

Math 1700: Elementary Statistics

4th Week Summary (09/22/23)

- **Random Variables:** A variable that assumes a unique numerical value for each of the outcomes
 - Discrete:** A random variable that can assume a countable number of values
 - Continuous:** A random variable that can assume an uncountable (continuum) number of values
- **Probability function:** A distribution of the probabilities associated with each of the values of a random variable
- **Probability distribution:** A rule, $P(x)$, that assigns probabilities to the values of the random variables

Property 1: $0 \leq P(x) \leq 1$

Property 2: $\sum_{\text{all } x} P(x) = 1$

- **Population Parameters**

$\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i P(x_i)$ is the population mean.

$\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 P(x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n [x_i^2 P(x_i)] - \mu^2$ is the population variance

$\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$ is the population standard deviation.

- **Binomial probability experiment:**

1. There are n repeated identical independent trials.
2. Each trial has two possible outcomes (*success* or *failure*).
3. $P(\text{success}) = p$, $P(\text{failure}) = q$, and $p + q = 1$.
4. The binomial random variable x is the count of the number of successful trials that occur; x may take on any integer value from zero to n

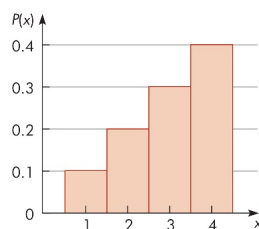
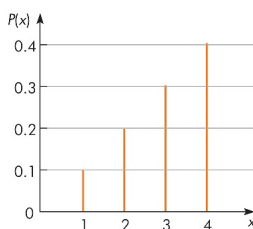
- **Binomial probability function:**

$$P(x) = \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} (p^x)(q^{n-x}), \quad \text{for } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\mu = np$$

$$\sigma^2 = npq$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{npq}$$



x	$P(x)$
1	$\frac{1}{10} = 0.1 \checkmark$
2	$\frac{2}{10} = 0.2 \checkmark$
3	$\frac{3}{10} = 0.3 \checkmark$
4	$\frac{4}{10} = 0.4 \checkmark$
	$\frac{10}{10} = 1.0$

