

COMPUTING MATHEMATICS 2

Chapter 6 : Binomial and PoissonDistribution

Mean and Variance of the Binomial Distribution

Mean

$$\bullet \mu = np \quad \checkmark$$

Variance

$$\bullet \sigma^2 = np(1-p) \quad \checkmark$$

Example 6.2-1

$$0.05 = p$$

5 % of workers at construction sites are known to suffer from hearing impaired problem due to the unhealthy noise level. If we randomly select 28 workers from construction sites, find

(a) the probability that exactly 4 of them suffer from hearing impaired problem

Let X be the number of workers with hearing impaired problems out of 28 workers.

$$X \sim B(n, p)$$

$$X \sim B(28, 0.05)$$

$$nC_k p^k q^{n-k} = nC_k p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 4) &= {}_{28}C_4 0.05^4 (1 - 0.05)^{28-4} \\ &= 0.0374 \end{aligned}$$

Example 6.2-1

(b) the mean and standard deviation of the number of workers suffering from hearing impaired problem.

$$\begin{aligned}E(X) &= np \\&= 28 \times 0.05 \\&= 1.4\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X), \sigma^2 &= np(1-p) \\&= 28 \times 0.05 \times 0.95 \\&= 1.33\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{standard deviation, } \sigma &= \sqrt{1.33} \\&= 1.1533\end{aligned}$$

Example 6.2-2

The random variable X which follows a Binomial distribution is such that the mean is 2 and variance is $\frac{24}{13}$. Find the values of n and p .

$$X \sim B(n, p)$$

$$E(X) = np = 2 \quad \text{---- (1)}$$

$$\text{Var}(X), \sigma^2 = np(1-p) = \frac{24}{13} \quad \text{---(2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} npq &= np(1-p) \\ &= \frac{24}{13} \end{aligned}$$

Sub (1) into (2)

$$2(1-p) = \frac{24}{13}$$

$$(1-p) = \frac{12}{13}$$

$$p = 1 - \frac{12}{13}$$

$$= \frac{1}{13}$$

Sub back to (1)

$$n \left(\frac{1}{13} \right) = 2$$

$$n = 26$$

Poisson Distribution

Poisson Distribution

A discrete probability distribution that satisfies the following conditions:

1. The mean rate of events, μ , occurring in an unit interval / region (eg time/space) is the same for every other unit interval / region.
2. The number of occurrences in one interval is independent of the number of occurrences in other intervals.
3. No two events can occur at the same time.

Poisson Distribution

- Examples of such events:
 - (1) Number of defects per batch in a production process.
 - (2) Number of flaws in a given length of material.
 - (3) Number of telephone calls made to a helpdesk in a given hour.
 - (4) Number of accidents in a factory in one week.

Poisson Probability Formula

The probability of exactly k occurrences in an interval is

$$X \sim B(n, p)$$

$$X \sim Po(\mu)$$

$$P(X = \underline{k}) = e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^k}{k!}$$

 $\underline{k} = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

μ = mean rate
occurrences per
unit interval

k = no. of
occurrences per
unit interval

Example 6.3-1

The mean number of accidents per ^{time} month at a certain intersection is 3. What is the probability that in any given month,
 $\mu = 3$

- (a) 4 accidents will occur at this intersection?
- (b) more than 1 accidents will occur at this intersection?

Let X be the number of accident per month

$$X \sim Po(3)$$

$$e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^k}{k!}$$

$$a) \quad P(X = \textcircled{4}) = e^{-3} \frac{3^4}{4!} = 0.1680$$

$$\begin{aligned} b) \quad \underline{P(X > 1)} &= 1 - \underline{P(X = 0)} - \underline{P(X = 1)} \\ &= 1 - e^{-3} \frac{3^0}{0!} - e^{-3} \frac{3^1}{1!} \\ &= 0.8008 \end{aligned}$$

complement
method

$$1 - \underline{P(X \leq 1)}$$

Example 6.3-2

2000 brown trout are introduced into a small lake. The lake has a volume of 20000 cubic meters. Find the probability that

(a) 3 brown trout are found on any given cubic meter of the lake.

Let X be the number of trouts **per cubic meter** of lake

mean number of trouts
per cubic meter

$$\mu = \frac{2000}{20000} = 0.1$$

$$X \sim Po(0.1)$$
$$P(X = \overset{k}{\underset{\uparrow}{3}}) = e^{-0.1} \frac{0.1^{\overset{= \mu}{3}}}{3!} \quad \swarrow$$
$$= 0.000151$$

Example 6.3-2

(b) less than 2 brown trout are found on any 10 cubic meters of the lake.

Let Y be the number of trouts **☆☆** per 10 cubic meter of lake

mean number of trouts
per 10 cubic meter

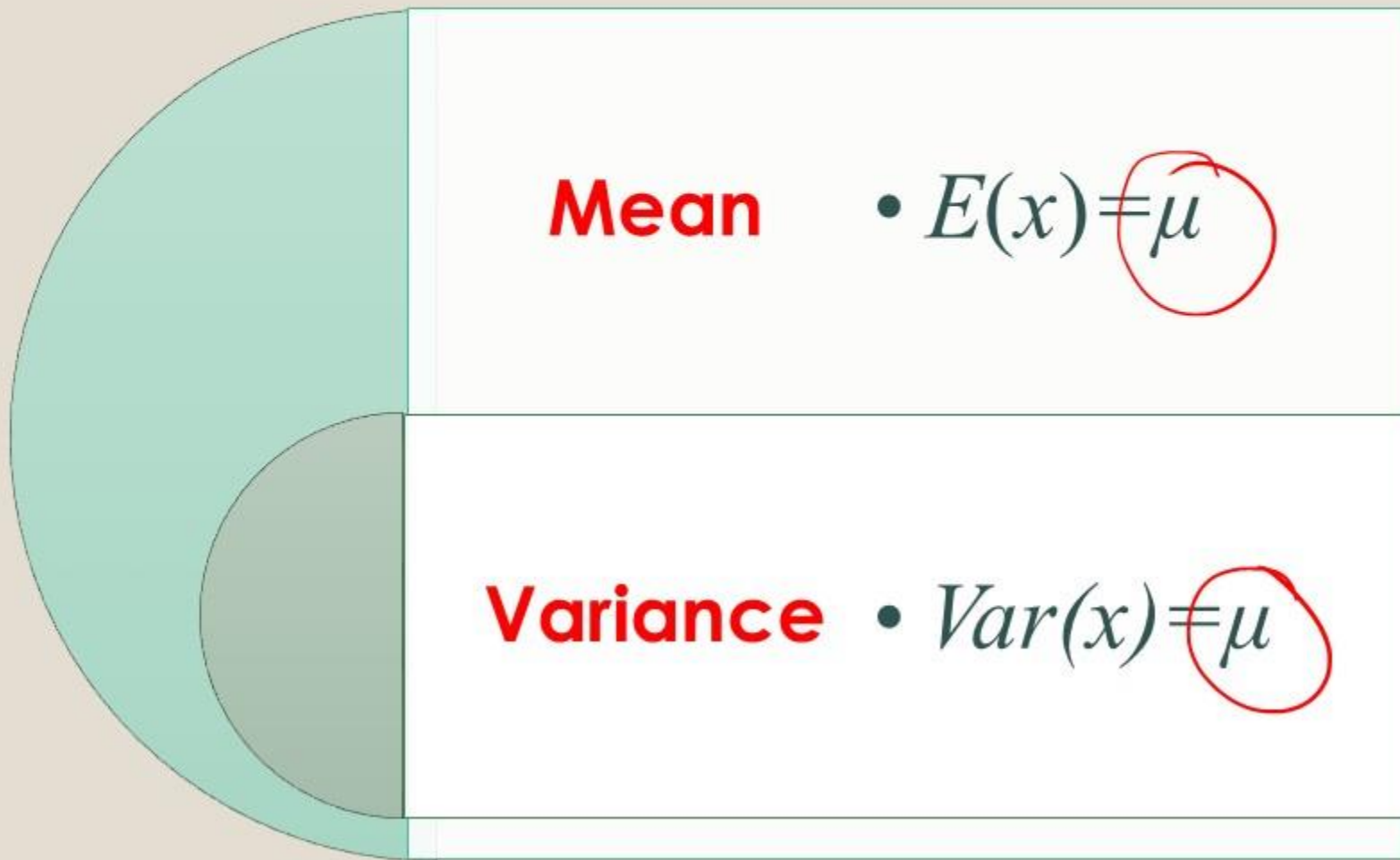
$$\mu = \frac{2000}{20000} \times 10$$
$$= 1$$

↑
need to
recalculate !!

$$Y \sim Po(1)$$

$$P(Y < 2) = \overset{☆☆}{P(Y = 0)} + \overset{☆☆}{P(Y = 1)}$$
$$= e^{-1} \frac{1^0}{0!} + e^{-1} \frac{1^1}{1!}$$
$$= 0.7358$$

Mean and Variance of the Poisson Distribution



Example 6.4-1

A school “Lost and Found” department receives an average of 3.7 reports per week of lost student ID cards.

$\mu = 3.7$

(a) Find the probability that at most 2 such reports will be received during a given week by this department.

Let X be the number of reports per week

$$X \sim Po(3.7)$$

$$P(X \leq 2) = P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2)$$

$$= e^{-3.7} \frac{3.7^0}{0!} + e^{-3.7} \frac{3.7^1}{1!} + e^{-3.7} \frac{3.7^2}{2!}$$

$$= 0.2854$$

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- (b) Find the probability that there will be 1 to 3 (inclusive) such reports received during a given week by this department.

$$X \sim Po(3.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(1 \leq X \leq 3) &= P(\underline{X = 1}) + P(\underline{X = 2}) + P(\underline{X = 3}) \\ &= e^{-3.7} \frac{3.7^1}{1!} + e^{-3.7} \frac{3.7^2}{2!} + e^{-3.7} \frac{3.7^3}{3!} \\ &= 0.4694 \end{aligned}$$

Example 6.4-1

(c) Find the variance and standard deviation of the probability distribution.

$$\text{Variance, } \sigma^2 = \mu = 3.7$$

$$\text{Standard Deviation, } \sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2} = \sqrt{3.7} = 1.92$$