

Knowing that *Montgomery's* lifespan fits the negative binomial distribution and considering that the number of the weeks of *Montgomery's* being hit as the number of “successes” ( $r$ ) and his lifespan as the number of the total trials ( $X$ ) in the negative binomial distribution, we could calculate the probability that Montgomery will survive for another 2 years (104 weeks) if he has 1 and 9 lives left respectively.

According to the probability mass function derived:

$$P(\text{having } k \text{ trials until } r \text{ successes}) = \binom{k-1}{r-1} p^{r-1} (1-p)^{k-r} \cdot p = \binom{k-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{k-r},$$

the probability of surviving for another 104 weeks if he has 1 life should be:

$$P(\text{having 104 trials until 1 succeste}) = \binom{104-1}{1-1} \left(\frac{1}{20}\right)^1 \left(1 - \frac{1}{20}\right)^{104-1} \approx 0.0002538,$$

and the probability of surviving for another 104 weeks id he has 9 lives should be:

$$P(\text{having 104 trials until 9 succeste}) = \binom{104-1}{9-1} \left(\frac{1}{20}\right)^9 \left(1 - \frac{1}{20}\right)^{104-9} \approx 0.003553.$$