

**2.3** First we prove 2.262:

$$\begin{aligned}
\binom{N}{m} + \binom{N}{m-1} &= \frac{N!}{m!(N-m)!} + \frac{N!}{(m-1)!(N-m+1)!} \\
&= \frac{N!}{(m-1)!(N-m)!} \left( \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{N-m+1} \right) \\
&= \frac{N!}{(m-1)!(N-m)!} \left( \frac{N-m+1+m}{m(N-m+1)} \right) \\
&= \frac{N!}{(m-1)!(N-m)!} \left( \frac{(N+1)}{m(N-m+1)} \right) \\
&= \frac{(N+1)!}{(m)!(N-m+1)!}
\end{aligned}$$

Now we prove 2.263:

For  $N = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{m=0}^N \binom{N}{m} x^m \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^1 \binom{1}{m} x^m \\
&= \binom{1}{0} x^0 + \binom{1}{1} x^1 \\
&= 1 + x \\
&= (1+x)^N
\end{aligned}$$

Now let's assume the equality holds for  $N-1$  and prove it for  $N$ .

This gives us:

$$(1+x)^{N-1} = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \binom{N-1}{m} x^m$$

Multiplying both sides by  $(1+x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
(1+x)^N &= (1+x) \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \binom{N-1}{m} x^m \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \binom{N-1}{m} x^m + \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \binom{N-1}{m} x^{m+1} \\
&= \binom{N-1}{0} x^0 + \binom{N-1}{1} x^1 + \dots + \binom{N-1}{N-1} x^{N-1} + \\
&\quad \dots + \binom{N-1}{0} x^1 + \dots + \binom{N-1}{N-2} x^{N-1} + \binom{N-1}{N-1} x^N \\
&= \binom{N-1}{0} x^0 \\
&\quad + \left( \binom{N-1}{1} + \binom{N-1}{0} \right) x^1 \\
&\quad + \left( \binom{N-1}{2} + \binom{N-1}{1} \right) x^2 \\
&\quad + \dots \\
&\quad + \left( \binom{N-1}{N-1} + \binom{N-1}{N-2} \right) x^{N-1} \\
&\quad + \binom{N-1}{N-1} x^N \\
&= \binom{N-1}{0} x^0 \\
&\quad + \binom{N}{1} x^1 \\
&\quad + \binom{N}{2} x^2 \\
&\quad + \dots \\
&\quad + \binom{N}{N-1} x^{N-1} \\
&\quad + \binom{N-1}{N-1} x^N
\end{aligned}$$

$$\binom{N-1}{0} = 1 = \binom{N}{0} \text{ and } \binom{N-1}{N-1} = 1 = \binom{N}{N}$$

Thus, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} (1+x)^N &= \binom{N}{0}x^0 + \binom{N}{1}x^1 + \binom{N}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{N}{N-1}x^{N-1} + \binom{N}{N}x^N \\ &\implies (1+x)^N = \sum_{m=0}^N \binom{N}{m}x^m \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we prove 2.264:

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{m=0}^N \binom{N}{m} \mu^m (1-\mu)^{N-m} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^N \binom{N}{m} \mu^m \frac{(1-\mu)^N}{(1-\mu)^m} \\ &= (1-\mu)^N \sum_{m=0}^N \binom{N}{m} \left( \frac{\mu}{1-\mu} \right)^m \\ &= (1-\mu)^N \left( 1 + \left( \frac{\mu}{1-\mu} \right) \right)^N \\ &= (1-\mu)^N \left( \frac{1-\mu+\mu}{1-\mu} \right)^N \\ &= (1-\mu)^N \left( \frac{1}{1-\mu} \right)^N \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can see that the binomial distribution is normalized.