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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 .

$$m + n = N \quad (1.1)$$

$$q + p = 1 \quad (1.2)$$

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

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

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

On the other hand

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

Equating both expressions we get

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{N-i}{\frac{a_{i+1}}{a_i}i - (\frac{\mu-Npq}{pq} - \frac{p^2+q^2}{pq}i)} = \frac{a_i}{a_{i-1}} \quad (1.10)$$

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

$$(1.12)$$

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

$$\mu - i = l \quad (1.13)$$

$$i = \mu - l \quad (1.14)$$

$$\frac{a_{i+1}}{a_i} = f_l \quad (1.15)$$

$$\frac{a_i}{a_{i-1}} = f_{l+1} \quad (1.16)$$

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

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

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

$$f_2 = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{N-\mu+1}\frac{1}{pq}} \quad (1.19)$$

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 than that of distribution with μ_0 .

$$f_{l+1}^x > f_{l+1}^0 \quad (1.20)$$

$$(1.21)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Suppose $f_l^x \geq f_l^0$, 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.

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

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

The expression inside the brackets simplifies to:

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

From here:

$$(f_l^0 - 1) \frac{N(\mu_x - \mu_0)}{(N - \mu_x + l)(N - \mu_0 + l)} < \frac{l}{pq} \frac{\mu_x - \mu_0}{(N - \mu_x + l)(N - \mu_0 + l)} \quad (1.31)$$

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

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

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now, consider the inequality:

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

$$\frac{l + q}{qN - l} > \frac{l}{qN} \quad (1.41)$$

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.