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LET  $X$  DENOTE THE NUMBER OF THEFTS RESULTING FROM THE NEED FOR MONEY FOR SUBSTANCES  
TRIALS ARE INDEPENDENT, THEN  $\downarrow$  TRIALS ARE INDEPENDENT THEN  $X \sim \mathcal{B}(n, p)$

$$X \sim \mathcal{B}(n, p) \Rightarrow P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1 - p)^{n-x}$$

$$p = 0.75 \quad \& \quad n = 5$$

$$P(X = 2) = \binom{5}{2} (0.75)^2 (1 - 0.75)^{5-2} = \frac{5!}{2! (5-2)!} = (0.75)^2 (0.25)^3$$

•  $P(X = 2) \approx 0.08789$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 2) &= P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) \\ &= \binom{5}{0} (0.75)^0 (0.25)^5 + \binom{5}{1} (0.75)^1 (0.25)^4 + \binom{5}{2} (0.75)^2 (0.25)^3 + \binom{5}{3} (0.75)^3 (0.25)^2 \\ &= (0.25) + 5(0.75)(0.25)^4 + 10(0.75)^2 (0.25)^3 + 10(0.75)^3 (0.25)^2 \end{aligned}$$

•  $P(X \leq 2) \approx 0.36719$

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GIVEN THE FOLLOWING,

- 70% PROB THAT STUDENTS DISAPPROVE CANNABIS
- 30% PROB THAT STUDENTS APPROVE
- 12 COLLEGE SENIORS WILL BE SURVEYED

Binomial Probability Sums

P(X = x) = f(x) = b(x; n, p) = (N choose x) p^x q^{N-x}, x = 0, 1, 2, ..., N

- BINOMIAL RANDOM VARIABLE THE NUMBER OF X SUCCESSSES IN N BERNOULLI TRIALS
- PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION OF THIS DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLE IS THE BINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION
- IT'S VALUES WILL BE DENOTED BY b(x; N, p)
- b(x; N, p) DEPENDS ON THE NUMBER OF TRIALS
- b(x; N, p) DEPENDS ON THE NUMBER OF SUCCESSES ON A GIVEN TRIAL

a. OBJECTIVE IS TO FIND THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO DISAPPROVE WITH THE GIVEN INFORMATION PROVIDED  
SO WE NEED TO FIND

P(7 ≤ X ≤ 9) = ∑\_{i=7}^9 P(X=i) = ∑\_{i=7}^9 b(i; 12, 0.7) = ∑\_{i=7}^9 b(i; 12, 0.7) - ∑\_{i=0}^6 b(i; 12, 0.7) = 0.7472 - 0.1178 = 0.0366

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	3	0.9744	0.7946	0.6488	0.4925	0.2253	0.0730	0.0153	0.0017	0.0001	
	4	0.9957	0.9274	0.8424	0.7237	0.4382	0.1938	0.0573	0.0095	0.0006	0.0000
	5	0.9995	0.9806	0.9456	0.8822	0.6652	0.3872	0.1582	0.0386	0.0039	0.0001
	6	0.9999	0.9961	0.9857	0.9614	0.8418	0.6128	0.3348	0.1178	0.0194	0.0005
	7	1.0000	0.9994	0.9972	0.9905	0.9427	0.8062	0.5618	0.2763	0.0726	0.0043
	8		0.9999	0.9996	0.9983	0.9847	0.9270	0.7747	0.5075	0.2054	0.0256
	9		1.0000	1.0000	0.9998	0.9972	0.9807	0.9166	0.7472	0.4417	0.1109
	10				1.0000	0.9997	0.9968	0.9804	0.9150	0.7251	0.3410
	11					1.0000	0.9998	0.9978	0.9862	0.9313	0.7176
12						1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	

∴ P(7 ≤ X ≤ 9) = ∑\_{i=7}^9 P(X=i) = 0.036

b. AT MOST 5 THUS P(X ≤ 5)

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c NOT LESS THAN 8

P(X > 8) = 1 - P(X ≤ 8) = 1 - P(X ≤ 7) = 1 - ∑\_{i=0}^7 P(X=i)

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LET RANDOM VARIABLE  $X$  BE THE NUMBER OF CHIPS FAILED AMONG THE 20 RANDOM CHIPS

- LET FAILURE OF A CHIP BE REPRESENTED AS A SUCCESS
- PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS  $P=0.10$
- EACH TRIAL IS INDEPENDENT
- $X$  HAS A BINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION WITH PARAMETERS  $N=20$  &  $P=0.10$

THE PROBABILITY MASS FUNCTION OF  $X$  IS,

- $P(X \leq 3) = \sum_{x=0}^3 b(x; 20, 0.10) = 0.8670$

$n$	$r$	0.10	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.90
19	0	0.1351	0.0144	0.0042	0.0011	0.0001					
	1	0.4203	0.0829	0.0310	0.0104	0.0008	0.0000				
	2	0.7054	0.2369	0.1113	0.0462	0.0055	0.0004	0.0000			
	3	0.8850	0.4551	0.2631	0.1332	0.0230	0.0022	0.0001			
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	3	0.8670	0.4114	0.2252	0.1071	0.0160	0.0013	0.0000			
	4	0.9568	0.6296	0.4148	0.2375	0.0510	0.0059	0.0003			

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- by using the formula for the binomial distribution
- by using table a.1

$$\mathcal{P}(X=6) = b(x; 8, 0.60), \text{ where } x = 0, 1, \dots, 8$$

$$p = \text{success prob} = \binom{N}{x} p^x q^{N-x} = \binom{8}{x} (0.60)^x (1 - 0.60)^{8-x}$$

$$q = 1 - p$$

$$P(X=6) = \binom{8}{x} (0.60)^x (0.4)^{8-x}, \quad \text{WHERE } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 8$$

a. USING OUR DERIVED EQUATION

- $P(X=6) = 0.2090$

b. USING THE BINOMIAL PROBABILITY SUMS  $\sum_{x=0}^n b(x; n, p)$

- $P(X=6) = b(6; 8, 0.60) = 0.8936$

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GIVEN THE FOLLOWING,

- LET RANDOM VARIABLE  $X$  REPRESENT A USEFUL LIFE
- A SUCCESSFUL TRIAL WILL IN A USEFUL LIFE
- $p = 0.9$  FOR PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS
- ALL TRIALS ARE INDEPENDENT,  $X$  THEREFORE HAS A BINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION WITH PARAMETERS  $N = 20 \hookrightarrow p = 0.9$

THE PROBABILITY MASS FUNCTION OF  $X$  IS,

$$P(X=x) = b(x; 20, 0.9) = \binom{20}{x} (0.9)^x (1-p)^{N-x} = \binom{20}{x} (0.9)^x (0.1)^{20-x}, \text{ WHERE } x = 0, 1, \dots, 20$$

a. EXACTLY 18 WILL HAVE A USEFUL LIFE

$$P(X=18) = b(x=18; 20, 0.9) = \binom{20}{18} (0.9)^{18} (0.1)^2 = \frac{20!}{18! (20-18)!} (0.9)^{18} (0.1)^2 = 0.2852$$

•  $P(X=18) = 0.2852$

b. AT LEAST 15 WILL HAVE A USEFUL LIFE

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 15) &= 1 - P(X \leq 14) \\ &= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^{14} b(x; 20, 0.90) \\ &= 1 - 0.0113 \end{aligned}$$

•  $P(X \geq 15) = 0.9887$

c. AT LEAST 2 WILL NOT HAVE A USEFUL LIFE

•  $P(X \leq 18) = \sum_{x=0}^{18} b(x; 20, 0.9) = 0.6083$

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let  $X$  represent the number of accidents in a month

- average number of accidents per month  $\lambda = 3$
- since the given interval of time is 1 month,  $t = 1$
- $X$  has a poisson distribution with parameter  $\lambda t = 3$

the pmf is,

$$P(X=x) = p(x; \lambda t), \text{ where } x=0,1,2,$$
$$= \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^x}{x!}$$

a. exactly 5 accidents occur

• 
$$P(X=5) = p(5,3) = \frac{e^{-3} (3)^5}{5!} = 0.1008$$

b. any month fewer than 3 will occur

$$P(X < 3) = P(X \leq 2) = P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2)$$
$$= p(0;3) + p(1;3) + p(2;3)$$
$$= \frac{e^{-3} 3^0}{0!} + \frac{e^{-3} 3^1}{1!} + \frac{e^{-3} 3^2}{2!}$$
$$= 0.0498 + 0.1494 + 0.2240$$

• 
$$P(X < 3) = 0.4232$$

c. at least 2 accidents will

$$P(X \geq 2) = 1 - P(X \leq 1)$$
$$= 1 - P(X=0) - P(X=1)$$
$$= 1 - p(0;3) - p(1;3)$$
$$= 1 - 0.0498 - 0.1494$$

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$$P(X \geq 2) = 0.8008$$

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LET  $X$  REPRESENT THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO FAIL OUT OF THE NEXT 1875 STUDENTS. CONSIDER IT SUCCESS IF A STUDENT FAILS THE SCREENING TEST  
THUS THE PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS IN EACH TRIAL IS  $p = 0.004$

BECAUSE THE TRIALS ARE INDEPENDENT,  $X$  HAS BINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION WITH PARAMETERS  $N = 1875$  &  $p = 0.004$

$\mu = N \cdot p = 1875 \cdot 0.004 = 7.5$

USING THE POISSON APPROXIMATION,  $X$  HAS A POISSON DISTRIBUTION WITH PARAMETER  $\mu = 7.5$   
THE PROBABILITY MASS FUNCTION OF  $X$  IS THUS,

$$P(X; 7.5) = \frac{e^{-7.5} (7.5)^x}{x!} \quad ; \quad x = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

NOW WE CAN CALCULATE THE PROB THAT FEWER THAN 5 FAIL THE TEST

$$\begin{aligned} P(X < 5) &= P(X \leq 4) \\ &= P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2) + P(X=3) + P(X=4) \\ &= \frac{e^{-7.5} (7.5)^0}{0!} + \frac{e^{-7.5} (7.5)^1}{1!} + \frac{e^{-7.5} (7.5)^2}{2!} + \frac{e^{-7.5} (7.5)^3}{3!} + \frac{e^{-7.5} (7.5)^4}{4!} \\ &\approx 0.00055 + 0.00415 + 0.01556 + 0.03889 + 0.07292 \end{aligned}$$

• 
$$P(X \leq 5) = 0.1321$$

NEXT WE CAN CALCULATE THE PROBABILITY THAT 8, 9, OR 10 FAIL THE TEST

$$\begin{aligned} P(8 \leq X \leq 10) &= P(X=8) + P(X=9) + P(X=10) \\ &= \frac{e^{-7.5} (7.5)^8}{8!} + \frac{e^{-7.5} (7.5)^9}{9!} + \frac{e^{-7.5} (7.5)^{10}}{10!} \\ &= 0.13771 + 0.11444 + 0.08583 \end{aligned}$$

• 
$$P(8 \leq X \leq 10) = 0.3376$$



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- b. what is the probability that at least 4 arrive during a 1-hour period?
- c. if we define a working day as 12 hours, what is the probability that at least 75 small aircraft arrive during a working day?

Let  $X$  represent the number of aircraft arrivals during a 1 hour period  
The poisson parameter for arrivals for a period of  $t$  hours is  $\mu = 6t$   
The probability mass function of  $X$  is

$$P(X = x) = \frac{e^{-6}(6)^x}{x!}; \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Now we can find the probability that exactly 4 small aircraft arrive during a 1-hour period

$$P(X = 4) = \frac{e^{-6}(6)^4}{4!} = 0.1338561$$

• 
$$P(X = 4) \approx 0.1339$$

Next we can calc the prob that at least 4 arrive

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 4) &= 1 - P(X \leq 3) \\ &= 1 - (P(X=3) + P(X=2) + P(X=1) + P(X=0)) \\ &= 1 - P(X=0) - P(X=1) - P(X=2) - P(X=3) \\ &= 1 - P(0; 6) - P(1; 6) - P(2; 6) - P(3; 6) \\ &= 1 - \frac{e^{-6}(6)^0}{0!} - \frac{e^{-6}(6)^1}{1!} - \frac{e^{-6}(6)^2}{2!} - \frac{e^{-6}(6)^3}{3!} \\ &= 1 - 0.002479 - 0.014873 - 0.044618 - 0.089235 \\ &= 1 - 0.151204 \\ &= 0.8488 \end{aligned}$$

• 
$$P(X \geq 4) = 0.8488$$

Lastly lets find that at least 75 small aircraft arrive during a 12 hour working day

$$\begin{aligned} t &= 12 \text{ hour} \\ \mu = 6t &= 6 \cdot 12 = 72 \text{ hours} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 75) &= 1 - P(X \leq 74) \\ &= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^{74} \frac{e^{-72}(72)^x}{x!} = 1 - 0.6227 = 0.3773 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 10) &= 1 - P(X \leq 10) \\ &= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^{10} P(X; (\mu = 7 \cdot 2)) \\ &= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^{10} P(X; 14) \\ &= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^{10} \frac{e^{-14} (14)^x}{x!} \\ &= 1 - 0.175681 \end{aligned}$$

•  $P(X > 10) = 0.8243$

NEXT THE MEAN FOR A 2 HOUR PERIOD IS JUST  $E(X) = \mu = 7 \cdot 2 = 14$

•  $E(X) = 14$