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In this [LearnR](#) app, we will practice making graphs of the PMF (probability mass function) and cumulative probabilities for a binomial distribution.

Setting

In constructing a music playlist in YouTube, suppose that 63 percent of the songs had official music videos (and fan-made videos otherwise). Let us create a playlist of 10 songs. Fill in the parameters for $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ below.

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```
1 n <- 10
2 p <- 0.63
3
```

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Probability Mass Function

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```
1 kvals <- 0:n # creates a list of numbers from 0 to n
2 pmf    <- dbinom(kvals, n, p)
3 tf     <- kvals == 7 # creates a list of booleans
4 df     <- data.frame(kvals, pmf, tf)
5 df %>%
6   ggplot(aes(x = kvals, y = pmf, fill = tf)) +
7   geom_bar(stat = "identity") + # we will provide our own y values
8   labs(title = "Probability Mass Function",
9        subtitle = "k is exactly 7",
10        caption = "Math 32",
11        x = "k",
12        y = "probability") +
13   scale_x_continuous(breaks = 0:n,
14                      labels = as.character(0:n))
```

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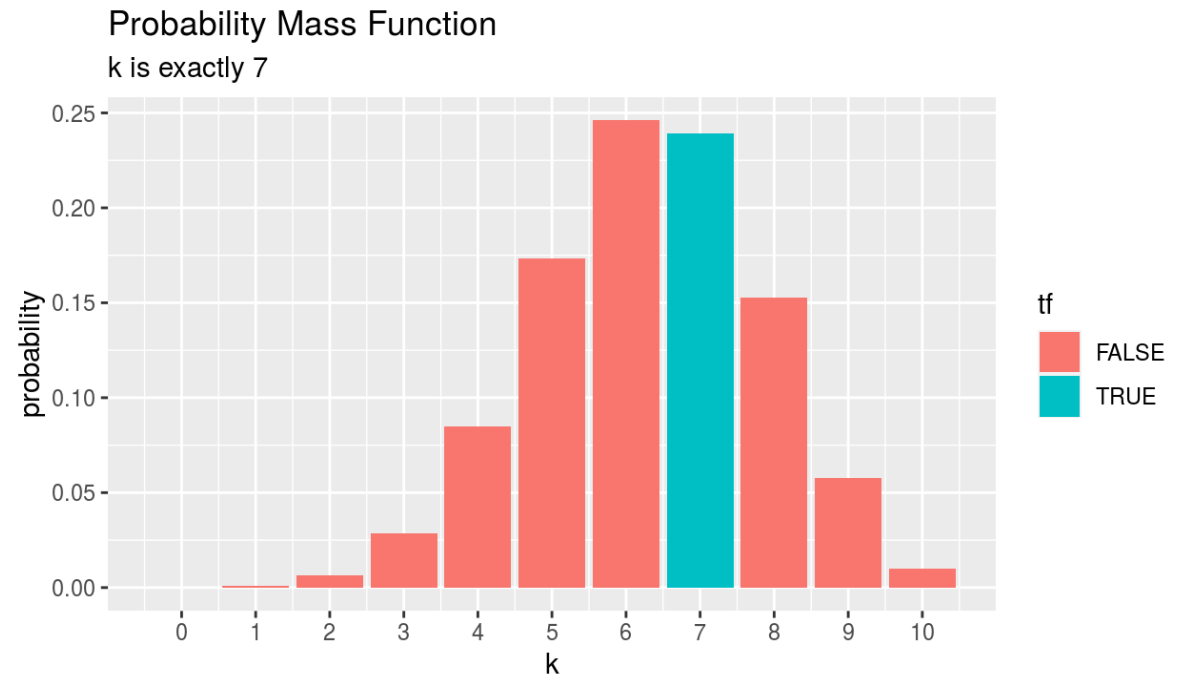
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```
1 kvals <- 0:n
2 pmf   <- dbinom(kvals, n, p)
3 tf    <- kvals <= 5 # creates a list of booleans
4 df    <- data.frame(kvals, pmf, tf) # merge all the values from kvals, pmf, and tf
5 df %>%
6   ggplot(aes(x = kvals, y = pmf, fill = tf)) +
7   geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
8   labs(title = "Cumulative Probability", # labels the graph
9        subtitle = "k is at most 5",
10       caption = "Math 32",
11       x = "k",
12       y = "probability") +
13   scale_x_continuous(breaks = 0:n,
14                      labels = as.character(0:n))
```

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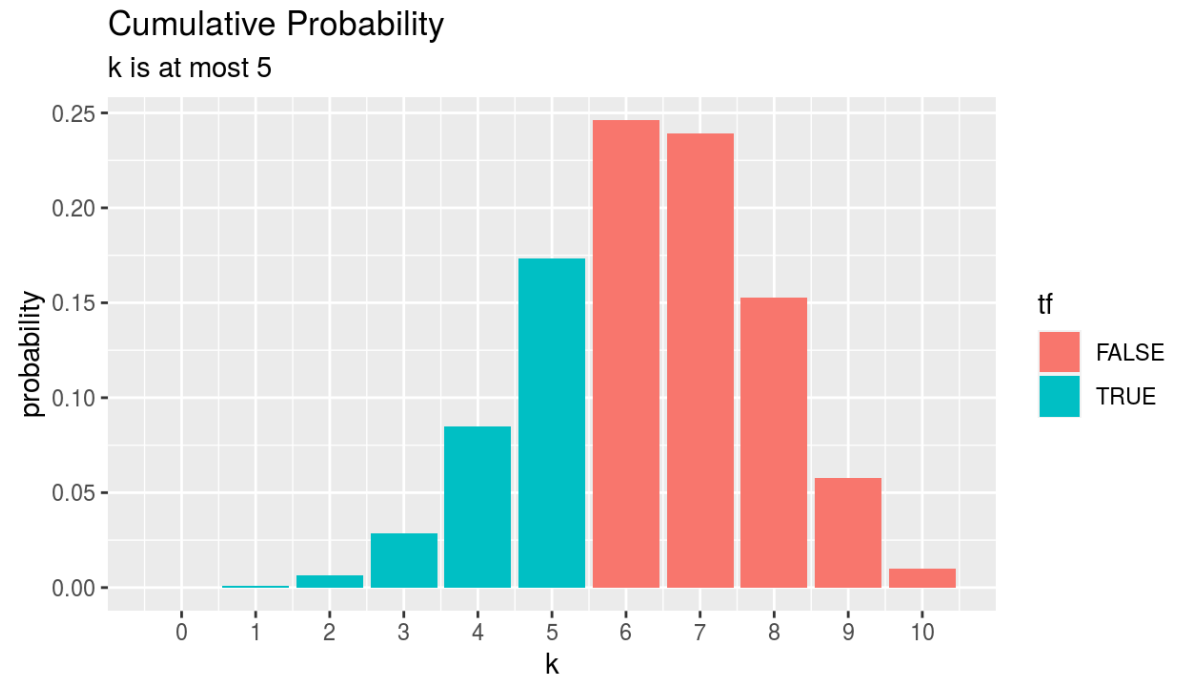
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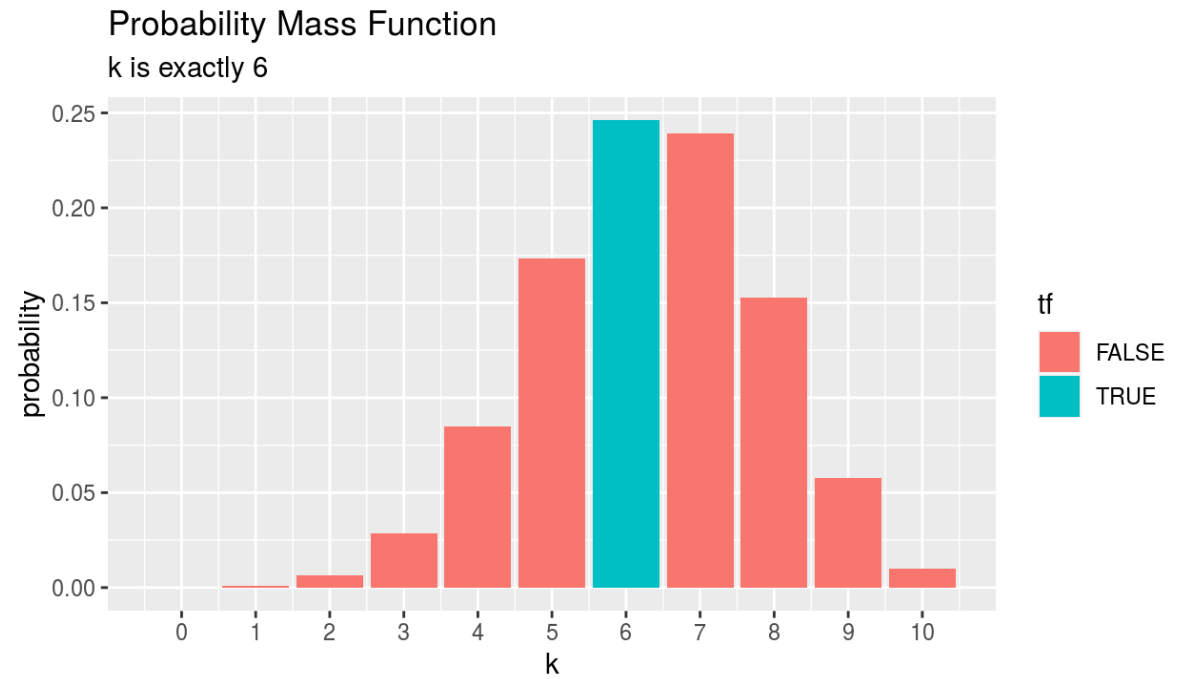
PMF Exercise

Use R code with `ggplot` to visualize the PMF for “What is the probability that there are exactly 6 songs with official music videos in a playlist of 10 songs?”

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```
1 kvals <- 0:n
2 pmf   <- dbinom(kvals, n, p)
3 tf    <- kvals == 6
4 df    <- data.frame(kvals, pmf, tf)
5 df %>%
6   ggplot(aes(x = kvals, y = pmf, fill = tf)) +
7   geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
8   labs(title = "Probability Mass Function",
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13   scale_x_continuous(breaks = 0:n,
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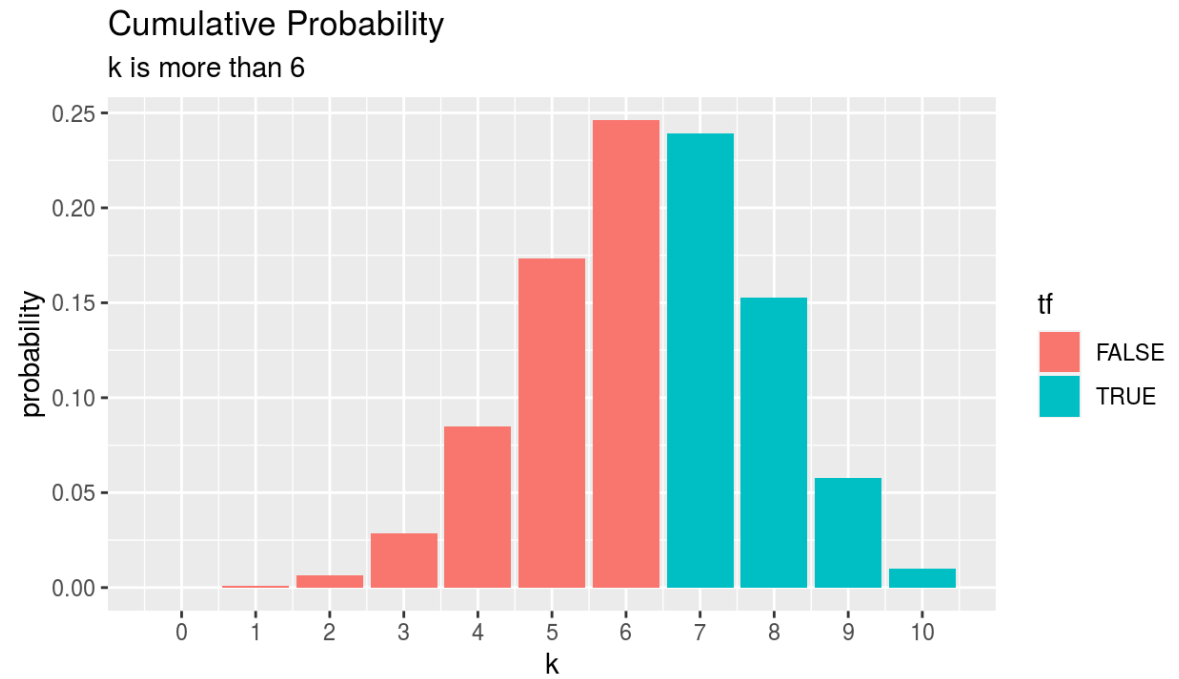
Cumulative Exercise

Use R code with `ggplot` to visualize the cumulative probability for “What is the probability that there are more than 6 songs with official music videos in a playlist of 10 songs?”

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```
2 kvals <- 0:n
3 pmf   <- dbinom(kvals, n, p)
4 tf    <- kvals > 6
5 df    <- data.frame(kvals, pmf, tf)
6 df %>%
7   ggplot(aes(x = kvals, y = pmf, fill = tf)) +
8   geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
9   labs(title = "Cumulative Probability",
10        subtitle = "k is more than 6",
11        caption = "Math 32",
12        x = "k",
13        y = "probability") +
14   scale_x_continuous(breaks = 0:n,
15                     labels = as.character(0:n))
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