

\* Announcement

① HW 2 due today 11:59 pm PT OH ~ 7pm.

② Quiz 1 tomorrow ~ Chapter 1 & 2.

③ HW 3 due next Tuesday (9/15)

## STAT 88: Lecture 6

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### Last time

Sec 2.5  $A$  and  $B$  are independent iff

$$P(B|A) = P(B).$$

Then  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ .

$$\Rightarrow P(B|A)P(A)$$

If  $A$  and  $B$  are independent, non-empty sets, then they must overlap, i.e.

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B) > 0.$$

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$$A \cap B \neq \emptyset$$

In other words,  $A$  and  $B$  are not mutually exclusive.

Indep  $\Rightarrow$  not mutually exclusive.

Warm up:

(a) You flip a coin 8 times. What is the chance that you get all heads?

(b) Everyone in a class of 100 people flip a coin 8 times. What is the chance that at least one person gets all heads?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } P(\text{all heads}) &= P(1\text{st head} \cap 2\text{nd head} \cap \dots \cap 8\text{th head}) \\ &\stackrel{\text{indep}}{=} P(1\text{st head}) \cdot P(2\text{nd head}) \cdot \dots \cdot P(8\text{th head}) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 \\ &= \frac{1}{256} \end{aligned}$$

8 flips.

○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○  
"trial" = flip.      "independent" trials.  
"success" = head.

(b) "at least" → complement rule.

$$P(\text{At least one all heads}) = 1 - P(\underbrace{\text{no one gets all heads}}_{\text{"everyone gets at least one tail."}})$$

$$\left( \begin{aligned} &P(\text{you get "at least" one tail}) \\ &= 1 - P(\text{you get all heads}) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{256} \quad (\text{from part (a)}) \end{aligned} \right)$$

100 people.

flip coin 8 times → ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

"trial" = flip 8 coins  
"success" = gets all heads.

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 - P(\text{everyone gets at least one tail}) \\ &= 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{256}\right)^{100} \end{aligned}$$

### 3.1. Success and Failure

Read Section 3.1 of textbook, Paul the Octopus.

### 3.2. Random Variables

**Random Variables** (RV) help reduce the amount of writing involved in phrases like “the chance that there are no more than 1 head in three tosses of a coin”.

You can instead write:

Let  $X$  be the number of heads in three coin tosses. Find  $P(X \leq 1)$ .

Formally a random variable  $X$  is a function from the outcome space to the real numbers, i.e.  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

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outcome	$X(\text{outcome})$	Probability
HHH	3	1/8
HHT	2	1/8
HTH	2	1/8
THH	2	1/8
HTT	1	1/8
THT	1	1/8
TTH	1	1/8
TTT	0	1/8

$$P(X \leq 1) = P(X=0) + P(X=1) = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{4}{8}$$

$$P(X=3) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$P(X=2) = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8}$$

$$= \frac{3}{8}$$

$$P(X=1) = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$P(X=0) = \frac{1}{8}$$

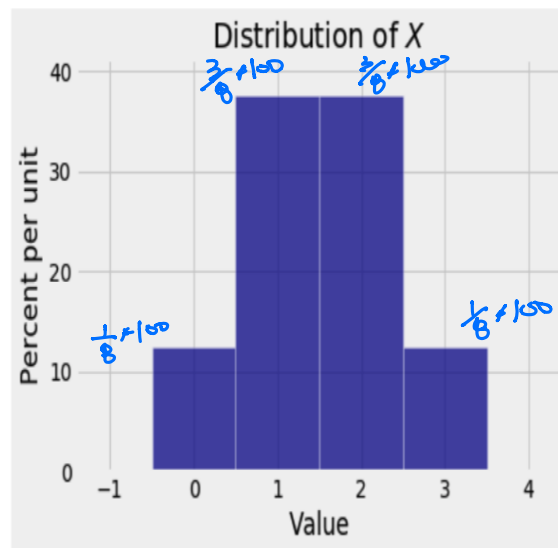
**Probability distribution table** for  $X$ , known for short as a **distribution table**.

Possible value $x$	0	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	1/8	3/8	3/8	1/8

**Distribution (pmf)** The probability distribution of a random variable, or distribution for short, is the set of all possible values of the random variables along with all of the corresponding probabilities.

The probabilities in a distribution must add up to 1. The distribution of a random variable is sometimes called a probability mass function, abbreviated to pmf.

**Probability Histogram** The distribution or probability mass function (Pmf) allows us to visualize the probability for each value of  $X$ .



**Equality** Two RVs can have the same distribution but not be equal. Let  $X_1$  be the number of heads and  $X_2$  be the number of tails in three tosses. If the outcome of three tosses is HTH, then  $X_1(HTH) = 2$  and  $X_2(HTH) = 1$  so as functions on the outcome space,  $X_1 \neq X_2$ . But both RVs have the same distribution.

$X_1$	0	1	2	3
	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$

$X_2$	0	1	2	3
	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$

$X_1 \neq X_2$  but dist'n of  $X_1, X_2$  can be same.  
 $X_1 = X_2 \rightarrow$  dist'n of  $X_1, X_2$  are always same.

### 3.3. The Binomial Distribution

A binomial distribution  $\text{Binomial}(n, p)$  has  $n$  independent trials, each with probability  $p$  for success.

Example:  $X = \#$  heads out of 5 coin tosses of a  $p = 1/4$  coin (chance of landing head is  $1/4$ ). Let's find  $P(X = 2)$ .

Here  $n = 5$  independent coin tosses,  $p = 1/4$  is chance for heads, and  $k = 2$ .

First what is the chance that you get HHTTT? HTHTT?

$$\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3 \quad \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2$$

How many permutations of 5 letters abcde? In case of HHTTT we must divide by  $2!3!$ , giving

Notation.  $\rightarrow \binom{5}{2} = \frac{5!}{2!3!}$   $>$  total number of permutations for 2Hs, 3Ts

"5 choose 2"

This shows that

$$P(X = 2) = \binom{5}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3$$

"Binomial formula"

What values does  $X$  take?

$k$  represents possible values for  $X$

$$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 5$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

More generally,  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$

$$( \underbrace{HH \dots H}_k \underbrace{TT \dots T}_{n-k} )$$

$$P(X=k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}, \quad k=0, 1, \dots, n$$

$X = \#$  success in  $n$  independent trials  
each having probability  $p$  for success

Roll a die. 10 times.  
trial  $n=10$ .

$\#$  1 out of 10 rolls.  
 $p = \frac{1}{6}$

$\Rightarrow \text{Binomial}(10, \frac{1}{6})$

Example: (Exercise 3.6.3) Yi likes to bet on "red" at roulette. Each time she bets, her chance of winning is  $18/38$  independently of all other times. Suppose she bets repeatedly on red. Find the chance that:

$X = \# \text{ wins in } n \text{ trials}$

$\sim \text{Binomial}(n, \frac{18}{38})$

(a) she wins four of the first 10 bets

(b) she wins at most four of the first 10 bets

$\begin{cases} n? \\ p? \\ k? \end{cases}$

(c) the third time she wins is on the 10th bet

(d) she needs more than 10 bets to win five times

(a)  $n = 10$   
 $p = 18/38$   
 $k = 4$   
 $P(X=4) = \binom{10}{4} \cdot \left(\frac{18}{38}\right)^4 \left(\frac{20}{38}\right)^{10-4}$

(b) At most. few.

$n = 10$


$p = 18/38$

$$P(X \leq 4) = P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2) + P(X=3) + P(X=4)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^4 \binom{10}{k} \cdot \left(\frac{18}{38}\right)^k \left(\frac{20}{38}\right)^{10-k}$$

$1-p = \frac{20}{38}$

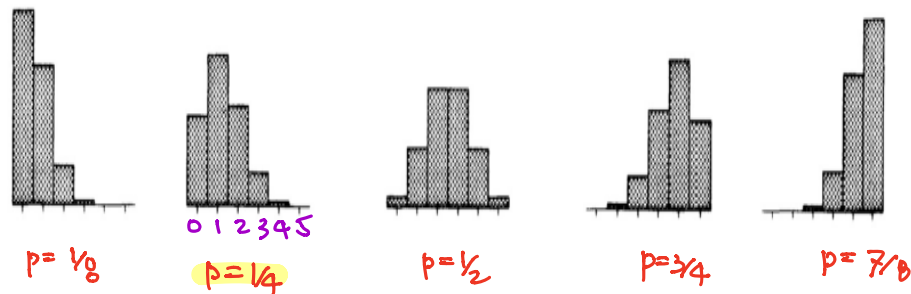
(c)

$\frac{18}{38}$   
  
 10th bet  $\leftarrow$  3rd time win  
 $P(2 \text{ wins for the first } 9 \text{ bets})$

$n = 9$   
 $k = 2$   
 $\text{Binomial}(9, \frac{18}{38})$   
 $\binom{9}{2} \left(\frac{18}{38}\right)^2 \left(\frac{20}{38}\right)^{9-2}$

$\rightarrow \text{Answer: } \binom{9}{2} \left(\frac{18}{38}\right)^2 \left(\frac{20}{38}\right)^7 \times \frac{18}{38}$   
 $= \binom{9}{2} \left(\frac{18}{38}\right)^3 \left(\frac{20}{38}\right)^7$   
 win on 10th bet

**Binomial Probabilities in Python** SciPy is a compendium of Python software that is enormously useful in data science. In particular, its stats module contains numerous functions and methods used by data scientists.



In Python:

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from scipy import stats
import numpy as np
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stats.binom.pmf(2, 5, 1/4)
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0.26367187499999994
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$$\binom{5}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3$$

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stats.binom.pmf(np.arange(6), 5, 1/4)
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array([0.23730469, 0.39550781, 0.26367187, 0.08789062, 0.01464844,
       0.00097656])
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$$\binom{5}{x} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^x \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{5-x} \text{ for } x=0, 1, 2, \dots, 5$$

Why does  $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = 1$  ? (So  $\text{Binomial}(n, p)$  is a distribution)

"Binomial theorem"

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

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Example: Ten cards are dealt off the top of a well shuffled deck. The binominal formula doesn't apply to find the chance of getting exactly three diamonds because:

1. The probability of a trial being successful changes
2. The trials aren't independent
3. There isn't a fixed number of trials
4. More than one of the above