

Bernoulli distribution

→ Binary → two outcomes

A discrete prob distribution of a r.v. which takes only two possible outcomes, typically labelled as success (coded as 1) and failure (coded as 0) with a fixed prob of success and failure, i.e. sum of probs = 1

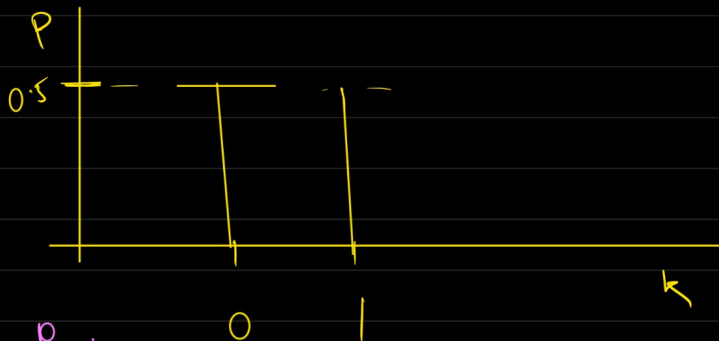
* To model any experiment with only two possible outcomes.

Eg. Tossing a coin.

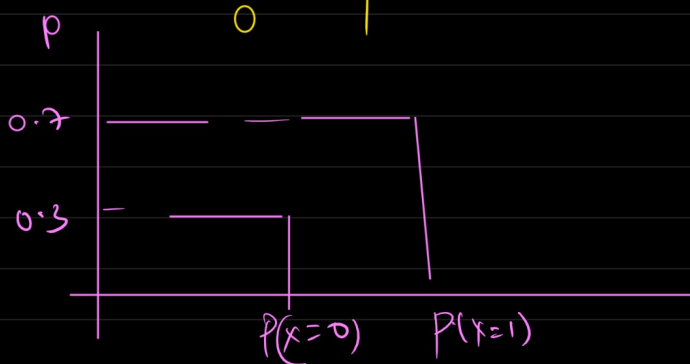
Head or tail ($k \in \{1, 0\}$)

$$P(X=H) = P(X=1) = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5 = \underline{p}$$

$$P(X=T) = P(X=0) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = 1 - 0.5 = 0.5 = \underline{1-p} = q$$



$$\underline{P(X=0) + P(X=1) = 1}$$



pmf \Rightarrow

$$P(X=k) = \begin{cases} p & \text{if } k=1 \\ 1-p & \text{if } k=0 \end{cases}$$

Combining together

$$P(X=k) = p^k (1-p)^{1-k}$$

① if $k=1$

$$P(X=1) = p^1 (1-p)^{1-1} = p \cdot \underbrace{(1-p)^0}_{=1} = p$$

② if $k=0$

$$P(X=0) = \underbrace{p^0}_1 (1-p)^{1-0} = 1-p$$

$$p + 1-p = 1$$

* Conditions of Bernoulli Distribution

① No of trial should be finite

② Each trial should be independent.

③ Only two possible outcome $\begin{cases} \text{Pass} \\ \text{Fail} \end{cases}$

④ Prob of each output should be same in every trial.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ P(H)=0.5 & P(H)=0.5 & P(H)=0.5 & P(H)=0.5 \end{array}$$

Examples

→ Tossing a coin

→ Someone has committed a fraud or not

→ getting a six or not

→ pass / fail

→ win / not win

→ Customer churn / convert

→ rain or not.

Q Bumrah bowls 6 balls at wicket with prob of 0.6 at hitting the stump with each ball. What is prob of not hitting a wicket?

→ Bernoulli dist (as only two outcomes hit the wicket or not)

$$p(\text{hitting a wicket}) = 0.6$$

$$p(\text{hitting not a wicket}) = 1 - 0.6 = 0.4$$

* Mean & Variance of Bernoulli distribution

\Downarrow
 p

\downarrow
 $p(1-p)$

① Mean

$$\rightarrow E(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i p(x_i)$$

x can have two values
0 or 1

$$= x=1 + x=0$$

$$= 1 \times 0.6 + 0 \times 0.4$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.6}}$$

Assume a random Experiment

$$p(x=1) = 0.6 = p$$

$$p(x=0) = 1-p = 0.4 = q$$

$$\underline{\underline{E(x) = p}}$$

$$E(x) = 1 \times 0.6 + 0 \times 0.4$$
$$= \underline{\underline{0.6}}$$

② $\text{Var}(x) \Rightarrow E(x^2) - \underbrace{(E(x))^2}_p$

$$E(x^2) = \sum_{x=1}^n x^2 p(x)$$

$$= 1^2 \times p + 0 \times (1-p)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{p}}$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = p - p^2$$
$$= p(1-p) \quad \text{proved.}$$