

\* Announcement

- ① Quiz 2 tomorrow (9/17) ~ Chapter 3
- ② HW4 due Mon (9/21)
- ③ Exam-prep section - Every Friday 2-3pm
- ④ + 1 HW/quiz drop

(HW4.Q1,2,3 are most relevant to today's lecture)

## STAT 88: Lecture 9

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### Last time

#### Sec 4.1 Cumulative distribution function (CDF):

The CDF of a random variable  $X$  is  $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$ .

Purpose The CDF is an alternative way to specify a distribution:

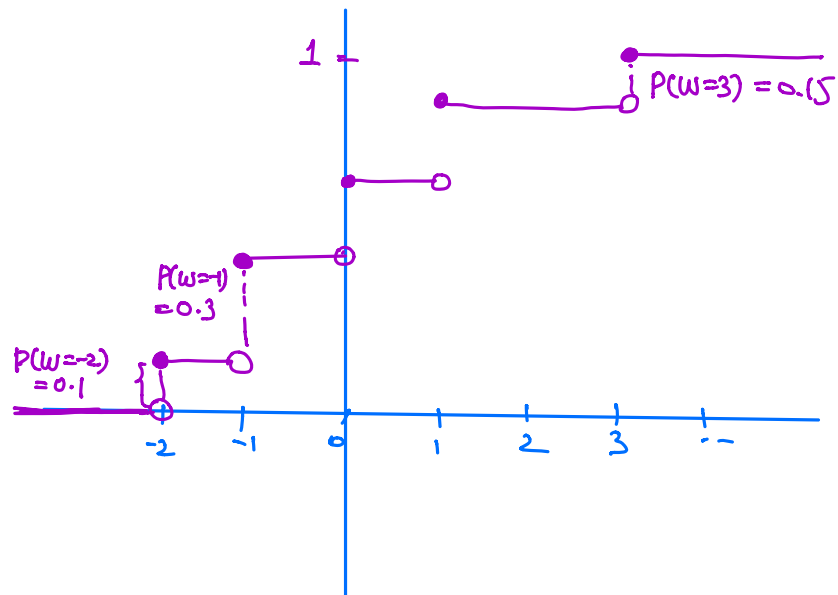
$$P(X = x) = P(X \leq x) - P(X \leq x - 1) = F(x) - F(x - 1).$$

Use Solutions to many problems can be expressed in terms of CDF and Python has built-in CDF function.

Warm up: (Exercise 4.5.2) A random variable  $W$  has the distribution shown in the table below. Sketch a graph of the cdf of  $W$ .

$P(W \leq w)$

$w$	-2	-1	0	1	3
$P(W = w)$	0.1	0.3	0.25	0.2	0.15



**Computation** You can use the stats module of SciPy to calculate CDF.

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from scipy import stats
import numpy as np
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1 - stats.hypergeom.cdf(49, 100, 80, 60)
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0.22097998866696655
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sum(stats.hypergeom.pmf(np.arange(50,61), 100, 80, 60))
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0.22097998866696314
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$$X \sim HG(100, 80, 60)$$

$$P(X \geq 50) = \sum_{g=50}^{60} \frac{\binom{80}{g} \binom{20}{60-g}}{\binom{100}{60}}$$

complement  
rule

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$$1 - P(X < 50)$$

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$$1 - P(X \leq 49)$$

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$$1 - F(49)$$

## 4.2. Waiting Times

Waiting Time to the first success:

Consider a sequence of independent and identically distributed (iid) trials, each of which results in a success or a failure. Let  $p$  be the chance of success and  $q$  the chance of failure ( $q = 1 - p$ ).

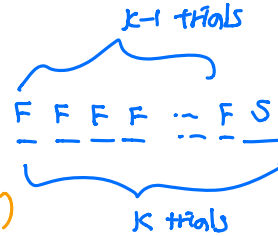
Let  $T_1 = \#$  trials until the first success.  $T_1$  follows a distribution called "Geometric" distribution,

$$T_1 \sim \text{Geom}(p).$$

What is  $P(T_1 = k)$ ?

$$P(T_1 = k) = q^{k-1} \cdot p$$

( $q = 1 - p$ , chance of failure)



What values does  $T_1$  take?  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

What is the chance it takes at most 5 trials for 1st success?

$$\begin{aligned} P(T_1 = 1) + P(T_1 = 2) + \dots + P(T_1 = 5) &= P(T_1 \leq 5) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^5 q^{k-1} \cdot p \end{aligned}$$

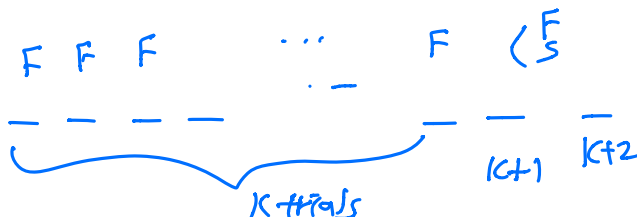
By def. CDF for  $\text{Geom}(p)$ ?

$$P(T_1 \leq k)$$

$$= 1 - P(T_1 > k)$$

$$= 1 - q^k$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(T_1 > k) &= P(\text{You need more than } k \text{ trials to get 1st success}) \\ &= P(\text{First } k \text{ trials are failure}) \\ &= q^k \end{aligned}$$



Example: Cards are dealt one by one at random with replacement till the first ace appears. Let  $X$  be the number of cards dealt.

$$X \sim \text{Geom} \left( \frac{4}{52} = \frac{1}{13} \right)$$

(a) Find  $P(X = 39)$ .

(b) Find  $P(X > 20)$ .

$$(a) P(X = 39) = \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^{38} \times \frac{1}{13}$$

$$(b) P(X > 20) = \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^{20}$$

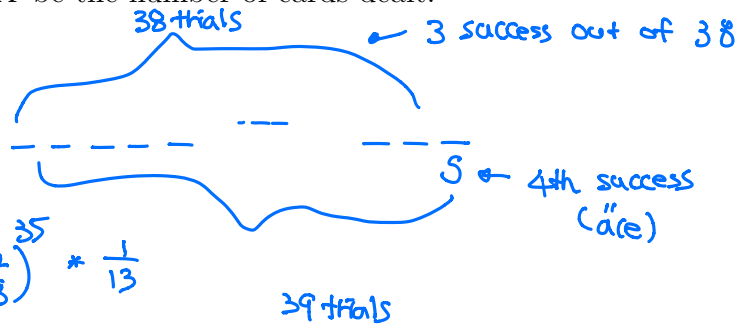
$$q = 1 - p$$

Waiting time till the  $r$ th success: Cards are dealt one by one at random with replacement till the fourth ace appears. Let  $X$  be the number of cards dealt.

(a) Find  $P(X = 39)$ .

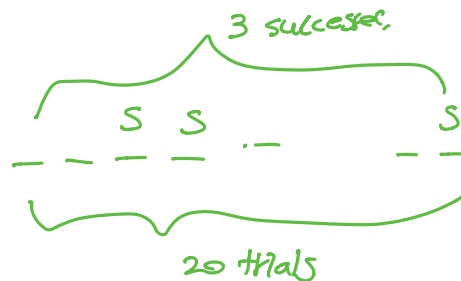
(b) Find  $P(X > 20)$ .

$$(a) P(X = 39) = \binom{38}{3} \left(\frac{1}{13}\right)^3 \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^{35} \times \frac{1}{13}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) P(X > 20) &= P(\text{you need more than 20 trials to see 4 successes}) \\
 &= P(\text{in the first 20 trials you have at most 3 successes}) \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^3 \binom{20}{k} \left(\frac{1}{13}\right)^k \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^{20-k}
 \end{aligned}$$

$1 - P(X \leq 20)$   
 $1 - \sum_{k=1}^{20} P(X = k)$



## One more variation

Example: (Exercise 4.5.5) Cards are dealt one by one at random without replacement till the fourth ace appears. Let  $X$  be the number of cards dealt.

(a) Find  $P(X = 39)$ .

(b) Find  $P(X > 20)$ .

### Exercise

// ace card

$$(a) P(X=39) = P(\text{4th success appears in trial 39})$$

The sampling is w/o replacement,  
# 3 ace cards out of 38 sampled cards:

$HG(52, 4, 38)$  # samples  
↑ # cards in a deck    ↑ # ace cards

$$= P(\underbrace{\text{---} \text{---} \text{---}}_{\substack{\text{3 successes} \\ \text{out of 38 trials}}} \text{---} \frac{5}{39})$$

total 39 trials

$$= \frac{\binom{4}{3} \binom{48}{35}}{\binom{52}{38}} * \frac{1}{39}$$

= 52-38  
# remaining cards  
in trial 39

$$(b) P(X > 20) = P(\text{you have at most 3 successes in the first 20 trials})$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^3 \frac{\binom{4}{k} \binom{48}{20-k}}{\binom{52}{20}}$$

$$= F(3) \text{ where } F \text{ is the CDF of } HG(52, 4, 38)$$

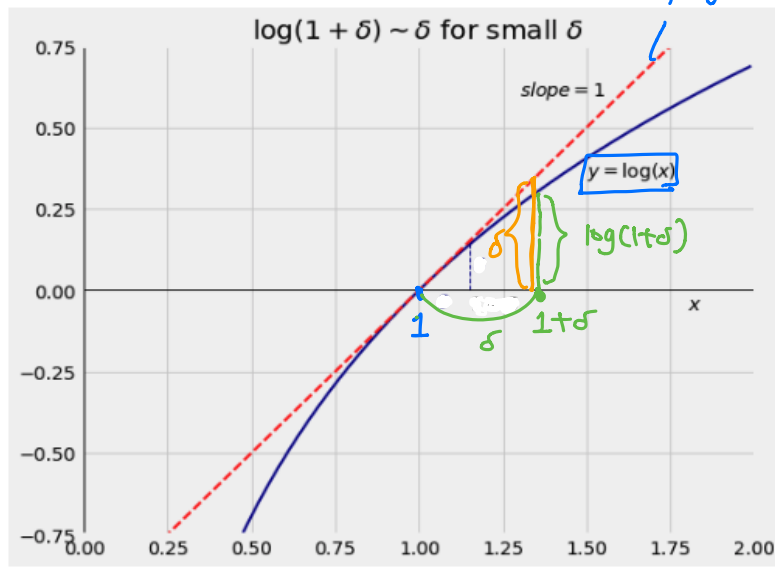
[ In python, this is  
stats.hypergeom.cdf(3, 52, 4, 38) ]

## 4.3. Exponential Approximations

A useful approximation from Calculus:

$$\log(1 + \delta) \approx \delta \quad \text{for small } \delta$$

base e



$f(x) = \log x$  is locally flat at  $x = 1$  with slope 1. Since  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , so  $f'(1) = 1$ . So starting at  $x = 1$  if run by  $\delta$ , you rise by  $\delta$ . So  $\log(1 + \delta) \approx \delta$ .

Example: Approximate  $x = \left(1 - \frac{3}{100}\right)^{100}$ .

$$\log(1+\delta) \approx \delta$$

✓ Take log on both side

$$\log x = \log \left(1 - \frac{3}{100}\right)^{100} = 100 \cdot \log \left(1 - \frac{3}{100}\right) \approx 100 \left(-\frac{3}{100}\right) = -3$$

So  $x \approx e^{-3}$ .

Give exponential approximation for

(a)  $x = \left(1 - \frac{2}{1000}\right)^{5000}$ .

(b)  $(1-p)^n$  for large  $n$  and small  $p$ .

$$\delta = -\frac{3}{100}$$

By Exponential Approx.,

$$\log\left(1 - \frac{3}{100}\right) = \log(1+\delta) \approx \delta = -\frac{3}{100}$$

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$$\log\left(1 - \frac{3}{100}\right) \approx -\frac{3}{100}$$

(a)  $\log x = 5000 \log\left(1 - \frac{2}{1000}\right)$

Exp. Approx.  $\nearrow \approx 5000 * \left(-\frac{2}{1000}\right)$   
 $= -10$

$$\Rightarrow x \approx e^{-10}$$

(b)  $x = (1-p)^n \Rightarrow \log x = n \log(1-p)$

$$\approx n(-p)$$

$$= -np$$

$$\Rightarrow x \approx e^{-np}$$