# Notebook

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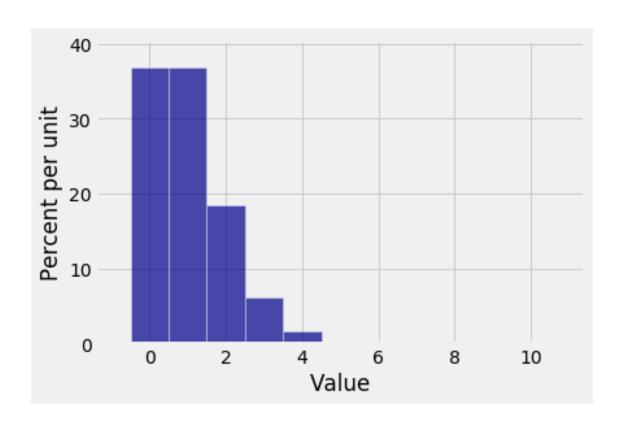
$$P(M_n = k) = \frac{1}{k!} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + (-1)^{n-k} \frac{1}{(n-k)!}\right)$$

Looking at the formula, for  $M_n = 0, 1, \frac{1}{k!}$  both equal to 1. And the latter terms of the equation for  $M_n = 0$  differ only by  $(-1)^n \frac{1}{(n)!}$  from the equation for  $M_n = 1$ . For a large n, such term is very small. Hence  $P(M_n = 0)$  is very close to  $P(M_n = 1)$  when n is large.

The possible values of  $M_n$  is from 0 to 100. With the sum of probabilties for  $M_n$  = 0to 10equal to 1, its ays that the distribution of  $M_n$  slies in between 0 and 10.

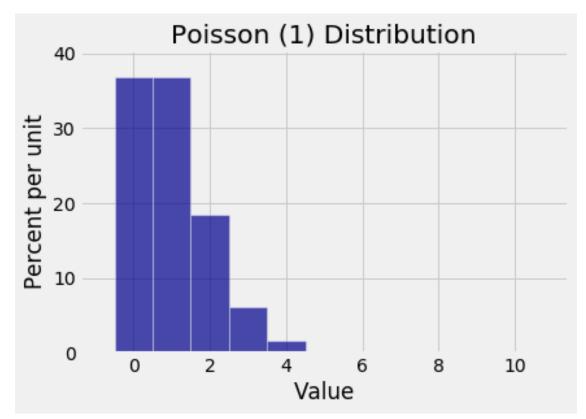
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In [13]: k = np.arange(11)
    prob = match_dist(10)

matches_100 = Table().values(k).probabilities(prob)
    Plot(matches_100)
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In [14]: k = np.arange(11)  # selected possible values
    poisson_1_probs = stats.poisson.pmf(k, 1)  # array of corresponding Poisson (1) probabilitie
    poisson_1_dist = Table().values(k).probabilities(poisson_1_probs)
    Plot(poisson_1_dist)
    plt.title('Poisson (1) Distribution');
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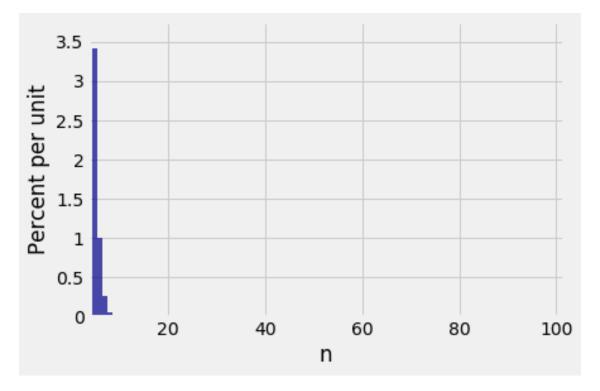
I think matches\_Poisson\_tvd(5) should be larger. The poisson approximation uses  $e^{-1}$  is a better approximation for the actual match distribution with higher number of n. Hence the distance away from the actual values will be further away for n = 5 compared to n = 100

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In [17]: matches_Poisson_tvd(5), matches_Poisson_tvd(100)
Out[17]: (0.03411123088143108, 2.0236745963801594e-17)
In [18]: #matches_Poisson_tvd caculates half of the sum of all the absolute difference
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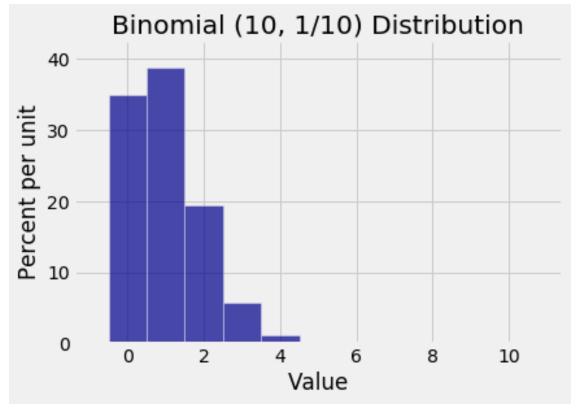
#between actual distribution and Poisson approximation,

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#Hence, assuming all the differences are positive,
         #the largest possible error is two times the tvd.
         matches_Poisson_tvd(100) * 2
Out[18]: 4.047349192760319e-17
In [19]: tvd_table = Table().with_column('n', np.arange(5, 101))
         matches_tvds = tvd_table.with_column('Matches (n)', tvd_table.apply(matches_Poisson_tvd, 0))
         tvd_table = matches_tvds
         tvd_table
Out[19]: n
              | Matches (n)
              | 0.0341112
              | 0.0100777
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              | 8.28377e-08
              | 1.11286e-08
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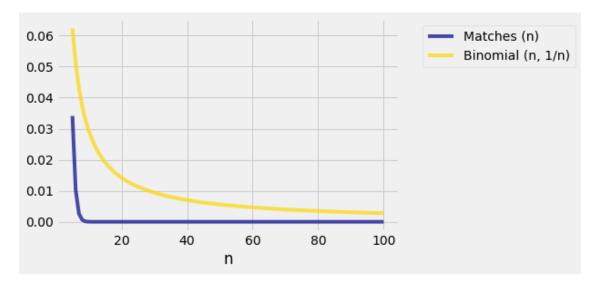


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Out [24]: 0.009379738441886479

In [26]: tvd\_table.plot(0)



For values of n that are about 60 or more, Poisson (1) approximations to binomial (n, 1/n) probabilities will be off by at most 0.5%.

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In [27]: Table().with_columns('n', tvd_table[0], 'diff', abs(tvd_table[1] - tvd_table[2])).show()
<IPython.core.display.HTML object>
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#### In []: