Probability and Statstics

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Textbooks

- **Probability & Statistics for Engineers & Scientists**, Ninth Edition, Ronald E. Walpole, Raymond H. Myer

- **Elementary Statistics: Picturing the World,** 6th Edition, Ron Larson and Betsy Farber

- **Elementary Statistics**, 13th Edition, Mario F. Triola

Reference books

- **Probability Demystified**, Allan G. Bluman
- **Schaum's Outline of Probability and Statistics**
- **MATLAB Primer**, Seventh Edition
- **MATLAB Demystified** by McMahon, David

References

Readings for these lecture notes:

- **Probability & Statistics for Engineers & Scientists**, Ninth edition, Ronald E. Walpole, Raymond H. Myer

- **Elementary Statistics**, 10th Edition, Mario F. Triola

- **Probability Demystified**, Allan G. Bluman

These notes contain material from the above three books.

"Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough."

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Binomial Distribution [1]

A **binomial distribution** is obtained from a probability experiment called a binomial experiment. The experiment must satisfy these conditions:

1. Each trial can have only **two outcomes** or **outcomes that can be reduced to two outcomes**. The outcomes are usually considered as a success or a failure.
2. There is a **fixed number** of trials.
3. The outcomes of each trial are **independent** of each other.
4. The probability of a **success** must remain the **same** for each trial.

Binomial Distribution [3]

The binomial probability formula is used to compute **probabilities for binomial random** variables. The binomial probability formula is given as:

$$\mathbf{b(x; n, p) = c_x^n p^x q^{n-x}}, \ x = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$$

where $c_x^n = \dfrac{n!}{x!(n-x)!}$

OR

$$\mathbf{b(x; n, p)} = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}, \ x = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$$

where n = the total number of trials

x = the number of successes (0, 1, 2, 3, . . . , n)

p = the probability of a success

q = the probability of a failure

Binomial Distribution [6]

- The **normal distribution (Gaussian distribution)** can be regarded as the **limiting form** of the **binomial distribution** when n, the of trials is very large and neither p nor q is very small.

Note: Because the normal approximation is not accurate for small values of n, a good rule of thumb is to use the normal approximation only if **$np \geq 10$** and **$np(1-p) \geq 10$**.

The Mean and Standard Deviation for a Binomial Distribution [3]

EXAMPLE: Twelve cards are selected from a deck and each card is replaced before the next one is drawn. Find the average number of diamonds.

The Mean and Standard Deviation for a Binomial Distribution [4]

SOLUTION:

In this case, n =12 and p = $\frac{13}{52}$

Mean = np = $(12)(\frac{13}{52})$

Mean = 3

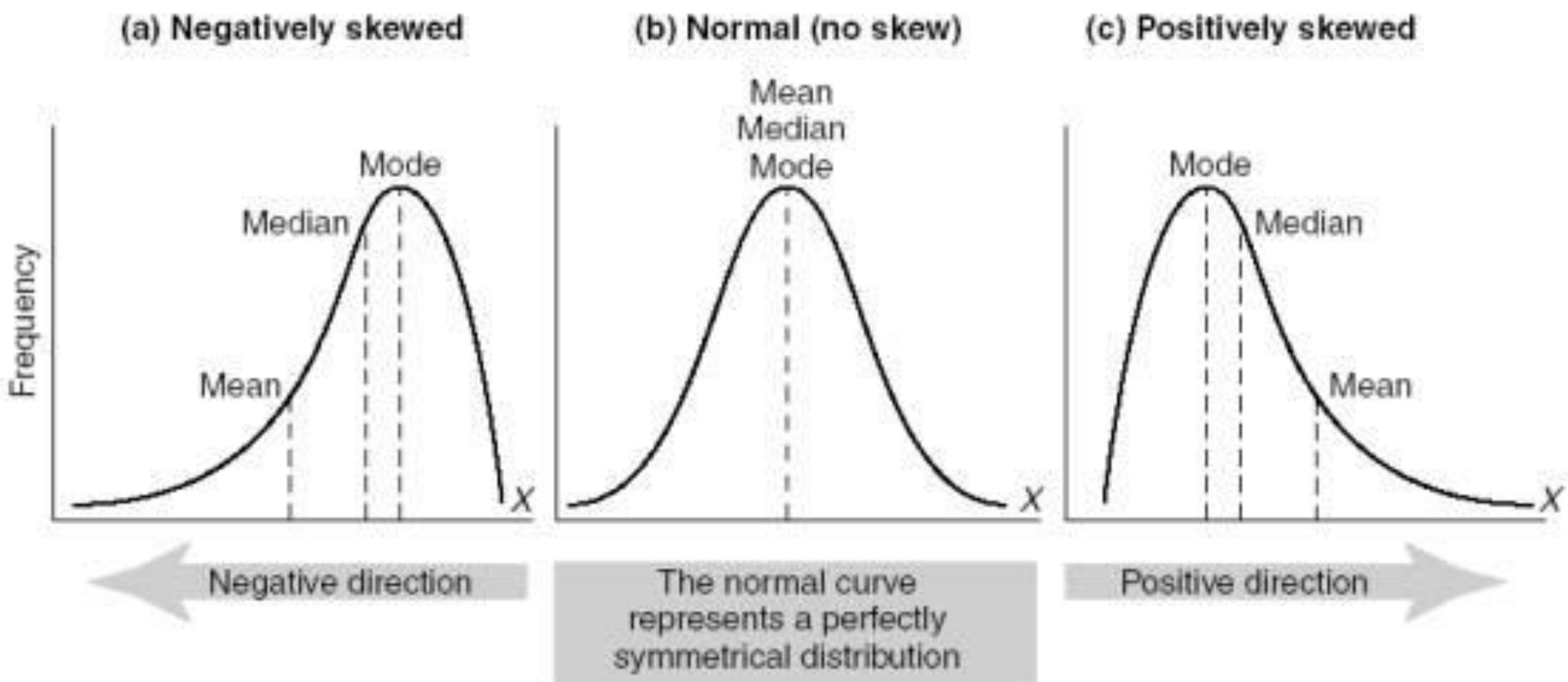


FIGURE 15.6 Examples of normal and skewed distributions

Reference:
http://www.southalabama.edu/coe/bset/johnson/lectures/lec15.htm

Positively Skewed Distribution

- In a positively skewed distribution:
- - Mean > Median > Mode
- This occurs because a few large values pull the mean to the right (higher values).

Negatively Skewed Distribution

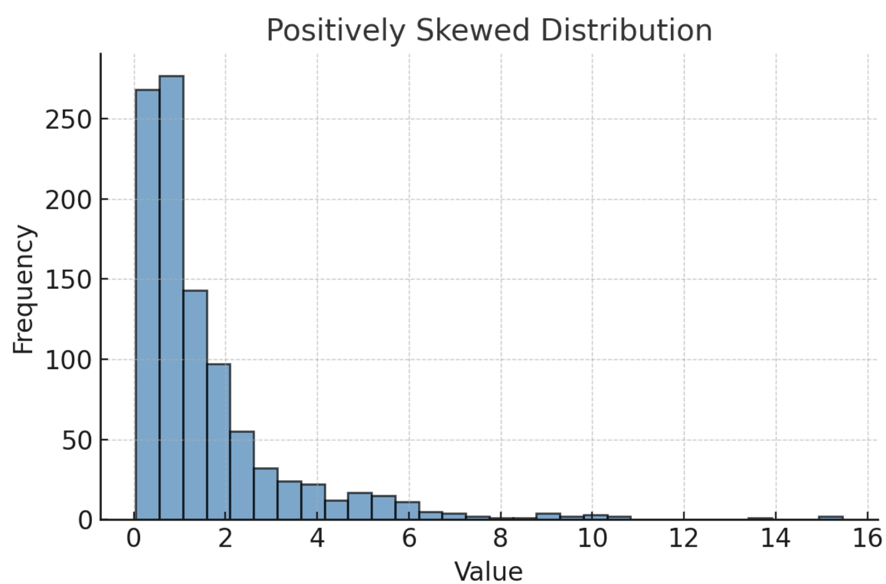
- In a negatively skewed distribution:
- \- Mean < Median < Mode
- This occurs because a few small values pull the mean to the left (lower values).

Normal Distribution

- In a normal distribution:
- Mean = Median = Mode
- This indicates perfect symmetry, with data evenly distributed around the center.

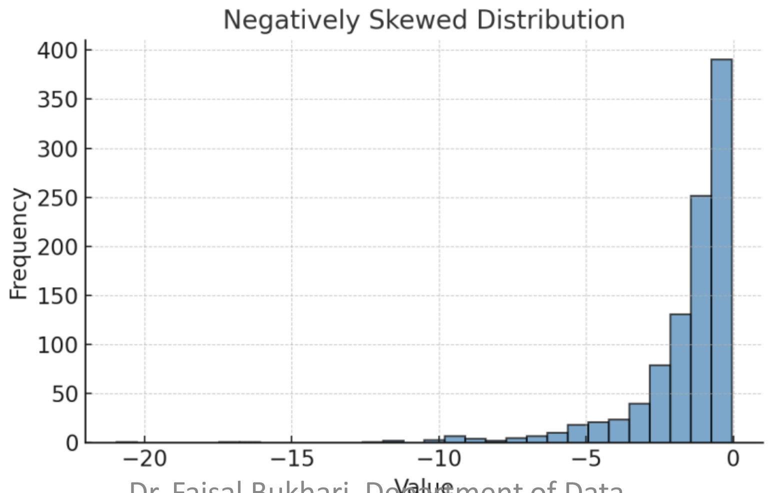
Positively Skewed Distribution

- A positively skewed distribution has most data concentrated on the left, with a few extreme values extending the tail to the right.
- Example: Income distribution, where a few people earn extremely high incomes.



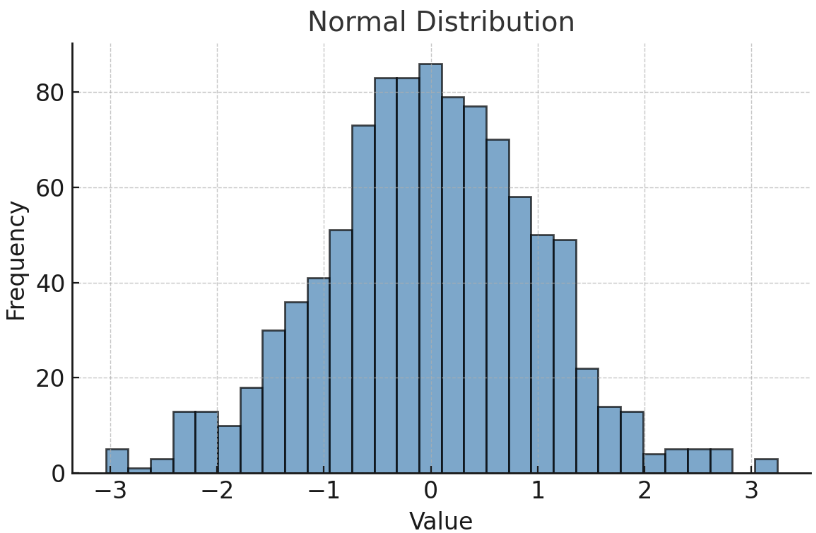
Negatively Skewed Distribution

- A **negatively skewed distribution** has most data concentrated on the right, with a few extreme values extending the tail to the left.
- **Example:** Retirement age, where most people retire around a certain age, but a few retire much earlier.



Normal Distribution

- A **normal distribution** is symmetrical with the majority of the data concentrated around the mean, forming a bell-shaped curve.
- **Example:** Height distribution in a population, where most people are close to the average height.



The Mean and Standard Deviation for a Binomial Distribution [3]

EXAMPLE: A die is rolled 180 times. Find the standard deviation of the number of threes.

The Mean and Standard Deviation for a Binomial Distribution [4]

SOLUTION:

Standard deviation = $\sqrt{\mathrm{npq}}$

Standard deviation = $\sqrt{180\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)}$

The standard deviation is 5

What is the 3-Sigma Rule?

- The **3-sigma rule** (also known as the **Empirical Rule or 68-95-99.7 Rule**) is a statistical rule that applies **to normal distributions**:

- **68%** of the data falls within **1 standard deviation (σ) from the mean (μ)**.

- **95%** of the data falls within **2 standard deviations from the mean**.

- **99.7%** of the data falls within **3 standard deviations from the mean**.

Example 1: Height Distribution

- In a population of adult males with a mean height of 70 inches and a standard deviation (σ) of 3 inches:

- **68%** of men are between **67 and 73 inches tall**.
- **95%** of men are between **64 and 76 inches tall**.
- **99.7%** of men are between **61 and 79 inches tall**.

- Values **outside 61 and 79 inches** are considered rare **(outliers).**

Example 2: Manufacturing Quality Control

- In a process where metal rods have a mean diameter of 10mm and a standard deviation of 0.1mm:

- **68%** of rods have diameters between **9.9mm and 10.1mm**.
- **95%** of rods have diameters between **9.8mm and 10.2mm**.
- **99.7%** of rods have diameters between **9.7mm and 10.3mm**.
- Rods with diameters outside **9.7mm to 10.3mm are considered defects**.

Key Takeaways

- The **3-sigma rule** helps in identifying the **normal range of data in a normal distribution**.
- **Values outside** the 3-sigma range **are rare and considered outliers**.
- It is widely used in quality control, finance, and statistical analysis.

The Mean and Standard Deviation for a Binomial Distribution [5]

Roughly speaking, most of the values fall within two standard deviations of the mean.

$\mu - 2\sigma <$ most values $< \mu + 2\sigma$

In the die example, we can expect most values will fall between

$30 - 2 \times 5 <$ most values $< 30 + 2 \times 5$

$20 <$ most values < 40

The Mean and Standard Deviation for a Binomial Distribution [6]

EXAMPLE: An archer hits the bull's eye **80%** of the time. If he shoots **100** arrows, find the mean and standard deviation of the number of bull's eyes. If he travels to many tournaments, find the approximate range of values.

The Mean and Standard Deviation for a Binomial Distribution [6]

SOLUTION:

$n = 100$, $p = 0.80$, $q = 1 - p = 1 - 0.80 = 0.20$

Mean $= \mu = np = 100 \times 0.80 = 80$

Standard Deviation $= \sigma = \sqrt{npq}$

$$= \sqrt{100 \times 0.80 \times 0.20} = 4$$

$\mu - 2\sigma <$ most values $< \mu + 2\sigma$

$80 - 8 <$ most values $< 80 + 8$

$72 <$ most values < 88

Example: The probability that a certain kind of component will survive a shock test is $\frac{3}{4}\cdot$ Find the probability that exactly **2** of the **next 4** components tested survive.

Solution:

Here n = 4

$p = \frac{3}{4}$ **(probability of survive a shock test)**

$\because p + q = 1$

$q = 1 - p = 1 - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$

Let x denotes number of components that survive a shock test

$b(x; n, p) = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}$, x = 0, 1, 2, 3…,n

$b\left(2; 4, \frac{3}{4}\right) = \binom{4}{2}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{4-2} = \frac{27}{128} = 0.2109$

Table A.1 Binomial Probability Sums $\sum_{x=0}^{r} b(x; n, p)$

		p									
n	r	0.10	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.90
1	0	0.9000	0.8000	0.7500	0.7000	0.6000	0.5000	0.4000	0.3000	0.2000	0.1000
	1	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
2	0	0.8100	0.6400	0.5625	0.4900	0.3600	0.2500	0.1600	0.0900	0.0400	0.0100
	1	0.9900	0.9600	0.9375	0.9100	0.8400	0.7500	0.6400	0.5100	0.3600	0.1900
	2	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
3	0	0.7290	0.5120	0.4219	0.3430	0.2160	0.1250	0.0640	0.0270	0.0080	0.0010
	1	0.9720	0.8960	0.8438	0.7840	0.6480	0.5000	0.3520	0.2160	0.1040	0.0280
	2	0.9990	0.9920	0.9844	0.9730	0.9360	0.8750	0.7840	0.6570	0.4880	0.2710
	3	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
4	0	0.6561	0.4096	0.3164	0.2401	0.1296	0.0625	0.0256	0.0081	0.0016	0.0001
	1	0.9477	0.8192	0.7383	0.6517	0.4752	0.3125	0.1792	0.0837	0.0272	0.0037
	2	0.9963	0.9728	0.9492	0.9163	0.8208	0.6875	0.5248	0.3483	0.1808	0.0523
	3	0.9999	0.9984	0.9961	0.9919	0.9744	0.9375	0.8704	0.7599	0.5904	0.3439
	4	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
5	0	0.5905	0.3277	0.2373	0.1681	0.0778	0.0313	0.0102	0.0024	0.0003	0.0000
	1	0.9185	0.7373	0.6328	0.5282	0.3370	0.1875	0.0870	0.0308	0.0067	0.0005
	2	0.9914	0.9421	0.8965	0.8369	0.6826	0.5000	0.3174	0.1631	0.0579	0.0086
	3	0.9995	0.9933	0.9844	0.9692	0.9130	0.8125	0.6630	0.4718	0.2627	0.0815
	4	1.0000	0.9997	0.9990	0.9976	0.9898	0.9688	0.9222	0.8319	0.6723	0.4095
	5	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
6	0	0.5314	0.2621	0.1780	0.1176	0.0467	0.0156	0.0041	0.0007	0.0001	0.0000
	1	0.8857	0.6554	0.5339	0.4202	0.2333	0.1094	0.0410	0.0109	0.0016	0.0001
	2	0.9842	0.9011	0.8306	0.7443	0.5443	0.3438	0.1792	0.0705	0.0170	0.0013
	3	0.9987	0.9830	0.9624	0.9295	0.8208	0.6563	0.4557	0.2557	0.0989	0.0159
	4	0.9999	0.9984	0.9954	0.9891	0.9590	0.8906	0.7667	0.5798	0.3446	0.1143
	5	1.0000	0.9999	0.9998	0.9993	0.9959	0.9844	0.9533	0.8824	0.7379	0.4686
	6	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
7	0	0.4783	0.2097	0.1335	0.0824	0.0280	0.0078	0.0016	0.0002	0.0000	
	1	0.8503	0.5767	0.4449	0.3294	0.1586	0.0625	0.0188	0.0038	0.0004	0.0000
	2	0.9743	0.8520	0.7564	0.6471	0.4199	0.2266	0.0963	0.0288	0.0047	0.0002
	3	0.9973	0.9667	0.9294	0.8740	0.7102	0.5000	0.2898	0.1260	0.0333	0.0027
	4	0.9998	0.9953	0.9871	0.9712	0.9037	0.7734	0.5801	0.3529	0.1480	0.0257
	5	1.0000	0.9996	0.9987	0.9962	0.9812	0.9375	0.8414	0.6706	0.4233	0.1497
	6		1.0000	0.9999	0.9998	0.9984	0.9922	0.9720	0.9176	0.7903	0.5217
	7			1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

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n	r	0.10	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.90
8	0	0.4305	0.1678	0.1001	0.0576	0.0168	0.0039	0.0007	0.0001	0.0000	
	1	0.8131	0.5033	0.3671	0.2553	0.1064	0.0352	0.0085	0.0013	0.0001	
	2	0.9619	0.7969	0.6785	0.5518	0.3154	0.1445	0.0498	0.0113	0.0012	0.0000
	3	0.9950	0.9437	0.8862	0.8059	0.5941	0.3633	0.1737	0.0580	0.0104	0.0004
	4	0.9996	0.9896	0.9727	0.9420	0.8263	0.6367	0.4059	0.1941	0.0563	0.0050
	5	1.0000	0.9988	0.9958	0.9887	0.9502	0.8555	0.6846	0.4482	0.2031	0.0381
	6		0.9999	0.9996	0.9987	0.9915	0.9648	0.8936	0.7447	0.4967	0.1869
	7		1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9993	0.9961	0.9832	0.9424	0.8322	0.5695
	8				1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
9	0	0.3874	0.1342	0.0751	0.0404	0.0101	0.0020	0.0003	0.0000		
	1	0.7748	0.4362	0.3003	0.1960	0.0705	0.0195	0.0038	0.0004	0.0000	
	2	0.9470	0.7382	0.6007	0.4628	0.2318	0.0898	0.0250	0.0043	0.0003	0.0000
	3	0.9917	0.9144	0.8343	0.7297	0.4826	0.2539	0.0994	0.0253	0.0031	0.0001
	4	0.9991	0.9804	0.9511	0.9012	0.7334	0.5000	0.2666	0.0988	0.0196	0.0009
	5	0.9999	0.9969	0.9900	0.9747	0.9006	0.7461	0.5174	0.2703	0.0856	0.0083
	6	1.0000	0.9997	0.9987	0.9957	0.9750	0.9102	0.7682	0.5372	0.2618	0.0530
	7		1.0000	0.9999	0.9996	0.9962	0.9805	0.9295	0.8040	0.5638	0.2252
	8			1.0000	1.0000	0.9997	0.9980	0.9899	0.9596	0.8658	0.6126
	9					1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
10	0	0.3487	0.1074	0.0563	0.0282	0.0060	0.0010	0.0001	0.0000		
	1	0.7361	0.3758	0.2440	0.1493	0.0464	0.0107	0.0017	0.0001	0.0000	
	2	0.9298	0.6778	0.5256	0.3828	0.1673	0.0547	0.0123	0.0016	0.0001	
	3	0.9872	0.8791	0.7759	0.6496	0.3823	0.1719	0.0548	0.0106	0.0009	0.0000
	4	0.9984	0.9672	0.9219	0.8497	0.6331	0.3770	0.1662	0.0473	0.0064	0.0001
	5	0.9999	0.9936	0.9803	0.9527	0.8338	0.6230	0.3669	0.1503	0.0328	0.0016
	6	1.0000	0.9991	0.9965	0.9894	0.9452	0.8281	0.6177	0.3504	0.1209	0.0128
	7		0.9999	0.9996	0.9984	0.9877	0.9453	0.8327	0.6172	0.3222	0.0702
	8		1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9983	0.9893	0.9536	0.8507	0.6242	0.2639
	9				1.0000	0.9999	0.9990	0.9940	0.9718	0.8926	0.6513
	10					1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
11	0	0.3138	0.0859	0.0422	0.0198	0.0036	0.0005	0.0000			
	1	0.6974	0.3221	0.1971	0.1130	0.0302	0.0059	0.0007	0.0000		
	2	0.9104	0.6174	0.4552	0.3127	0.1189	0.0327	0.0059	0.0006	0.0000	
	3	0.9815	0.8389	0.7133	0.5696	0.2963	0.1133	0.0293	0.0043	0.0002	
	4	0.9972	0.9496	0.8854	0.7897	0.5328	0.2744	0.0994	0.0216	0.0020	0.0000
	5	0.9997	0.9883	0.9657	0.9218	0.7535	0.5000	0.2465	0.0782	0.0117	0.0003
	6	1.0000	0.9980	0.9924	0.9784	0.9006	0.7256	0.4672	0.2103	0.0504	0.0028
	7		0.9998	0.9988	0.9957	0.9707	0.8867	0.7037	0.4304	0.1611	0.0185
	8		1.0000	0.9999	0.9994	0.9941	0.9673	0.8811	0.6873	0.3826	0.0896
	9			1.0000	1.0000	0.9993	0.9941	0.9698	0.8870	0.6779	0.3026
	10					1.0000	0.9995	0.9964	0.9802	0.9141	0.6862
	11						1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

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		p									
n	r	0.10	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.90
12	0	0.2824	0.0687	0.0317	0.0138	0.0022	0.0002	0.0000			
	1	0.6590	0.2749	0.1584	0.0850	0.0196	0.0032	0.0003	0.0000		
	2	0.8891	0.5583	0.3907	0.2528	0.0834	0.0193	0.0028	0.0002	0.0000	
	3	0.9744	0.7946	0.6488	0.4925	0.2253	0.0730	0.0153	0.0017	0.0001	
	4	0.9957	0.9274	0.8424	0.7237	0.4382	0.1938	0.0573	0.0095	0.0006	0.0000
	5	0.9995	0.9806	0.9456	0.8822	0.6652	0.3872	0.1582	0.0386	0.0039	0.0001
	6	0.9999	0.9961	0.9857	0.9614	0.8418	0.6128	0.3348	0.1178	0.0194	0.0005
	7	1.0000	0.9994	0.9972	0.9905	0.9427	0.8062	0.5618	0.2763	0.0726	0.0043
	8		0.9999	0.9996	0.9983	0.9847	0.9270	0.7747	0.5075	0.2054	0.0256
	9		1.0000	1.0000	0.9998	0.9972	0.9807	0.9166	0.7472	0.4417	0.1109
	10				1.0000	0.9997	0.9968	0.9804	0.9150	0.7251	0.3410
	11					1.0000	0.9998	0.9978	0.9862	0.9313	0.7176
	12						1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
13	0	0.2542	0.0550	0.0238	0.0097	0.0013	0.0001	0.0000			
	1	0.6213	0.2336	0.1267	0.0637	0.0126	0.0017	0.0001	0.0000		
	2	0.8661	0.5017	0.3326	0.2025	0.0579	0.0112	0.0013	0.0001		
	3	0.9658	0.7473	0.5843	0.4206	0.1686	0.0461	0.0078	0.0007	0.0000	
	4	0.9935	0.9009	0.7940	0.6543	0.3530	0.1334	0.0321	0.0040	0.0002	
	5	0.9991	0.9700	0.9198	0.8346	0.5744	0.2905	0.0977	0.0182	0.0012	0.0000
	6	0.9999	0.9930	0.9757	0.9376	0.7712	0.5000	0.2288	0.0624	0.0070	0.0001
	7	1.0000	0.9988	0.9944	0.9818	0.9023	0.7095	0.4256	0.1654	0.0300	0.0009
	8		0.9998	0.9990	0.9960	0.9679	0.8666	0.6470	0.3457	0.0991	0.0065
	9		1.0000	0.9999	0.9993	0.9922	0.9539	0.8314	0.5794	0.2527	0.0342
	10			1.0000	0.9999	0.9987	0.9888	0.9421	0.7975	0.4983	0.1339
	11				1.0000	0.9999	0.9983	0.9874	0.9363	0.7664	0.3787
	12					1.0000	0.9999	0.9987	0.9903	0.9450	0.7458
	13						1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
14	0	0.2288	0.0440	0.0178	0.0068	0.0008	0.0001	0.0000			
	1	0.5846	0.1979	0.1010	0.0475	0.0081	0.0009	0.0001			
	2	0.8416	0.4481	0.2811	0.1608	0.0398	0.0065	0.0006	0.0000		
	3	0.9559	0.6982	0.5213	0.3552	0.1243	0.0287	0.0039	0.0002		
	4	0.9908	0.8702	0.7415	0.5842	0.2793	0.0898	0.0175	0.0017	0.0000	
	5	0.9985	0.9561	0.8883	0.7805	0.4859	0.2120	0.0583	0.0083	0.0004	
	6	0.9998	0.9884	0.9617	0.9067	0.6925	0.3953	0.1501	0.0315	0.0024	0.0000
	7	1.0000	0.9976	0.9897	0.9685	0.8499	0.6047	0.3075	0.0933	0.0116	0.0002
	8		0.9996	0.9978	0.9917	0.9417	0.7880	0.5141	0.2195	0.0439	0.0015
	9		1.0000	0.9997	0.9983	0.9825	0.9102	0.7207	0.4158	0.1298	0.0092
	10			1.0000	0.9998	0.9961	0.9713	0.8757	0.6448	0.3018	0.0441
	11				1.0000	0.9994	0.9935	0.9602	0.8392	0.5519	0.1584
	12					0.9999	0.9991	0.9919	0.9525	0.8021	0.4154
	13					1.0000	0.9999	0.9992	0.9932	0.9560	0.7712
	14						1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

Table A.1 (continued) Binomial Probability Sums $\sum_{x=0}^{r} b(x; n, p)$

		p									
n	r	0.10	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.90
15	0	0.2059	0.0352	0.0134	0.0047	0.0005	0.0000				
	1	0.5490	0.1671	0.0802	0.0353	0.0052	0.0005	0.0000			
	2	0.8159	0.3980	0.2361	0.1268	0.0271	0.0037	0.0003	0.0000		
	3	0.9444	0.6482	0.4613	0.2969	0.0905	0.0176	0.0019	0.0001		
	4	0.9873	0.8358	0.6865	0.5155	0.2173	0.0592	0.0093	0.0007	0.0000	
	5	0.9978	0.9389	0.8516	0.7216	0.4032	0.1509	0.0338	0.0037	0.0001	
	6	0.9997	0.9819	0.9434	0.8689	0.6098	0.3036	0.0950	0.0152	0.0008	
	7	1.0000	0.9958	0.9827	0.9500	0.7869	0.5000	0.2131	0.0500	0.0042	0.0000
	8		0.9992	0.9958	0.9848	0.9050	0.6964	0.3902	0.1311	0.0181	0.0003
	9		0.9999	0.9992	0.9963	0.9662	0.8491	0.5968	0.2784	0.0611	0.0022
	10		1.0000	0.9999	0.9993	0.9907	0.9408	0.7827	0.4845	0.1642	0.0127
	11			1.0000	0.9999	0.9981	0.9824	0.9095	0.7031	0.3518	0.0556
	12				1.0000	0.9997	0.9963	0.9729	0.8732	0.6020	0.1841
	13					1.0000	0.9995	0.9948	0.9647	0.8329	0.4510
	14						1.0000	0.9995	0.9953	0.9648	0.7941
	15							1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
16	0	0.1853	0.0281	0.0100	0.0033	0.0003	0.0000				
	1	0.5147	0.1407	0.0635	0.0261	0.0033	0.0003	0.0000			
	2	0.7892	0.3518	0.1971	0.0994	0.0183	0.0021	0.0001			
	3	0.9316	0.5981	0.4050	0.2459	0.0651	0.0106	0.0009	0.0000		
	4	0.9830	0.7982	0.6302	0.4499	0.1666	0.0384	0.0049	0.0003		
	5	0.9967	0.9183	0.8103	0.6598	0.3288	0.1051	0.0191	0.0016	0.0000	
	6	0.9995	0.9733	0.9204	0.8247	0.5272	0.2272	0.0583	0.0071	0.0002	
	7	0.9999	0.9930	0.9729	0.9256	0.7161	0.4018	0.1423	0.0257	0.0015	0.0000
	8	1.0000	0.9985	0.9925	0.9743	0.8577	0.5982	0.2839	0.0744	0.0070	0.0001
	9		0.9998	0.9984	0.9929	0.9417	0.7728	0.4728	0.1753	0.0267	0.0005
	10		1.0000	0.9997	0.9984	0.9809	0.8949	0.6712	0.3402	0.0817	0.0033
	11			1.0000	0.9997	0.9951	0.9616	0.8334	0.5501	0.2018	0.0170
	12				1.0000	0.9991	0.9894	0.9349	0.7541	0.4019	0.0684
	13					0.9999	0.9979	0.9817	0.9006	0.6482	0.2108
	14					1.0000	0.9997	0.9967	0.9739	0.8593	0.4853
	15						1.0000	0.9997	0.9967	0.9719	0.8147
	16							1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

Table A.1 (continued) Binomial Probability Sums $\sum_{x=0}^{r} b(x; n, p)$

		p									
n	**r**	**0.10**	**0.20**	**0.25**	**0.30**	**0.40**	**0.50**	**0.60**	**0.70**	**0.80**	**0.90**
17	**0**	0.1668	0.0225	0.0075	0.0023	0.0002	0.0000				
	1	0.4818	0.1182	0.0501	0.0193	0.0021	0.0001	0.0000			
	2	0.7618	0.3096	0.1637	0.0774	0.0123	0.0012	0.0001			
	3	0.9174	0.5489	0.3530	0.2019	0.0464	0.0064	0.0005	0.0000		
	4	0.9779	0.7582	0.5739	0.3887	0.1260	0.0245	0.0025	0.0001		
	5	0.9953	0.8943	0.7653	0.5968	0.2639	0.0717	0.0106	0.0007	0.0000	
	6	0.9992	0.9623	0.8929	0.7752	0.4478	0.1662	0.0348	0.0032	0.0001	
	7	0.9999	0.9891	0.9598	0.8954	0.6405	0.3145	0.0919	0.0127	0.0005	
	8	1.0000	0.9974	0.9876	0.9597	0.8011	0.5000	0.1989	0.0403	0.0026	0.0000
	9		0.9995	0.9969	0.9873	0.9081	0.6855	0.3595	0.1046	0.0109	0.0001
	10		0.9999	0.9994	0.9968	0.9652	0.8338	0.5522	0.2248	0.0377	0.0008
	11		1.0000	0.9999	0.9993	0.9894	0.9283	0.7361	0.4032	0.1057	0.0047
	12			1.0000	0.9999	0.9975	0.9755	0.8740	0.6113	0.2418	0.0221
	13				1.0000	0.9995	0.9936	0.9536	0.7981	0.4511	0.0826
	14					0.9999	0.9988	0.9877	0.9226	0.6904	0.2382
	15					1.0000	0.9999	0.9979	0.9807	0.8818	0.5182
	16						1.0000	0.9998	0.9977	0.9775	0.8332
	17							1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
18	**0**	0.1501	0.0180	0.0056	0.0016	0.0001	0.0000				
	1	0.4503	0.0991	0.0395	0.0142	0.0013	0.0001				
	2	0.7338	0.2713	0.1353	0.0600	0.0082	0.0007	0.0000			
	3	0.9018	0.5010	0.3057	0.1646	0.0328	0.0038	0.0002			
	4	0.9718	0.7164	0.5187	0.3327	0.0942	0.0154	0.0013	0.0000		
	5	0.9936	0.8671	0.7175	0.5344	0.2088	0.0481	0.0058	0.0003		
	6	0.9988	0.9487	0.8610	0.7217	0.3743	0.1189	0.0203	0.0014	0.0000	
	7	0.9998	0.9837	0.9431	0.8593	0.5634	0.2403	0.0576	0.0061	0.0002	
	8	1.0000	0.9957	0.9807	0.9404	0.7368	0.4073	0.1347	0.0210	0.0009	
	9		0.9991	0.9946	0.9790	0.8653	0.5927	0.2632	0.0596	0.0043	0.0000
	10		0.9998	0.9988	0.9939	0.9424	0.7597	0.4366	0.1407	0.0163	0.0002
	11		1.0000	0.9998	0.9986	0.9797	0.8811	0.6257	0.2783	0.0513	0.0012
	12			1.0000	0.9997	0.9942	0.9519	0.7912	0.4656	0.1329	0.0064
	13				1.0000	0.9987	0.9846	0.9058	0.6673	0.2836	0.0282
	14					0.9998	0.9962	0.9672	0.8354	0.4990	0.0982
	15					1.0000	0.9993	0.9918	0.9400	0.7287	0.2662
	16						0.9999	0.9987	0.9858	0.9009	0.5497
	17						1.0000	0.9999	0.9984	0.9820	0.8499
	18							1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

		p									
n	**r**	**0.10**	**0.20**	**0.25**	**0.30**	**0.40**	**0.50**	**0.60**	**0.70**	**0.80**	**0.90**
19	**0**	0.1351	0.0144	0.0042	0.0011	0.0001					
	1	0.4203	0.0829	0.0310	0.0104	0.0008	0.0000				
	2	0.7054	0.2369	0.1113	0.0462	0.0055	0.0004	0.0000			
	3	0.8850	0.4551	0.2631	0.1332	0.0230	0.0022	0.0001			
	4	0.9648	0.6733	0.4654	0.2822	0.0696	0.0096	0.0006	0.0000		
	5	0.9914	0.8369	0.6678	0.4739	0.1629	0.0318	0.0031	0.0001		
	6	0.9983	0.9324	0.8251	0.6655	0.3081	0.0835	0.0116	0.0006		
	7	0.9997	0.9767	0.9225	0.8180	0.4878	0.1796	0.0352	0.0028	0.0000	
	8	1.0000	0.9933	0.9713	0.9161	0.6675	0.3238	0.0885	0.0105	0.0003	
	9		0.9984	0.9911	0.9674	0.8139	0.5000	0.1861	0.0326	0.0016	
	10		0.9997	0.9977	0.9895	0.9115	0.6762	0.3325	0.0839	0.0067	0.0000
	11		1.0000	0.9995	0.9972	0.9648	0.8204	0.5122	0.1820	0.0233	0.0003
	12			0.9999	0.9994	0.9884	0.9165	0.6919	0.3345	0.0676	0.0017
	13			1.0000	0.9999	0.9969	0.9682	0.8371	0.5261	0.1631	0.0086
	14				1.0000	0.9994	0.9904	0.9304	0.7178	0.3267	0.0352
	15					0.9999	0.9978	0.9770	0.8668	0.5449	0.1150
	16					1.0000	0.9996	0.9945	0.9538	0.7631	0.2946
	17						1.0000	0.9992	0.9896	0.9171	0.5797
	18							0.9999	0.9989	0.9856	0.8649
	19							1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
20	**0**	0.1216	0.0115	0.0032	0.0008	0.0000					
	1	0.3917	0.0692	0.0243	0.0076	0.0005	0.0000				
	2	0.6769	0.2061	0.0913	0.0355	0.0036	0.0002				
	3	0.8670	0.4114	0.2252	0.1071	0.0160	0.0013	0.0000			
	4	0.9568	0.6296	0.4148	0.2375	0.0510	0.0059	0.0003			
	5	0.9887	0.8042	0.6172	0.4164	0.1256	0.0207	0.0016	0.0000		
	6	0.9976	0.9133	0.7858	0.6080	0.2500	0.0577	0.0065	0.0003		
	7	0.9996	0.9679	0.8982	0.7723	0.4159	0.1316	0.0210	0.0013	0.0000	
	8	0.9999	0.9900	0.9591	0.8867	0.5956	0.2517	0.0565	0.0051	0.0001	
	9	1.0000	0.9974	0.9861	0.9520	0.7553	0.4119	0.1275	0.0171	0.0006	
	10		0.9994	0.9961	0.9829	0.8725	0.5881	0.2447	0.0480	0.0026	0.0000
	11		0.9999	0.9991	0.9949	0.9435	0.7483	0.4044	0.1133	0.0100	0.0001
	12		1.0000	0.9998	0.9987	0.9790	0.8684	0.5841	0.2277	0.0321	0.0004
	13			1.0000	0.9997	0.9935	0.9423	0.7500	0.3920	0.0867	0.0024
	14				1.0000	0.9984	0.9793	0.8744	0.5836	0.1958	0.0113
	15					0.9997	0.9941	0.9490	0.7625	0.3704	0.0432
	16					1.0000	0.9987	0.9840	0.8929	0.5886	0.1330
	17						0.9998	0.9964	0.9645	0.7939	0.3231
	18						1.0000	0.9995	0.9924	0.9308	0.6083
	19							1.0000	0.9992	0.9885	0.8784
	20								1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

Binomial Distribution [1]

EXAMPLE 1: The probability that a patient recovers from a rare blood disease is **0.4**. If **15** people are known to have contracted this disease, what is the probability that

(a) at least 10 survive

(b) from 3 to 8 survive

(c) exactly 5 survive

SOLUTION

(a) P(X ≥10) = 1 - P(X < 10) = 1- $\sum_{x=0}^{x=9} b(x; 15, 0.4)$ =1- .9662=0.033

(b) P(3 ≤ X ≤ 8) = $\sum_{x=3}^{x=8} b(x; 15, 0.4)$

= $\sum_{x=0}^{x=8} b(x; 15, 0.4)$ - $\sum_{x=0}^{x=2} b(x; 15, 0.4)$

(By using Table A.1of the Appendix for n = 1,2,..., 20, and selected values of p; from 0.1 to 0.9)

= .9050 - 0.0271 = 0.8779

Binomial Distribution [2]

(c) P(X = 5) = $\sum_{x=0}^{x=5} b(x; 15, 0.4)$ - $\sum_{x=0}^{x=4} b(x; 15, 0.4)$

= 0.4032 - 0.2173 = 0.1859

(By using Table A.1of the Appendix for n = 1,2,..., 20, and selected values of p; from 0.1 to 0.9)

Conjectured: Opinion or judgment based on inconclusive or incomplete evidence; guesswork

Or

An opinion or conclusion based on guesswork.

The commentators made various conjectures about the outcome of the next election.

Binomial Distribution [3]

It is conjectured that an impurity exists in **30%** of all **drinking wells** in a certain **rural community**. In order to gain some insight into the true extent of the problem, it is determined that **some testing is necessary.** It is too expensive to test all of the wells in the area, so **10** are randomly selected for testing.

(a) Using the binomial distribution, what is the probability that exactly **3 wells** have the impurity, assuming that the **conjecture is correct**?

(b) What is the probability that **more than 3 wells** are impure?

Solution :

(a) $b(3; 10, 0.3) = \sum_{x=0}^{x=3} b(x; 10, 0.3) - \sum_{x=0}^{x=2} b(x; 10, 0.3)$

$= 0.6496 - 0.3828 =$ **0.2668**

(b) $P(X > 3) = 1 - P(X \leq 3)$

$= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^{x=3} b(x; 10, 0.3)$

$= 1 - 0.6496 =$ **0.3504**

Binomial Distribution [3]

Example : Consider the situation of the previous example. The **"30% are impure"** is merely a conjecture put forth by the area water board. Suppose **10 wells** are randomly selected and **6 are** found to contain the impurity. What does this imply about the conjecture? Use a probability statement.

Solution: We must first ask: "If the conjecture is correct, is it likely that we could have found 6 or more impure wells?"

$P(X \geq 6) = 1 - P(X < 6) = \sum_{x=0}^{x=10} b(x; 10, 0.3) - \sum_{x=0}^{x=5} b(x; 10, 0.3)$

$= 1 - 0.9527 = 0.0473$ or **4.7%**

- As a result, it is very unlikely **(4.7% chance)** that **6 or more wells** would be found impure if only **30%** of all are impure.
- This casts considerable doubt on the conjecture and suggests that the **impurity problem** is much **more severe**.

Binomial Distribution [4]

Example : A family has 6 children. Find the probability P that there are

(i) 3 boys and 3 girls.

(ii) fewer boys than girls.

Assume that the probability of any particular child being a boy is 1/2.

Solution:

Here n = 6 and p = q = 1/2.

Let X denotes number of boys

(i) $P(X = 3) = {}_6C_3(1/2)^3(1/2)^3 = 20/64 =$ **5/16 = 0.3125 (31.25%)**

(ii) **There are fewer boys than girls if there are 0, 1 or 2 boys.**

$P(X \leq 2) = {}_6C_0(1/2)^0(1/2)^6 + {}_6C_1(1/2)^1(1/2)^5 + {}_6C_2(1/2)^2(1/2)^4$

$=$ **11/32 = 0.3438 (34.38%)**

Example Jury Selection In the case of *Castaneda v. Partida* it was noted that although **80%** of the population in a **Texas county** is **Mexican-American**, only **39%** of those summoned for grand juries were **Mexican-American**. Let’s assume that we need to select **12 jurors** from a population that is **80% Mexican-American**, and we want to find the probability that among **12 randomly** selected jurors, exactly **7** are **Mexican-Americans**.

a. Does this procedure result in a **binomial distribution**?

b. If this procedure does result in a binomial distribution, identify the values of ***n*, *x*, *p*, and *q*.**

Solution a.

1. The number of **trials (12)** is **fixed**.

2. The **12 trials** are **independent**. (Technically, the 12 trials involve selection **without replacement** and are not independent, but we can assume independence because we are randomly selecting only 12 members from a very large population.)

3. Each of the **12 trials** has **two categories of outcomes**: The juror selected is either **Mexican-American** or is **not**.

4. For each **juror selected**, the probability that he or she is **Mexican-American** is **0.8** (because 80% of this population is Mexican-American). That probability of **0.8 remains** the same for each of the ***12 jurors***.

b. Having concluded that the given procedure does result in a binomial distribution, we now proceed to identify the values of ***n*****,** ***x*****,** ***p*****, and** ***q***.

1. With **12 jurors** selected, we have n **= 12**.

2. We want the probability of exactly **7 Mexican-Americans**, so $x = 7$.

3. The probability of success (getting a Mexican-American) for one selection is 0.8, so p **= 0.8**.

4. The probability of failure (not getting a Mexican-American) is **0.2**, so $q = 0.2$.

Applications of Binomial Distribution in CS & ML

1. **Binary Classification** (Spam vs Non-spam emails)
2. **A/B Testing** (UI designs comparison)
3. **Error Detection** in Communication Systems
4. **Feature Selection** in Machine Learning
5. **Bagging in Ensemble Methods** (Random Forests)
6. **Click-Through Rate** Prediction
7. **Testing Hypotheses** in Learning Algorithms

Detailed Example: Binary Classification

- **Scenario:** Classifying emails as spam or non-spam.
- Each **email has a probability (p)** of being correctly classified.
- Use binomial distribution **b(n, p)** where **n is the number of emails**.
- Helps in estimating the number of **correctly classified emails**.

Detailed Example: A/B Testing

- **Scenario:** Testing two versions of a system (e.g., UI designs).
- Each user has a **probability (p)** of preferring version A.
- Use **binomial distribution b(n, p)** where n is the number of users.
- Helps in determining the significance of the test results.

Detailed Example: Bagging in Random Forests

- **Scenario**: Combining predictions from multiple models.
- Each model has a **probability (p)** of making the correct prediction.
- Use **binomial distribution b(n, p)** where n is the number of models.
- Helps in assessing the performance of the ensemble model.