

# MATH 1700

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## **Chapter 5**



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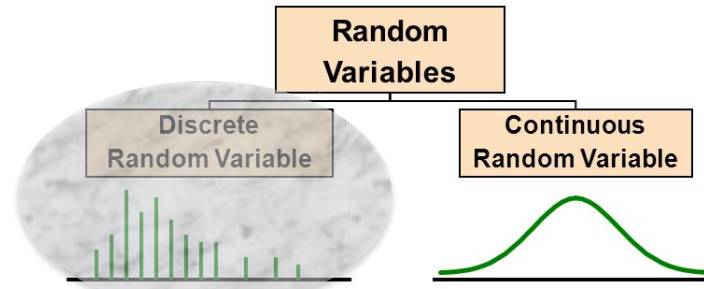
# USA AND ITS AUTOMOBILES AND **RANDOM VARIABLE**

- The national average is 2.28 vehicles per household, with nearly 34% being single-vehicle and 31% being two-vehicle households. However, nearly 35% of all households have three or more vehicles.

Vehicles, $x$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$P(x)$	0.34	0.31	0.22	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01

- **Random variable** A variable that assumes a unique numerical value for each of the outcomes in the sample space of a probability experiment.
  - $X$  = # of vehicles in a household is a random variable
- Another example: Let  $Y$  = the number of heads when we flip a coin twice.
  - Sample Space:  $S = \{TT, TH, HT, HH\}$
  - Random Variable:  $Y = \{0, 1, 2\}$

# RANDOM VARIABLES - EXAMPLES



- **Discrete random variable** A quantitative random variable that can assume a countable number of values. Examples:
  - We toss five coins and observe the “number of heads” visible. The random variable  $x$  is the number of heads observed and may take on integer values from 0 to 5.
  - Let the “number of phone calls received” per day by a company be the random variable. Integer values ranging from zero to some very large number are possible values.
- **Continuous random variable** A quantitative random variable that can assume an uncountable (continuum of values) number of values. Example:
  - Let the “length of the cord” on an electrical appliance be a random variable. The random variable is a numerical value between 12 and 72 inches for most appliances.

# PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTIONS OF A DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLE

- Consider a coin-tossing experiment where two coins are tossed and no heads, one head, or two heads are observed.
- If we define the random variable  $x$  to be the number of heads observed when two coins are tossed, then
  - $P(x = 0) = P(\text{no H}) = P(TT) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$
  - $P(x = 1) = P(\text{one H}) = P(HT \text{ or } TH) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.50$
  - $P(x = 2) = P(\text{two H}) = P(HH) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$
- **Probability distribution:** A distribution of the probabilities associated with each of the values of a random variable. The probability distribution is a theoretical distribution; it is used to represent populations.

$x$	$P(x)$
0	0.25
1	0.50
2	0.25

Probability Distribution: Tossing Two Coins

# PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTIONS OF A DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLE

- **Another example: Rolling a die**

$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(x)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

- **Probability function** A rule,  $P(x)$ , that assigns probabilities to the values of the random variables.

- The probability function for the experiment of rolling a die is

- $P(x) = \frac{1}{6}$ , for  $x = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$

- The probability function for the number of heads observed when two coins are tossed:

- $P(x) = \frac{2!}{x!(2-x)!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2-x}$ , for  $x = 0, 1, 2$

$x$	$P(x)$
0	0.25
1	0.50
2	0.25

- **Properties:**

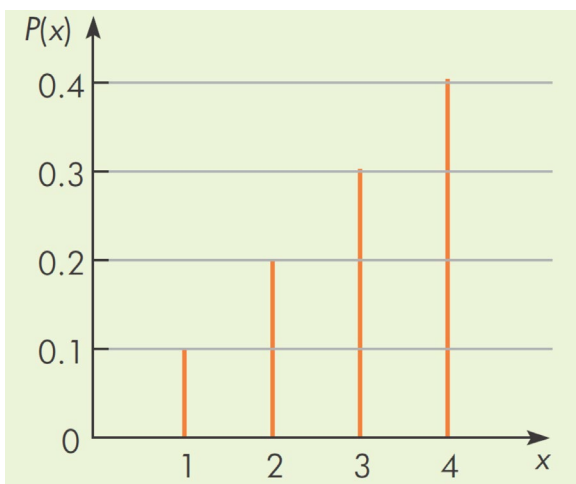
- **Property 1:**  $0 \leq P(x) \leq 1$
- **Property 2:**  $\sum_{\text{all } x} P(x) = 1$

# EXAMPLE 2 - DETERMINING A PROBABILITY FUNCTION

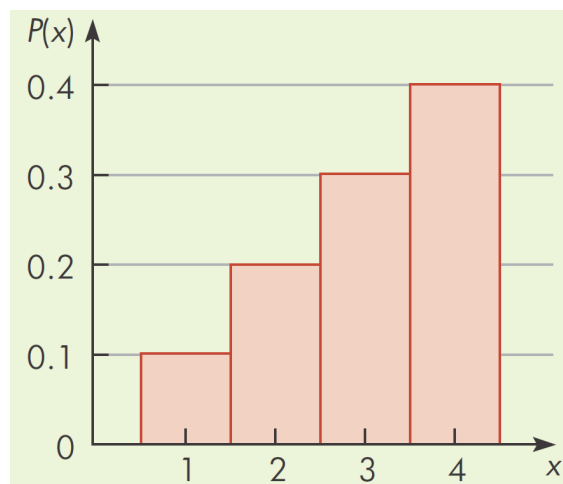
- **Example:** Is  $P(x) = \frac{x}{10}$ , for  $x = 1, 2, 3, 4$  a probability function?
- **Solution:**
  - **Property 1:**  $0 \leq P(x) \leq 1$
  - **Property 2:**  $\sum_{\text{all } x} P(x) = 1$
- **Question:** What is  $P(x = 5)$ ?
  - $P(x = 5) = 0$

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

Probability Distribution for  
 $P(x) = \frac{x}{10}$ , for  $x = 1, 2, 3, 4$



Line Representation: Probability Distribution  
for  $P(x) = \frac{x}{10}$ , for  $x = 1, 2, 3, 4$



Histogram: Probability Distribution  
for  $P(x) = \frac{x}{10}$ , for  $x = 1, 2, 3, 4$

# MEAN AND VARIANCE OF A DISCRETE PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION



- Remember that:
  - We used **sample statistics** to describe a sample.
  - $\bar{x}$  is the sample mean
  - $s^2$  is the sample variance ( $s$  is the sample standard deviation).
- Probability distributions may be used to represent theoretical **populations**, the counterpart to **samples**.
- We use **population parameters** (mean, variance, and standard deviation) to describe these probability distributions.
  - $\mu$  (the Greek letter lower case mu) is the population mean.
  - $\sigma^2$  (the Greek letter lower case sigma) is the population variance
  - $\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$  is the population standard deviation.
  - $\mu$ ,  $\sigma^2$  and  $\sigma$  are called **population parameters**. (A parameter is a **constant**, and typically **unknown** value in real statistics problems.)



# MEAN AND VARIANCE OF A DISCRETE PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION



- **Mean of a discrete random variable (expected value):**

The mean,  $\mu$ , of a discrete random variable  $x$  is found by multiplying each possible value of  $x$  by its own probability and then adding all the products together:

- **mean of  $x$ :**  $\mu = \text{sum of (each } x \text{ multiplied by its own probability)}$
- $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n [x_i P(x_i)]$
- $\mu = x_1 P(x_1) + x_2 P(x_2) + \cdots + x_n P(x_n)$

- **For the # of H when we flip a coin twice discrete distribution:**

- $\mu = x_1 P(x_1) + x_2 P(x_2) + x_3 P(x_3)$
- $= 0 \times \frac{1}{4} + 1 \times \frac{1}{2} + 2 \times \frac{1}{4}$
- $= 1$

	$x$	$P(x)$	
$x_1$	0	0.25	$P(x_1)$
$x_2$	1	0.50	$P(x_2)$
$x_3$	2	0.25	$P(x_3)$

# MEAN AND VARIANCE OF A DISCRETE PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION



- **Variance of a discrete random variable:**

The variance,  $\sigma^2$ , of a discrete random variable  $x$  is found by multiplying each possible value of the squared deviation from the mean,  $(x - \mu)^2$ , by its own probability and then adding all the products together:

- **variance:** sigma squared = sum of (squared deviation times probability)
- $\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n [(x_i - \mu)^2 P(x_i)]$
- $\sigma^2 = (x_1 - \mu)^2 P(x_1) + (x_2 - \mu)^2 P(x_2) + \cdots + (x_n - \mu)^2 P(x_n)$

- **For the # of H when we flip a coin twice discrete distribution:**

- $\sigma^2 = (x_1 - \mu)^2 P(x_1) + (x_2 - \mu)^2 P(x_2) + (x_3 - \mu)^2 P(x_3)$
- $= (0 - 1)^2 \times \frac{1}{4} + (1 - 1)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} + (2 - 1)^2 \times \frac{1}{4}$
- $= \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$

	<b>x</b>	<b>P(x)</b>	
x <sub>1</sub>	0	0.25	P(x <sub>1</sub> )
x <sub>2</sub>	1	0.50	P(x <sub>2</sub> )
x <sub>3</sub>	2	0.25	P(x <sub>3</sub> )

- **Alternative formula:**  $\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n [x_i^2 P(x_i)] - \mu^2$

# MEAN AND VARIANCE OF A DISCRETE PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

- Likewise, standard deviation of a random variable is calculated in the same manner as is the standard deviation of sample data.
- **Standard deviation of a discrete random variable:**  
The positive square root of variance.
  - standard deviation:  $\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$
- **For the # of H when we flip a coin twice discrete distribution:**
  - $\sigma = \sqrt{0.5}$
  - $= 0.707$
  - $= 0.71$

# THE **BINOMIAL** PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

- **Consider the following probability experiment. I give you a surprise four-question multiple-choice quiz.**
- **You have not studied the material, and therefore you decide to answer the four questions by randomly guessing.**

- **Here are some questions for you?**

## **Answer Page to Quiz**

Directions: Circle the best answer to each question.

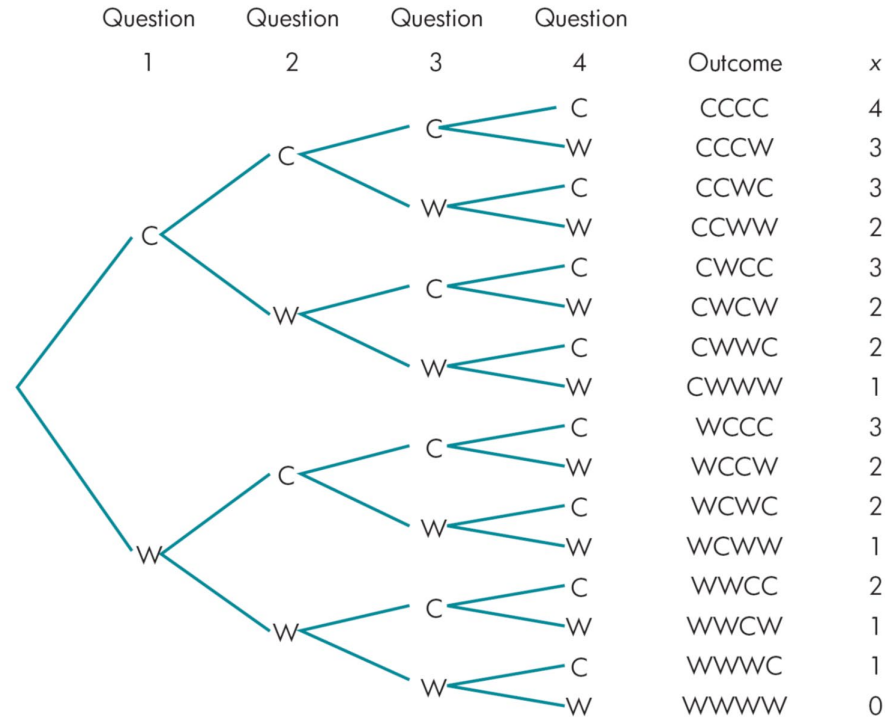
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| 1. a | b | c |
| 2. a | b | c |
| 3. a | b | c |
| 4. a | b | c |

1. **How many of the four questions are you likely to have answered correctly?**
2. **How likely are you to have more than half of the answers correct?**
3. **What is the probability that you selected the correct answers to all four questions?**
4. **What is the probability that you selected wrong answers for all four questions?**
5. **If an entire class answers the quiz by guessing, what do you think the class “average” number of correct answers will be?**

# THE BINOMIAL PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION



- To find the answers to these questions, let's start with a tree diagram



- Each of the four questions is answered with the correct answer (C) or with a wrong answer (W).
- $x$  is the “number of correct answers” on one person’s quiz when the quiz was taken by randomly guessing.

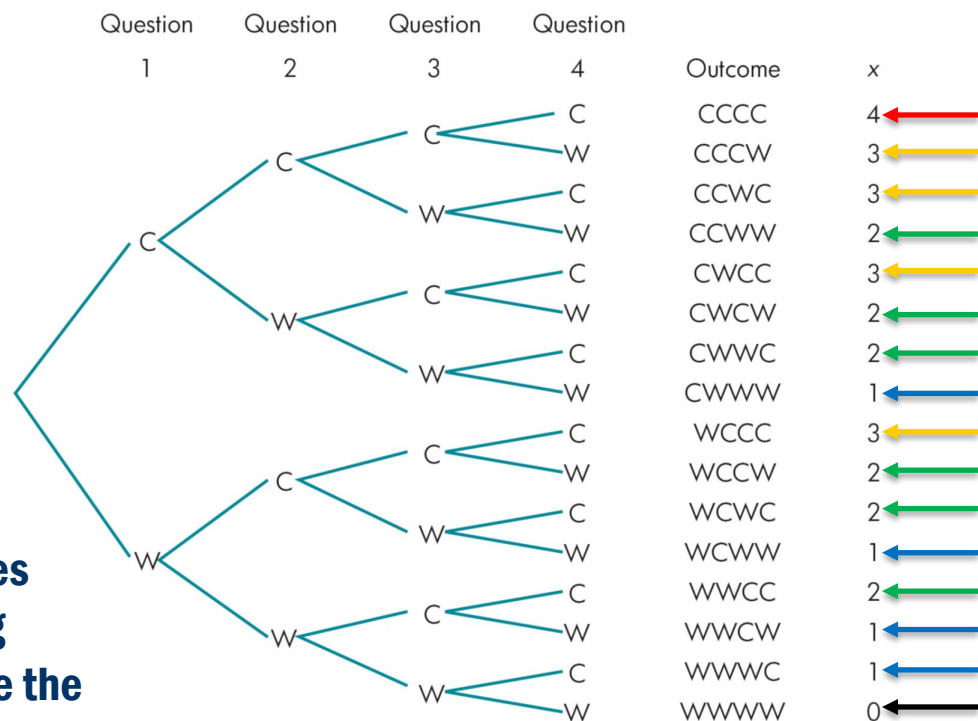
# THE BINOMIAL PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION



- **Notice that:**

- The event  $x = 4$ , “four correct answers,” is shown on the **top branch**.
- The event  $x = 0$ , “zero correct answers,” is shown on the **bottom branch**.
- The event  $x = 1$  occurs on **four** different branches.
- The event  $x = 2$  occurs on **six** branches.
- The event  $x = 3$  occurs on **four** branches.

- Each individual question has only one correct answer.
- The probability of selecting the correct answer to each question is  $\frac{1}{3}$ .
- The probability that a wrong answer is selected is  $\frac{2}{3}$ .
- The probability of each value of  $x$  can be found by calculating the probabilities of all the branches and then combining the probabilities for branches that have the same  $x$  values.



# THE BINOMIAL PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

- $P(x = 0)$  is the probability that the correct answers are given for **zero** questions.

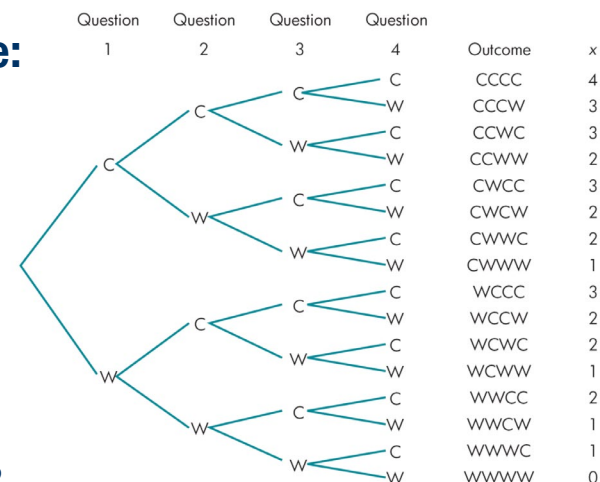
$$- P(x = 0) = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 = \frac{16}{81} = 0.198$$

- **Note:** Answering each individual question is a separate and independent event, thereby we can use:

$$- P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

- $P(x = 4)$  is the probability that correct answers are given for **all** four questions.

$$- P(x = 4) = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4 = \frac{1}{81} = 0.012$$



# THE BINOMIAL PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION



- $P(x = 1)$  is the probability that the correct answer is given for exactly one question and wrong answers are given for the other three (there are **four** branches: CWWW, WCWW, WWCW, WWWC—and each has the same probability):

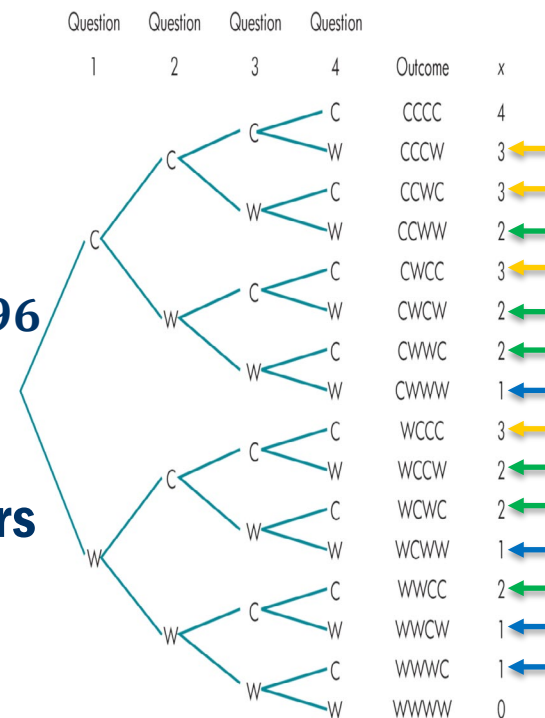
$$- P(x = 1) = 4 \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} = 4 \times \frac{1}{3} \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 = 0.395$$

- $P(x = 2)$  is the probability that correct answers are given for exactly two questions and wrong answers are given for the other two (there are **six** branches) :

$$- P(x = 2) = 6 \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} = 6 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = 0.296$$

- $P(x = 3)$  is the probability that correct answers are given for exactly three questions and wrong answers are given for the other one (there are **four** branches) :

$$- P(x = 3) = 4 \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} = 4 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 \times \frac{2}{3} = 0.099$$







# THE BINOMIAL PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

- $P(x = 0) = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 = \frac{16}{81} = \mathbf{0.198}$
- $P(x = 1) = 4 \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} = 4 \times \frac{1}{3} \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 = \mathbf{0.395}$
- $P(x = 2) = 6 \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} = 6 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = \mathbf{0.296}$
- $P(x = 3) = 4 \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} = 4 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 \times \frac{2}{3} = \mathbf{0.099}$
- $P(x = 4) = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4 = \frac{1}{81} = \mathbf{0.012}$

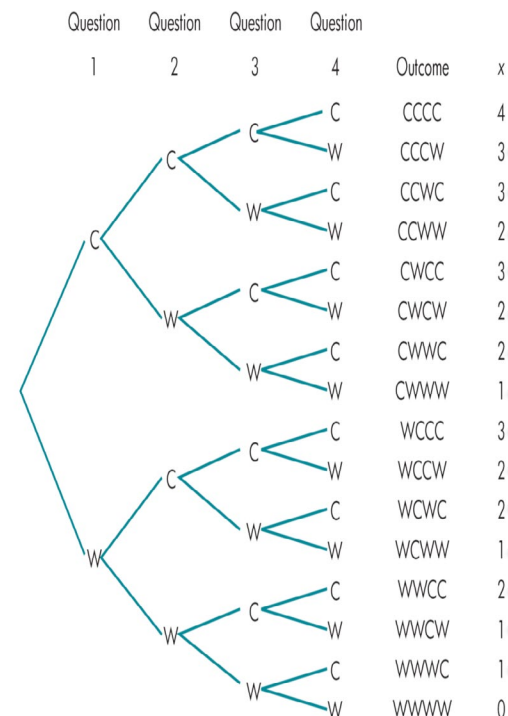
## In general:

- $P(x = k) = \frac{4!}{k!(4-k)!} \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^k \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{4-k}, \text{ for } k = 0,1,2,3,4$

## Probability distribution:

x	P(x)
0	0.198
1	0.395
2	0.296
3	0.099
4	0.012
1.000	

Probability Distribution for the  
Four-Question Quiz



# THE BINOMIAL PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION



- **Now we can answer those five questions.**

1. **How many of the four questions are you likely to have answered correctly?**

➤ **The most likely occurrence would be to get one answer correct; it has a probability of 0.395.**

2. **How likely are you to have more than half of the answers correct?**

➤ **Having more than half correct is represented by  $x = 3$  or  $4$ ; their total probability is  $0.099 + 0.012 = 0.111$ . (You will pass this quiz with 11% chance by random guess.)**

3. **What is the probability that you selected the correct answers to all four questions?**

➤  **$P(\text{all four correct}) = P(x = 4) = 0.012$ . (All correct occurs only 1% of the time.)**

4. **What is the probability that you selected wrong answers for all four questions?**

➤  **$P(\text{all four wrong}) = P(x = 0) = 0.198$ . (That's almost 20% of the time.)**

5. **If an entire class answers the quiz by guessing, what do you think the class “average” number of correct answers will be?**

➤ **The class average is expected to be  $\frac{1}{3}$  of 4, or 1.33 correct answers.**

$x$	$P(x)$
0	0.198
1	0.395
2	0.296
3	0.099
4	0.012
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1.000	

Probability Distribution for the  
Four-Question Quiz

# THE BINOMIAL PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION



- Many experiments are composed of repeated trials whose outcomes can be classified into one of two categories: **success or failure**.
  - Examples of such experiments are coin tosses, right/wrong quiz answers, and other, more practical experiments such as determining whether a product did or did not do its prescribed job and whether a candidate gets elected or not.
- There are experiments in which the trials have many outcomes that, under the right conditions, may fit this general description of being classified in one of two categories.
  - For example, when we roll a single die, we usually consider six possible outcomes.
  - However, if we are interested only in knowing whether a “one” shows or not, there are really only two outcomes: the “one” shows or “something else” shows.
- The experiments just described are called **binomial probability experiments**.

# THE BINOMIAL PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

- **Binomial probability experiment:** An experiment that is made up of repeated trials that possess the following properties:
  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** For a binomial experiment, let  $p$  represent the probability of a “success” and  $q$  represent the probability of a “failure” on a single trial. Then  $P(x)$ , the probability that there will be exactly  $x$  successes in  $n$  trials, is
- $$P(x) = \binom{n}{x} (p^x)(q^{n-x}), \quad \text{for } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

# THE BINOMIAL PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

- $P(x) = \binom{n}{x} (p^x)(q^{n-x}), \quad \text{for } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$
- When you look at the probability function, you notice that it is the product of three basic factors:
  1. The **number of ways** that exactly  $x$  successes can occur in  $n$  trials,  $\binom{n}{x}$ 
    - This term is called the **binomial coefficient** and is found by using the formula:
      - $\binom{n}{x} = \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!}$
  2. The probability of exactly  $x$  **successes**,  $p^x$
  3. The probability of **failure** on the remaining  $(n-x)$  trials,  $q^{n-x}$

# THE BINOMIAL PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

- A coin is tossed three times and we observe the number of heads that occur in the three tosses. This is a **binomial experiment** because it displays all the properties:
  1. There are  $n = 3$  repeated **independent** trials.
  2. Each trial (each toss of the coin) results in one of two possible outcomes: **success = heads or failure = tails.**
  3. The probability of success is  $p = P(H) = 0.5$ , and the probability of failure is  $q = P(T) = 0.5$ ,  $[p + q = 0.5 + 0.5 = 1]$
  4. The random variable  $x$  is the **number of heads** that occur in the three trials.  $x$  will assume exactly one of the values 0, 1, 2, or 3.
- The binomial probability function for the tossing of three coins is:
  - $P(x) = \binom{n}{x} (p^x)(q^{n-x}) = \binom{3}{x} (0.5)^x (0.5)^{3-x}$ , for  $x = 0, 1, 2, 3$
- Let's find the probability  $x = 1$  of using the preceding binomial probability function:
  - $P(x = 1) = \binom{3}{1} (0.5)^1 (0.5)^{3-1} = 3(0.5)(0.25) = 0.375$

# EXAMPLE 9 – BINOMIAL PROBABILITY OF “BAD EGGS”



- The manager of Steve’s Food Market guarantees that none of his cartons of a **dozen** eggs will contain more than **one** bad egg.
- If a carton contains **more** than one bad egg, he will **replace** the whole dozen and allow the customer to keep the original eggs.
- If the probability that an individual egg is bad is 0.05, what is the probability that the manager will have to **replace** a given carton of eggs?
- **Solution:**
  - The manager’s situation appears to fit the properties of a binomial experiment. Let  $x$  be the number of **bad** eggs found in a carton of a dozen eggs, therefore  $p = P(\text{bad}) = 0.05$ , and  $q = P(\text{not bad}) = 0.95$ .
  - There will be  $n = 12$  trials to account for the 12 eggs in a carton.
  - $P(x) = \binom{12}{x} (0.05)^x (0.95)^{12-x}$ , for  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 12$

## EXAMPLE 9 – SOLUTION

- **Solution Cont'd:**

- $P(x) = \binom{12}{x} (0.05)^x (0.95)^{12-x}$ , for  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 12$
- **The probability that the manager will replace a dozen eggs is the probability that  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 12$ .**
- **We know that  $\sum_{\text{all } x} P(x) = 1$ ; that is,**
- $P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + \dots + P(12) = 1$
- $P(\text{replacement}) = P(2) + P(3) + \dots + P(12)$
- $= 1 - [P(0) + P(1)]$
- $P(0) = \binom{12}{0} (0.05)^0 (0.95)^{12} = \mathbf{0.540}$
- $P(1) = \binom{12}{1} (0.05)^1 (0.95)^{11} = \mathbf{0.341}$
- $P(\text{replacement}) = 1 - (0.540 + 0.341)$
- $= \mathbf{0.119 = 11.9\%}$





# THE BINOMIAL PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

- Note :** The value of many binomial probabilities for values of  $n \leq 15$  and common values of  $p$  are found in Table 2 of Appendix B. In this example, we have  $n = 12$  and  $p = 0.05$ , and we want the probabilities for  $x = 0$  and 1.

		$p$													
$n$	$x$	0.01	0.05	0.10	0.20	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.90	0.95	0.99	$x$
	$\vdots$		$\downarrow$												
12	0	.886	.540	.282	.069	.014	.002	0+	0+	0+	0+	0+	0+	0+	0
	1	.107	.341	.377	.206	.071	.017	.003	0+	0+	0+	0+	0+	0+	1
	2	.006	.099	.230	.283	.168	.064	.016	.002	0+	0+	0+	0+	0+	2
	3	0+	.017	.085	.236	.240	.142	.054	.012	.001	0+	0+	0+	0+	3
	4	0+	.002	.021	.133	.231	.213	.121	.042	.008	.001	0+	0+	0+	4
	$\vdots$														

Excerpt of Table 2 in Appendix B, Binomial Probabilities

- TI-83 Calculator:**
  - Binomialpdf( $n, p, x$ ) =  $P(x)$
- Shiny App:**
  - [Binomial Calculator](#)

# MEAN AND STANDARD DEVIATION OF THE BINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION

- The **mean** and **standard deviation** of a theoretical binomial probability distribution can be found by using these two formulas:

- **Mean of Binomial Distribution**

- $$\mu = \sum_{x=0}^n [xP(x)] = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ x \binom{n}{x} (p^x)(q^{n-x}) \right]$$

- $$\mu = np$$

- **Variance and Standard Deviation of Binomial Distribution**

- $$\sigma^2 = \sum_{x=0}^n [(x - \mu)^2 P(x)] = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ (x - \mu)^2 \binom{n}{x} (p^x)(q^{n-x}) \right]$$

- $$\sigma^2 = npq$$

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

# EXAMPLE 11 - CALCULATING THE MEAN AND STANDARD DEVIATION OF A BINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION



- Find the mean and standard deviation of the binomial distribution when  $n = 20$  and  $p = \frac{1}{5}$  (or 0.2, in decimal form).
- We know that the “binomial distribution where and ” has the probability function
- $$P(x) = \binom{20}{x} (0.2)^x (0.8)^{20-x} \quad \text{for } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 20$$
- and a corresponding distribution with 21  $x$  values and 21 probabilities.

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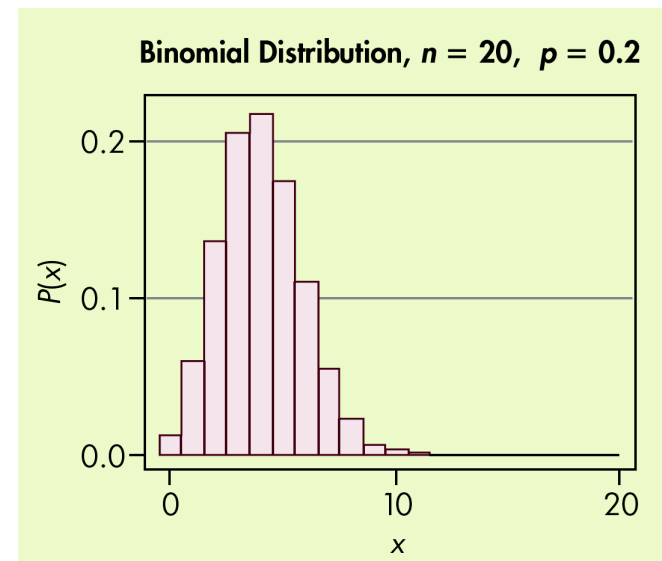


- As shown in the distribution chart, Table 5.9, and on the histogram in Figure 5.5.

$x$	$P(x)$
0	0.012
1	0.058
2	0.137
3	0.205
4	0.218
5	0.175
6	0.109
7	0.055
8	0.022
9	0.007
10	0.002
11	0+
12	0+
13	0+
⋮	⋮
20	0+

Binomial Distribution:  $n = 20, p = 0.2$

Table 5.9



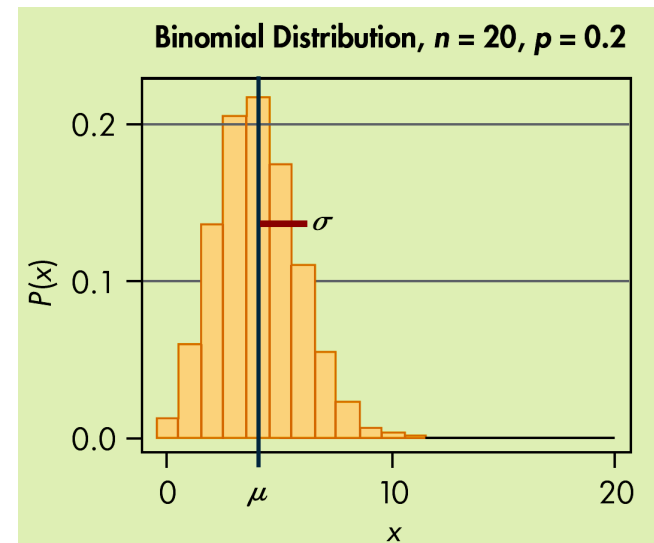
Histogram of Binomial Distribution  $B(20, 0.2)$

Figure 5.5

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- Let's find the **mean** and the **standard deviation** of this distribution of  $x$ :
- $\mu = np$
- $= (20)(0.2)$
- $= 4.0$
- $\sigma = \sqrt{npq}$
- $= \sqrt{20(0.2)(0.8)} = \sqrt{3.2}$
- $= 1.79$
- It is the expected standard deviation for the values of the random variable  $x$  that occur in samples of size 20 drawn from this same population



Histogram of Binomial Distribution  $B(20, 0.2)$

# QUESTIONS?

- **ANY QUESTION?**