

Training Day-110 Report:

Binomial Distribution

What is Binomial Distribution?

The **Binomial Distribution** is a discrete probability distribution that models the number of successes in a fixed number of independent trials of a binary experiment. Each trial has only two possible outcomes: **success** or **failure**.

It is widely used in probability and statistics for modeling events with fixed probabilities.

Characteristics of Binomial Distribution

1. **Fixed Number of Trials (nn):**

The experiment consists of a predetermined number of trials.

2. **Binary Outcomes:**

Each trial results in one of two outcomes: **success** (with probability p) or **failure** (with probability $1-p$).

3. **Independent Trials:**

The outcome of one trial does not influence the outcomes of other trials.

4. **Constant Probability (pp):**

The probability of success remains constant across all trials.

Formula for Binomial Distribution

The probability of exactly k successes in n trials is given by:

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

Where:

- $P(X=k)$ is the probability of k successes.
- $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ is the binomial coefficient.
- p is the probability of success.
- $1-p$ is the probability of failure.
- n is the number of trials.
- k is the number of successes.

Mean and Variance

- **Mean (μ):**

$$\mu = n \cdot p$$

- **Variance (σ^2):**

$$\sigma^2 = n \cdot p \cdot (1-p)$$

- **Standard Deviation (σ):**

$$\sigma = \sqrt{n \cdot p \cdot (1-p)}$$

Examples

1. Tossing a Coin:

Suppose you flip a coin 10 times ($n=10$), and the probability of heads (p) is 0.5. The probability of getting exactly 6 heads ($k=6$) is:

$$P(X=6) = \binom{10}{6} (0.5)^6 (0.5)^4 = 210 \cdot (0.5)^{10} = 0.205$$

2. Defective Items in a Batch:

A factory produces items with a 95% success rate ($p=0.95$). If 20 items ($n=20$) are randomly selected, the probability of exactly 18 defect-free items ($k=18$) is:

$$P(X=18) = \binom{20}{18} (0.95)^{18} (0.05)^2$$

Calculate this using the binomial coefficient and powers of p and $1-p$.

Applications of Binomial Distribution

1. Quality Control:

- Used to determine the probability of defective items in a production line.

2. Epidemiology:

- Models the spread of diseases or the effectiveness of vaccines.

3. Finance:

- Evaluates probabilities in risk analysis and decision-making.

4. Machine Learning:

- Used in probabilistic models such as Naive Bayes classifiers.