

16. Binomial Distribution

Ex. (1) A biased coin is tossed 6 times. The probability of heads on any toss is 0.3. Let X denote the number of heads that comes up. Find (i) $P(x=2)$ (ii) $P(x=3)$ and (iii) $P(1 < x \leq 5)$.

Solution : X denote the number of heads that comes up.

The probability of heads on any toss is 0.3.

$$\text{Probability of success (p)} = 0.3 = \frac{3}{10}$$

$$\text{Probability of failure (q)} = 1 - p = 1 - 0.3 = 0.7 = \frac{7}{10}$$

Clearly $X \sim (n, p)$ with $n = 6$, $p = \frac{3}{10}$ and $q = \frac{7}{10}$

$P(X = r) = {}^nC_r p^r q^{n-r}$ where $r = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$.

$$(i) \quad P(X=2) = {}^6C_2 \left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^2 \left(\frac{7}{10}\right)^{6-2}$$

$$= \frac{6 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 1} \left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^2 \left(\frac{7}{10}\right)^4$$

$$\frac{(135)(7^4)}{10^6}$$

$$\frac{(135)(2401)}{10^6}$$

$$= 0.324135$$

$$(ii) \quad P(X=3)$$

$$= {}^6C_3 \left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^3 \left(\frac{7}{10}\right)^{6-3}$$

$$= 20 \left(\frac{27}{1000}\right) \left(\frac{343}{1000}\right)$$

$$= \frac{540}{1000} \times \frac{343}{1000}$$

$$= 0.18522$$

$$(iii) \quad P(1 < x \leq 5) = P(X=2, 3, 4, 5)$$

$$= 1 - P(X=0, 1, 6)$$

$$= 1 - \{ P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=6) \} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots (I)$$

$$P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=6)$$

$$= {}^6C_0 \left(\frac{3}{10} \right)^0 \left(\frac{7}{10} \right)^{6-0} + {}^6C_1 \left(\frac{3}{10} \right)^1 \left(\frac{7}{10} \right)^{6-1} + {}^6C_6 \left(\frac{3}{10} \right)^6 \left(\frac{7}{10} \right)^{6-6}$$

$$= (1)(1) \left(\frac{7}{10} \right)^6 + (6) \left(\frac{3}{10} \right) \left(\frac{7}{10} \right)^5 + (1) \left(\frac{3}{10} \right)^6 (1)$$

$$= \left(\frac{7^6}{10^6} \right) + \left(\frac{(18)(7^5)}{10^6} \right) + \left(\frac{3^6}{10^6} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{7^5(7+18) + 729}{10^6} \right) = \left(\frac{(16807)(25) + 729}{10^6} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{420904}{10^6} \right)$$

.....(II)

From (I) and (II)

$$P(1 < x \leq 5) = 1 - \{ P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=6) \}$$

$$= 1 - \left(\frac{420904}{10^6} \right) = 0.579096$$

Ex. (2) If the random variable X follows the Binomial Distribution with 6 trials and a probability of success equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ at each attempt then what will be the probability of (i) exactly 4 success (ii) at least one success .

Solution : The random variable X follows the Binomial Distribution with 6 trials and a probability of success equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ at each attempt.

$$\therefore p = \frac{1}{4} \text{ and } q = 1 - p = 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Clearly $X \sim (n, p)$ with $n = 6$, $p = \frac{1}{4}$ and $q = \frac{3}{4}$

$$P(X = r) = {}^nC_r p^r q^{n-r} \text{ where } r = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n.$$

(i) probability of exactly 4 success

$$P(X=4) = {}^6C_4 \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^4 \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^{6-4}$$

$$= 15 \left(\frac{1}{256} \right) \left(\frac{9}{16} \right)$$

$$= \frac{15 \times 9}{256 \times 16}$$

$$= \frac{135}{4096}$$

$$= 0.03295$$

(i) probability of at least one success

$$P(X \geq 1) = P(X = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)$$

$$= 1 - P(X < 1)$$

$$= 1 - \{ P(X=0) \} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots (I)$$

$$= 1 - {}^6C_0 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^0 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{6-0}$$

$$= 1 - 1 \cdot (1) \cdot \left(\frac{729}{4096}\right)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{729}{4096}$$

$$= 1 - 0.1779$$

$$\therefore P(X \geq 1) = 0.8221$$

Ex. (3) The probability that a student is not a swimmer is $\frac{2}{3}$. If 5 students are randomly chosen, find the probability that (i) 4 out of them are swimmers (ii) at least four are swimmers.

Solution : X denote the number of student is a swimmer.

The probability that a student is not a swimmer is $\frac{2}{3}$.

The probability that a student is a swimmer is $1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\text{var}(X) = npq = (10)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{5}{2}\right).$$

$$\text{Probability of success (p)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Probability of failure (q)} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Ex. (4) Let $X \sim B(n, p)$ if $n=10$ and $E(X) = 5$. Find p and S.D.(X).

Solution : $X \sim B(n, p)$, $n=10$ and $E(X) = 5$.

$$E(X) = np$$

$$5 = 10p$$

$$p = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore q = 1 - p$$

$$\therefore q = 1 - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore q = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{var}(X) = n p q$$

$$= (10) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\text{S.D.}(X) = \sqrt{\text{var}(X)}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$$

Ex. (5) The probability of hitting a target in any shot is 0.2. If 10 shots are fired then find μ and S.D.(X).

Solution : Let x = number of shots hitting the target
 p = probability that the target is shot

$$\therefore p = 0.2 = \frac{1}{5} \text{ and } q = 1 - p = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\text{Given } n = 10$$

$$\therefore x \sim B\left(10, \frac{1}{5}\right)$$

$$\text{we know } \mu = E(x) = n \cdot p$$

$$\mu = 10 \times \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\boxed{\mu = 2}$$

$$\text{and S.D.}(x) = \sqrt{n p q}$$

$$= \sqrt{10 \times \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{4}{5}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{8}{5}} = \sqrt{1.6}$$

$$= 1.2649$$

Ex. (6) For a Binomial Distribution the number of trials is 5 and $P(X=4) = P(X=3)$. Find the probability of success and also obtain $P(X > 2)$.

Solution :

We know

$$P(X=r) = {}^nC_r P^r q^{n-r}$$

$$\text{Given } P(X=4) = P(X=3)$$

$${}^5C_4 P^4 q^1 = {}^5C_3 P^3 q^2$$

$$5 P^4 q = 10 P^3 q^2$$

on canceling

$$P = 2q$$

$$P = 2(1-P) \quad \because q = 1-P$$

$$P = 2 - 2P$$

$$3P = 2$$

$$P = \frac{2}{3}$$

\therefore Probability of success is $\frac{2}{3}$

$$\therefore q = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Now } P(X > 2) = P(3) + P(4) + P(5)$$

$$= {}^5C_3 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + {}^5C_4 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^1 + {}^5C_5 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^0$$

$$+ {}^5C_5 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^0$$

$$= \left[10 \times \frac{8}{27} \times \frac{1}{9}\right] + \left[5 \times \frac{16}{81} \times \frac{1}{3}\right] + \left[1 \times \frac{32}{243}\right]$$

$$= \frac{8}{243} [10 + 10 + 4]$$

$$= \frac{8 \times 24}{243}$$

$$= 0.79$$

$$\therefore P(X > 2) = 0.79$$

Ex. (7) Student A has answered that the mean of a Binomial Distribution is 18 and variance is 12, another student B answered that the mean is 18 and variance is 21. Of the two students whose answer is correct? Justify.

Solution : A student answered that the mean is 18 and Variance is 12

We know mean = np and Var = npq

$$\therefore np = 18 \quad \text{and} \quad npq = 12$$

$$18q = 12$$

$$q = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\therefore P = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore n = 54 \quad \text{According to A.}$$

student B answered that

mean = 18 and var = 21

$$\therefore np = 18$$

$$npq = 21$$

$$\therefore 18 \times q = 21$$

$$q = \frac{7}{6}, \therefore p = -\frac{1}{6}$$

$$\therefore n = \frac{18}{p}$$

$$n = \frac{18}{-1/6}$$

$$n = -108$$

as n is never -ve

\therefore student A is correct

Ex. (8) In a group of 10 players 5 pass fitness test. Find the probability that out of the 4 players selected at random (i) exactly two will pass fitness test (ii) at least 2 will pass fitness test.

Solution : As 5 pass fitness test among 10 players

$$p = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } q = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x=2) &= {}^4C_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{4-2} \\ &= 6 \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow 6 \times \frac{1}{16} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{P(x=2) = 3/8}$$

$$\text{Now } P(x \geq 2) = P(2) + P(3) + P(4)$$

$$= 1 - [P(0) + P(1)]$$

$$= 1 - \left[{}^4C_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 + {}^4C_1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \right]$$

$$= 1 - \left[\frac{1}{16} + \frac{4}{2} \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) \right]$$

$$= 1 - \left[\frac{1}{16} + \frac{4}{16} \right]$$

$$= 1 - \frac{5}{16}$$

$$\boxed{P(x \geq 2) = \frac{11}{16}}$$

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