

1. **Exercise 3.30:** An individual who has automobile insurance from a certain company is randomly selected. Let Y be the number of moving violations for which the individual was cited during the last 3 years. The *pmf* of Y is,

y	0	1	2	3
$p(y)$.60	.25	.10	.05

- (a) Compute $E(Y)$.
- (b) Suppose an individual with Y violations incurs a surcharge of $\$100Y^2$. Calculate the expected amount of the surcharge.

Answer:

- (a) To calculate the expected value we have to sum the support multiplied by the corresponding value of the *pmf*. therefore,

$$E(Y) = \sum_{y=0}^3 yp(y) = 0(.60) + 1(.25) + 2(.10) + 3(.05) = .60$$

- (b) To calculate the expected value of $h(Y) = 100Y^2$ we use,

$$E(100Y^2) = \sum_{y=0}^3 h(y)p(y) = (100)0^2(.60) + (100)1^2(.25) + (100)2^2(.10) + (100)3^2(.05) = 110$$

2. **Exercise 3.34:** Suppose that the number of plants of a particular type found in a rectangular sampling region (called a quadrat by ecologists) in a certain geographic area is an *rv* X with *pmf*,

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} c/x^3 & x = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Is $E(X)$ finite? Justify your answer (this is another distribution that statisticians would call heavy-tailed).

Answer:

- (a) Consider the expected value, calculated with an infinite sum,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} xp(x) = c \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2}.$$

Since the infinite series,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2},$$

is convergent we know that the expected value exists.

3. **Exercise 3.48:** NBC News reported on May 2, 2013, that 1 in 20 children in the United States have a food allergy of some sort. Consider selecting a random sample of 25 children and let X be the number in the sample who have a food allergy. Then $X \sim \text{Bin}(25, .05)$.

- (a) Determine both $P(X \leq 3)$ and $P(X < 3)$.
- (b) Determine $P(X \geq 4)$.
- (c) Determine $P(1 \leq X \leq 3)$.
- (d) What are $E(X)$ and σ_X ?
- (e) In a sample of 50 children, what is the probability that none has a food allergy?

Answer:

- (a) Consider the following equation,

$$P(X \leq 3) = \sum_{i=0}^3 p(i)$$

Evaluating the equation with a binomial random variable $X \sim \text{Bin}(25, .05)$,

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 3) &= \binom{25}{0} (.05)^0 (.95)^{25} + \binom{25}{1} (.05)^1 (.95)^{24} + \binom{25}{2} (.05)^2 (.95)^{23} + \binom{25}{3} (.05)^3 (.95)^{22} \\ &= .966 \end{aligned}$$

Calculating $P(X < 3) = P(X \leq 2)$ so,

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 2) &= \binom{25}{0} (.05)^0 (.95)^{25} + \binom{25}{1} (.05)^1 (.95)^{24} + \binom{25}{2} (.05)^2 (.95)^{23} \\ &= .873. \end{aligned}$$

(b) First we will simplify the probability,

$$P(X \geq 4) = 1 - P(X < 4) = 1 - P(X \leq 3).$$

using our previous result we get,

$$P(X \geq 4) = 1 - .966 = .034$$

(c) Again we simplify the probability statement,

$$P(1 \leq X \leq 3) = P(X \leq 3) - P(X < 1) = P(X \leq 3) - P(X \leq 0)$$

Using our previous results,

$$P(1 \leq X \leq 3) = .966 - \binom{25}{0}(.05)^0(.95)^{25} = .689.$$

(d) Since X is a binomial random variable we know that $E(X) = 25(.05) = 1.25$ and $\sigma_X = \sqrt{25(.95)(.05)} = 1.0897$

(e) Defining a new random variable $X \sim \text{Bin}(50, .05)$ and calculating the probability,

$$\binom{50}{0}(.05)^0(.95)^{50} = .0769.$$

4. **Exercise 3.56:** The College Board reports that 2% of the 2 million high school students who take the SAT each year receive special accommodations because of documented disabilities (*Los Angeles Times*, July 16, 2002). Consider a random sample of 25 students who have recently taken the test.

- (a) What is the probability that exactly 1 received a special accommodation?
- (b) What is the probability that at least 1 received a special accommodation?
- (d) What is the probability that the number among the 25 who received a special accommodation is within 2 standard deviations of the number you would expect to be accommodated?

Answer:

- (a) Consider the binomial random variable $X \sim \text{Bin}(25, .02)$ since we have a sample of 25 student and only 2% of the population is a success. Therefore the probability that only one will receive accommodations,

$$P(X = 1) = \binom{25}{1}(.02)(.98)^{24} = .308$$

- (b) The probability of at least one student receiving special accommodation can be calculated by simply taking the complement,

$$1 - P(X = 0) = 1 - \binom{25}{0}(.02)^0(.98)^{25} = .397$$

- (d) First we have to calculate the expected value, and standard deviation,

$$E(X) = 25(.02) = .5, \sigma_X = \sqrt{25(.02)(.98)} = .7$$

Then calculating the probability that the number among the 25 who receive special accommodation is within 2 standard deviations is,

$$P(.5 - 1.4 \leq X \leq .5 + 1.4) = P(0 \leq X \leq 1) = \binom{25}{0}(.02)^0(.98)^{25} - \binom{25}{1}(.02)^1(.98)^{24} = .70443$$

5. **Exercise 3.58:** A very large batch of components has arrived at a distributor. The batch can be characterized as acceptable only if the proportion of defective components is at most .10. The distributor decides to randomly select 10 components and to accept the batch only if the number of defective components in the sample is at most 2.

- (a) What is the probability that the batch will be accepted when the actual proportion of defectives is .01? .05? .10? .20? .25?
- (b) Let p denote the actual proportion of defectives in the batch. A graph of $P(\text{batch is accepted})$ as a function of p , with p on the horizontal axis and $P(\text{batch is accepted})$ on the vertical axis, is called the operating characteristic curve for the acceptance sampling plan. Use the results of part (a) to sketch this curve for $0 \leq p \leq 1$.
- (c) Repeat parts (a) and (b) with “1” replacing “2” in the acceptance sampling plan.

Answer:

- (a) Consider random variable $X \sim \text{Binom}(10, p)$ and Using Appendix A.1 we will calculate $P(X \leq 2)$ for the following value of p

$$p = .01, P(X \leq 2) = .999$$

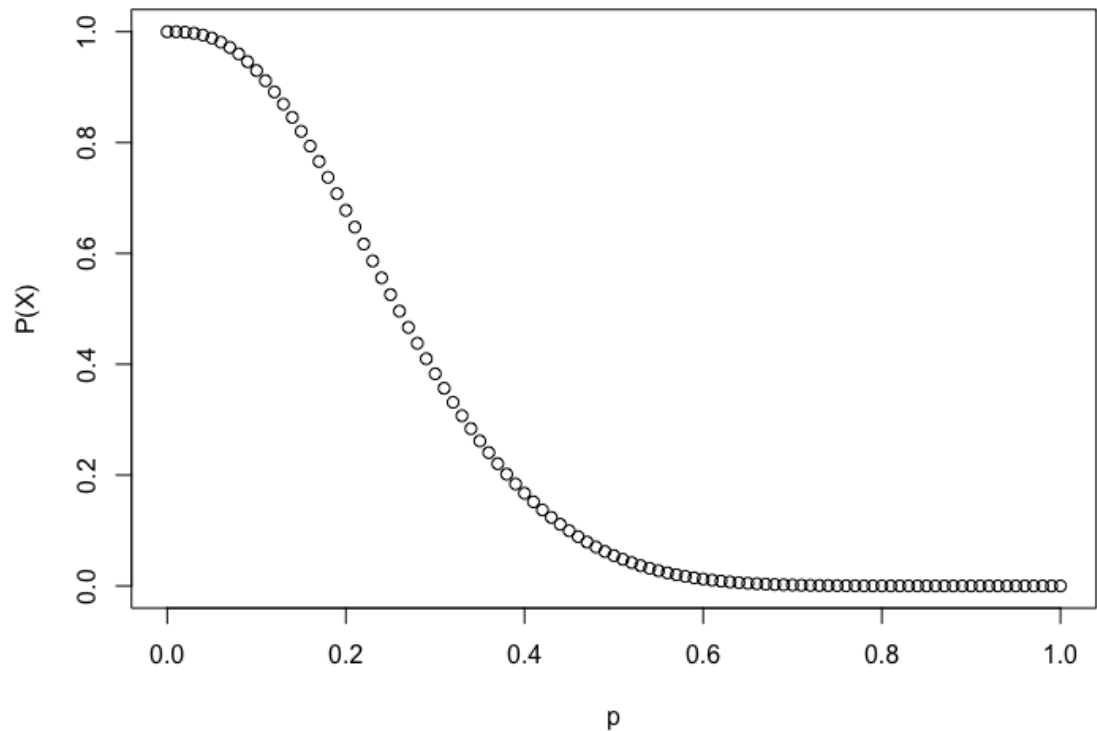
$$p = .05, P(X \leq 2) = .988$$

$$p = .10, P(X \leq 2) = .930$$

$$p = .20, P(X \leq 2) = .678$$

$$p = .25, P(X \leq 2) = .526$$

(b) Consider the following plot made in R,



(c) Consider random variable $X \sim \text{Binom}(10, p)$ and Using Appendix A.1 we will calculate $P(X \leq 1)$ for the following value of p

$p = .01, P(X \leq 1) = .996.$
 $p = .05, P(X \leq 1) = .914.$
 $p = .10, P(X \leq 1) = .736.$
 $p = .20, P(X \leq 1) = .376.$
 $p = .25, P(X \leq 1) = .244.$
 $p = .50, P(X \leq 1) = .011.$
 $p = .75, P(X \leq 1) = .00003.$

6. **Exercise 3.60:** A toll bridge charges \$1.00 for passenger cars and \$2.50 for other vehicles. Suppose that during daytime hours, 60% of all vehicles are passenger cars. If 25 vehicles cross the bridge during a particular daytime period, what is the resulting expected toll revenue? [Hint: Let X = the number of passenger cars; then

the toll revenue $h(X)$ is a linear function of X .]

Answer:

Consider that the expected value for the random variable, $X \sim (25, .6)$ where the linear function that estimates toll revenue is ,

$$h(X) = (1)X + (2.5)(25 - X)$$

Therefore using the fact that the expected value is $E(X) = 25(.6)$ we get the expected toll revenue is,

$$E((1)X + (2.5)(25 - X)) = E(X) + (2.5)E(25 - X) = 15 + 2.5(10) = 40$$

7. **Supplemental 1:** Suppose that we get 100 pairs of patients and want to compare two treatments (this is called a matched pairs design).

We will apply one treatment to one patient in a pair and the other treatment to the other patient in a pair (random selection within pairs).

If both treatments work equally well, the number of pairs where treatment one is better than treatment two should be $X \sim \text{Binomial}(100, 0.5)$, because in this case it's essentially a coin flip. What is the expected value and standard deviation of X ? What range of values is within 2 standard deviations of the mean?

Answer: It is known that the mean and standard deviation of a binomially distributed random variable are,

$$E(X) = np = 100(.5) = 50$$

$$\sigma_X = \sqrt{np(1 - p)} = 5$$

Calculating the probability within 2 standard deviations from the expected value (r assisted),

$$P(40 \leq X \leq 60) = P(X \leq 60) - P(X \leq 39) = .9647$$

8. **Exercise 3.62:**

- (a) For fixed n , are there values of $p(0 \leq p \leq 1)$ for which $V(X) = 0$? Explain why this is so.

- (b) For what value of p is $V(X)$ maximized? [Hint: Either graph $V(X)$ as a function of p or else take a derivative.]

Answer:

- (a) For binomial distributions it is known that we can calculate the variance with the formula,

$$V(X) = np(1 - p)$$

Solving this equation for roots where n is a non zero constant and $0 \leq p \leq 1$ we know that those values of p are the edge cases $p = 1$ and $p = 0$. This makes sense in application since it means that an event is certain to happen or impossible to happen and therefore there should be no variance in our probabilities.

- (b) Like the hint suggests we can take the derivative of the previous equation,

$$V'(X) = n - 2np = n(1 - 2p),$$

and clearly we have a root at $p = \frac{1}{2}$ corresponding with the maxima of $V(X)$