

Lecture-16

Hypergeometric Distribution

General discussion:

Suppose total number of items in a bag = N

Total number of defective items (out of N) = k

Total number of items selected = n

lets discuss the probability that x out of n ($x \leq n$) items selected is defective.

Now, total number of ways n items can be selected out of N items = $\binom{N}{n}$.

Our requirement is x out of n are defective i.e. remaining $(n - x)$ are non-defective.

Number of ways x defective items can be selected from k defective items = $\binom{k}{x}$.

Number of ways $n - x$ defective items can be selected from $N - k$ defective items = $\binom{N - k}{n - x}$.

Probability of selecting x defectives

$$= \frac{\text{all favorable cases}}{\text{all possible cases}}$$

$$= \frac{\binom{k}{x} \binom{N - k}{n - x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

Definition:

Let X = The number of successes in a random sample size n selected from N items of which k are labeled success and $(N - k)$ labeled failure. Then probability distribution of

the above hypergeometric random variable is

$$f(x) = h(x; N, n, k) = \frac{\binom{k}{x} \binom{N-k}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

Such that $\max\{0, n - (N - k)\} \leq x \leq \min(n, k)$

(Q.30) A random committee of size 3 is selected from 4 doctors and 2 nurses. Write a formula for the probability distribution of the random variable X representing the number of doctors on the committee. Find $P(2 \leq X \leq 3)$.

Ans:

There are 4 doctors and 2 nurses

3 persons will be selected out of 4+2=6 persons

Let X : number of doctors in the committee which consists of 3 persons

So $x = 1, 2, 3$ ($x \neq 0$ why?)

$$P(X = x) = f(x) = \frac{\binom{4}{x} \binom{2}{3-x}}{\binom{6}{3}}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} P(2 \leq X \leq 3) &= P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) \\ &= \frac{\binom{4}{2} \binom{2}{3-2}}{\binom{6}{3}} + \frac{\binom{4}{3} \binom{2}{3-3}}{\binom{6}{3}} = \frac{4}{5} \end{aligned}$$

(Q.32) From a lot of 10 missiles, 4 are selected at random and fired. If the lot contains 3 defective missiles that will not fire, what is the probability that (a) all 4 will fire? (b)

at most 2 will not fire?

Ans:

Total number of missiles = 10

Total number of defective missiles = 3

Hence, total number of non-defective missiles = 7

4 missiles will be fired

Let X: number of non-defective missiles fired

$$(a) P(X = 0) = \frac{\binom{7}{4} \binom{3}{0}}{\binom{10}{4}} = \frac{1}{6}$$

(b) At most 2 will not fire means 2 or more will fire

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 2) &= P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) + P(X = 4) \\ &= \frac{\binom{7}{2} \binom{3}{2}}{\binom{10}{4}} + \frac{\binom{7}{3} \binom{3}{1}}{\binom{10}{4}} + \frac{\binom{7}{4} \binom{3}{0}}{\binom{10}{4}} = \frac{29}{30} \end{aligned}$$

Multivariate Hyper-geometric Distribution:

If N items can be partitioned into k cells A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k with a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k elements, respectively then probability distribution of the random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k representing the number of elements selected from A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k in a random sample of size n is

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k; a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k, N, n) = \frac{\binom{a_1}{x_1} \binom{a_2}{x_2} \dots \binom{a_k}{x_k}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

With $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = n$, $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = N$

(Q.43) A foreign student club lists as its members 2 Canadians, 3 Japanese, 5 Italians, and 2 Germans. If a committee of 4 is selected at random, find the probability that (a)

all nationalities are represented; (b) all nationalities except Italian are represented.

Ans:

Total number of members = 2+3+5+2 = 12

Total number of members selected = 4

(a) All nationalities represented means one from each country.

One person can be selected from 2 Canadians in $\binom{2}{1}$ ways

One person can be selected from 3 Japanies in $\binom{3}{1}$ ways

One person can be selected from 5 Italians in $\binom{5}{1}$ ways

One person can be selected from 2 Germans in $\binom{2}{1}$ ways

Four persons can be selected from 12 persons in $\binom{12}{4}$ ways

$$P(\text{all nationalities are represented}) = \frac{\binom{2}{1}\binom{3}{1}\binom{5}{1}\binom{2}{1}}{\binom{12}{4}} = \frac{4}{33}$$

(b) All nationalities except Italians are represented, then 3 cases arise;

Case-I: 2 Canadians + 1 Japanies + 0 Italian + 1 German

Case-2: 1 Canadians + 2 Japanies + 0 Italian + 1 German

Case-3: 1 Canadians + 1 Japanies + 0 Italian + 2 German

$P(\text{all nationalities are represented})$

$$= \frac{\binom{2}{2}\binom{3}{1}\binom{5}{0}\binom{2}{1}}{\binom{12}{4}} + \frac{\binom{2}{1}\binom{3}{2}\binom{5}{0}\binom{2}{1}}{\binom{12}{4}} + \frac{\binom{2}{1}\binom{3}{1}\binom{5}{0}\binom{2}{2}}{\binom{12}{4}} = \frac{8}{165}$$

(Q.44) An urn contains 3 green balls, 2 blue balls, and 4 red balls. In a random sample of 5 balls, find the probability that both blue balls and at least 1 red ball are selected.

Ans:

Total number of balls = $3+2+4 = 9$

Total number of balls selected = 5

Number of blue balls = 2, green balls = 3, red balls = 4

$$P(2 \text{ blue balls and atleast 1 red ball})$$

$$= \frac{\binom{2}{2} \binom{4}{1} \binom{3}{2}}{\binom{9}{5}} + \frac{\binom{2}{2} \binom{4}{2} \binom{3}{1}}{\binom{9}{5}} + \frac{\binom{2}{2} \binom{4}{3} \binom{3}{0}}{\binom{9}{5}} = \frac{17}{63}$$

Negative Binomial Distribution:

Let repeated independent trials results in a success with probability p and a failure with probability $q = 1 - p$.

Where X : number of trials in which the k th success occurs,

Then,

$$P(X = x) = f(x) = b^*(x; k, p) = \binom{x-1}{k-1} p^k q^{x-k}$$

Where $x = k, k+1, k+2, \dots$

Geometric Distribution:

A particular case of negative binomial distribution for $k = 1$ is known as geometric distribution.

Here, X = the number of trials on which the first success occurs.

$$P(X = x) = f(x) = g(x; p) = pq^{x-1}; \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Where $q = 1 - p$

(Q.49) The probability that a person living in a certain city owns a dog is estimated to be 0.3. Find the probability that the tenth person randomly interviewed in that city is the fifth one to own a dog.

Ans:

Here, $p = 0.3, q = 1 - p = 0.7$

X = The number of persons interviewed in which k th person own a dog.

Given $x = 10, k = 5$

$$\begin{aligned} b^*(10; 5, 0.3) &= \binom{10-1}{5-1} p^5 q^{10-5} \\ &= \binom{9}{4} (0.3)^5 (0.7)^{10-5} = 0.0515 \end{aligned}$$

(Q.50) Find the probability that a person flipping a coin gets (a) the third head on the seventh flip; (b) the first head on the fourth flip.

Ans:

Here, $p = 0.5, q = 1 - p = 0.5$

X = The number of trials in which k th head occurs.

(a) Third head in 7th flip means $x = 7, k = 3$

Hence,

$$b^*(7; 3, 0.5) = \binom{7-1}{3-1} (0.5)^3 (0.5)^4 = 0.1172$$

(b) First head in the fourth flip means $x = 4, k = 1$

Using negative binomial or geometric distribution

$$g(x; p) = g(4, 0.5) = 0.5(1 - 0.5)^{4-1} = (0.5)^4$$