

# Bernoulli Trials and Binomial Experiment

- **Bernoulli trials:** A Bernoulli refers to a trial that has only **two possible outcomes**.
- **Example of Bernoulli trials:**
  - Flipping a coin:  $S = \{\text{head, tail}\}$
  - Truth of an answer:  $S = \{\text{right, wrong}\}$
  - Status of a machine:  $S = \{\text{working, broken}\}$
  - Quality of a product:  $S = \{\text{good, defective}\}$
  - Accomplishment of a task:  $S = \{\text{success, failure}\}$
- **Binomial Experiment:** A binomial experiment refers to a random experiment consisting of  $n$  repeated trials which satisfy the following conditions:
  - 1 The trials are independent, i.e., the outcome of a trial does not affect the outcomes of other trials,
  - 2 Each trial has only two outcomes, labeled as 'success' and 'failure', and
  - 3 The probability of a success ( $p$ ) in each trial is constant.

- In other words, a **binomial experiment** consists of a series of  $n$  independent Experiment Bernoulli trials with a constant probability of success ( $p$ ) in each trial.

# The Binomial Probability Distribution Function

- To find, the probability of getting  $x$  success in  $n$  trials. the probability of success be  $p$  the probability of failure is  $1 - p = q$ ,

(or)

The probability of obtaining ' $k$ ' successes in ' $n$ ' independent trials of a binomial experiment, where the probability of success is ' $p$ ', is given by

- $f(k, n, p) = P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k} = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ , where  $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ .
- Mean:  $E(X) = \mu = np$ ,
- Standard deviation:  $SD(X) = \sigma = \sqrt{npq}$
- Variance:  $Var(X) = npq$

- Eight coins are tossed simultaneously. Find the probability of getting at least six heads.
- **Solution:** Here  $n = 8$ ,  $p = P(\text{head}) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $q = 1 - p = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$
- Trials satisfy conditions of Binomial distribution.
- Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X = k) &= \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} = \binom{8}{k} p^k q^{8-k}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, 8. \\
 &= \binom{8}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{8-k} = \binom{8}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 = \frac{\binom{8}{k}}{256}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{getting at least six heads}) &= P(X \geq 6) \\
 &= P(k = 6) + P(k = 7) + P(k = 8) \\
 &= \frac{\binom{8}{6}}{256} + \frac{\binom{8}{7}}{256} + \frac{\binom{8}{8}}{256} = \frac{28 + 8 + 1}{256} \\
 &= \frac{37}{256}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Example of Binomial distribution

- If 20% of the bolts produced by a machine are found by defective. Determine the probability that out of 4 bolts chosen at random (a) one (b) zero (c ) at most two will be defective .

- **Solution:** Success=a bolt being defective

$$p = \frac{20}{100} = \frac{1}{5}, \quad q = 1 - p = 1 - \frac{20}{100} = \frac{80}{100} = \frac{4}{5}$$

- The trails  $n = 4$

- The probability  $P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} = \binom{4}{k} p^k q^{4-k}$

- $P(X = 1) = \binom{4}{1} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^1 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{4-1} = \frac{4^4}{5^4}$

- $P(X = 0) = \binom{4}{0} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^0 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{4-0} = \frac{4^4}{5^4}$

- At most two  $P(X \leq 2) = P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2)$

$$P(X \leq 2) = \binom{4}{0} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^0 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{4-0} + \binom{4}{1} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^1 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{4-1} + \binom{4}{2} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{4-2} = \frac{528}{5^4}$$

- What are the mean and standard deviation of the number of universal donors out of the 20 donors?. What is the probability that there are exactly 2 or 3 universal donors out of the 20 donors? ( Here 6% of people have universal blood donors or O-negative blood donors).
- There are two outcomes:
  - success = O-negative
  - failure = other blood types.
- $p = 6\% = \frac{6}{100} = 0.06$
- Let  $X$  = number of O-negative donors among  $n = 20$  people.
- $E(X) = np = 20 * 0.06 = 1.2$
- $SD(X) = \sqrt{npq} = \sqrt{20 * 0.06 * 0.94} \approx 1.06$

- Calculate the probability of 2 or 3 successes.

$$\begin{aligned}P(X = 2 \text{ or } 3) &= P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) \\&= \binom{20}{2} (0.06)^2 (0.94)^{20-2} + \binom{20}{3} (0.06)^2 (0.94)^{20-3} \\&= \binom{20}{2} (0.06)^2 (0.94)^{18} + \binom{20}{3} (0.06)^2 (0.94)^{17} \\&\approx 0.2246 + 0.08860 \\&= 0.3106\end{aligned}$$

# Practise problems of Binomial distribution

- ① Out of 800 families with 5 children each. How many would you expect to have (a) 3 boys (b) 5 girls. Assume equal probability for boys and girls.
- ② If the probability of success is  $\frac{1}{20}$ , how many trials are necessary in order that the probability of at least one success is just greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$
- ③ The incidence of an occupational disease in an industry is such that the workers have a 20% chance of suffering from it, what is the probability that out of 6 workers at random, four or more will suffer from the disease?



- The Poisson distribution can be obtained as a limiting case of binomial distribution under the following conditions:
  - The number of trials 'n' is indefinitely large i.e.,  $n \rightarrow \infty$
  - The probability of a success 'p' for each trial is very small i.e.,  $p \rightarrow 0$
  - $np = \lambda$  is finite.
- The probability distribution function is

$$P(X = x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$$

- Mean of the poisson distribution

$$\text{Mean} = E(x) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} xP(x) = \lambda$$

- Variance of the poisson distribution

$$\text{Variance} = \sum (x - \mu)^2 P(x) = \lambda$$

- If 2% of electric bulbs manufactured by a certain company are defective find the probability that in a sample of 200 bulbs (i) less than 2 bulbs are defective (ii) more than 3 bulbs are defective.  
[ $e^{-4} = 0.0183$ ]

- **Solution:**  $E(x) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} xP(x)$
- Let  $X$  denote the number of defective bulbs
- $P(X = x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$
- Given  $p = P(\text{a defective bulb}) = 2\% = \frac{2}{100} = 0.02$
- $n=200$
- $\lambda = np = 200 * 0.02 = 4$
- $P(X = x) = \frac{e^{-4} 4^x}{x!}, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$

- (i) P(less than 2 bulbs are defective)

$$= P(X < 2)$$

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

$$= \frac{e^{-4}4^0}{0!} + \frac{e^{-4}4^1}{1!}$$

$$= e^{-4}(1 + 4) = 0.0183 * 5$$

$$= 0.0915$$

- (ii) P(more than 3 defectives)

$$= P(X > 3) = 1 - P(X \leq 3)$$

$$= P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + P(X = 3)$$

$$= \frac{e^{-4}4^0}{0!} + \frac{e^{-4}4^1}{1!} + \frac{e^{-4}4^2}{2!} + \frac{e^{-4}4^3}{3!}$$

$$= 1 - e^{-4}\{1 + 4 + 8 + 10.667\}$$

$$= 1 - 0.0183 * 23.667 = 0.567$$

- Suppose that the average number of accidents occurring weekly on a particular stretch of a highway equals 3. Calculate the probability that there is at least one accident this week.
- **Solution:** Let  $X$  denote the number of accidents occurring on the stretch of highway in question during this week. Because it is reasonable to suppose that there are a large number of cars passing along that stretch, each having a small probability of being involved in an accident, the number of such accidents should be approximately Poisson distributed. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}P(X \geq 1) &= 1 - P(X = 0) \\&= 1 - \frac{e^{-3}3^0}{0!} \\&= 1 - e^{-3} \approx 0.9502\end{aligned}$$

# Practise Problems of poisson Distribution

- A car-hire firm has two cars which it hires out day by day. The number of demands for a car on each day is distributed as a Poisson distribution with mean 1.5. Calculate the proportion of days (i) on which there is no demand (ii) on which demand is refused.

**Answer:(i) 0.2231 (ii) 0.1913**

- A manufacture of cotter clips know that 5% of his product is defective. If he sells clips in boxes of 100 and guarantees that not more than 10 clips will be defective. What is the probability that a box will fail to meet the guarantee quality?

**Answer: 0.0137**

