

Gaussian

Problem-9.3.22

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An experiment succeeds twice as often as it fails. Find the probability that in the next six trials, there will be atleast 4 successes.

Solution: Given,
Number of trials,

$$n = 6 \quad (1)$$

$$p = 2q \quad (2)$$

Where

p = probability of success

q = probability of failure

We know,

$$p + q = 1 \quad (3)$$

$$3q = 1 \quad (4)$$

$$q = \frac{1}{3} \quad (5)$$

and

$$p = \frac{2}{3} \quad (6)$$

1. Binomial:

Binomial probability:

$$\Pr(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} \cdot p^k \cdot q^{n-k} \quad (7)$$

Where

$\Pr(X = k)$ = Probability of getting k successes in n trials

Now,

$$\Pr(X = 4) = \binom{6}{4} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{6-4} \quad (8)$$

$$\approx 0.329 \quad (9)$$

$$\Pr(X = 5) = \binom{6}{5} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{6-5} \quad (10)$$

$$\approx 0.263 \quad (11)$$

$$\Pr(X = 6) = \binom{6}{6} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^6 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{6-6} \quad (12)$$

$$\approx 0.088 \quad (13)$$

The probability of atleast 4 successes is

$$\Pr(X \geq 4) = \Pr(X = 4) + \Pr(X = 5) + \Pr(X = 6) \quad (14)$$

$$= 0.329 + 0.263 + 0.088 \quad (15)$$

$$= 0.680 \quad (16)$$

\therefore Probability of getting atleast 4 successes in the next 6 trials is 0.680 or 68.00%.

2. Gaussian:

Here,

Mean,

$$\mu = np \quad (17)$$

$$= 4 \quad (18)$$

Standard deviation,

$$\sigma = \sqrt{npq} \quad (19)$$

$$\approx 1.63299 \quad (20)$$

Probability of atleast 4 successes, $\Pr(X \geq 4)$ can be written as,

$$\Pr(X \geq 4) = 1 - \Pr(X < 4) \quad (21)$$

Where

$\Pr(X = k)$ = Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) of random variable X

By using 3.5 as continuity correction,

$$\Pr(X < 4) = \Pr(X \leq 3.5) \quad (22)$$

Now, z-score

$$z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \quad (23)$$

$$= \frac{3.5 - 4}{1.63299} \quad (24)$$

$$= -0.30503 \quad (25)$$

From z-table

$$\Pr(z < -0.30503) \approx 0.3808 \quad (26)$$

Using gaussian approximation,

$$\Pr(X < 4) \approx 0.3808 \quad (27)$$

$$\implies \Pr(X \geq 4) = 1 - \Pr(X < 4) \quad (28)$$

$$\approx 1 - 0.3808 \quad (29)$$

$$\approx 0.6192 \quad (30)$$

\therefore Probability of getting atleast 4 successes in the next 6 trials is approximately 0.6192 or 61.92%.

The answer got through the method of gaussian is nearly same as the actual answer(difference - 0.608).