

# Khyati Naik: Data 605 - HW7

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The distribution of  $Y$ , the minimum of the random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , can be found by considering the complementary event:  $P(Y > y)$ , where  $y$  is a particular value.

For  $Y$  to be greater than  $y$ , all of the  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  must be greater than  $y$ . Since each  $X_i$  is uniformly distributed on the integers from 1 to  $k$ , the probability that any  $X_i$  is greater than  $y$  is  $(k - y)/k$ .

Since the random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are mutually independent, we can multiply their probabilities together:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y > y) &= P(X_1 > y) * P(X_2 > y) * \dots * P(X_n > y) \\ &= [(k - y)/k] * [(k - y)/k] * \dots * [(k - y)/k] \\ &= [(k - y)/k]^n \end{aligned}$$

Now, to find the distribution of  $Y$ , we need to find  $P(Y = y)$ , which is the probability that  $Y$  is exactly equal to  $y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y = y) &= P(Y > y - 1) - P(Y > y) \\ &= [(k - (y - 1))/k]^n - [(k - y)/k]^n \end{aligned}$$

This gives you the probability mass function (PMF) of the distribution of  $Y$  for each value of  $y$  from 1 to  $k$ .

In summary, the distribution of  $Y$ , the minimum of the  $X_i$ 's, follows a discrete probability distribution where the PMF is given by:

$$P(Y = y) = [(k - (y - 1))/k]^n - [(k - y)/k]^n$$

for  $y = 1$  to  $k$ .

2. Your organization owns a copier (future lawyers, etc.) or MRI (future doctors). This machine has a manufacturer's expected lifetime of 10 years. This means that we expect one failure every ten years. (Include the probability statements and R Code for each part.)

a. What is the probability that the machine will fail after 8 years?. Provide also the expected value and standard deviation. Model as a geometric. (Hint: the probability is equivalent to not failing during the first 8 years.)

```
# Probability of not failing in 8 years
probability_survive_8_years <- (9/10)^8

# Probability of failing after 8 years (complement of surviving for 8 years)
probability_fail_after_8_years <- probability_survive_8_years

# Expected value (mean) of the geometric distribution
expected_value <- 1 / (1/10)

# Standard deviation of the geometric distribution
standard_deviation <- sqrt((1 - 1/10) / (1/10)^2)

# Print the results
cat("Probability of failing after 8 years:", probability_fail_after_8_years, "\n")
```

```
## Probability of failing after 8 years: 0.4304672
```

```
cat("Expected value (mean):", expected_value, "\n")
```

```
## Expected value (mean): 10
```

```
cat("Standard deviation:", standard_deviation, "\n")
```

```
## Standard deviation: 9.486833
```

b. What is the probability that the machine will fail after 8 years?. Provide also the expected value and standard deviation. Model as an exponential.

```
# Rate parameter
lambda <- 1/10

# Time (in years) after which we want to find the probability
x <- 8

# Probability that the machine will not fail before 8 years
probability_survive_8_years <- exp(-lambda * x)

# Probability of failing after 8 years (complement of surviving for 8 years)
probability_fail_after_8_years <- probability_survive_8_years
```

```

# Expected value (mean) of the exponential distribution
expected_value <- 1 / lambda

# Standard deviation of the exponential distribution
standard_deviation <- 1 / lambda

# Print the results
cat("Probability of failing after 8 years (Exponential):", probability_fail_after_8_years, "\n")

```

```
## Probability of failing after 8 years (Exponential): 0.449329
```

```
cat("Expected value (mean):", expected_value, "\n")
```

```
## Expected value (mean): 10
```

```
cat("Standard deviation:", standard_deviation, "\n")
```

```
## Standard deviation: 10
```

c. What is the probability that the machine will fail after 8 years?. Provide also the expected value and standard deviation. Model as a binomial. (Hint: 0 success in 8 years)

```

# Probability of failure in a single year
p_failure <- 1/10 # Since the machine fails on average once every 10 years

# Number of trials (years)
n_years <- 8

# Number of failures (successes for our binomial)
x_failures <- 0

# Probability of 0 failures in 8 years (binomial)
probability_0_failures <- dbinom(x_failures, size = n_years, prob = p_failure)

# Expected value (mean) of the binomial distribution
expected_value_binomial <- n_years * p_failure

# Standard deviation of the binomial distribution
standard_deviation_binomial <- sqrt(n_years * p_failure * (1 - p_failure))

# Print the results
cat("Probability of failing after 8 years (Binomial):", 1 - probability_0_failures, "\n")

```

```
## Probability of failing after 8 years (Binomial): 0.5695328
```

```
cat("Expected value (mean):", expected_value_binomial, "\n")
```

```
## Expected value (mean): 0.8
```

```
cat("Standard deviation:", standard_deviation_binomial, "\n")
```

```
## Standard deviation: 0.8485281
```

d. What is the probability that the machine will fail after 8 years?. Provide also the expected value and standard deviation. Model as a Poisson.

```
# Rate parameter for Poisson distribution  
lambda <- 8 * (1/10) # Average number of failures in 8 years
```

```
# Number of failures (successes for Poisson)  
x_failures <- 0
```

```
# Probability of 0 failures in 8 years (Poisson)  
probability_0_failures <- dpois(x_failures, lambda)
```

```
# Expected value (mean) of the Poisson distribution  
expected_value_poisson <- lambda
```

```
# Standard deviation of the Poisson distribution  
standard_deviation_poisson <- sqrt(lambda)
```

```
# Print the results
```

```
cat("Probability of failing after 8 years (Poisson):", probability_0_failures, "\n")
```

```
## Probability of failing after 8 years (Poisson): 0.449329
```

```
cat("Expected value (mean):", expected_value_poisson, "\n")
```

```
## Expected value (mean): 0.8
```

```
cat("Standard deviation:", standard_deviation_poisson, "\n")
```

```
## Standard deviation: 0.8944272
```