



# Discrete distributions

## Probability Mass Functions for discrete random variables

### Recap

$X$ :  $\Omega \rightarrow R$   
Function Domain Range

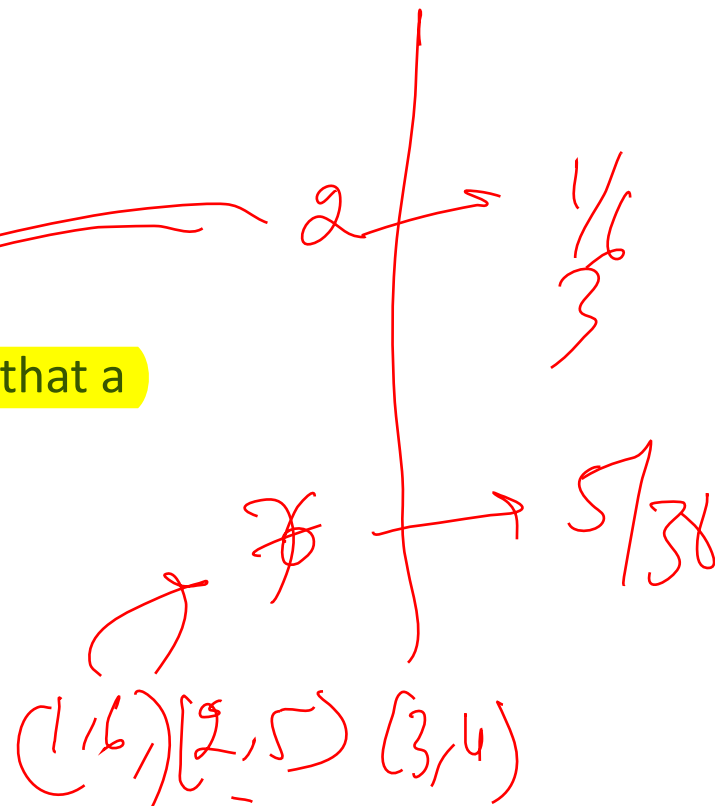
(Random Variable)

(Could be a subset of  $R$ )

### Distribution of a random variable

An assignment of probabilities to all possible values that a discrete RV can take

(can be tedious even in simple cases)





# Discrete distributions

Can PMF be specified compactly

Recap

X	P(X = x)
2	1/36
3	2/36
4	3/36
5	4/36
6	5/36
7	6/36
8	5/36
9	4/36
10	3/36
11	2/36
12	1/36

$P_X(x) =$

P(X = x)	X
1/36	If x = 2
2/36	If x = 3
3/36	If x = 4
4/36	If x = 5
5/36	If x = 6
6/36	If x = 7
5/36	If x = 8
4/36	If x = 9
3/36	If x = 10
2/36	If x = 11
1/36	If x = 12

(can be tedious when x  
can take on a large  
value)



# Discrete distributions

**Can PMF be specified compactly ?**

**P: Probability of heads**

**X: Random variable indicating the number of tosses after which you observe the first heads**

**An assignment of probabilities to all possible values that a discrete RV can take**

$$R_x = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, \dots \dots \dots \infty\}$$

$$Px(x) = (1-P)^{(x-1)} * P$$

**Compact**

**Easy to compute**

**No enumeration needed**

$$Px(x) =$$

x
If x = 1
If x = 2
If x = 3
If x = 4
If x = 5
If x = 6
If x = 7
If x = 8
If x = 9
.....
.....
If x = $\infty$

$$Px(x) = (1-P)^{(x-1)} * P$$

$x=2$

$$Px(2) = (1-0.5)^{(2-1)} * 0.5$$

2

$10^x$

$11^x$



# Discrete distributions

Can PMF be specified compactly ?

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$$Px(x) = (1-P)^{(x-1)} * p$$

How did we arrive at the above formula ?

Is it a valid PMF ( satisfying properties of a PMF)

What is the intuition behind it ?

( We will return back to this questions latter)

For now, the important point is :

It is desirable to have the entire distribution be specified by one or few parameters



# Discrete distributions

Why is this **important**?

The entire distribution can be specified by some parameters



$P(\text{label} = \text{cat} \mid \text{image}) ?$

$$P(x) = f(x)$$

A very complex function whose parameters are learnt from data

Cat ? Dog ? Owl ? Lion ?



# Bernoulli Distribution

Experiments with only two outcomes?

Bernoulli Trials



Out come: {Positive, Negative}



Outcome: {Pass, Fail}



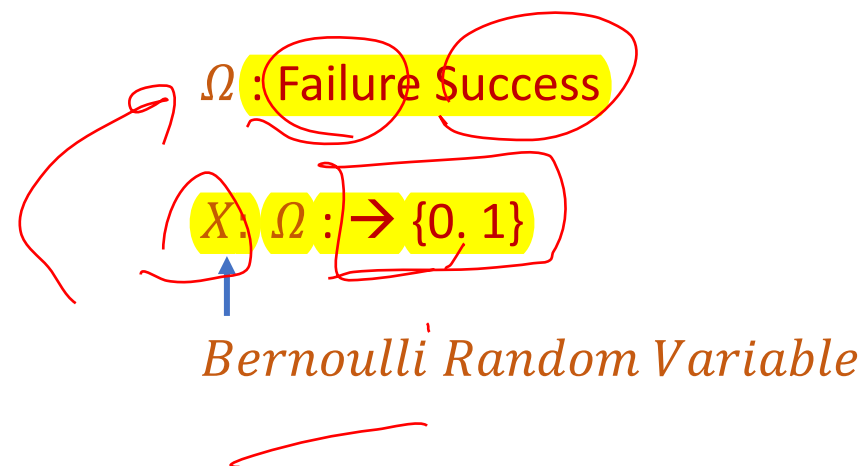
Outcome: {Hit, Flop}



Outcome: {Spam, Ham}



Outcome: {Approved, Denied}





# Bernoulli Distribution

## Bernoulli Distribution?

### Bernoulli Trials

$\Omega$  : Failure, Success

$X: \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$



Bernoulli Random Variable

A: event that the outcome is success

Let  $P(A) = P(\text{success}) = P$   $0.5$

$$P_X(1) = P \approx 0.5$$

$$P_X(0) = 1 - P \approx 1 - 0.5 = 0.5$$

$$P_X(x) = p^x * (1-p)^{(1-x)}$$

Bernoulli distribution

$\mu =$

strong  
medi-  
weak

~~2.5~~

$$p = 1/3$$



# Bernoulli Distribution

Is Bernoulli distribution a valid distribution ?

$$Px(x) = p^x * (1-p)^{(1-x)}$$

Bernoulli distribution

$\Omega$  : Failure Success

$X: \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$



*Bernoulli Random Variable*

$$Px(x) \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} Px(x) = 1 ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} Px(x) &= Px(0) + Px(1) \\ &= (1-p) + p = 1 \end{aligned}$$





# Binomial Distribution

Repeat a Bernoulli trial n times



..... n number of times

Independent :

(Success / failure in one trial does not affect the outcome of other trials)

Identical :

(Probability of success 'P' in each trial is the same)

What is the probability of k successes in n trials? ( $k \in [0, n]$ )

$$p \in [0, 1]$$



# Binomial Distribution

## Binomial Distribution ( Examples)



..... n number of times

Each ball bearing produced in a given factory is independently non defective with probability  $p$

$$n = 10$$

If you select  $n$  ball bearings what is the probability that  $k$  of them will be defective ?

$$k = 1$$

What is the probability of  $k$  successes in  $n$  trials? ( $k \in [0, n]$ )



# Binomial Distribution

## Binomial Distribution ( Examples)



.....  $n$  number of times

The probability that a customer purchases something from your website is  $P$

Assumption 1: Customers are identical (economic strata, interests, needs, etc)

Assumption 2: Customers are independent (one's decision does not influence another)

What is the probability of  $k$  out of  $n$  customers will purchase something?



# Binomial Distribution

## Binomial Distribution ( Examples)



..... n number of times

Marketing Agency: The probability that a customer opens your email is  $P$

Assumption 1: Customers are identical

Assumption 2: Customers are independent

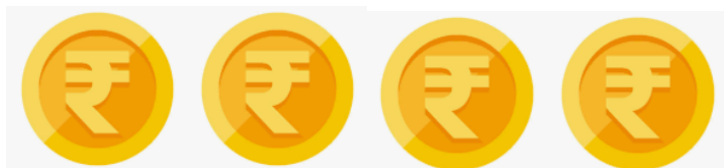
If you send  $n$  emails what is probability that the customer will open at least one of them ?

*for*



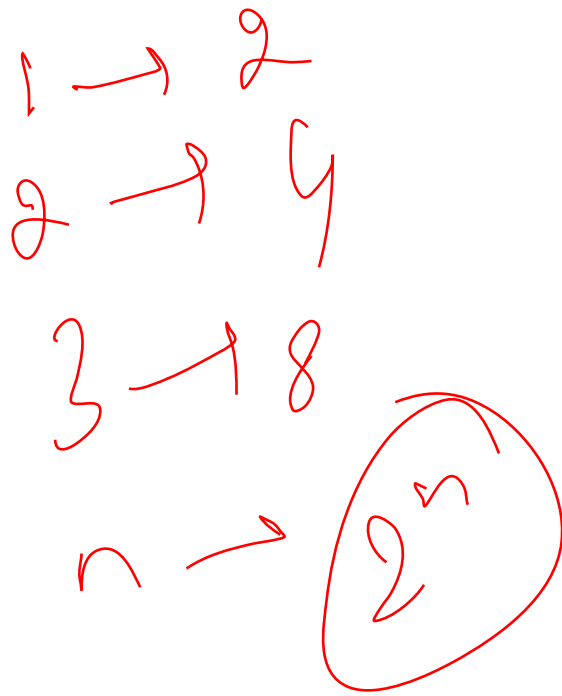
# Binomial Distribution

## Binomial Distribution



HHTT  
HHTT

..... n number of times



How many different outcomes can we have if we repeat a Bernoulli trial n times ?

S, F

\_\_\_\_\_ n

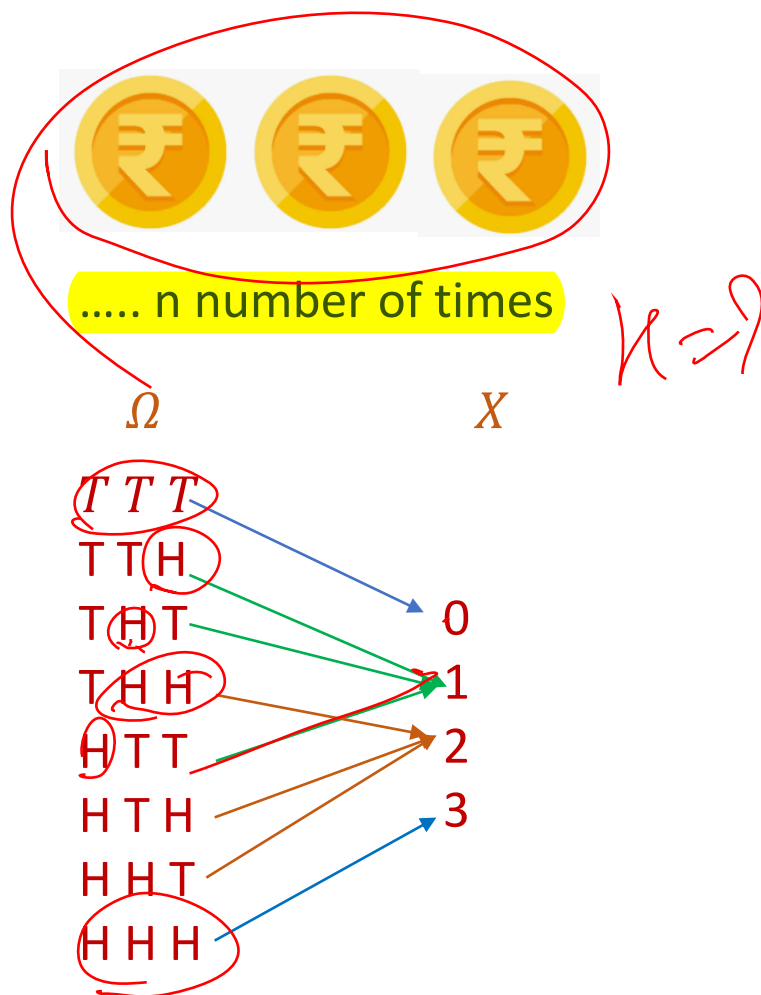
(sequence of length n from a given set of 2 objects)

=  $2^n$  outcomes



# Binomial Distribution

## Binomial Distribution



Example:  $n = 3, k = 1$

$H = \text{Success}$

$T = \text{Fail}$

$A = \{HTT, THT, TTH\}$

$$P_x(1) = P(A)$$

$$P_x(1) = P(A) = P(\{HTT\}) + P(\{THT\}) + P(\{TTH\})$$

$$P(\{HTT\}) = p(1-p)(1-p)$$

$$P(\{THT\}) = (1-p)p(1-p)$$

$$P(\{TTH\}) = (1-p)(1-p)p$$

$$P_x(1) = P(A) = 3(1-p)^2 p$$

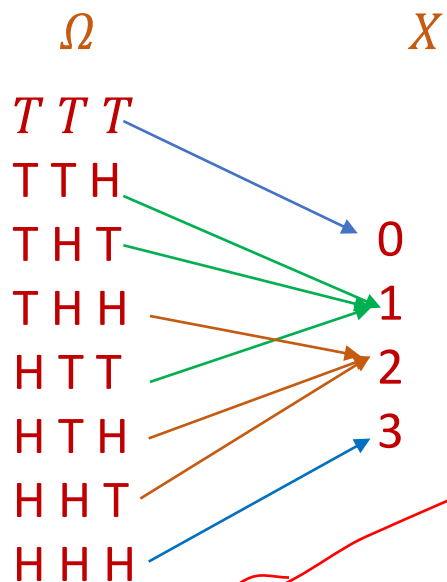


# Binomial Distribution

## Binomial Distribution



..... n number of times



Example:  $n = 3, k = 1$

$A = \{ \text{HTT, THT, TTH} \}$

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3 trials and 1 success

$$= 3 \text{ choose } 1 = \binom{3}{1}$$

$$P_x(1) = P(A) = 3(1-p)^2 p$$

$$= 3(1-p)^{(3-1)} p^1$$

$$= \binom{3}{1} (1-p)^{(3-1)} p^1$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = {}^n C_k$$

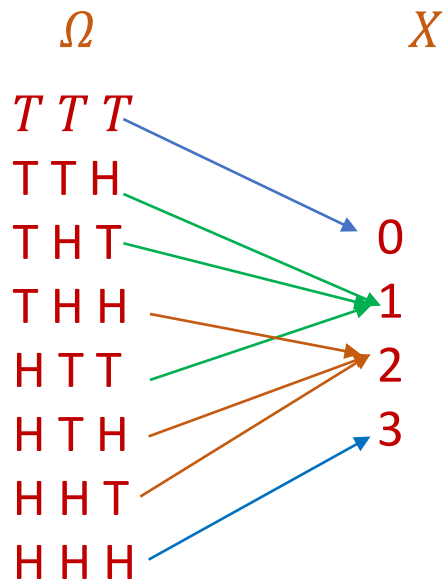


# Binomial Distribution

## Binomial Distribution



..... n number of times



Example:  $n = 3, k = 2$

$B = \{ \text{HTH, HHT, THH} \}$

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3 trials and 2 success

$$= 3 \text{ choose } 2 = \binom{3}{2}$$

$$P_x(2) = P(B) = 3(1-p)p^2$$

$$= 3(1-p)^{(3-2)}p^2$$

$$= \binom{3}{2} (1-p)^{(3-2)} p^2$$





# Binomial Distribution

## Binomial Distribution

$\binom{n}{k}$  terms in the summation

each terms will have the factor  $p^k$

each terms will have the factor  $(1-p)^{(n-k)}$

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

## Observations

n trials and k success

$\binom{n}{k}$  favourable outcomes

each of the k success occur independently with a probability p

each of the n - k failures occur independently with a probability 1 - p

Parameters: p, n

The entire distribution is full specified once the value of p and n are known



# Binomial Distribution

## Binomial Distribution Example 1: Social distancing

Suppose 10% of your colleagues from workplace are infected with COVID – 19 but are asymptomatic (hence come to office as usual)

$p = 0.1$

Suppose you come in close proximity of 50 of your colleagues.  
What is the probability of you getting infected

$$n = 50, p = 0.1$$

$$P(\text{getting infected}) = P(\text{at least one success}) \\ = 1 - P(0 \text{ successes})$$

$$= 1 - P_x(0)$$

$$= 1 - \binom{50}{0} p^0 (1-p)^{(50)} = 1 - 1 * 1 * 0.9^{(50)} = 0.995$$

$$= 1 - 1 * 1 * 0.9^{(10)} = 0.6513$$

$$= 1 - 1 * 1 * 0.98^{(10)} = 0.1829, P \text{ change to } 2\%$$



# Binomial Distribution

## Binomial Distribution Example2: Mac Users

$$\frac{10}{100} = 0.1$$

Suppose 10% of students in your class use Mac book,  
If you select 25 students at random

- a) what is the probability that exactly 3 of them are using Mac book?
- b) what is the probability that between 2 to 6 of them are using Mac book?
- C) How would the above probabilities change if instead of 10%, 90% were using Mac book?

- a)  $n = 25, p = 0.1$  and  $k = 3$
- b)  $n = 25, p = 0.1$  and  $k = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- c)  $n = 25, p = 0.9, 0.5$



# Binomial Distribution

## Binomial Distribution Example2: Mac Users

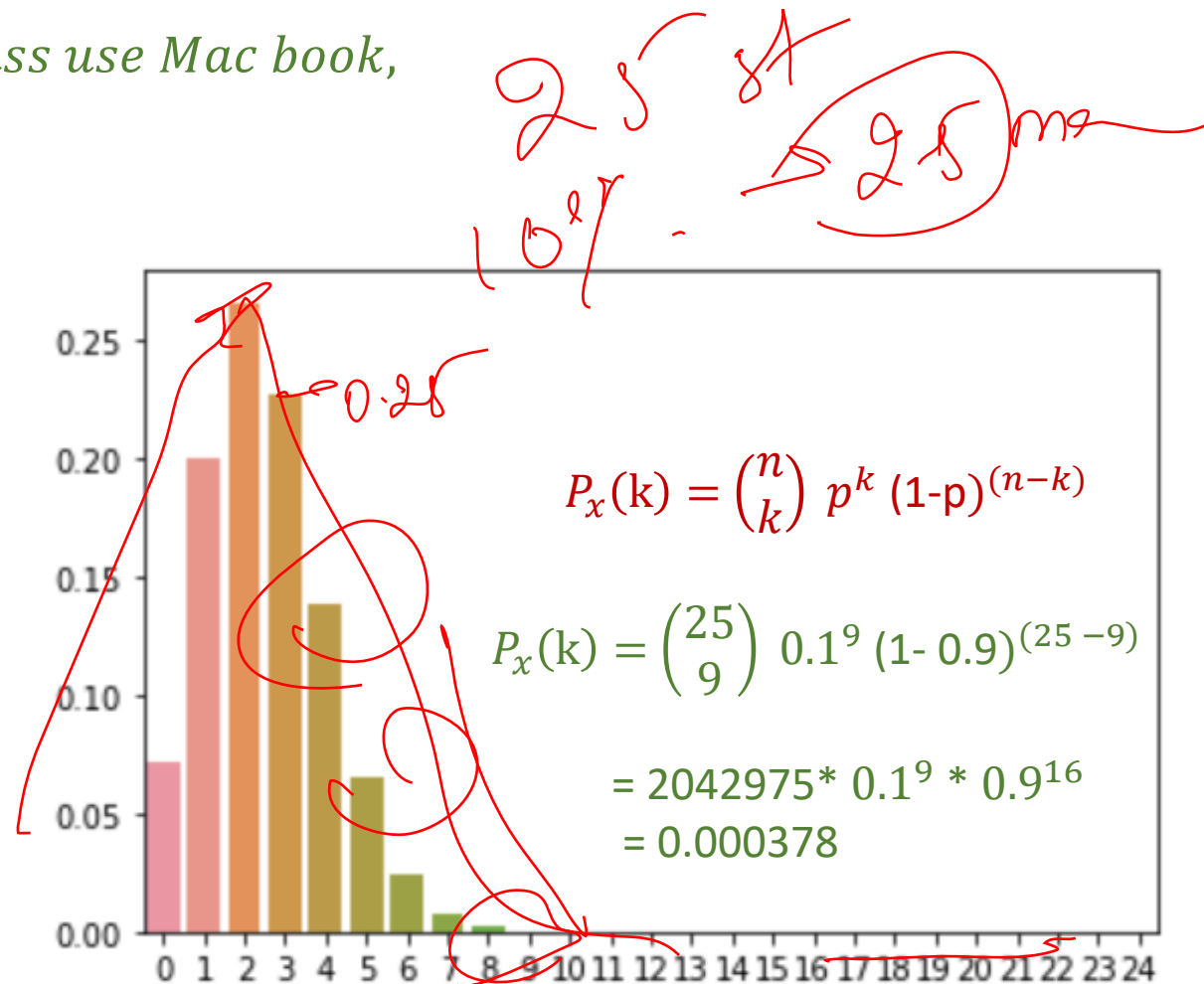
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- c)  $n = 25, p = 0.9, p = 0.5$

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import seaborn as sb
import numpy as np
from scipy.stats import binom
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x = np.arange(0, 25)
n = 25
p = 0.1
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dist = binom(n, p)
ax = sb.barplot(x = x, y = dist.pmf(x))
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# Binomial Distribution

Binom

Suppo  
If you

a)  $n = 25, p = 0.1$  and

b)  $n = 25, p = 0.1$  and

c)  $n = 25, p = 0.9, p$

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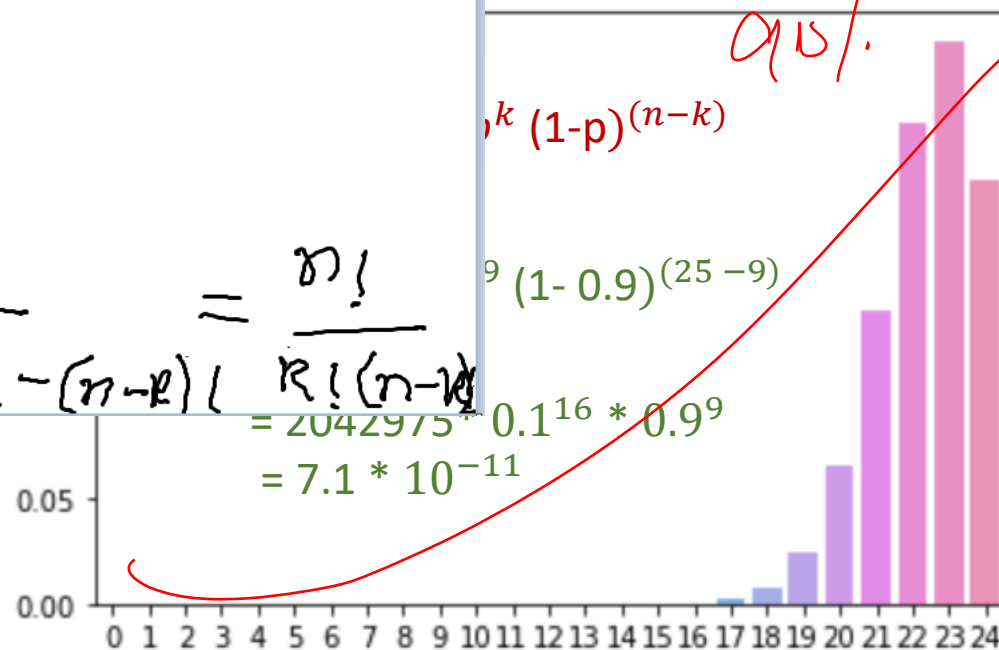
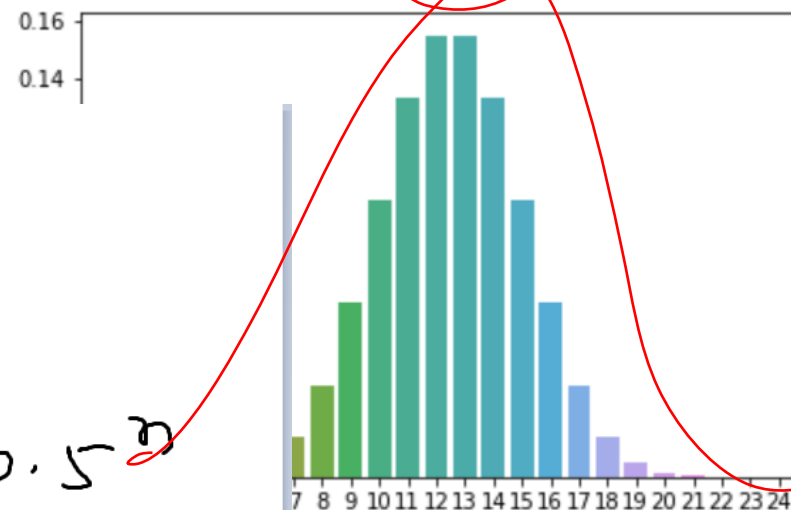
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$$P_x(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

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# Binomial Distribution

Is Binomial Distribution a valid distribution ?

$$p_x(x) \geq 0 \quad P_x(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{(n-k)}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n p_x(i) = 1 ?$$

$$= p_x(0) + p_x(1) + p_x(2) + \dots + p_x(n)$$

$$= \binom{n}{0} p^0 (1-p)^{(n-0)} + \binom{n}{1} p^1 (1-p)^{(n-1)} + \binom{n}{2} p^2 (1-p)^{(n-2)} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} p^n (1-p)^{(n-n)}$$

$$(a + b)^n = \binom{n}{0} a^0 b^n + \binom{n}{1} a^1 b^{n-1} + \binom{n}{2} a^2 b^{n-2} \dots + \binom{n}{n} a^n b^0$$

on the left hand side if  $(a = p, \quad b = 1 - p)$  then

$$= (p + 1 - p)^n = 1^n = 1$$



# Binomial Distribution

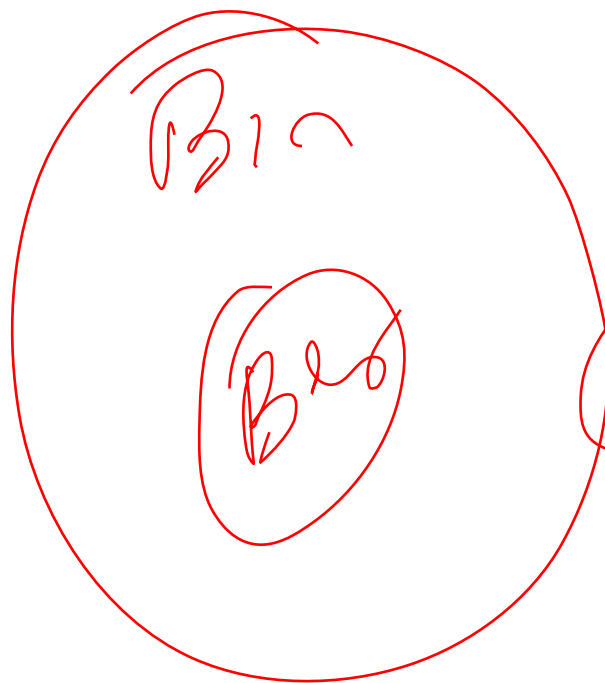
## Relation between Binomial and Bernoulli

*Binomial*

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

*Bernoulli*

$$n = 1, \quad k \in \{0, 1\}$$



$$p_x(0) = \binom{1}{0} p^0 (1-p)^{(1-0)} = 1 - p$$

$$p_x(1) = \binom{1}{1} p^1 (1-p)^{(1-1)} = p$$

**Bernoulli distribution is a special case of Binomial distribution**