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Problem Set # 11

Bernoulli. Binomial.

Provide your complete solutions for the following problems.

Problem 11.1. Based on the traveling salesman's experience, he makes a sale on any visit with probability of 15%. We assume that the individual customer's decisions are independent.
If he makes 10 visits in a certain day, what is the chance that he makes at least five sales?

Problem 11.2. Expected frequency

Suppose you are going to roll a fair die 60 times and record the proportion of times that a 1 or a 2 is showing. The sampling distribution of the said proportion should be centered about which value?

$\frac{1}{3}$

TP 11.1.

X ... the number of sales he makes

$X \sim \text{Binomial}(\text{size} = n = 10, \text{prob} = p = 0.15)$

$$P[X \geq 5] = ?$$

$$P[X \geq 5] = 1 - P[X \leq 4]$$

$$P[X \leq 4] = P[X=0] + P[X=1] + P[X=2] + P[X=3] + P[X=4]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \binom{10}{0} (0.15)^0 (0.85)^{10} \\ &\quad + \binom{10}{1} (0.15)^1 (0.85)^9 \\ &\quad + \binom{10}{2} (0.15)^2 (0.85)^8 \\ &\quad + \binom{10}{3} (0.15)^3 (0.85)^7 \\ &\quad + \binom{10}{4} (0.15)^4 (0.85)^6 = \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{pbinom}(4, \text{size} = 10, \text{prob} = 0.15) = 0.9901$$

$$P[X \geq 5] = 0.0099$$

Binomial Dist'n [two facts].

$X \sim \text{Binomial}$ ($n = \#$ of trials, $p = \text{prob. of success}$)

- $\mathbb{E}[X] = n \cdot p$

- $\text{Var}[X] = np(1-p) \Rightarrow \text{SD}[X] = \sqrt{n \cdot p \cdot (1-p)}$

Normal Approximation to the Binomial Dist'n (4.3.2)

Consider a sequence of binomial random variable

$$S_n \sim \text{Binomial}(\text{size} = n, \text{prob} = p)$$

let the $\#$
of trials
become "large".

Keep this
fixed!

Q: What happens to the dist'n of S_n
as n becomes large?

→ By the **de Moivre-Laplace Thm**:

$$\frac{S_n - np}{\sqrt{n \cdot p \cdot (1-p)}} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1) \dots \text{standard normal}$$

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Usage: For "large enough" n (rule of thumb:
 $n \cdot p \geq 10$ and $n \cdot (1-p) \geq 10$):

$$S_n \sim \text{Normal}(\text{mean} = n \cdot p, \text{sd} = \sqrt{n \cdot p \cdot (1-p)})$$

... counts

\Rightarrow For Proportions:

$$\hat{p}_n = \frac{S_n}{n} \sim \text{Normal}(\text{mean} = \underline{p}, \text{sd} = \underline{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}})$$



$$\text{Var}[\hat{p}_n] = \text{Var}\left[\frac{S_n}{n}\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot \text{Var}[S_n] = \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot n \cdot p(1-p)$$

$$= \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$$

Problem.

"True/False"

A student answers a set of 100 T/F questions. She answers 36 questions correctly. She guesses **at random** the answers to the remaining questions. If the passing mark is 70 questions, what's this student's chance of passing?