

Probability distributions: Takeaways

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Syntax

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- Getting the summ of all the probabilities to the left of `k`, including `k`:

```
left = binom.cdf(k,N,p)
```

- Getting the sum of all the probabilities to the right of `k`:

```
right = 1 - left
```

Concepts

- Binomial probabilities are the chance of a certain outcome happening in a sequence.
- One way to visualize binomials is a binomial distribution. Given `n` events, it plots the probabilities of getting different numbers of successful outcomes. The binomial distribution parameters are:
 - `N`: The total number of events.
 - `p`: The probability of the outcome we're interested in seeing.
- Formula for binomial probability:
$$\binom{N}{k} p^k (1-p)^{N-k}$$

- The probability mass function (pmf) gives us the probability of each occurring, and takes in the following parameters:
 - x : The list of outcomes.
 - n : The total number of events.
 - p : The probability of the outcome we're interested in seeing.
- A probability distribution can only tell us which values are likely, and how likely they are.
- We can calculate the expected probability of a probability distribution using $\sum x_i p_i$, where n is the total number of events, and p is the probability of the outcome we're interested in seeing.
- The formula for standard deviation, or a measure of how much the values vary from the mean, of a probability distribution is $\sqrt{\sum x_i^2 p_i - (\sum x_i p_i)^2}$ where n is the total number of events, p is the probability of the outcome we're interested in seeing, and $1-p$ is the probability of the outcome not happening.
- The cumulative density function is the probability that or less events will occur.
- The z-score is the number of standard deviations away from the mean, and used to find the percentage of values to the left or right.
- We can calculate the mean (μ) and standard deviation (σ) using the following formulas:
 - $\mu = \sum x_i p_i$
 - $\sigma = \sqrt{\sum x_i^2 p_i - (\sum x_i p_i)^2}$
- We can figure out the z-score of a value using the following formula:
 - $z\text{-score} = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$

Resources

- [Probability Mass Function](#)
- [SciPy Documentation](#)
- [Documentation for scipy.stats.binom](#)
- [Cumulative Density Function](#)

