

PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTIONS

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- Bernoulli
 - Binomial
 - Normal
 - lognormal
 - Poisson
 - Exponential
- } Covered

- Geometric
 - Interview Questions
- } this video

Geometric:

Consider bernoulli's trial

- Success (p)
- failure ($1-p$)

- Identifies Prob. of I^{th} Success in 'K' trials

- Tossing a coin

- heads \rightarrow success

• What is the Prob. of I^{th} heads comes in 7th Toss?

- Till 6 tosses \rightarrow failure (i.e. Tails) $P(T) = (1-p)$
7th Toss \rightarrow Success (i.e. Heads) $P(H) = p$

\Rightarrow Sequence for which I need to find prob.:

$$TTTTTTH \Rightarrow P[X=7] = (1-p)^6 \cdot p.$$

- In general,
Probability of first Success comes in R^{th} trial?

Success prob = p

failure prob = $1-p$

$$P[X=R] = (1-p)^{R-1} \cdot p$$

I am playing a game where the prob of winning a prize is 0.7

What is the probability that I win the prize on the 4th attempt?

$$P[X = 4] = (0.3)^3(0.7)$$

$$P[X = 4] = \text{geom.pmf}(k = 4, p = 0.7) = \underline{0.018} \quad \text{from } \text{scipy.stats import geom}$$

Handwritten red notes: An arrow points from the underlined 0.018 to the underlined 1.8%.

What is the probability that I don't win in the first two attempts?

$$P[X > 2] = 1 - P[X \leq 2]$$

$$P[X > 2] = 1 - \text{geom.cdf}(k = 2, p = 0.7) = \underline{0.91} \quad \text{or } \underline{91\%}$$

Handwritten red notes: The result 0.91 is underlined, and an arrow points to the underlined 91%.

Q.) Expected no. of die rolls before we get 1st 6.?

$$SS = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$\{6\} \rightarrow \text{Success}$

$$p = P(\text{Success}) = P(\{6\}) = 1/6 \approx 0.166 \rightarrow p$$

$(1-p) \rightarrow$ prob. of failure $\Rightarrow S, FS, FFS, FFFS, FFFFS, \dots$

of times we roll

fraction of Success we get

1

$$(1/6) \approx 0.166$$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{(1/6)}{1} \Rightarrow$$

$$\lambda = 6$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{p}$$

expected # of rolls
for 1st Success.

\Rightarrow Expected # of trials till we get 1st success \Rightarrow

$$\boxed{x = 1/p}$$

What is this process?

— doing trial till first success?

Geometric dbⁿ

• $p(H) = 0.25 \rightsquigarrow 25\%$

$\Rightarrow E(X) = \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{0.25} = \textcircled{4}$

\downarrow
trials

A machine has 5 parts working in parallel, each with a lifetime distributed exponentially have mean of 1000 hours

Q) Calculate the probability that 3 or more parts fail in 1000 hours

— let's compute the prob. of failure for single part first.

— for a part;
life Time \sim Exp dbⁿ.
Avg life = scale = 1000 $\rightarrow \lambda = \left(\frac{1}{1000}\right)$

— Prob. that this part fails within 1000 hours

$$P[T \leq 1000] = \text{expon.cdf}(x=1000, \text{scale}=1000)$$

\rightarrow $p = 0.6321$ failure

Not fail
 $\downarrow (1-p) \approx 0.3679$

for a part

\textcircled{P} $\xrightarrow{\text{fail } (p = 0.6321)}$ within 1000 hours

$\xrightarrow{\text{not fail}}$

• Consider a part as Coin.

$\text{H} \rightarrow 'p'$

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$P[X = k] \xrightarrow{\text{PMF}} X \sim \text{Binomial}(n=5, p=0.6321)$

$$P[X \geq 3] = 1 - P[X \leq 2]$$

$$= 1 - \text{binom.cdf}(n=5, k=2, p=0.6321)$$

$$= 0.736 \quad \approx 73.6\%$$

