

# EXPONENTIAL

Problem: Customers arrive in a certain shop according to an approximate poisson process at a mean rate of 20 per hour. What is probability that shopkeeper will have to wait more than 5 minutes for arrival of customers?

Sol: let  $x$  denote the waiting time in minutes until the first customer arrives and note that  $\lambda = \frac{20}{60} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3}$  is expected number of arrival per minutes.

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-\frac{x}{3}} \quad \because x \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x > 5) &= \int_5^{\infty} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_5^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{3}x} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left\{ \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{3}x}}{-\frac{1}{3}} \right\}_5^{\infty} \\ &= (e^{-\frac{5}{3}} - 0) \\ &= e^{-5/3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{P(x > 5) = 0.189}$$

# UNIFORM

Problem: In a certain experiments, the error made in determining the density of a substance is in random variable having a uniform distribution with  $a = -0.015$  and  $b = 0.015$ . Find the probabilities that such an error will:

- be between  $-0.002$  and  $0.003$
- Exceed  $0.005$  in absolute value.

Sol:

$$X \sim U\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}\right)$$

$$\text{p.d.f } f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} = \frac{1}{0.015+0.015} = \frac{1}{0.03}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } P(-0.002 \leq x \leq 0.003) &= \frac{1}{0.03} \int_{-0.002}^{0.003} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{0.03} [x]_{-0.002}^{0.003} \\ &= \frac{0.005}{0.03} \Rightarrow \frac{5}{30} \Rightarrow 0.16 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } P(|x| \geq 0.005) &= P(-0.005 \leq x \leq 0.005) \\ &= \frac{1}{0.03} \int_{-0.005}^{0.005} dx \Rightarrow \frac{1}{0.03} [x]_{-0.005}^{0.005} \\ &= \frac{0.010}{0.03} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \\ &= 0.333 \dots \end{aligned}$$



## HYPERGEOMETRIC

Problem: Among 120 applicants for the post of Computer Programmer only 80 are actually qualified. If 5 of these applicants are randomly selected for an 'indepth interview', find the probability that only 2 of 5 will be qualified for job.

Solution:

$$\text{let } x=2; n=5; N=120; K=80$$

$$h(2, 5, 120, 80) = \frac{\binom{80}{2} \binom{40}{3}}{\binom{120}{5}} \Rightarrow 0.164$$

Using Binomial Distribution:

$$b(2, 5, \frac{2}{3}) = \binom{5}{2} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\right)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.165$$

## GEOMETRIC

Problem: Three people toss a coin and the odd man pays for coffee. If coins all turn up same, they are tossed again. Find the probability that fewer than 4 tosses are needed.

Solution:

$$S = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, HTT, THH, THT, TTH, TTT\}$$

$$p = \frac{6}{8} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\boxed{1-p = q}$$

$$q = \frac{2}{8} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(X < 4) = \sum_{x=1}^3 g(x; p) \Rightarrow \sum_{x=1}^3 p \cdot q^{x-1} \Rightarrow \sum_{x=1}^3 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{x-1}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} \right]$$

$$= \frac{21 \times 3}{64}$$

$$\boxed{P(X < 4) = \frac{63}{64}}$$



# POISSON DISTRIBUTION

Q. A secretary makes 2 typing errors per page on average. What is probability that on next page she makes:

a) 4 or more errors

c) no errors.

b) Atleast 2 errors.

Sol:

a)  $P(x \geq 4)$

$$= \sum_{x=4}^{\infty} P(x; 2)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^3 P(x; 2)$$

$$= 1 - 0.8571$$

$$= 0.1429$$

$$\text{Mean: } \lambda = 2$$

$$= 1 - P(x < 4)$$

b)  $P(x=0)$

$$P(0; 2) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{\lambda!} \Rightarrow \frac{e^{-2} 2^0}{0!}$$

$$= e^{-2}$$

$$= 0.1353$$

c)  $P(x \geq 2)$

$$= 1 - P(x < 2)$$

$$= \sum_{x=2}^{\infty} P(x; \lambda)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^1 P(x; 2)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{e^{-2} 2^0}{0!} - \frac{e^{-2} 2^1}{1!}$$

$$= 1 - 0.1353 - 0.2707$$

$$= 0.5940$$

# BINOMIAL

Q. The probability that a computer recovers from a virus attack is 0.4. If 15 computers are known to contracted this disease, what is the probability:

- a) at least 10 survive?
- b) from 3 to 8 survive?
- c) Exactly 5 survive.
- d) Fewer than 5 survive?

Sol:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } P(X \geq 10) &= 1 - P(X < 10) \\ &= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^9 b(x; n=15, p=0.4) \\ &= 1 - 0.9662 \\ &= 0.0338 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } P(3 \leq X \leq 8) &= \sum_{x=3}^8 b(x; n=15, p=0.4) \\ &= \sum_{x=3}^8 b(x; n=15, p=0.4) - \sum_{x=0}^2 b(x; n=15, p=0.4) \\ &= 0.9050 - 0.0271 \\ &= 0.8779 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } P(X=5) &= b(x; n=15, p=0.4) \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^5 b(x; n=15, p=0.4) - \sum_{x=0}^4 b(x; n=15, p=0.4) \\ &= 0.4032 - 0.2173 \\ &= 0.1859 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } P(X < 5) &= \sum_{x=0}^4 b(x; n=15, p=0.4) \\ &= 0.2173 \end{aligned}$$



## MATH-EXP-1

Problem: Suppose that no. of cars,  $X$ , that pass through a car wash between 4:00 pm and 5 pm on any sunny Friday has the following probability distribution.

$X$	4	5	6	7	8	9
$P(x)$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

Let  $g(x) = 2x - 1$  represented the amount of money in dollars, paid to the attendant by manager. Find the attendant is expected earning for particular time period.

Sol: By property:

$$E[g(x)] = \sum_{\text{all } x} g(x) f(x)$$

$$= \sum_{x=4}^9 (2x-1) f(x)$$

$$= 7\left(\frac{1}{12}\right) + 9\left(\frac{1}{12}\right) + 11\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 13\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 15\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 17\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)$$

$$E[g(x)] = \$12.67$$

## RVS - pdf - cdf

Problem: The sample space of a random experiment is  $(a, b, c, d, e, f)$  and each outcome is equally likely. A random variable is defined as follows:

outcome	a	b	c	d	e	f
$x$	0	0	1.5	1.5	2	3

- a)  $P(X=1.5)$     b)  $P(0.5 < X < 2.1)$     c)  $P(X > 3)$     d)  $P(0 \leq X < 2)$   
e)  $P(X=0 \text{ or } X=2)$

Solution:

Probability mass function is:

$$P(X=0) = P(\{a, b\}) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{6};$$

$$P(X=1.5) = \frac{2}{6};$$

$$P(X=2) = \frac{1}{6}; \quad P(X=3) = \frac{1}{6};$$

$$a) P(X=1.5) = \frac{2}{6}$$

$$b) P(0.5 < X < 2.1) = P(X=1.5) + P(X=2) = \frac{3}{6}$$

$$c) P(X > 3) = 0$$

$$d) P(0 \leq X < 2) = P(X=0) + P(X=1.5) = \frac{4}{6}$$

$$e) P(X=0 \text{ or } X=2) = \frac{3}{6}$$



## Normal Distribution

Problem:

Suppose the force acting on a column that helps to support a building is normally distributed with mean 15.0 kips and S.D is 1.25 kips, what is probability that, the force is:

a) at most 17 kips

b) b/w 12 & 17 kips

Solution:

$$\mu = 15$$

$$\sigma = 1.25$$

i)  $P_n(x \leq 17) = ?$

$$P_n\left(z \leq \frac{17-15}{1.25}\right) = P_n(z \leq 1.6)$$

$$P(z \leq 1.6) = 0.9452$$

ii)  $P_n(12 < x < 17) = ?$

$$P_n\left(\frac{12-15}{1.25} < z < \frac{17-15}{1.25}\right)$$

$$P_n(-2.4 < z < 1.6)$$

$$(0.9452 - 0.0082) = 0.937$$

$$P_n(12 < x < 17) = 0.937$$



## PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

Problem: Suppose that customers arrive at a check-out according to a Poisson process with mean  $\lambda = 12$  per hour. What is the probability that we will have to wait longer than 10 minutes to see first customer?

Solution:

$\lambda = 12$  per hr

$T = 10$  minutes

$\therefore N = \text{number of customers}$

$\Rightarrow X \sim \text{Poisson} \left( \frac{12}{10} \right) \text{ or } \left( \frac{6}{5} \right)$

Let  $X$  be number of arrivals:

$$P_X(k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-6/5} \left( \frac{6}{5} \right)^k}{k!}$$

$$P(X=1) \leq 0.36$$



# TEST OF HYPOTHESIS

## Problem:

A shirt issued for military has an average life of 85 washings, when used in a moderate climate but will a tropical climate reduces its useful life? A sample of 60 such shirts worn by soldiers in a tropical climate indicates an average life of 76.4 washings, with a standard deviation of 12.8. At 0.01 level of significance can we conclude that the use of shirts in a tropical climate reduces their average useful life?

## Sol:

1. Assumption:
2. Hypothesis  $\Rightarrow H_0: \mu = 85$  washings  
 $H_A: \mu < 85$  washings
3. Level of Significance  $\Rightarrow \alpha = 0.01$
4. Test statistic used:

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$$

5. Critical Region:

Reject if  $Z_{cal} < Z_{\alpha} = -2.31$

6. Computation:

$$Z = \frac{76.4 - 85}{12.8 / \sqrt{60}} = -5.2 \quad (0.0000)$$

7. Conclusion:

Reject  $H_0$  and conclude that those shirts in a tropical climate reduces their average useful life.



# GAMMA DISTRIBUTION

Problem:

Suppose that on average 30 customers per hour arrive at a shop in accordance with a poisson process. That is, if minute is our unit, then  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ . What is probability that shopkeeper will wait more than 5 minutes before both of the first two customers arrive?

Sol:

let  $X$  denotes the waiting time in minutes until second customer arrives. Then

$X \sim \text{gamma}(\alpha = 2, \beta = \frac{1}{\lambda} = 2)$

$$P(X > 5) = \int_5^{\infty} \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\sqrt{\alpha} \cdot \beta^{\alpha}} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \cdot 2^2} \int_5^{\infty} x^{2-1} e^{-x/2} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \int_5^{\infty} x e^{-x/2} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{x e^{-x/2}}{-\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{e^{-x/2}}{(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2})} \right]_5^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[ -2x e^{-x/2} - 4e^{-x/2} \right]_5^{\infty}$$

$$P(X > 5) = \frac{7}{2} e^{-5/2} = 0.287$$



# DISCRETE PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

Problem:

A major oil company has decided to drill independent test wells in a region at Sindh. The probability of any well producing oil is 0.3. Find probability that fifth well is first to produce oil.

Sol:

$$\therefore P(X=5) = (1-p)^4 p$$

$$\therefore p = 0.3$$

$$= (1-0.3)^4 \times (0.3)$$

$$= 0.49 \times 0.3$$

$$\boxed{P(X=5) = 0.147}$$



# TWO-SAMPLE HYPOTHESIS TEST

Problem:

In a test of reliability of products produced by two machines, machine A produced 15 defective parts in a run of 280, while machine B produced 10 defective parts in a run of 200. Do these results imply a difference in reliability of these two machines? (Use  $\alpha = 0.01$ )

Step-1  $\rightarrow$  Check Assumptions:

$$n_A p_A = y_A = 15 \geq 10 \text{ and } n_A (1 - p_A) = n_A - y_A = 265 \geq 10$$
$$n_B p_B = y_B = 10 \geq 10 \text{ and } n_B (1 - p_B) = n_B - y_B = 190 \geq 10$$

Step-2  $\rightarrow$  Hypothesis:

$$H_0: \pi_A - \pi_B = 0$$

$$H_a: \pi_A - \pi_B \neq 0$$

Step-3  $\Rightarrow$  Significance Level:

$$\alpha = 0.01$$

Step-4  $\Rightarrow$  Test Statistic:

$$p_c = \frac{y_A + y_B}{n_A + n_B} = \frac{15 + 10}{280 + 200} = \frac{25}{480}$$

$$Z = \frac{(p_A - p_B) - \delta_0}{\sqrt{p_c(1 - p_c) \left( \frac{1}{n_A} + \frac{1}{n_B} \right)}} = \frac{\left( \frac{15}{280} - \frac{10}{200} \right) - 0}{\sqrt{\left( \frac{25}{480} \right) \left( \frac{455}{480} \right) \left( \frac{1}{280} + \frac{1}{200} \right)}} = 0.1736$$

$$p\text{-value} = 2 * P(Z \geq 0.1736) = 2 * P(Z \geq 0.17) = 0.8650$$

Step-5  $\Rightarrow$  Conclusion:

Since  $-2.58 \leq 0.1736 \leq 2.58$ , we failed to reject null hypothesis.