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45. $a \leq X \leq b$ means that $a \leq x \leq b$ for all x in the range of X . Hence $ap(x) \leq xp(x) \leq bp(x)$ for all x , and
- $$\sum ap(x) \leq \sum xp(x) \leq \sum bp(x)$$
- $$a \sum p(x) \leq \sum xp(x) \leq b \sum p(x)$$
- $$a \cdot 1 \leq E(X) \leq b \cdot 1$$
- $$a \leq E(X) \leq b$$

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- 47.
- $B(4; 15, .7) = .001$.
 - $b(4; 15, .7) = B(4; 15, .7) - B(3; 15, .7) = .001 - .000 = .001$.
 - Now $p = .3$ (multiple vehicles). $b(6; 15, .3) = B(6; 15, .3) - B(5; 15, .3) = .869 - .722 = .147$.
 - $P(2 \leq X \leq 4) = B(4; 15, .7) - B(1; 15, .7) = .001$.
 - $P(2 \leq X) = 1 - P(X \leq 1) = 1 - B(1; 15, .7) = 1 - .000 = 1$.
 - The information that 11 accidents involved multiple vehicles is redundant (since $n = 15$ and $x = 4$). So, this is actually identical to **b**, and the answer is .001.
49. Let X be the number of "seconds," so $X \sim \text{Bin}(6, .10)$.
- $P(X = 1) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} = \binom{6}{1} (.1)^1 (.9)^5 = .3543$.
 - $P(X \geq 2) = 1 - [P(X = 0) + P(X = 1)] = 1 - \left[\binom{6}{0} (.1)^0 (.9)^6 + \binom{6}{1} (.1)^1 (.9)^5 \right] = 1 - [.5314 + .3543] = .1143$.
 - Either 4 or 5 goblets must be selected.
 Select 4 goblets with zero defects: $P(X = 0) = \binom{4}{0} (.1)^0 (.9)^4 = .6561$.
 Select 4 goblets, one of which has a defect, and the 5th is good: $\left[\binom{4}{1} (.1)^1 (.9)^3 \right] \times .9 = .26244$
 So, the desired probability is $.6561 + .26244 = .91854$.
51. Let X be the number of faxes, so $X \sim \text{Bin}(25, .25)$.
- $E(X) = np = 25(.25) = 6.25$.
 - $V(X) = np(1-p) = 25(.25)(.75) = 4.6875$, so $SD(X) = 2.165$.
 - $P(X > 6.25 + 2(2.165)) = P(X > 10.58) = 1 - P(X \leq 10.58) = 1 - P(X \leq 10) = 1 - B(10; 25, .25) = .030$.

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53. Let "success" = has at least one citation and define X = number of individuals with at least one citation. Then $X \sim \text{Bin}(n = 15, p = .4)$.
- If at least 10 have no citations (failure), then at most 5 have had at least one (success):
 $P(X \leq 5) = B(5; 15, .40) = .403$.
 - Half of 15 is 7.5, so less than half means 7 or fewer: $P(X \leq 7) = B(7; 15, .40) = .787$.
 - $P(5 \leq X \leq 10) = P(X \leq 10) - P(X \leq 4) = .991 - .217 = .774$.
55. Let "success" correspond to a telephone that is submitted for service while under warranty and must be replaced. Then $p = P(\text{success}) = P(\text{replaced} | \text{submitted}) \cdot P(\text{submitted}) = (.40)(.20) = .08$. Thus X , the number among the company's 10 phones that must be replaced, has a binomial distribution with $n = 10$ and $p = .08$, so $P(X = 2) = \binom{10}{2} (.08)^2 (.92)^8 = .1478$.
57. Let X = the number of flashlights that work, and let event $B = \{\text{battery has acceptable voltage}\}$. Then $P(\text{flashlight works}) = P(\text{both batteries work}) = P(B)P(B) = (.9)(.9) = .81$. We have assumed here that the batteries' voltage levels are independent. Finally, $X \sim \text{Bin}(10, .81)$, so $P(X \geq 9) = P(X = 9) + P(X = 10) = .285 + .122 = .407$.
59. In this example, $X \sim \text{Bin}(25, p)$ with p unknown.
- $P(\text{rejecting claim when } p = .8) = P(X \leq 15 \text{ when } p = .8) = B(15; 25, .8) = .017$.
 - $P(\text{not rejecting claim when } p = .7) = P(X > 15 \text{ when } p = .7) = 1 - P(X \leq 15 \text{ when } p = .7) = 1 - B(15; 25, .7) = 1 - .189 = .811$.
 For $p = .6$, this probability is $1 - B(15; 25, .6) = 1 - .575 = .425$.
 - The probability of rejecting the claim when $p = .8$ becomes $B(14; 25, .8) = .006$, smaller than in **a** above. However, the probabilities of **b** above increase to .902 and .586, respectively. So, by changing 15 to 14, we're making it less likely that we will reject the claim when it's true (p really is $\geq .8$), but more likely that we'll "fail" to reject the claim when it's false (p really is $< .8$).
61. If topic A is chosen, then $n = 2$. When $n = 2$, $P(\text{at least half received}) = P(X \geq 1) = 1 - P(X = 0) = 1 - \binom{2}{0} (.9)^0 (.1)^2 = .99$.
- If topic B is chosen, then $n = 4$. When $n = 4$, $P(\text{at least half received}) = P(X \geq 2) = 1 - P(X \leq 1) = 1 - \left[\binom{4}{0} (.9)^0 (.1)^4 + \binom{4}{1} (.9)^1 (.1)^3 \right] = .9963$.
- Thus topic B should be chosen if $p = .9$.
- However, if $p = .5$, then the probabilities are .75 for A and .6875 for B (using the same method as above), so now A should be chosen.
- 63.
- $b(x; n, 1 - p) = \binom{n}{x} (1 - p)^x (p)^{n-x} = \binom{n}{n-x} (p)^{n-x} (1 - p)^x = b(n-x; n, p)$.
- Conceptually, $P(x \text{ S's when } P(S) = 1 - p) = P(n-x \text{ F's when } P(F) = p)$, since the two events are identical, but the labels S and F are arbitrary and so can be interchanged (if $P(S)$ and $P(F)$ are also interchanged), yielding $P(n-x \text{ S's when } P(S) = 1 - p)$ as desired.

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- b. Use the conceptual idea from a: $B(x; n, 1-p) = P(\text{at most } x \text{ S's when } P(S) = 1-p) = P(\text{at least } n-x \text{ F's when } P(F) = p)$, since these are the same event $= P(\text{at least } n-x \text{ S's when } P(S) = p)$, since the S and F labels are arbitrary $= 1 - P(\text{at most } n-x-1 \text{ S's when } P(S) = p) = 1 - B(n-x-1; n, p)$.
- c. Whenever $p > .5$, $(1-p) < .5$ so probabilities involving X can be calculated using the results a and b in combination with tables giving probabilities only for $p \leq .5$.
- 65.
- a. Although there are three payment methods, we are only concerned with S = uses a debit card and F = does not use a debit card. Thus we can use the binomial distribution. So, if X = the number of customers who use a debit card, $X \sim \text{Bin}(n = 100, p = .2)$. From this, $E(X) = np = 100(.2) = 20$, and $V(X) = npq = 100(.2)(1-.2) = 16$.
- b. With S = doesn't pay with cash, $n = 100$ and $p = .7$, so $\mu = np = 100(.7) = 70$, and $V = 21$.
67. When $n = 20$ and $p = .5$, $\mu = 10$ and $\sigma = 2.236$, so $2\sigma = 4.472$ and $3\sigma = 6.708$. The inequality $|X - 10| \geq 4.472$ is satisfied if either $X \leq 5$ or $X \geq 15$, or $P(|X - \mu| \geq 2\sigma) = P(X \leq 5 \text{ or } X \geq 15) = .021 + .021 = .042$. The inequality $|X - 10| \geq 6.708$ is satisfied if either $X \leq 3$ or $X \geq 17$, so $P(|X - \mu| \geq 3\sigma) = P(X \leq 3 \text{ or } X \geq 17) = .001 + .001 = .002$.

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69. According to the problem description, X is hypergeometric with $n = 6$, $N = 12$, and $M = 7$.
- a.
$$P(X=4) = \frac{\binom{7}{4}\binom{5}{2}}{\binom{12}{6}} = \frac{350}{924} = .379. P(X \leq 4) = 1 - P(X > 4) = 1 - [P(X=5) + P(X=6)] =$$

$$1 - \left[\frac{\binom{7}{5}\binom{5}{1}}{\binom{12}{6}} + \frac{\binom{7}{6}\binom{5}{0}}{\binom{12}{6}} \right] = 1 - [.114 + .007] = 1 - .121 = .879.$$
- b. $E(X) = n \cdot \frac{M}{N} = 6 \cdot \frac{7}{12} = 3.5$; $V(X) = \left(\frac{12-6}{12-1} \right) 6 \left(\frac{7}{12} \right) \left(1 - \frac{7}{12} \right) = 0.795$; $\sigma = 0.892$. So, $P(X > \mu + \sigma) = P(X > 3.5 + 0.892) = P(X > 4.392) = P(X = 5 \text{ or } 6) = .121$ (from part a).
- c. We can approximate the hypergeometric distribution with the binomial if the population size and the number of successes are large. Here, $n = 15$ and $M/N = 40/400 = .1$, so $h(x; 15, 40, 400) \approx b(x; 15, .10)$. Using this approximation, $P(X \leq 5) \approx B(5; 15, .10) = .998$ from the binomial tables. (This agrees with the exact answer to 3 decimal places.)

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75. Let X = the number of boxes that do not contain a prize until you find 2 prizes. Then $X \sim \text{NB}(2, .2)$.
- a. $P(X = x) = nb(x; 2, .2) = \binom{x+2-1}{2-1} (.2)^2 (1-.2)^x = (x+1)(.2)^2 (.8)^x$.
- b. $P(4 \text{ boxes purchased}) = P(2 \text{ boxes without prizes}) = P(X = 2) = nb(2; 2, .2) = (2+1)(.2)^2 (.8)^2 = .0768$.
- c. $P(\text{at most 4 boxes purchased}) = P(X \leq 2) = \sum_{x=0}^2 nb(x; 2, .8) = .04 + .064 + .0768 = .1808$.
- d. $E(X) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p} = \frac{2(1-.2)}{.2} = 8$. The total number of boxes you expect to buy is $8 + 2 = 10$.
77. This is identical to an experiment in which a single family has children until exactly 6 females have been born (since $p = .5$ for each of the three families). So,
- $p(x) = nb(x; 6, .5) = \binom{x+5}{5} (.5)^6 (1-.5)^x = \binom{x+5}{5} (.5)^{6+x}$. Also, $E(X) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p} = \frac{6(1-.5)}{.5} = 6$; notice this is just $2 + 2 + 2$, the sum of the expected number of males born to each family.

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79. All these solutions are found using the cumulative Poisson table, $F(x; \mu) = F(x; 1)$.
- a. $P(X \leq 5) = F(5; 1) = .999$.
- b. $P(X = 2) = \frac{e^{-1} 1^2}{2!} = .184$. Or, $P(X = 2) = F(2; 1) - F(1; 1) = .920 - .736 = .184$.
- c. $P(2 \leq X \leq 4) = P(X \leq 4) - P(X \leq 1) = F(4; 1) - F(1; 1) = .260$.
- d. For X Poisson, $\sigma = \sqrt{\mu} = 1$, so $P(X > \mu + \sigma) = P(X > 2) = 1 - P(X \leq 2) = 1 - F(2; 1) = 1 - .920 = .080$.
81. Let $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu = 20)$.
- a. $P(X \leq 10) = F(10; 20) = .011$.
- b. $P(X > 20) = 1 - F(20; 20) = 1 - .559 = .441$.
- c. $P(10 \leq X \leq 20) = F(20; 20) - F(9; 20) = .559 - .005 = .554$;
 $P(10 < X < 20) = F(19; 20) - F(10; 20) = .470 - .011 = .459$.
- d. $E(X) = \mu = 20$, so $\sigma = \sqrt{20} = 4.472$. Therefore, $P(\mu - 2\sigma < X < \mu + 2\sigma) =$
 $P(20 - 8.944 < X < 20 + 8.944) = P(11.056 < X < 28.944) = P(X \leq 28) - P(X \leq 11) =$
 $F(28; 20) - F(11; 20) = .966 - .021 = .945$.

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83. The exact distribution of X is binomial with $n = 1000$ and $p = 1/200$; we can approximate this distribution by the Poisson distribution with $\mu = np = 5$.
- $P(5 \leq X \leq 8) = F(8; 5) - F(4; 5) = .492$.
 - $P(X \geq 8) = 1 - P(X \leq 7) = 1 - F(7; 5) = 1 - .867 = .133$.
- 85.
- $\mu = 8$ when $t = 1$, so $P(X = 6) = \frac{e^{-8} 8^6}{6!} = .122$; $P(X \geq 6) = 1 - F(5; 8) = .809$; and $P(X \geq 10) = 1 - F(9; 8) = .283$.
 - $t = 90 \text{ min} = 1.5 \text{ hours}$, so $\mu = 12$; thus the expected number of arrivals is 12 and the standard deviation is $\sigma = \sqrt{12} = 3.464$.
 - $t = 2.5 \text{ hours}$ implies that $\mu = 20$. So, $P(X \geq 20) = 1 - F(19; 20) = .530$ and $P(X \leq 10) = F(10; 20) = .011$.
- 87.
- For a two hour period the parameter of the distribution is $\mu = at = (4)(2) = 8$, so $P(X = 10) = \frac{e^{-8} 8^{10}}{10!} = .099$.
 - For a 30-minute period, $at = (4)(.5) = 2$, so $P(X = 0) = \frac{e^{-2} 2^0}{0!} = .135$.
 - The expected value is simply $E(X) = at = 2$.
89. In this example, $\alpha = \text{rate of occurrence} = 1/(\text{mean time between occurrences}) = 1/.5 = 2$.
- For a two-year period, $\mu = at = (2)(2) = 4$ loads.
 - Apply a Poisson model with $\mu = 4$: $P(X > 5) = 1 - P(X \leq 5) = 1 - F(5; 4) = 1 - .785 = .215$.
 - For $\alpha = 2$ and the value of t unknown, $P(\text{no loads occur during the period of length } t) = P(X = 0) = \frac{e^{-2t} (2t)^0}{0!} = e^{-2t}$. Solve for t : $e^{-2t} \leq .1 \Rightarrow -2t \leq \ln(.1) \Rightarrow t \geq 1.1513 \text{ years}$.
- 91.
- For a quarter-acre (.25 acre) plot, the mean parameter is $\mu = (80)(.25) = 20$, so $P(X \leq 16) = F(16; 20) = .221$.
 - The expected number of trees is $\alpha \cdot (\text{area}) = 80 \text{ trees/acre} (85,000 \text{ acres}) = 6,800,000 \text{ trees}$.
 - The area of the circle is $\pi r^2 = \pi (.1)^2 = .01\pi = .031416$ square miles, which is equivalent to $.031416(640) = 20.106$ acres. Thus X has a Poisson distribution with parameter $\mu = \alpha(20.106) = 80(20.106) = 1608.5$. That is, the pmf of X is the function $p(x; 1608.5)$.