Lab 3: Exploring Discrete Probability Distributions

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Bernoulli and Binomial Distributions

Functions dbinom, pbinom, qbinom, rbinom

Binomial

Taken from Open Intro Exercise 4.17:

Data collected by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) suggests that 69.7% of 18-20 year olds consumed alcoholic beverages in any given year. A random sample of 10 people age 18-20 was taken.

Write text below:

- 1. What distribution does the number of 18-20 that consumed alcohol follow?
- 2. What is the expected value of this distribution?
- 3. What is the variance of this distribution?

Write code below:

- 4. What is the probability that exactly 5 out of 10 18-20 year olds have consumed an alcoholic beverage?
- 5. What is the probability that at most 3 out of 10 randomly sampled 18-20 year olds have consumed alcoholic beverages?
- 6. What is the probability that at least 6 out of 10 randomly sampled 18-20 year olds have consumed alcoholic beverages?
- 7. What is the median of this distribution?

You can also randomly generate samples using a binomial distribution.

Geometric Distribution

Functions dgeom(),pgeom(),qgeom(),rgeom()

In R, these functions model differently than the book. This looks at the number of failures until the first success.

The probability of a defective lightbulb at a certain factor is 0.30. Write text here:

- 8. What is distribution would the number of bulbs until the first defective is found follow?
- 9. What is the expected number of lightbulbs that are checked before finding a defective bulb?
- 10. What is the probability that the tenth lightbulb is the first defective bulb?
- 11. What is the probability that the first defective bulb is found after the first 3 bulbs are checked?
- 12. Again we can draw a random sample: