

Assignment 1-probability and Random Variable

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Problem Statement: Suppose that 90% of people are right handed. What is the probability that at most 6 of a random sample of 10 are right-handed?

Solution: Let X be the number of right-handed people
n=10(number of sample)
p=9/10(probability of right handed people)
q=1/10(probability of left handed people)

From bernoulli's distribution we know that,

$$P(X = r) = {}^nC_r p^r q^{n-r} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 6) &= 1 - P(X > 6) \\ &= 1 - [P(X = 7) + P(X = 8) + P(X = 9) + P(X = 10)] \\ &= 1 - \left[{}^{10}C_7 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^7 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^3 + {}^{10}C_8 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^8 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + {}^{10}C_9 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^9 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right) + {}^{10}C_{10} \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{10} \right] \\ &= 1 - 9^7/10^{10} [{}^{10}C_7 + {}^{10}C_8 \times 9 + {}^{10}C_9 \times 9^2 + {}^{10}C_{10} \times 9^3] \\ &= 1 - 9^7/10^{10} \left[\frac{10 \times 9 \times 8}{3 \times 2 \times 1} + \frac{10 \times 9 \times 9}{2} + 10 \times 81 + 729 \right] \\ &= 1 - 9^7/10^{10} [120 + 405 + 810 + 729] \\ &= 1 - \left(\frac{9^7 * 2064}{10^{10}} \right) \\ &= .0128 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$