

1. Let us suppose, you have tossed two two-sided fair coins.
 - a. Compute the PMF for heads in this experiment

Ans: Outcome space={HH,HT,TH,TT}. Number of heads= {0,1,2}

$$\text{PMF} = P_X(k) = P(X=k)$$

$$P(\text{Heads}=0)=1/4$$

$$P(\text{Heads}=1)=2/4= 1/2$$

$$P(\text{Heads}=2)= 1/4$$

$$P_X(k)= 1/4 \text{ for } k=0$$

$$1/2 \text{ for } k=1$$

$$1/4 \text{ for } k=2$$

$$0 \text{ otherwise}$$

PMF for the experiment

X	0	1	2
P(X)	1/4	1/2	1/4

- b. Compute Expectation of heads

Ans: $E(X) = \sum xP(x)$

$$= (0 \cdot 1/4) + (1 \cdot 1/2) + (2 \cdot 1/4)$$

$$= 0 + 1/2 + 1/2 = 1$$

2. For a given probability density function, calculate

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^{-4}, & x > 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

- i) $P(X = 2)$
- ii) $P(X \leq 4)$
- iii) $P(X < 1)$
- iv) $P(2 \leq X \leq 3)$

Ans:

- i) $P(X = 2)$ By definition of PDF, its 0

ii) $P(X \leq 4)$

$$P(X \leq 4) = \int_1^4 3x^{-4} dx$$

$$P(X \leq 4) = [-x^{-3}]_1^4$$

$$P(X \leq 4) = -(4)^{-3} - -(1)^{-3}$$

$$P(X \leq 4) = -\frac{1}{64} + 1$$

$$P(X \leq 4) = \frac{63}{64}$$

iii) $P(X < 1) = 0$

$$\text{iv) } P(2 \leq X \leq 3) = \int_2^3 3x^{-4} dx$$

$$= [-x^{-3}]_2^3$$

$$= -\frac{1}{27} - -\frac{1}{8}$$

$$= \frac{19}{216}$$

ii) and iii) using R

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f = function(x){3*x^(-4)}
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integrate(f, lower = 1, upper = 4)
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integrate(f, lower = 2, upper = 3)
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3. The joint probability distribution of two random variables X and Y is given by:

$$P(X = 0, Y = 1) = \frac{1}{3}, P(X = 1, Y = -1) = \frac{1}{3}, P(X = 1, Y = 1) = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Find i) Marginal distribution of X and Y.

ii) Conditional probability distribution of X given Y=1.

Ans. The range of X is {0,1} and the range of Y is {-1,1}. The Joint distribution table is

X	0	1	Marginal Y
Y			
-1	0	1/3	1/3
1	1/3	1/3	2/3
Marginal X	1/3	2/3	

The probability of $X = 0$ is

$$P(X=0)$$

$$= P(X=0, Y=-1) + P(X=0, Y=1)$$

$$= 0 + 1/3 = 1/3.$$

The probability of $X = 1$ is

$$P(X=1)$$

$$= P(X=1, Y=-1) + P(X=1, Y=1)$$

$$= 1/3 + 1/3 = 2/3.$$

Therefore, the marginal distribution of X is

x	0	1
p_x	1/3	2/3

Similarly, the marginal distribution of Y is

y	-1	1
p_y	1/3	2/3

ii) Now

$$P(X=0|Y=1) = \frac{P(X=0, Y=1)}{P(Y=1)} = \frac{1/3}{2/3} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad P(X=1|Y=1) = \frac{P(X=1, Y=1)}{P(Y=1)} = \frac{1/3}{2/3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus the conditional distribution of X given $Y = 1$ is

x	0	1
$P(X=x Y=1)$	1/2	1/2

4. Twelve volunteers were chosen for a blind-fold test to taste 2 soft-drinks A & B. What is the probability that 3 of them were able to correctly identify the drink that they had?

Ans: Binomial distribution with $n = 12$ and $p = 0.5$ and $q = (1-p) = 0.5$
 $P(X=r) = {}^nC_r \times p^r \times q^{(n-r)}$

Hence $P(X = 3) = {}^{12}C_3 \times (0.5)^3 \times (0.5)^9 = 0.05371$

R: `dbinom (3, 12, 0.5) = 0.05371`

5. Customers arrive at a bus station at the rate of 5 per minute following Poisson distribution. What is the probability of 3 arrivals in a one-minute interval?

Ans: Poisson distribution:

$$P(X = r) = (\lambda^r \times e^{-\lambda}) / r!$$

$$\lambda = 5, r = 3$$

R: `dpois (3, 5) = 0.1404`

6. Player A scores an average of 70 runs with SD of 20 runs. Player B scores an average of 40 runs with SD of 10 runs. In a particular game, player A scored 75 runs and player B scored 55 runs. Which of these two players have done better when compared to their own personal track records?

Ans:

$$\mu_A = 70, \sigma_A = 20;$$

$$\mu_B = 40, \sigma_B = 10;$$

$$Z = (x - \mu) / \sigma$$

$$Z_A = (75 - 70) / 20 = 0.25 \text{ and } Z_B = (55 - 40) / 10 = 1.5$$

The one with higher Z value has done better against their personal track records. Therefore player B has done better compared to his personal track record.

7. A college basketball team has a shortage of one team member and the coach wants to recruit a player. To be selected for training the minimum height for recruitment is 72 inches. The average

height of the students is 67.2 inches with a variance of 29.34. What is the probability that the coach finds a player from that college?

Ans:

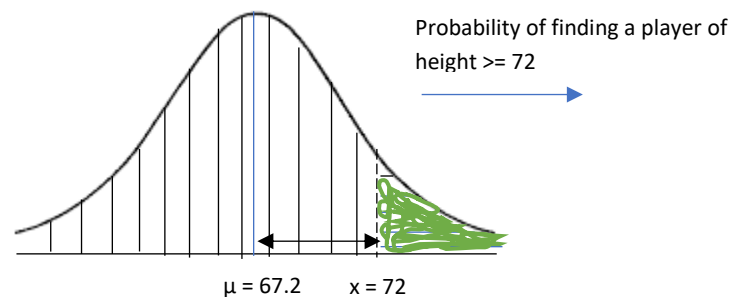
$$\mu = 67.2; \sigma^2 = 29.34, \sigma = 5.41, x = 72$$

$$Z = (72 - 67.2) / 5.41 = 0.8872$$

Using Z-table

$$P(X < 72) = P(Z = 0.88) = 0.811$$

$$P(X \geq 72) = 1 - 0.811 = 0.189 = 18.9\% \text{ probability}$$

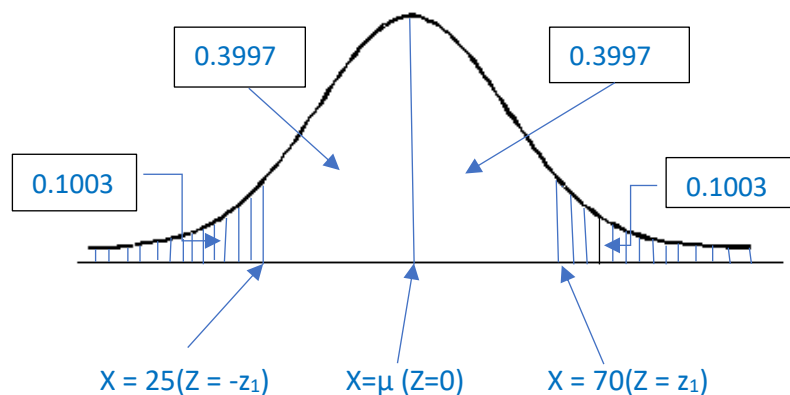


R: 1-pnorm(72,67.2, 5.41) OR 1-pnorm(z-score) i.e. 1-pnorm(0.8872)

8. In a distribution exactly normal, 10.03% of the items are under 25 kilogram weight and 89.97% of the items are under 70 kilogram weight. What are the mean and standard deviation of the distribution?

Ans. Let X denotes the weight of the items. If $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then we are given

$$P(X < 25) = 0.1003 \text{ and } P(X < 70) = 0.8997. \text{ Therefore, } P(X > 70) = 0.1003.$$



We have seen from the above graph that $X = 25$ and $X = 70$, are symmetric points under the normal curve, therefore, if we standardize X , then

when $X = 25$, $Z = \frac{25-\mu}{\sigma} = -z_1$ (say) and when $X = 70$, $Z = \frac{70-\mu}{\sigma} = z_1$ (say).

Therefore, $P(Z < -z_1) = 0.1003$, implies $-z_1 = -1.28$

and hence, $z_1 = 1.28$ by symmetry.

Therefore, we have

$$\frac{25-\mu}{\sigma} = -1.28 \rightarrow 25 - \mu = -1.28\sigma,$$

and
$$\frac{70-\mu}{\sigma} = 1.28 \rightarrow 70 - \mu = 1.28\sigma.$$

Solving, we get $\mu = 47.5$ and $\sigma = 17.58$.