Lab 3: Exploring Discrete Probability Distributions

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Bernoulli and Binomial Distributions

Functions dbinom, pbinom, qbinom, rbino

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?

Binomial distribution.

2. What is the expected value of this distribution?

```
n1 <- 10
p1 <- 0.697
n1*p1
```

[1] 6.97

6.97.

3. What is the variance of this distribution?

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n1*p1*(1-p1)
```

[1] 2.11191

The variance is 2.11.

Write code below:

4. What is the probability that exactly 5 out of 10 18-20 year olds have consumed an alcoholic beverage? dbinom(x=5,size=10,prob=0.697)

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## [1] 0.1058711
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The probability is 0.11.

5. What is the probability that at most 3 out of 10 randomly sampled 18-20 year olds have consumed alcoholic beverages?

```
pbinom(q=3,size=10,prob = 0.697)
```

[1] 0.01123721

The probability is 0.01.

6. What is the probability that at least 6 out of 10 randomly sampled 18-20 year olds have consumed alcoholic beverages?

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1-pbinom(q=5, size=10, prob=0.697)
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[1] 0.844538

The probability is 0.84

7. What is the median of this distribution?

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qbinom(p=0.5, size=10, prob=0.697)
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[1] 7

The median is 7.

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: