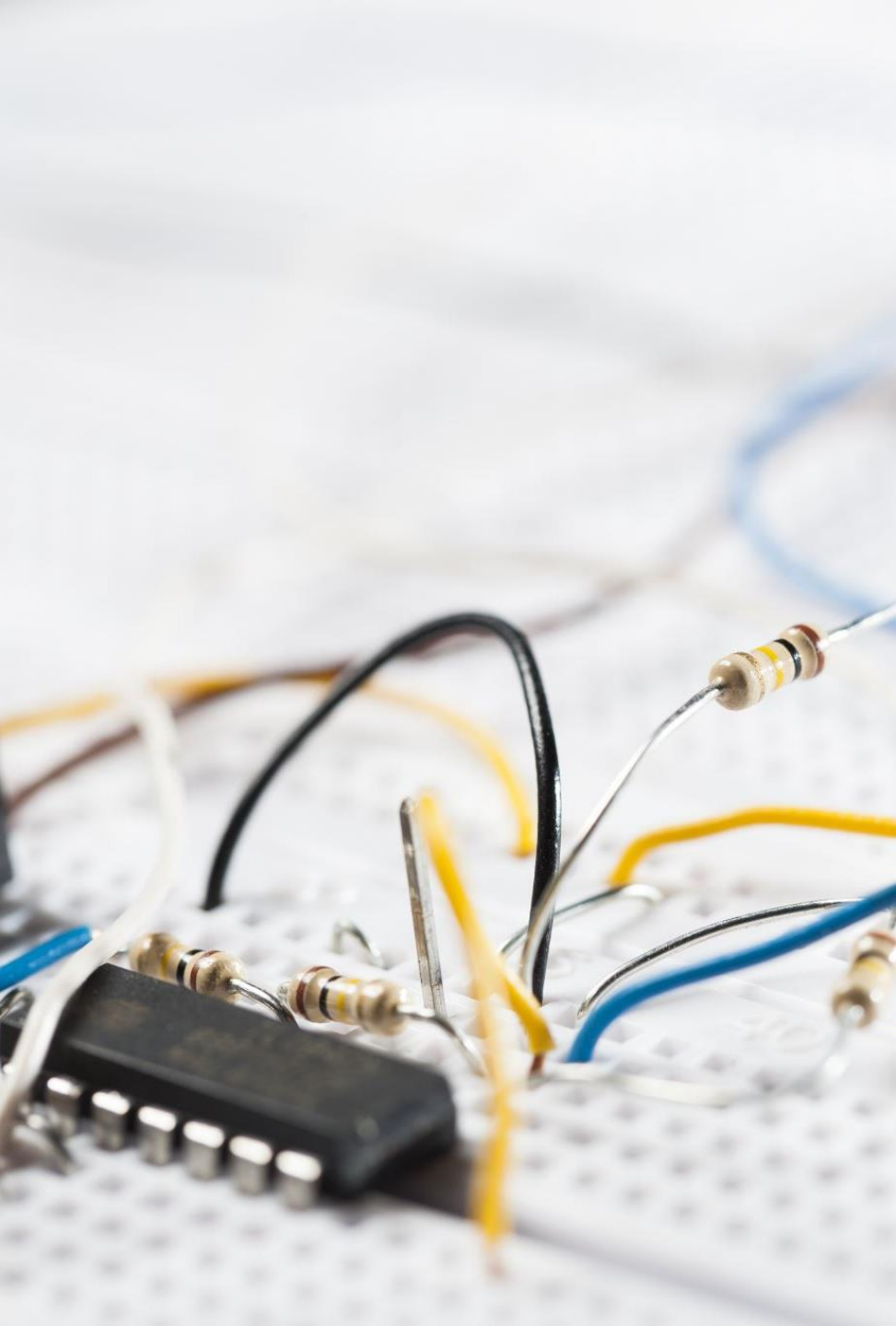


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$$P(X = x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}; x = 0, 1, \dots$$





# Poisson Distribution

$$p = 0.02$$
$$n = 200$$

Q1. Given that 2% of the fuses manufactured by a firm are defective. Find probability that a box containing 200 fuses has

1. At least 1 defective fuses
2. 3 or more defective fuses
3. No defective fuses

$$P(0) = \frac{p^0 \cdot e^{-\lambda}}{0!}$$

$$P(X \geq 1) \Rightarrow 1 - P(0)$$
$$\Rightarrow 1 - P(0)$$

# Poisson Distribution

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex 11} \quad n &= 200, \quad p = 0.02 \\ \lambda &= np = 200(0.02) = 4 \\ P(X) &= \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} = \frac{(4)^x e^{-4}}{x!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad P(X \geq 1) &= 1 - P(X < 1) \\ &= 1 - P(0) \\ &= 1 - \frac{4^0 e^{-4}}{0!} = 1 - e^{-4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad P(X \geq 3) &= 1 - P(X < 3) \\ &= 1 - [P(0) + P(1) + P(2)] \\ &= 1 - \left( \frac{4^0 e^{-4}}{0!} + \frac{4^1 e^{-4}}{1!} + \frac{4^2 e^{-4}}{2!} \right) \\ &= 1 - e^{-4} (1 + 4 + 8) = 1 - 13e^{-4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(iii)} \quad P(0) = \frac{(4)^0 e^{-4}}{0!} = e^{-4}$$

# Poisson Distribution

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Solution:

# Poisson Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} n &= 10, \quad p = 0.002, \quad (N = 10000) \\ \lambda &= np = 10(0.002) \\ \lambda &= 0.02 \\ P(X) &= \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} = \frac{(0.02)^x e^{-0.02}}{x!} \\ \textcircled{1} \quad P(0) &= \frac{(0.02)^0 e^{-0.02}}{0!} = 0.9802 \\ \text{No. of Packets Containing zero defectives} \\ \text{batch} &= 10000 \quad P(0) = 9802 \text{ Packets} \\ \textcircled{11} \quad P(1) &= \frac{(0.02)^1 e^{-0.02}}{1!} = 0.02 \times 0.9802 \\ \text{No. of Packets Containing one defective} \\ \text{batch} &= 10000 \quad P(1) = 0.02 \times 9802 \end{aligned}$$



# Poisson Distribution

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Q3. If probability of a bad reaction from a certain infection is 0.01.



Find the chance that out of 200 individuals more than two will get bad reaction.

# Poisson Distribution

Solution:

Ex 1 n

$$p = 0.01, \quad n = 200$$

$$\lambda = np = (0.01)(200) = 2$$

$$P(x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} = \frac{(2)^x e^{-2}}{x!}$$

$$P(x > 2) = 1 - P(x \leq 2)$$

$$= 1 - [P(0) + P(1) + P(2)]$$

$$= 1 - \left( \frac{2^0 e^{-2}}{0!} + \frac{2^1 e^{-2}}{1!} + \frac{2^2 e^{-2}}{2!} \right)$$


$$= 1 - e^{-2}(1 + 2 + 2)$$

$$= \underline{1 - 5e^{-2}}$$




# The Relationship Between the Binomial and Poisson Distributions





The binomial distribution tends toward the Poisson distribution as:  
 $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $p \rightarrow 0$ , and  $\lambda = np$  stays constant.



Binomial:


$$P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1 - p)^{n-x}$$

$$\sqrt{\quad} = np$$


$$p = n/\lambda$$

Poisson:

$$P(X = x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$



The Poisson distribution can be used to provide a reasonable approximation to the binomial distribution if  $n$  is large and  $p$  is small.





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In a random sample of 1000 Europeans, what is the probability that exactly 2 have albinism?



## Solution

Binomial  $n=1000$   $p=\frac{1}{20000}$

$$P(X=2) = \binom{1000}{2} \left(\frac{1}{20000}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{20000}\right)^{1000-2}$$

$$= 0.001187965$$

Poisson

$$\lambda = np = 1000 \cdot \frac{1}{20000} = 0.05$$

$$P(X=2) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} = \frac{0.05^2 e^{-0.05}}{2!}$$

$$= 0.001187$$



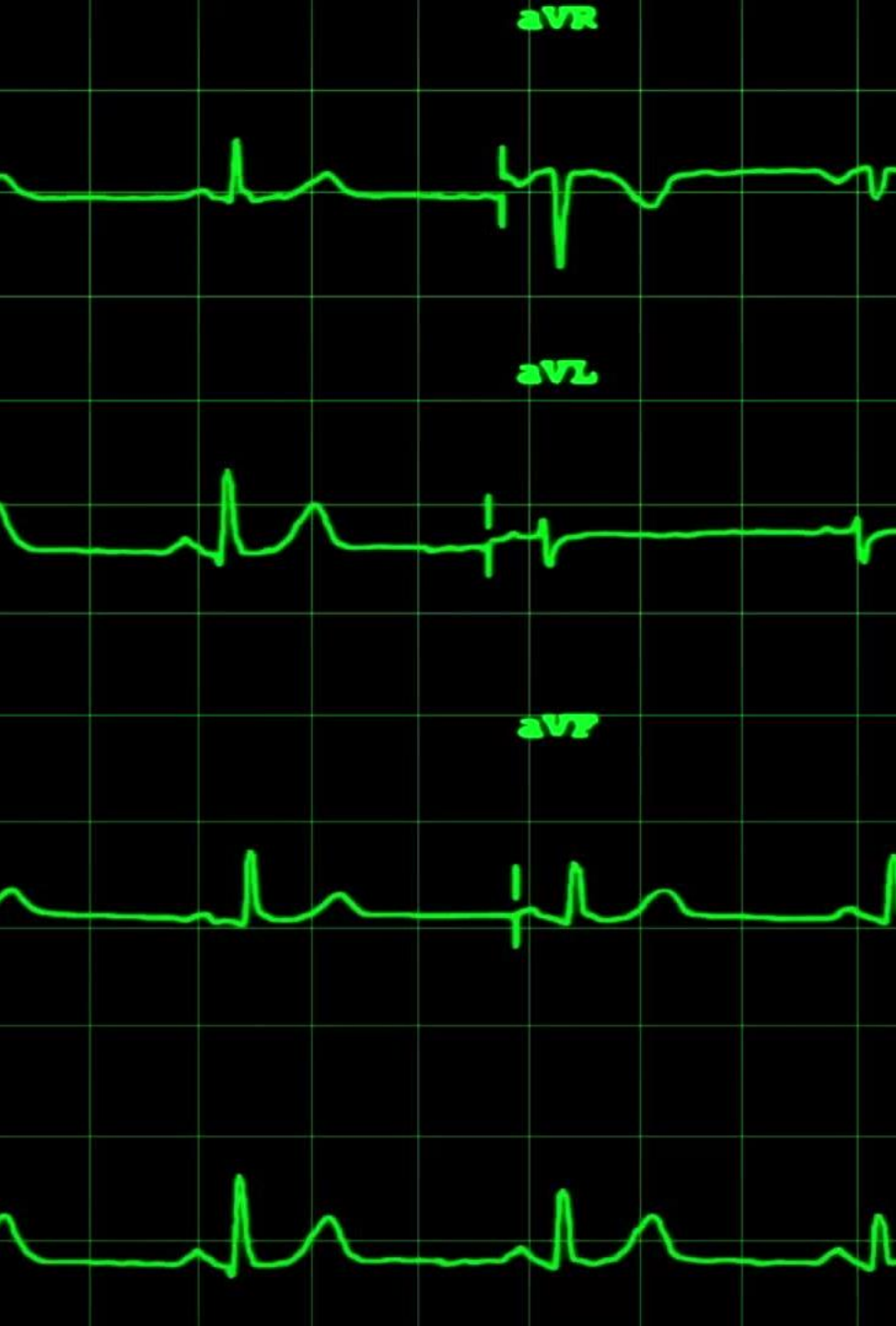
*Rough* Guideline:

The Poisson approximation is  
reasonable if  $n > 50$  and  $np < 5$ .



# Why use this approximation?

- ▶ The factorials and exponentials in the binomial formula can become problematic to calculate.
- ▶ A problem may be binomial conceptually, but  $n$  and  $p$  may be unknown. (We may only know the mean.)



# Poisson Distribution

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## Problem: Network Failures

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- Answer:  $X$  follows a Poisson distribution because we're interested in modeling the number of network failures in a given week and there is no upper limit on the number of failures that could occur. This is not a Binomial distribution because there is not a fixed number of trials.





# Poisson Distribution

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## **Problem: Shooting Free-Throws**

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Tyler makes 70% of all free-throws he attempts.

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Suppose he shoots 10 free-throws.

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Let  $X$  be the number of times Tyler makes a basket during the 10 attempts.

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- Answer:  $X$  follows a Binomial distribution because there is a fixed number of trials (10 attempts), the probability of “success” on each trial is the same, and each trial is independent.