

STATISTICS

Introduction

Random Experiment: Even though all the possible outcomes of an experiment are known before the experiment, the outcome of a particular performance of the experiment cannot be predicted owing to the number of unknown causes, such an experiment is called a random experiment.

Example: Tossing of a coin.

Random Variable: It is a function that assigns a real number $X(s)$ to every element $s \in S$ corresponds to the random experiment E .

Example:

Rolling a die: 6 faces of a die $X=1$ or $X=2$, $X=3$, $X=4$ or 5 or 6 .

Tossing 3 coins $\{HHH, HTT, THH, \dots\}$

Event: Outcome of a random experiment is called an event. A random variable can be either discrete or continuous. A random variable is said to be discrete if the set of values defined by it over the sample space is finite or countably infinite or non-negative integer whereas continuous random variable can assume any real value in the interval say (a, b)

If the random variable X is a discrete random variable, then the probability function $P(X)$ is called the probability mass function and if the random variable is a continuous one then $P(X)$ is called probability density function.

Probability Distributions: It is function which gives the probabilities of occurrence of different possible outcomes of a random experiment. There are two types of distribution functions, namely discrete distribution and continuous distribution. Binomial and Poisson are discrete distributions and Normal distribution is a continuous distribution.

Binomial distribution:

Let us consider a trial in which there two possible outcomes, one is success denoted by p and other is failure denoted by q (equals $1 - p$). As the probability of success and failure are mutually exclusive, its sum is 1. If this trial is repeated “ n ” number of times independently and in this ‘ n ’ trials if the x trials denotes the successes, then $(n-x)$ trials denotes the failure. That is if the probability of success is p then that p is repeating x times and $q(=1-p)$ appears $(n-x)$ times. So for each way of getting this x successes is given by $p^x \cdot q^{(n-x)}$. So for getting these successes in n - trials are $nC_x p^x q^{n-x}$. And it is called probability density function of the variate x .

i.e., $P(X=x) = nC_x p^x q^{n-x}$ where $0 \leq p, q \leq 1$ and $x = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$. The density function also called Probability mass function as x takes the discrete values.

Mean and variance of Binomial distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mean} = E(x) &= \sum_{x=0}^n x P(X=x) = \sum_{x=0}^n x \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} \\ &= np \sum_{x=1}^n \binom{n-1}{x-1} p^{x-1} (1-p)^{n-1-(x-1)} \\ &= np \left(\overline{1-p} + p \right)^{n-1} = np = \mu \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Variance} = \sigma^2 &= \sum_{x=0}^n (x-\mu)^2 P(X=x) = \sum_{x=0}^n (x-\mu)^2 \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^n x^2 \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} - n^2 p^2 \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^n x^2 \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} - n^2 p^2 \end{aligned}$$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x=0}^n x^2 \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} &= \sum_{x=1}^n (x(x-1) + x) \frac{n!}{(n-x)! x!} p^x q^{n-x} \\ &= n(n-1)p^2 \sum_{x=2}^n \frac{(n-2)!}{(n-x)!(x-2)!} p^{x-2} q^{n-x} = n(n-1)p^2 (q+p)^{n-2} + np \\ &= n(n-1)p^2 + np \quad (\because (q+p)=1) \\ \therefore \sigma^2 &= n(n-1)p^2 + np - n^2 p^2 = np(1-p) = npq \end{aligned}$$

Mode is the value of x for which P(X=x) is maximum.

When $p = \frac{1}{2}$, the mode is $\frac{n}{2}$ if n is even and the modes are $\frac{n-1}{2}$ and $\frac{n+1}{2}$ if n is odd.

- 1. Out of 10000 families with 4 children each, find the number of families all whose children are daughters.**

If p denotes the probability of a female child, then the probability of a male child is q . Also the probabilities of female and male child are equally likely.

\therefore The Probabilities of female and male are $p = \frac{1}{2}$ and $q = \frac{1}{2}$.

$n = 4$ and Number of family = 10000 = N

If x denotes the probability of a female child,

Then the number of families whose children are daughters = $N \times P(x=4)$

$$P(x=4) = {}^4C_4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 = \frac{1}{16}$$

$$\therefore \text{The number of families whose children are daughters} = 10000 \times \frac{1}{16} = 625$$

- 2. If the sum of the mean and variance of a Binomial distribution for 5 trials is 1.8. Find the binomial distribution.**

The mean of the binomial distribution = $\mu = np$

The variance of the binomial distribution = $\sigma^2 = npq$

Here $n = 5$. Also $q = 1 - p$.

Given Mean + variance = 1.8

$$\text{i.e., } np + npq = 1.8$$

$$np + np(1-p) = 1.8 \quad (\because q = 1-p)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 \times p + 5 \times p - 5 \times p^2 = 1.8$$

The above equation is quadratic in p, on solving the quadratic equation, p value can be determined. Then the value is $p = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 36}}{10}$ or $p = 1.8, 0.2$.

As probability value cannot exceed 1, $p = 0.2$.

\therefore Mean $= \mu = 5 \times 0.2 = 1$ and the variance $= \sigma^2 = 5 \times 0.2 \times 0.8 = 8$

The distribution function is ${}^5C_x (0.2)^x (0.8)^{n-x}$

Exercise

1. The Probability that a pen manufactured by a company will be defective is $1/10$. If 12 such pens are manufactured find the probability that

(a) Exactly 2 will be defective (b) at least two will be defective (iii) none will be defective.

Ans: 0.2301, 0.3412 0.2833

2. In 256 sets of 12 tosses of a coin, in how many cases one can expect 8 heads and 4 tails ?

Ans: 30.9 or approximately 31.