

HW on Ch 3

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Questions:

1. Let X be a discrete random variable with $V(X) = 8.6$, then $V(3X+5.6)$ is _____.
 $V(3X + 5.6) = 3^2V(X) = 9(8.6) = 77.4$.
2. Let X be a discrete random variable with $E(X^2) = 19.75$ and $V(X) = 16.3$, then $E(X)$ = _____.
 $E(X) = \sqrt{E(X^2) - V(X)} = \sqrt{19.75 - 16.3} = 1.86$.
3. If random variable X has distribution Bin (10,.75), $V(X)$ is _____.
 For Bin (10,.75), $V(X) = np(1 - p) = 10(.75)(.25) = 1.875$.
4. If random variable X has distribution Bin (10,.75), $P(X = 3)$ is _____.
 For Bin (10,.75), $P(X = 3) = \binom{10}{3}.75^3(.25)^7 = .0031$.
5. If the expected value of a discrete random variable X is $E(X) = 5$, then $E(2X + 3)$ is _____.
 If $E(X) = 5$, then $E(2X + 3) = 2E(X) + 3 = 13$.
6. The probability mass function of a discrete random variable X is defined as $p(x) = x/10$ for $x = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$. Then, the value of the cumulative distribution function $F(x)$ at $x = 3$ is $F(3) = p(0) + p(1) + p(2) + p(3) = 0 + 1/10 + 2/10 + 3/10 = .6$.
7. If random variable X has distribution Bin(6, .3), $E(X)$ is _____. For Bin(6, .3), $E(X) = np = 6(.3) = 1.8$.
8. The mean of the hypergeometric random variable X with parameters $n=10$, $M = 50$, and $N = 100$ is _____. For HG(10, 50, 100) $E(X) = nM/N = 5$.
9. The cumulative distribution function $F(x)$ of a discrete random variable X is: $F(1) = .4$, $F(2) = .7$, $F(3) = .9$, and $F(4) = 1$, then the value of the probability mass function $p(x)$ at $X = 3$ is _____. $p(3) = F(3) - F(2) = .9 - .7 = .2$.
10. The expected value of the negative binomial random variable X with parameters $r = 5$ and $p = .8$ is _____. For NB(5, .8), $E(X) = r(1 - p)/p = 5(.2)/.8 = 5/4$.

11. Suppose pmf for X = the number of major defects on a randomly selected gas stove of a certain type is

x	0	1	2	3	4
P(x)	.10	.15	.45	.25	.05

Compute the following:

- (a) $E(X)$

$$E(X) = 0(.10) + 1(.15) + 2(.45) + 3(.25) + 4(.05) = 2$$

- (b) $V(X)$

$$E(X^2) = 0(.10) + 1^2(.15) + 2^2(.45) + 3^2(.25) + 4^2(.05) = 5$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = 5 - 2^2 = 1.$$

- (c) The standard deviation of X

$$SD(X) = \sqrt{V(X)} = 1.$$

12. There are 20 steel manufacturer in the city, and 6 of them is actually violating the city's enviromental protection law. You are going to randomly select 10 manufacturer in the city and and inspect them. Let X be the number of violating manufacturer caught in violation.

- (a) What is the distribution function of X ?

$$X \sim HG(n = 10, M = 6, N = 20)$$

- (b) What is the probability, that all of 6 violators will be caught?

$$P(X = 6) = \frac{\binom{6}{6}\binom{14}{4}}{\binom{20}{10}} = .0054$$

13. Suppose in a large pool of students, 10 % are international students. We are going to randomly select n students to conduct a survey. We are concerned about international students being either over-represented, or under-represented in the survey. Ideally, the proportion of the international students in the selected group should be 10 %.

- (a) If n is 100, what is the probability that the international students are represented in the survey by approximately correct proportion (8 to 12% of n) ?

$$\begin{aligned} P(8 \leq X \leq 12) &= P(X \leq 12) - P(X \leq 7) \\ &= B(12, 100, .1) - B(7, 100, .1) = .596. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) if n is 1000, what is the probability that the international students are represented in the survey by approximately correct proportion (8 to 12% of n) ?

$$\begin{aligned} P(80 \leq X \leq 120) &= P(X \leq 120) - P(X \leq 79) \\ &= B(120, 1000, .02) - B(79, 1000, .02) = .97. \end{aligned}$$

14. The number of people arriving for treatment at an emergency room can be modeled by a Poisson process with a rate parameter of five per hour.

- (a) What is the probability that exactly four arrivals occur during a particular hour?

$$P(X = 4) = \frac{e^{-5}5^4}{4!} = .175$$

- (b) What is the probability that at least four people arrive during a particular hour?

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 4) &= 1 - P(X \leq 3) = 1 - P(X = 0) - P(X = 1) - P(X = 2) - P(X = 3) \\ &= 1 - e^{-5} - \frac{e^{-5}5}{1!} - \frac{e^{-5}5^2}{2!} - \frac{e^{-5}5^3}{3!} = .735 \end{aligned}$$

15. There are 5 red balls and 3 blue balls in a box. 3 balls are drawn from the box at once. If at least 1 blue ball is drawn, the draw is marked as “success.” Let X denote the number of successful draws after 6 draws. What is the distribution of X ?

If you let $Y = [\# \text{ of blue balls in each draw}]$,

$$Y \sim HG(n = 3, M = 3, N = 8)$$

$$P(Y = 0) = \frac{\binom{3}{0}\binom{5}{3}}{\binom{8}{3}}$$

$$P(\text{success for each throw}) = P(Y \geq 1) = 1 - P(Y = 0) = .822$$

Then

$$X \sim BIN(n = 6, p = .822).$$

16. You are playing a game that if you successfully throw 4 bean bags in a bucket, you will win \$10. You must pay \$1 each time you throw a bean bag. Assume that each throw is independent, and probability that you can throw a bean bag into a bucket is .4. Let X be the number of throws you need to win that \$10.

- (a) What is the expected number of throws you need to win?

You need to let $Y = (\text{number of failures until 4th success})$. Then $Y \sim NB(4, .4)$.

$$E(X) = E(Y + 4) = E(Y) + 4 = \frac{4(1 - .4)}{.4} + 4 = 10$$

- (b) You have \$6 in your pocket, and decided to play this game until either you win, or you go broke. What is your chance of winning?

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y \leq 2) &= P(Y = 0) + P(Y = 1) + P(Y = 2) \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^2 \binom{x+4-1}{4-1} (1 - .4)^x (.4)^4 = .1792 \end{aligned}$$

17. A hospital receives $1/5$ of its flu vaccine shipments from Company X and the remainder of shipments from Company Y. Each shipment contains a very large number of vaccine vials. In Company X's shipments, it is known that 10% of the vials are ineffective. For Company Y, 2% of the vials are ineffective. The hospital just received a new shipment, but is not certain if it came from Company X or Y.

The hospital tested 30 randomly selected vials from the new shipment and found only one vial is ineffective.

- (a) Suppose that if the shipment came from Company X. Then what is the probability of finding only 1 ineffective vial out of 30?

If it was from company X, then number of ineffectives found in 30 random sample would have $Bin(30, .1)$ distribution. Therefore,

$$P(1/30 \text{ ineffective} | X) = P(1 \text{ Head in 30 flips}) = \binom{30}{1} (.1)(.9)^{29} = .141.$$

- (b) Suppose that if the shipment came from Company Y. Then what is the probability of finding only 1 ineffective vial out of 30?

If it was from company X, then number of ineffectives found in 30 random sample would have $Bin(30, .02)$ distribution. Therefore,

$$P(1/30 \text{ ineffective} | Y) = P(1 \text{ Head in 30 flips}) = \binom{30}{1} (.02)(.98)^{29} = .334.$$

- (c) Use Bayes' theorem (Law of total probability) to calculate probability that this shipment came from Company X given the test result.

$$\begin{aligned} P(X|1/30 \text{ ineff}) &= \frac{P(1/30 \text{ ineff}|X)P(X)}{P(1/30 \text{ ineff}|X)P(X) + P(1/30 \text{ ineff}|Y)P(Y)} \\ &= \frac{(.141)(1/5)}{(.141)(1/5) + (.334)(4/5)} = .0955. \end{aligned}$$

- (d) Use Bayes' theorem to calculate probability that this shipment came from Company Y given the test result.

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y|1/30 \text{ ineff}) &= \frac{P(1/30 \text{ ineff}|Y)P(Y)}{P(1/30 \text{ ineff}|X)P(X) + P(1/30 \text{ ineff}|Y)P(Y)} \\ &= .9045. \end{aligned}$$