# Statistical and Mathematical Methods for Data Analysis

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#### **Textbooks**

- ☐ Probability & Statistics for Engineers & Scientists,
  Ninth Edition, Ronald E. Walpole, Raymond H.
  Myer
- ☐ Elementary Statistics: Picturing the World, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, Ron Larson and Betsy Farber
- ☐ Elementary Statistics, 13<sup>th</sup> Edition, Mario F. Triola

#### Reference books

- ☐ Probability Demystified, Allan G. Bluman
- ☐ Schaum's Outline of Probability and Statistics
- ☐ MATLAB Primer, Seventh Edition
- ☐ MATLAB Demystified by McMahon, David

#### References

Readings for these lecture notes:

☐ Probability & Statistics for Engineers & Scientists, Ninth edition, Ronald E. Walpole, Raymond H. Myer

These notes contain material from the above book.

## **Negative Binomial Distribution [1]**

- Let us consider an experiment where the properties are the same as those listed for a binomial experiment, with the exception that the trials will be repeated until a fixed number of successes occur.
- ☐ Therefore, instead of finding the probability of x successes in n trials, where n is fixed, we are now interested in the probability that, the k<sup>th</sup> success occurs on the r<sup>th</sup> trial.
- ☐ Experiments of this kind are called **negative binomial experiments**.

## **Negative Binomial Distribution [2]**

- □ Consider the use of a drug that is known to be effective in 60% of the cases where it is used. The drug will be considered a success if it is effective in bringing some degree of relief to the patient.
- ☐ We are interested in finding the **probability** that the **fifth patient** to experience relief is the **seventh patient** to receive the drug during a given week.

## **Negative Binomial Distribution [3]**

Designating a success by S and a failure by F, a possible order of achieving the desired result is SFSSSFS, which occurs with probability

$$p = 0.6 (S)$$

$$q = 0.4 (F)$$

$$(0.6)(0.4)(0.6)(0.6)(0.6)(0.4)(0.6) = (0.6)^{5}(0.4)^{2}$$

## **Negative Binomial Distribution [4]**

We could list all possible orders by rearranging the **F**'s and **S**'s except for the **last outcome**, which must be the **fifth success**. The total number of possible orders is equal to the number of partitions of the **first six trials** into two groups with **2 failures assigned** to the one group and **4 successes assigned** to the other group.

This can be done in  ${}_{6}C_{4} = 15$  mutually exclusive ways.

Hence, if X represents the outcome on which the fifth success occurs, then

$$P(X = 7) = {}_{6}C_{4}(0.6)^{5}(0.4)^{2} = 0.1866.$$

#### **Negative Binomial Distribution [5]**

If **repeated independent trials** can result in a success with probability  $\mathbf{p}$  and a **failure** with probability  $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{p}$ , then the probability distribution of the random variable  $\mathbf{x}$ , the number of the trial on which the  $\mathbf{k}^{\text{th}}$  success occurs, is

$$b^*(x; k, p) = {}_{x-1}C_{k-1} p^k q^{x-k}, x = k, k+1, k+2, ...$$

## **Negative Binomial Distribution [6]**

**Example:** In an NBA (National Basketball Association) championship series, the team who wins **four games** out of **seven** will be the winner. Suppose that **team A** has probability **0.55** of winning over **team** *B* and both teams A and *B* face each other in the championship games.

(a) What is the probability that team A will win the series in six games?

(b) What is the probability that team A will win the series?

## **Negative Binomial Distribution [7]**

(c) If both teams face each other in a regional playoff series and the winner is decided by winning three out of five games, what is the probability that team A will win a playoff?

## **Negative Binomial Distribution [8] Solution:**

 $b^*(x; k, p) = {}_{x-1}C_{k-1} p^k q^{x-k}, x = k, k+1, k+2, ...$ Let x denotes **number of matches** until the **k**<sup>th</sup> success occur.

Here x = 6, k = 4

(a) 
$$b*(6; 4, 0.55) = {}_{6-1}C_{4-1} (0.55)^4 (0.45)^{6-4}$$
  
=  ${}_5C_3 (0.55)^4 (0.45)^2$   
= 0.1853

## **Negative Binomial Distribution [9]**

 $b^*(x; k, p) = {}_{x-1}C_{k-1} p^k q^{x-k}, x = k, k+1, k+2, ...$ Let x denotes **number of matches** until the **k**<sup>th</sup> **success** occur.

Here k = 4

(b) P(team A wins the championship series) =  $P(X \ge 4)$ 

$$P(X \ge 4) = b^*(4; 4, 0.55) + b^*(5; 4, 0.55)$$
  
+  $b^*(6; 4, 0.55) + b^*(7; 4, 0.55)$   
=  $0.0915 + 0.1647 + 0.1853 + 0.1668$   
=  $0.6083$ .

#### **Negative Binomial Distribution [10]**

 $b^*(x; k, p) = {}_{x-1}C_{k-1} p^k q^{x-k}, x = k, k+1, k+2, ...$ Let x denotes **number of matches** until the **k**<sup>th</sup> **success** occur.

#### Here k = 3

(c) P(team A wins the playoff) =

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P(X \ge 3) = b^*(3; 3, 0.55) + b^*(4; 3, 0.55) + b^*(5; 3, 0.55)
= 0.1664 + 0.2246 + 0.2021
= 0.5931.
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#### **Negative Binomial Distribution [11]**

binomial distribution where k = 1, we have a probability distribution for the number of trials required for a single success. An example would be the tossing of a coin until a head occurs. We might be interested in the probability that the first head occurs on the fourth toss. The negative binomial distribution reduces to the form

☐ Here k = 1  

$$b^*(x; 1, p) = p q^{x-1}, x = 1,2,3,...$$

#### **Negative Binomial Distribution [12]**

☐ Since the successive terms constitute a **geometric progression**, it is customary to refer to this special case as the **geometric distribution** and denote its values by **g(x; p)**.

#### **Negative Binomial Distribution [13]**

**Example** An oil drilling company ventures into various locations, and its success or failure is **independent** from one location to another. Suppose the probability of a success at any specific location is **0.25**.

- (a) What is the probability that a driller drills 10 locations and finds 1 success?
- (b) The driller feels that he will go bankrupt if he drills 10 times before the first success occurs. What are the driller's prospects for bankruptcy?
- (c) What is the probability that the driller gets the first success on the 11<sup>th</sup> trial?

## **Negative Binomial Distribution [14]**

Solution:Let x denotes number of successful drill

(a) 
$$b(x; n, p) = {}_{n}C_{x} p^{x} q^{n-x}, x=1, 1, 2,..., n$$
  
 $b(1; 10, 0.25) = {}_{10}C_{1} 0.25^{1} 0.75^{10-1}$   
 $= 0.1877$ 

#### (b) Since trials are independent

$$= q^{10}$$
  
=  $(0.75)^{10}$   
=  $0.056$ 

(c) Let x denotes number of locations explore until the 1<sup>th</sup> success.

#### Here x = 11

g(x; p) = p q<sup>x-1</sup>, x= 1,2,3,...  
g(11; 0.25) = (0.25) 
$$(0.75)^{11-1}$$
  
= (0.25)  $(0.75)^{10}$   
= 0.0141

#### **Negative Binomial Distribution [15]**

**Example** Consider the information of Review **Exercise** in previous question. The driller feels that he will "hit it big" if the second success occurs on or before the sixth attempt. What is the probability that the driller will "hit it big?"

#### **Negative Binomial Distribution [16]**

Solution:  $b^*(x; k, p) = {}_{x-1}C_{k-1} p^k q^{x-k}$ , x = k, k+1, k+2, ...Let x denotes number of locations explore to get  $k^{th}$  successes. Here x = 6, k = 2, p = 0.25

$$b^*(6; 2, 0.25) = {}_{6-1}C_{2-1} (0.25)^2 (0.75)^{6-2}$$
$$= {}_{5}C_{1}(0.25)^2 (0.75)^4$$
$$= 0.0989$$

#### **Negative Binomial Distribution [17]**

Example: A couple decides they will continue to have children until they have two males. Assuming that P(male) = 0.5, what is the probability that their second male is their fourth child?

#### **Negative Binomial Distribution [18]**

**Solution:**  $b^*(x; k, p) = {}_{x-1}C_{k-1} p^k q^{x-k}$ , x = k, k+1, k+2, ...

Let x denotes **number of children** on which **k**<sup>th</sup> **male** born.

Here x = 4, p = 0.5, k = 2 (number of male)

$$b^*(4; 2, 0.5) = {}_{4-1}C_{2-1} (0.5)^2 (0.5)^{4-2}$$
$$= {}_{3}C_{1} (0.5)^2 (0.5)^2$$
$$= 0.1875$$

#### **Negative Binomial Distribution [19]**

**Example** An oil company conducts a geological study that indicates that an exploratory oil well should have a 20% chance of striking oil. What is the probability that the **first** strike comes on the third well drilled?

To find the requested probability, we need to find P(X = 3). Note that X is technically a geometric random variable, since we are only looking for one success. Since a geometric random variable is just a special case of a negative binomial random variable, we'll try finding the probability using the negative binomial p.m.f.

#### **Negative Binomial Distribution [20]**

Let x denotes **number of drills** on which **k**<sup>th</sup> **strike** occur.

Here 
$$p = 0.20$$
,  $1-p = 0.80$   
 $k = 1$ , and  $x = 3$ 

$$b^*(x; k, p) = {}_{x-1}C_{k-1} p^k q^{x-k}, x = k, k+1, k+2, ...$$

$$b^*(3; 1,0.2) = {}_{3-1}C_{1-1} (0.2)^1 (0.8)^{3-1}$$

$$= {}_{2}C_{0} (0.2)^1 (0.8)^2$$

$$= 0.128$$

#### **Negative Binomial Distribution [21]**

**Example:** What is the probability that the **third strike** comes on the **seventh well** drilled?

#### **Solution:**

Let x denotes **number of drills** on which **k**<sup>th</sup> **strike** occur.

$$p = 0.20$$
,  $1-p = 0.80$ ,  $x = 7$  and  $k = 3$ 

$$b^*(x; k, p) = {}_{x-1}C_{k-1} p^k q^{x-k}, x = k, k+1, k+2, ...$$

$$b^*(7; 3,0.2) = {}_{7-1}C_{3-1} (0.2)^3 (0.8)^{7-3}$$

$$= {}_{6}C_{2} (0.2)^{3} (0.8)^{4}$$

$$= 0.049$$