

Some Math Rendering Tests

Not very strenuous, but here we go!

Binomial R.V. (n, p) : $p(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$ where $k \in [0, \infty)$

But for now we aren't going to prove anything about these limits.

Let X be a binomial random value with parameters (n, p) . - What is $E[X]$?
 - $E[X] = \sum_{k=0}^n p(X = k)k = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} k$ where $q = 1 - p$. - $\binom{n}{i} = \frac{n \times (n-1) \times \dots \times (n-i+1)}{i \times (i-1) \times \dots \times (1)}$ - Important identity: $i \binom{n}{i} = n \binom{n-1}{i-1}$ - Using the identity:

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=0}^n i \binom{n}{i} p^i q^{n-i} = \sum_{i=1}^n n \binom{n-1}{i-1} p^i q^{n-i}$$

- Rewrite as $E[X] = np \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n-1}{i-1} p^{(i-1)} q^{(n-1)-(i-1)}$ - Substitute $j = i - 1$ to get:

$$E[X] = np \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{j} p^j q^{(n-1)-j} = np(p+q)^{n-1} = np$$

- Remember $\sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} p^j q^{n-j} = (p+q)^n = 1^n = 1$ - Alternate solution: - $E_i = \{\text{ith coin heads}\}$ - E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n - $\forall i. p(E_i) = p$ - $E[\# \text{ events that happen}] = E[\sum_{i=1}^n 1_{E_i}] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[1_{E_i}] = np$ Let X be binomial (n, p) and fix $k \geq 1$. What is $E[X^k]$? - Recall identity: $i \binom{n}{i} = n \binom{n-1}{i-1}$ - Generally, $E[X^k]$ can be rewritten as:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n i \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i} i^{k-1}$$

- Identity gives:

$$E[X^k] = np \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n-1}{i-1} p^{i-1} (1-p)^{n-1-i+1} i^{k-1} =$$

- Variance of binomial is $npq = np(1-p)$.