

Probability Distribution

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Probability Distribution

- Sample space: All possible outcomes of an experiment comprise a set of outcomes is called sample space
- Example: a coin toss 3 times and interest is number of heads then 0, 1, 2, 3 will of interest rather than sample space.

Probability Distribution

A die tossed, our interest is even number

Experiment: die toss

sample space : 1,2,3,4,5,6

Event: even, not even

probability: $1/2$, $1/2$

X = even number, not even number (yes, no or (1,0))

variable: because value may change experiment to experiment

Random variable: yes because probability is associated for each value of x
discrete r.v. : yes because x values are integer/discrete

Continuous r.v. : x =

weight of coffee, $x = .980 \text{ kg} - 1.01 \text{ kg}$

Continuous r.v

A coin tossed 2 times, interest is same will come, or different will come

Experiment: Coin tossed two times

Sample space: HH, HT, TH, TT

Event: Same or not same (HH, TT) or (HT, TH)

probability: $1/2$, $1/2$

Variable: x = same, not same (1,0)

Random variable? yes

Discrete r.v. ? yes

Probability Distribution

- Random variable: variable whose value is determined by the outcome of a random experiment.
- Discrete random variable: random variable whose set of values assumed is countable.
- Continuous random variable: random variable whose set of values assumed is uncountable.

Discrete random variable

Two balls are drawn at random in succession without replacement from an urn containing 4 red balls and 6 black balls. Find the probabilities of all possible outcomes.

Solve:

Let X = # of red balls in the outcome

Possible outcomes: RR RB BR BB

X	2	1	1	0
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Discrete random variable

$$P(RR)=P(R) \cdot P(R) = 4/10 \cdot 3/9 = 2/15 = P(X=2)$$

$$P(X=1)=P(RB) = 4/10 \cdot 6/9 = 4/15$$

$$P(X=1)=P(BR) = 6/10 \cdot 4/9 = 4/15$$

$$P(X=0)=P(BB) = 6/10 \cdot 5/9 = 1/3$$

So probability distribution is

X	0	1	2
P(x)	1/3	8/15	2/15

Probability distribution: is a table listing all possible values together with the associated probabilities. The above is discrete probability distribution.

What do you mean by probability distribution?

Continuous random variable

A jar of coffee is picked at random from a filling process in which an automatic machine is filling coffee jars each with 1 kg of coffee. Due to some faults in the automatic process, the weight of a jar could vary from jar to jar in the range 0.9 kg to 1.05 kg.

Let X denote the weight of a jar of coffee selected. What is the range of X ?

Ans: Possible outcomes: $0.9 \leq X \leq 1.05$

Continuous random variable

For continuous random variable the probability distribution is denoted by a function probability density function.

Instead of evaluating the probability of a value it expresses probability of a range of values.

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = P(a \leq X \leq b)$$

Area under the curve from the range **a** to **b**

Expectation and variance of random variable

X	occurrences	Probability
0	1	1/8
1	3	3/8
2	3	3/8
3	1	1/8

For example, a large number of time this experiment has been conducted. The results may be as follows:

X= 0 , 1, 1 ,2 , 2, 1,3,1, 2, 1, 2, . 1, 3, 0,,,,,,,,, 2 (80 times)

0 -> 10

1 -> 30

2 -> 30

3 -> 10

$$\text{Sum (x)} = 0 * 10 + 1 * 30 + 2 * 30 + 3 * 10$$

$$E(x) = 0 * 10/80 + 1 * 30/80 + 2 * 30/80 + 3 * 10/80$$

$$= 0 * p(0) + 1 * p(1) + 2 * p(2) + 3 * p(3)$$

$$= \text{sum}[x * p(x)]$$

Bernoulli Distribution: Bernoulli (p)

- Used to model the distribution with two possible outcomes
 - E.g. coin flipping
 - A customer will click a login button or not
 - A server is up or down
- Parameter: p

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} 1-p & \text{if } x = 0 \\ p & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Mean: p , Variance: $p(1-p)$

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

- Used to model the number of x successes in n Bernoulli trials with probability p of success on each trial
 - e.g. number of defective items in a batch of size n
 - no. of packets that reach the destination without loss
- Constant probability for each observation

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n trials, where x is the number of ✓

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

where $\binom{n}{x}$ = combinations of selecting x items out of n objects

$$= \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!}$$

Mean: np , Variance: $np(1-p)$

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

- If Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n are independent *Bernoulli*(p) random variables, then $Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_n \sim \text{bin}(n, p)$
- If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are independent random variables and $X_i \sim \text{bin}(t_i, p)$ random variables, then

$$X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n \sim \text{bin}(t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_n, p)$$

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Binomial Distribution

A binomial experiment is one that possesses the following properties:

- The experiment consists of n repeated trials
- Each trial results in an outcome that may be classified as a success or a failure.
- The probability of a success, denoted by p , remains constant from trial to trial.
- Repeated trials are independent

Binomial Distribution

- If X is a random variable that possesses values which are the number success in n trials of a binomial experiment, then X is called **binomial random variable**.
- Hence, the probability distribution of X is called binomial probability distribution.

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

where n =number of trials;

x = # of success = 0,1,2, n

P = probability of success

Binomial Distribution

- Mean $E(x)=np$
- Variance $Var(x)= np(1-p)$

Example: Binomial

A die is tossed 3 times, What is the probability of

- a) No fives turning up?
- b) 1 five?
- c) 3 fives?

Example: Binomial

- This is binomial: 5 or not 5
- $P(5)=1/6$; $p(\text{not } 5)=5/6$; $n=3$

a) $x=0$ $P(X = 0) = \binom{n}{0} (1/6)^x (1 - 1/6)^{(3-0)} = \frac{125}{216}$

b) $x=1$ $P(X = 1) = \binom{n}{1} (1/6)^1 (1 - 1/6)^{(3-1)} = \frac{75}{216}$

c) $x=2$ $P(X = 2) = \binom{3}{2} (1/6)^2 (1 - 1/6)^{(3-2)} = \frac{15}{216}$

d) $x=3$ $P(X = 3) = \binom{3}{3} (1/6)^3 (1 - 1/6)^{(3-3)} = \frac{1}{216}$

Example: Binomial Distribution

- Hospital records shows that patient suffering from a diseases and 75% die of it. What is the probability that of 6 randomly selected patients, 4 will recover?
- Solve: Here, $n=6$; $x=4$; $p=.25$

$$P(X = 4) = \binom{6}{4} (.25)^4 (.75)^{(6-4)} = 0.03296$$

Example: Binomial Distribution

A manufacturer of meta pistons finds that on the average, 12% of his pistons are rejected because they are either oversize or undersize. What is the probability that a batch of 10 pistons will contain

- a) No more than 2 rejects?
- b) At least 2 reject?