



Assignment - 5.

Q1. Find the mean and variance of binomial distribution.

Ans. Let X be the random variable following binomial distribution with parameters n and p .

$$X \sim B(n, p)$$

First, we find the mean or expectation of X .

$$E(X) = \sum x \Pr(X=x)$$

Thus :

$$E(X) = \sum_{k=0}^n k \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

By definition of Binomial distribution

$$p+q=1$$

$$E(X) = \sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

$$\left[\because \sum_{k=0}^n k \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} = 0 \right]$$

$$E(X) = \sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n-1}{k-1} p^k q^{n-k}$$

Factors of Binomial coefficient:

$$\binom{n}{k} = n \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

$$E(X) = np \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n-1}{k-1} p^{k-1} q^{(n-1)-(k-1)}$$

taking $n!$ out of $\binom{n}{k}$ and using $(n-1)!$

$$= np \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} p^j q^{m-j} \left[\begin{matrix} m = n-1 \\ j = k-1 \end{matrix} \right]$$

$$\boxed{E(X) = np}$$

Now, we find variance

$$E(X^2) = \sum x^2 P_x (X=x)$$

$$E(X^2) = \sum_{k=0}^n k^2 \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n nk \binom{n-1}{k-1} p^k q^{n-k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= np \sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n-1}{k-1} p^{k-1} q^{(n-1)-(k-1)} \\
 &= np \sum_{j=0}^m (j+1) \binom{m}{j} p^j q^{m-j} \\
 &= np \left(\sum_{j=0}^m j \binom{m}{j} p^j q^{m-j} + \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} p^j q^{m-j} \right) \\
 &= np \left(\sum_{j=0}^m m \binom{m-1}{j-1} p^j q^{m-j} + \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} p^j q^{m-j} \right) \\
 &= np(n-1)p \sum_{j=1}^m \binom{m-1}{j-1} p^{j-1} q^{(m-1)-(j-1)} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} p^j q^{m-j} \\
 &= np((n-1)p + 1) \\
 &= n^2 p^2 + np(1-p)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(X) &= E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 \\
 &= n^2 p^2 + np(1-p) - (np)^2 \\
 &= np(1-p)
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Q2. Find the SD of binomial distribution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Defn} \quad \text{Variance} &= \left(\sum_x x^2 \cdot P(x) \right) - \text{Mean}^2 \\
 &= \sum_x [x(x-1) + x] {}^n C_x p^x q^{n-x} - (np)^2 \\
 &= n(n-1)p^2 \left\{ \sum_x {}^{n-2} C_{x-2} p^{x-2} q^{n-x} \right\} \\
 &\quad + np - (np)^2 \\
 &= n(n-1)p^2 (q+p)^{n-2} + np - n^2 p^2
 \end{aligned}$$

By Binomial Theorem

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a+b)^n &= \sum_{k=0}^n {}^n C_k a^n b^{n-k} \\
 &= n^2 p^2 - np^2 + np - n^2 p^2 \\
 &= np - np^2 \\
 &= np(1-p) \quad \{ p+q = 1 \}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Variance} = npq$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Standard Deviation} &= (\text{Variance})^{1/2} \\
 &= (npq)^{1/2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Standard Deviation} = \sqrt{npq}}$$