

# Assignment4-Probability and Random variables

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**Problem Statement:** The probability that a bulb produced by a factor will fuse after 150 days of use is .05. The probability that out of 5 such bulbs

i none

ii not more than one

iii more than one

iv at least one

will fuse after 150 days of work

**Solution:** Let X be the number of bulbs that will fuse after 150 days of use in an experiment of 5 trials. Each trial is a Bernoulli trial

$P = .05$  (Probability that the bulb will fuse after 150 days)

$q = .95$  (probability that bulb will not fuse after 150 days)

X has a binomial distribution with  $p = .05$  and  $n = 5$

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

## 1 P(None)

Here  $x = 0$ , therefore from equation..(1)

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 0) &= {}^5 C_0 (.05)^0 (.95)^5 \\ &= .95^5 \\ &= .7738 \end{aligned}$$

## 2 P(not more than one)

Here  $x = 0, 1$ , from equation..(1)

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 1) &= P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) \\ &= {}^5 C_0 (.05)^0 (.95)^5 + {}^5 C_1 (.05)^1 (.95)^4 \\ &= .95^5 + 5 \times .05 \times .95^4 \\ &= .95^4 [.95 + .25] \\ &= .95^4 \times 1.20 \\ &= .9774075 \end{aligned}$$

## 3 P(more than one)

Here  $x = 2, 3, 4$ , from equation..(1)

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 1) &= P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) + P(X = 4) + P(X = 5) \\ &= 1 - P(X \leq 1) \\ &= 1 - {}^5 C_0 (.05)^0 (.95)^5 + {}^5 C_1 (.05)^1 (.95)^4 \\ &= 1 - (.95^5 + 5 \times .05 \times .95^4) \\ &= 1 - .95^4 [.95 + .25] \\ &= 1 - .95^4 \times 1.20 \\ &= 1 - .9774075 \\ &= .0225925 \end{aligned}$$

#### 4 P(at least one)

Here  $x=1,2,3,4,5$ , from equation...(1)

$$\begin{aligned}P(X \leq 1) &= 1 - P(X = 0) \\&= 1 - {}^5C_0 (.05)^0 (.95)^5 \\&= 1 - .95^5 \\&= .22621\end{aligned}$$