

# DISCRETE DISTRIBUTIONS

A r.v.  $X$  is said to have a discrete distribution if the range of  $X$ , the sample space, is countable.

## ① Discrete uniform Distribution:

$$X \sim \text{unif}(1, N)$$

$$P(X=x | N) = \frac{1}{N} \quad x=1, 2, \dots, N$$

identities:

$$\sum_{i=1}^K i = \frac{K(K+1)}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^K i^2 = \frac{K(K+1)(2K+1)}{6}$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{x=1}^N x \cdot P(X=x | N)$$

$$= \sum_{x=1}^N x \cdot \frac{1}{N} = \frac{1}{N} \frac{N(N+1)}{2}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{N+1}{2}$$

$$E[x^2] = \sum_{x=1}^N x^2 \cdot P(X=x|N)$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x=1}^N x^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \cdot \frac{N(N+1)(2N+1)}{6}$$

$$E[x^2] = \frac{(N+1)(2N+1)}{6}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[x^2] - (E[x])^2$$

$$= \frac{(N+1)(2N+1)}{6} - \frac{(N+1)^2}{4}$$

$$= \frac{(N+1)(4N+2 - 3N-3)}{12}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(N+1)(N-1)}{12}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$E[X] = \frac{N+1}{2}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(N+1)(N-1)}{12}$$

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## Hypergeometric Distribution:

- many application in finite population sampling.

- Example : urn model.

\* we have large urn of  $N$  Ball's that are identical in every way, except  $M$  are red and  $N-M$  are green.

$N$  Ball's = identical  $M$  red Ball's + identical  $N-M$  green Ball's

\* we reach in, blindfolded, and select  $k$  ball's at random.

( $k$  ball's are taken at once, unordered)

\*  $IP(\text{exactly } x \text{ of the Ball's are red})$   
?

$$IP(X = x | N, M, k)$$

$$= \frac{\binom{M}{x} \cdot \binom{N-M}{k-x}}{\binom{N}{k}} \quad x=0,1,2,\dots,k$$

$$\sum_{x=0}^k IP(X=x) = \sum_{x=0}^k \frac{\binom{M}{x} \binom{N-M}{k-x}}{\binom{N}{k}}$$

$$= 1$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{x=0}^k x \cdot IP(X=x)$$

$$= \sum_{x=1}^k x \cdot \frac{\binom{M}{x} \binom{N-M}{k-x}}{\binom{N}{k}}$$

for  $x=0$   
the value is 0

$$= \sum_{x=1}^k \frac{M \binom{M-1}{x-1} \binom{N-M}{k-x}}{\frac{N}{k} \binom{N-1}{k-1}}$$

$$= \frac{KM}{N} \sum_{x=1}^K \frac{\binom{M-1}{x-1} \binom{N-M}{k-x}}{\binom{N-1}{k-1}}$$

$$y = x-1$$

$$= \frac{KM}{N} \sum_{y=0}^{K-1} \frac{\binom{M-1}{y} \binom{N-M}{(k-1)-y}}{\binom{N-1}{k-1}}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{pdf} = 1}$

$E[X] = \frac{KM}{N}$

$$E[X(X-1)] = \sum_{x=2}^K x(x-1) \frac{\binom{M}{x} \binom{N-M}{k-x}}{\binom{N}{k}}$$

$$= \sum_{x=2}^K \frac{M(M-1) \binom{M-2}{x-2} \binom{N-M}{k-x}}{\frac{N(N-1)}{k(k-1)} \binom{N-2}{k-2}}$$

$$E[x(x-1)] = \frac{M(M-1)K(K-1)}{N(N-1)}$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = E[x(x-1)] + E[x] - E[x]^2$$

$$= \frac{M(M-1)K(K-1)}{N(N-1)} + \frac{KM}{N} - \frac{K^2M^2}{N^2}$$

$$= \frac{KM \left( N(M-1)(K-1) + N(N-1) - KM(N-1) \right)}{N^2(N-1)}$$

$$= \frac{KM}{N} \left( \frac{NMK - NM - NK + N + N^2 - N - NMK + KM}{N(N-1)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{KM}{N} \left( \frac{KM + N^2 - NM - NK}{N(N-1)} \right)$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = \frac{KM}{N} \left( \frac{(N-M)(N-K)}{N(N-1)} \right)$$

## ③ Binomial distribution

$$X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$$

$$X = \begin{cases} 1 & p \\ 0 & 1-p \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X] = p$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = p(1-p)$$

$$P(X=x) = p^x (1-p)^{1-x} \quad x \in \{0,1\}$$

\*  $n$  identical Bernoulli trials

$Y = \#$  number of success

$$P(Y=y | n, p) = \binom{n}{y} p^y (1-p)^{n-y}$$

$$y = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Theorem Binomial theorem

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i y^{n-i}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = np$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = np(1-p)$$

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## Poisson Distribution:

— serve as a model for a number of different types of experiments. (waiting for an occurrence), (number of occurrence in a given amount of time)

$$IP(X=x|\lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} \quad x=0,1,2,\dots$$

$\lambda$  = intensity parameter.

we know that the Taylor expansion of  $e^y$

$$e^y = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^i}{i!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} IP(X=x) &= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \cdot e^{\lambda} = 1 \end{aligned}$$



$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$= \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \cdot \lambda^{x-1} \cdot \lambda}{(x-1)!}$$

$$= \lambda \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{x-1}}{(x-1)!} = \lambda$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x(x-1)] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{x(x-1) e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$= \sum_{x=2}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{x-2}}{(x-2)!} \cdot \lambda^2$$

$$= \lambda^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{var}(x) = \mathbb{E}[x(x-1)] + \mathbb{E}[x] - \mathbb{E}[x]^2$$

$$= \lambda^2 + \lambda - \lambda^2 = \lambda$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \lambda$$

$$\text{var}(x) = \lambda$$

$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tx}]$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{tx} e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} (\lambda e^t)^x}{x!}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{e^{-\lambda e^t}} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda e^t} (\lambda e^t)^x}{x!}$$

$$M_X(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$$

$$P(X=x) = \frac{\lambda}{x} \cdot P(X=x-1)$$

Ex: Consider a telephone operator who on the average, handle 5 calls every 3 min.  
 $P(\text{No call's in the next min})?$   
 $P(\text{at least 2 calls})?$

Solution:  $\lambda = E[X] = \frac{5}{3}$

$$P(X=0) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^0}{0!} = e^{-5/3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 2) &= 1 - P(X=0) - P(X=1) \\ &= 1 - e^{-5/3} - \frac{5}{3} e^{-5/3} \\ &= 1 - e^{-5/3} - \frac{5}{3} e^{-5/3} \end{aligned}$$

### Example 3.2.5 (Poisson approximation)

A typesetter, on the average, makes one error in every 500 words. A typical page contains 300 words. What is the prob that there will be no more than two errors in five pages?

Binomial

$$p = \frac{1}{500} \quad n = 1500$$

$$P(X \leq 2) = \sum_{x=0}^2 \binom{1500}{x} \left(\frac{1}{500}\right)^x \left(\frac{499}{500}\right)^{1500-x}$$

$$= 0.4230$$

Poisson:

one error in every 500 words

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1 \text{ per 500 words}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 3 \text{ per 1500 words}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X \leq 2) = P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2)$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} + \lambda e^{-\lambda} + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \cdot e^{-\lambda}$$

$$= e^{-3} \left( 1 + 3 + \frac{9}{2} \right)$$

$$= e^{-3} \left( \frac{17}{2} \right) = 0.42319$$

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## Negative Binomial Distribution

(Pascal)

Number of Bernoulli trials required to get a fixed number of successes.

$X = \#$  of trials required for  $r$  success

$= (r-1)$  successes in  $x-1$  trials,  
 $r^{\text{th}}$  success in  $x^{\text{th}}$  trial.

$$P(X=x | r, p) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^{r-1} \cdot (1-p)^{x-r} \cdot p$$

$$x = r, r+1, \dots$$

$X \sim \text{negative Binomial}(r, p)$

$Y =$  number of failures before the  
 $r^{\text{th}}$  success

$\Rightarrow X =$  number of trials before  
 $r^{\text{th}}$  success

$$Y = X - \alpha$$

$$IP(X=x) = \binom{x-1}{\alpha-1} p^{\alpha-1} (1-p)^{x-\alpha} \cdot p$$

$$x = \alpha, \alpha+1, \alpha+2, \dots$$

$$IP(Y=y) = \binom{y+\alpha-1}{\alpha-1} p^{\alpha-1} (1-p)^y \cdot p$$

$$IP(Y=y) = \binom{y+\alpha-1}{\alpha-1} p^{\alpha} (1-p)^y$$

$$y = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$\binom{\alpha+y-1}{\alpha} = \frac{(\alpha+y-1)}{(\alpha-1)! \cdot y!}$$

$$= \frac{(\alpha+y-1)(\alpha+y-2) \dots (\alpha+2)(\alpha+1) \alpha \cdot (\alpha-1)!}{(\alpha-1)! \cdot y!}$$

$$= (-1)^y \frac{(-\alpha)(-\alpha-1) \dots (-\alpha-y+1)}{y!}$$

$$P(Y=y) = (-1)^y \binom{-\alpha}{y} p^\alpha (1-p)^y$$

$$E[Y] = \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} y \binom{\alpha+y-1}{y} p^\alpha (1-p)^y$$

$$= \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{y (\alpha+y-1)!}{(\alpha-1)! y!} p^\alpha (1-p)^y$$

$$= \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha+y-1)!}{\alpha! (y-1)!} \cdot p^{\alpha+1} \cdot (1-p)^{y-1} \left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right) \cdot \alpha$$

$$= \left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right) \alpha \underbrace{\sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha+y-1}{y-1} \cdot p^{\alpha+1} \cdot (1-p)^{y-1}}_{\text{PMF with } (\alpha+1, y-1) = 1}$$

$$E[Y] = \left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right) \alpha$$

$$E[Y(Y-1)]$$

$$= \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} y(y-1) \frac{(n+y-1)!}{(n-1)! y!} p^n (1-p)^y$$

$$= \sum_{y=2}^{\infty} \frac{(n+y-1)!}{(n+1)! (y-2)!} p^{n+2} (1-p)^{y-2} \cdot \frac{(1-p)^2}{p^2} \cdot y(y-1)$$

$$E[Y(Y-1)] = \frac{(1-p)^2}{p^2} \cdot y(y-1)$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E[Y(Y-1)] + E[Y] - E[Y]^2$$

$$= \frac{(1-p)^2}{p^2} \cdot y(y-1) + y \frac{(1-p)}{p} - y^2 \left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{(1-p)y \left( (1-p)(y-1) + p - y(1-p)^2 \right)}{p^2}$$

$$= \frac{(1-p)y \left( 1 - p\cancel{y} + \cancel{y} - p\cancel{p} + \cancel{p} - \cancel{y} + p\cancel{y} \right)}{p^2}$$

$$= \frac{(1-p)y}{p^2}$$

$$E[Y] = y \frac{(1-p)}{p}, \text{Var}(Y) = \frac{y(1-p)}{p^2}$$



### Example 3.2.6 (Inverse Binomial Sampling)

if the proportion of individual possessing a certain characteristic is  $p$  and we sample until we see  $r$  such individuals, then the number of individuals sampled is a negative binomial random variable

Ex:  $r = 100$

$$P(X \geq N) = \sum_{x=N}^{\infty} \binom{x-1}{99} p^{100} (1-p)^{x-100}$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{x=100}^{N-1} \binom{x-1}{99} p^{100} \cdot (1-p)^{x-100}$$

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### Geometric Distribution:

negative binomial distribution with  $r=1$

$\Rightarrow$  waiting time for the 1st occurrence

$$P(X=x | p) = p(1-p)^{x-1} \quad x=1, 2, \dots$$

$X$  can be interpreted as the trial at which the first success occurs, so we are "waiting for a success".

$$\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} P(X=x|p) = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} p(1-p)^{x-1}$$

$$= p \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} (1-p)^{x-1}$$

$$= p \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} (1-p)^y$$

$$= p \cdot \frac{1}{1-(1-p)} = 1$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} p(1-p)^{x-1} \cdot x$$

$$= p \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} (1-p)^{x-1} \cdot x = \frac{p}{p^2} = \frac{1}{p}$$

or

$X = Y + 1$  where  $Y$  = negative Binomi

$$E[X] = E[Y] + 1$$

$$= \frac{1-p}{p} + 1 = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(X) &= \text{var}(Y+1) = \text{var}(Y) \\ &= \frac{1-p}{p^2} \end{aligned}$$

Geometric distribution has an interesting property called Memorylessness.

$$\forall s > t, \quad P(X > s | X > t) = P(X > s-t)$$

$\Rightarrow$  geometric distribution "forgets" what occurred.