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1 recursion formular - simple version

Consider generating function for Poisson-Binomial of you case. m Bernoulli trials with success p and n Bernoulli trials with success q.

$$m + n = N \tag{1.1}$$

$$q + p = 1 \tag{1.2}$$

$$G(x) = (q + px)^m \cdot (p + qx)^n \tag{1.3}$$

The derivative of ln(a(x)) is given by:

$$[\ln(g(x))]' = \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\left(\sum_{i=0}^{N} a_i x^i\right)'}{\sum_{i=0}^{N} a_i x^i} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} i \cdot a_i x^{i-1}}{\sum_{i=0}^{N} a_i x^i}$$
(1.4)

On the other hand

$$[ln(g(x))]' = (m(q+px) + n(p+qx))' = \frac{mp}{q+px} + \frac{nq}{p+qx} = \frac{xpq(m+n) + mp^2 + nq^2}{x^2pq + x(p^2 + q^2) + pq}$$
(1.5)

Equating both expressions we get

$$\frac{xpqN + mp^2 + nq^2}{x^2pq + x(p^2 + q^2) + pq} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} i \cdot a_i x^{i-1}}{\sum_{i=0}^{N} a_i x^i}$$
(1.6)

$$(xpqN + mp^2 + nq^2)(\sum_{i=0}^{N} a_i x^i) = (x^2pq + x(p^2 + q^2) + pq)(\sum_{i=1}^{N} i \cdot a_i x^{i-1})$$
(1.7)

Multiplying and equating terms with same power of x we get:

$$a_i(mp^2 + nq^2) + a_{i-1}pqN = a_{i+1}pq(i+1) + a_i(p^2 + q^2)i + a_{i-1}pq(i-1)$$
(1.8)

$$a_i(mp^2 + nq^2) + a_{i-1}pqN = a_{i+1}pqi + a_i(p^2 + q^2)i + a_{i-1}pqi + (a_{i+1} - a_{i-1})$$
(1.9)

Ignore the difference of $a_{i+1} - a_{i-1}$, and denote the expectation of successes as μ . Then the expression simplifies to:

$$\frac{N-i}{\frac{a_{i+1}}{a_i}i - (\frac{\mu - Npq}{pq} - \frac{p^2 + q^2}{pq}i)} = \frac{a_i}{a_{i-1}}$$

$$\frac{N-i}{N-i + (\frac{a_{i+1}}{a_i} - 1)i - \frac{\mu - i}{pq}} = \frac{a_i}{a_{i-1}}$$
(1.10)

$$\frac{N-i}{N-i+(\frac{a_{i+1}}{q_i}-1)i-\frac{\mu-i}{q_i}} = \frac{a_i}{a_{i-1}}$$
 (1.11)

(1.12)

Denote the distance between i and μ as l. Then:

$$\mu - i = l \tag{1.13}$$

$$i = \mu - l \tag{1.14}$$

$$\frac{a_{i+1}}{a_i} = f_l \tag{1.15}$$

$$\frac{a_i}{a_{i-1}} = f_{l+1} \tag{1.16}$$

$$\frac{N - \mu + l}{N - \mu + l + (f_l - 1)(\mu - l) - \frac{l}{pq}} = f_{l+1}$$
(1.17)

$$f_{l+1} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{N - \mu + l} (\frac{l}{pq} - (f_l - 1)(\mu - l))}$$
(1.18)

Note that when l=0 and $f_0=1, f_1=1$ for all μ . When $l=1, f_2$ is given by

$$f_2 = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{N - \mu + 1} \frac{1}{pq}} \tag{1.19}$$

Clearly, f_2 is largest for the smallest μ which is reached when m=0 and the smallest when m=N. Denote μ_0 and μ_x as expectations at m=0 and m=x respectively. Obviously $\mu_0 < \mu_x$. Suppose that for some l+1, the corresponding ratio f_l of distribution with μ_x becomes larger then that of distribution with μ_0 .

$$f_{l+1}^x > f_{l+1}^0 \tag{1.20}$$

(1.21)

Using the recursion formula, we can express f_{l+1}^x and f_{l+1}^0 as:

$$f_{l+1}^x = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{N - \mu_x + l} (\frac{l}{pq} - (f_l^x - 1)(\mu_x - l))}$$
 (1.22)

$$f_{l+1}^0 = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{N - \mu_0 + l} (\frac{l}{pq} - (f_l^0 - 1)(\mu_0 - l))}$$
(1.23)

For $f_{l+1}^x > f_{l+1}^0$ to hold, the following must hold:

$$\frac{1}{N - \mu_x + l} \left(\frac{l}{pq} - (f_l^x - 1)(\mu_x - l) \right) > \frac{1}{N - \mu_0 + l} \left(\frac{l}{pq} - (f_l^0 - 1)(\mu_0 - l) \right)$$
 (1.24)

$$\frac{(f_l^0 - 1)(\mu_0 - l)}{N - \mu_0 + l} - \frac{(f_l^x - 1)(\mu_x - l)}{N - \mu_x + l} > \frac{1}{N - \mu_0 + l} \frac{l}{pq} - \frac{1}{N - \mu_x + l} \frac{l}{pq}$$
(1.25)

$$\frac{(f_l^0 - 1)(\mu_0 - l)}{N - \mu_0 + l} - \frac{(f_l^x - 1)(\mu_x - l)}{N - \mu_x + l} > -\frac{l}{pq} \frac{\mu_x - \mu_0}{((N - \mu_x + l)(N - \mu_0 + l)}$$
(1.26)

$$\frac{(f_l^x - 1)(\mu_x - l)}{N - \mu_x + l} - \frac{(f_l^0 - 1)(\mu_0 - l)}{N - \mu_0 + l} < \frac{l}{pq} \frac{\mu_x - \mu_0}{((N - \mu_x + l)(N - \mu_0 + l))}$$
(1.27)

Suppose $f_l^x \ge f_l^0$, then we can replace $f_l^x - 1$ with $f_l^0 - 1$ and the inequality should still hold since we reduce the left part.

$$\frac{(f_0^x - 1)(\mu_x - l)}{N - \mu_x + l} - \frac{(f_l^0 - 1)(\mu_0 - l)}{N - \mu_0 + l} < \frac{l}{pq} \frac{\mu_x - \mu_0}{(N - \mu_x + l)(N - \mu_0 + l)}$$
(1.28)

$$(f_l^0 - 1) \left[\frac{\mu_x - l}{N - \mu_x + l} - \frac{\mu_0 - l}{N - \mu_0 + l} \right] < \frac{l}{pq} \frac{\mu_x - \mu_0}{(N - \mu_x + l)(N - \mu_0 + l)}$$
(1.29)

The expression inside the brackets simplifies to:

$$\frac{\mu_x - l}{N - \mu_x + l} - \frac{\mu_0 - l}{N - \mu_0 + l} = \frac{N(\mu_x - \mu_0)}{(N - \mu_x + l)(N - \mu_0 + l)}$$
(1.30)

From here:

$$(f_l^0 - 1) \frac{N(\mu_x - \mu_0)}{(N - \mu_x + l)(N - \mu_0 + l)} < \frac{l}{pq} \frac{\mu_x - \mu_0}{(N - \mu_x + l)(N - \mu_0 + l)}$$

$$(1.31)$$

$$(f_l^0 - 1)Npq < l$$
 (1.32)

$$(f_l^0 - 1) < \frac{l}{Npq} \tag{1.33}$$

Now consider the values of probabilistic ratio for μ_0 . Since m=0, all Bernoulli trials generate

successes with probability q, hence the ratio at any given number of successes i is:

$$\frac{a_i}{a_{i-1}} = \frac{\binom{N}{i} q^i p^{N-i}}{\binom{N}{i-1} q^{i-1} p^{N-i+1}} = \frac{N-i+1}{i} \frac{q}{p}$$
 (1.34)

$$f_l^0 = \frac{N - \mu_0 + l + 1}{\mu_0 - l} \frac{q}{p} = \frac{N - qN + l + 1}{qN - l} \frac{q}{p}$$
 (1.35)

$$f_l^0 - 1 = \frac{N - qN + l + 1}{qN - l} \frac{q}{p} - 1 = \frac{(N - qN + l + 1)q - (qN - l)p}{(qN - l)p} =$$
(1.36)

$$\frac{Nq - q^2N + lq + q - pqN + pl}{(qN - l)p} = \frac{Nq(1 - p) - q^2N + l(q + p) + q}{(qN - l)p} = (1.37)$$

$$\frac{Nq^2 - q^2N + l + q}{(qN - l)p} = \frac{l + q}{(qN - l)p}$$
 (1.38)

$$f_l^0 - 1 = \frac{l+q}{(qN-l)p} \tag{1.39}$$

Now, consider the inequality:

$$f_l^0 - 1 = \frac{l+q}{(qN-l)p} > \frac{l}{Npq} \tag{1.40}$$

$$\frac{l+q}{qN-l} > \frac{l}{qN} \tag{1.41}$$

Since this inequality holds for all l, we arrived at contradiction. Then f_x must be strictly less than f_0 . That's interesting, for it means that if $f_l^x > f_l^0$ and iteration l, then at iteration l+1, $f_l^0 > f_l^x$. Basically, f_l^0 may only loose it maximum status for a single iteration. This could be sufficient for our purpose, but i am still looking for a better prove.