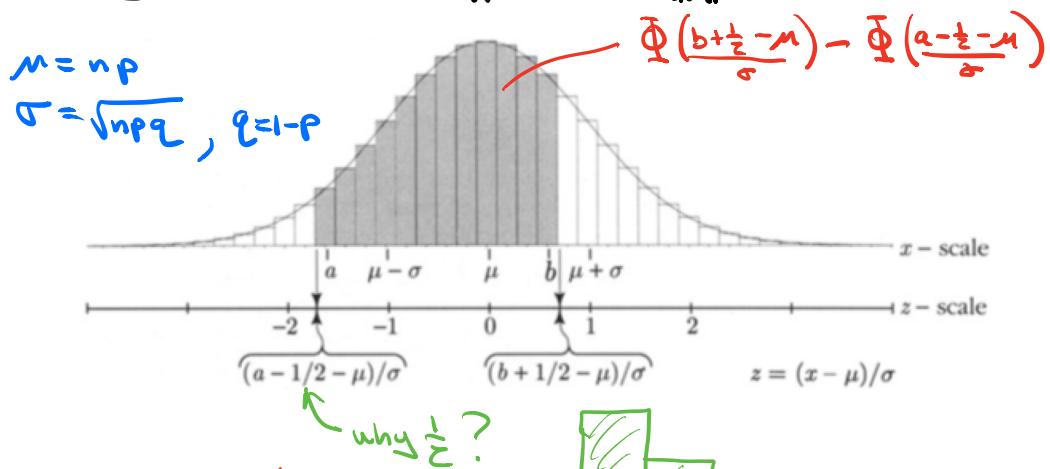
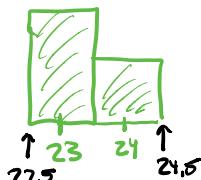


Last time Sec 2.2 Normal Approx to binomial**Continuity correction**

We are approximating a discrete distribution (binomial)  
by a continuous one (normal)



Ex Find the approximate chance of getting 75 sixes in 600 rolls of a fair die.

Soln  $\mu = np = 600 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = 100$   
 $\sigma = \sqrt{npq} = \sqrt{600 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)} = 9.1$   
let  $a = b = 75$  then

$$\Phi\left(\frac{75.5 - 100}{9.1}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{74.5 - 100}{9.1}\right) = .00101 \quad \text{normal approximation}$$

The exact answer is  $\binom{600}{75} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^{75} \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{525} = .00087$  binomial exact

- Today
- (1) go over student answers to concept test from last time
  - (2) finish sec 2.2
  - (3) sec 2.4 Poisson approximation (skip sec 2.3)

. A fair coin is tossed, and you win a dollar if there are exactly 50% heads. Which is better?

- a 10 tosses
- b 100 tosses

b

100 tosses are better because according to the law of average as the number of tosses increases you are more likely to be closer to 50%.

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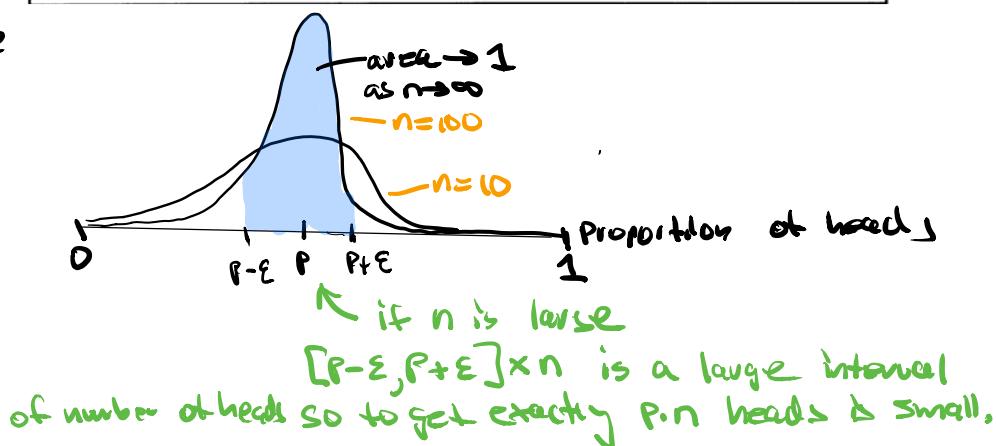
### Law of Large Numbers (Law of avg)

If  $n$  is large, the proportion of successes in  $n$  independent trials will, with overwhelming probability, be very close to  $p$ , the probability of success on each trial. More formally:

- for independent trials, with probability  $p$  of success on each trial, for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , no matter how small, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$P(\text{proportion of successes in } n \text{ trials differs from } p \text{ by less than } \epsilon) \rightarrow 1$$

Picture



a

Far more spread out for  $n=100$ , more possibilities for NOT exactly 50%, imagine the question was  $n=2$  versus  $n=100$  and it's even simpler

a

look ma i finally got one right <3 UwU

Stat 134  
Chapter 2 Friday February 3 2019

1. A fair coin is tossed, which is more likely:

a between 4 and 6 heads in 10 tosses

b between 40 and 60 heads in 100 tosses

$$\text{For } n=10 \quad \sigma = \sqrt{10 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = 1.6$$

$$\text{For } n=100 \quad \sigma = \sqrt{100 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = 5$$

$$n=10 \quad [3.5, 6.5] \approx \bar{x} \pm \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \approx 5 \pm \frac{1.6}{\sqrt{10}} \approx 68\%$$

$$n=100 \quad [39.5, 60.5] \approx \bar{x} \pm \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \approx 50 \pm \frac{5}{\sqrt{10}} \approx 95\%$$

So option b) more likely.

## (2) Sec 2.2 Normal approximation to the binomial distribution

2 questions

- ① How do we write  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  in terms of  $n, p$  to match the normal curve with the binomial distribution?

Ans let  $\mu = np$   
 $\sigma = \sqrt{npq}$

- ② For what  $n, p$  is it ok to approximate  $\text{Bin}(n, p)$  by a normal distribution  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

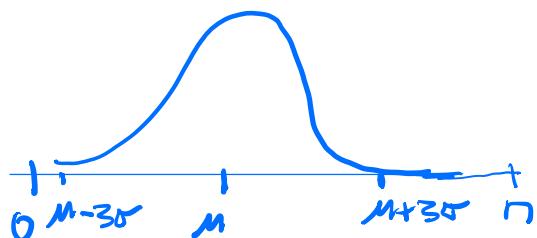
Ans

Let's require  $n \geq 20$  since for fixed  $p$  the binomial is more normal as  $n \uparrow$

Outcomes of  $\text{Bin}(n, p)$  are  $0, 1, \dots, n$ .

All data is between  $\mu \pm 3\sigma$  so we require  $0 < \mu - 3\sigma$  and  $\mu + 3\sigma < n$

Picture



ex Can we approx Bin(20,  $\frac{1}{10}$ ) by the normal.

$$n=20 \checkmark$$

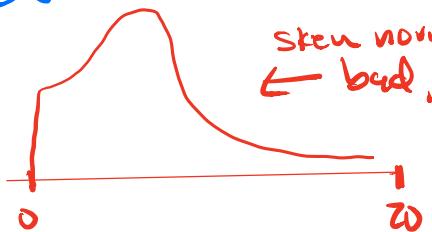
Need  $0 > \mu - 3\sigma$

$$20\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) - 3\sqrt{20\frac{1}{10}\frac{9}{10}} = 2 - 4 = -2 < 0 \times$$

$$\mu + 3\sigma = 2 + 4 = 6 < 20 \checkmark$$

No

skew normal  
← bad.



ex

Southwest overbooks its flights, knowing some people will not show up. Suppose for a plane that seats 350 people, 360 tickets are sold. Based on previous data, the airline claims that each passenger has a 90% chance of showing up. **Approximately**, what is the chance that at least one empty seat remains? (There are no assigned seats.)

Partial soln:

$$\mu = np = 360 \cdot (0.9) = 324$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{npq} = \sqrt{360(0.9)(0.1)} = 5.7$$

let  $X = \# \text{ people who show up.}$

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(360, 0.9)$$

Can we approx as normal?

$$\mu \pm 3\sigma = 324 \pm 17.1 = [306.9, 341.1]$$

↙ between  
0 and 360 ✓

Finish the problem.

$$\begin{aligned} P(\geq 1 \text{ empty seat}) &= P(X \leq 349) \\ &\approx \Phi\left(\frac{349 + .5 - 324}{5.7}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{349.5 - 324}{5.7}\right) \\ &= \Phi(-4.47) = ① \end{aligned}$$

(3) Sec 2.4 (skip 2.3) Poisson approx

The normal approximation has almost 100% of data  $\pm 3\sigma$  from the mean  $M$ . For this reason we approximated the binomial w/ the normal only when  $M \leq 3\sigma$  is between 0 and  $n$ .

For cases when  $p$  is small (or  $p$  is close to 1) and  $n$  is large, we approximate  $\text{Bin}(n, p)$  by  $\text{Pois}(n = np)$

Picture

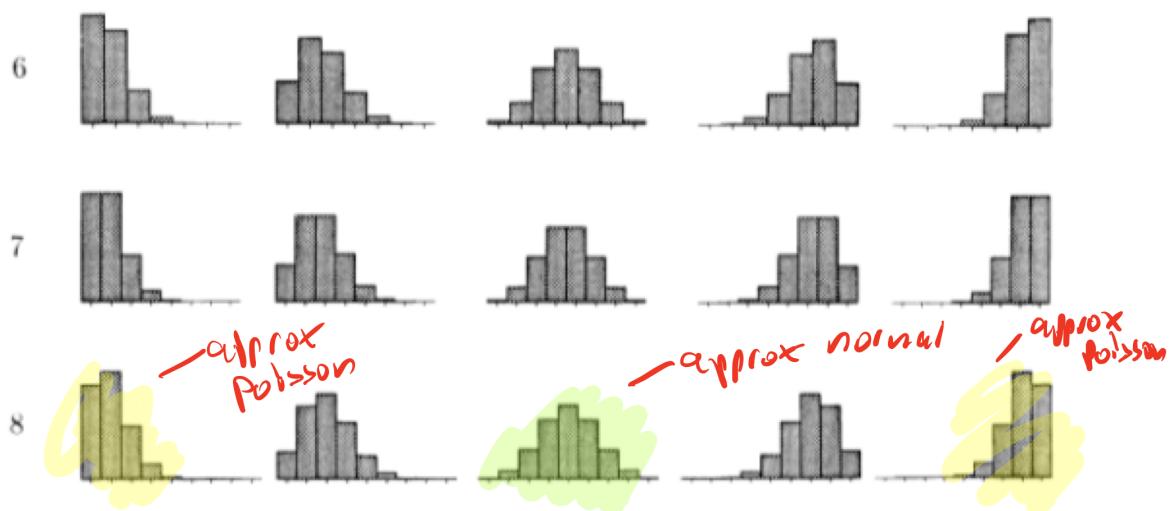
$$p = \gamma_6$$

$$p = \gamma_4$$

$$p = \gamma_2$$

$$p = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$p = \frac{7}{8}$$



Def<sup>n</sup> Poisson( $\mu$ ) (written  $\text{Pois}(\mu)$ )  
 $P(k) = \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^k}{k!}$  for  $k=0, 1, 2, \dots$  infinitely many outcomes.

### P11a Poisson Approximation to the Binomial Distribution

If  $n$  is large and  $p$  is small, the distribution of the number of successes in  $n$  independent trials is largely determined by the value of the mean  $\mu = np$ , according to the *Poisson approximation*

$$P(k \text{ successes}) \approx e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^k}{k!}$$

see end of notes for proof. small

ex Bet  $500$  times, large independently, on a bet with  $\gamma_{1000}$

Chance of winning.

$$P(\text{win} \geq 1 \text{ bet})$$

$$P(K \geq 1) = 1 - P(0)$$

exactly (binomial)

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - P(0) &= 1 - \left( \binom{500}{0} \left( \frac{1}{1000} \right)^0 \left( \frac{999}{1000} \right)^{500} \right) \\ &= 1 - \left( \frac{999}{1000} \right)^{500} = .3936 \end{aligned}$$

approx (Poisson)

$$1 - P(0) = 1 - \frac{e^{-\lambda} (\lambda)^0}{0!} = 1 - e^{-\lambda} = .3943$$

What about those binomials with  $p$  close to 1?

$P$  = chance of success

$q$  = chance of failure

if  $P \approx 1$  then  $q \approx 1 - P \approx 0$

$\text{Bin}(n, q) \approx \text{Pois}(\mu = nq)$  for large  $n$ , small  $q$ .

$\approx 97.8\%$  of approx 30 million poor families in the US. have a fridge. If you randomly sample 100 of these families roughly what is the chance 98 or more have a fridge?

Soln

$$P = \text{Prob have a fridge} = .978 \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{close to 1} \\ p = .978 \end{matrix}$$

$n = 100$  — large

$$\text{find } P(98 \text{ or more have fridge}) \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{success} \\ q = .022 \end{matrix}$$

$$= P(2 \text{ or less dont have a fridge}) \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{failure} \\ q = .022 \end{matrix}$$

$$q = .022$$

$$n = 100$$

$$\mu = nq = 2.2$$

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

$$\approx e^{-2.2} + e^{-2.2} (2.2) + \frac{e^{-2.2} (2.2)^2}{2!}$$

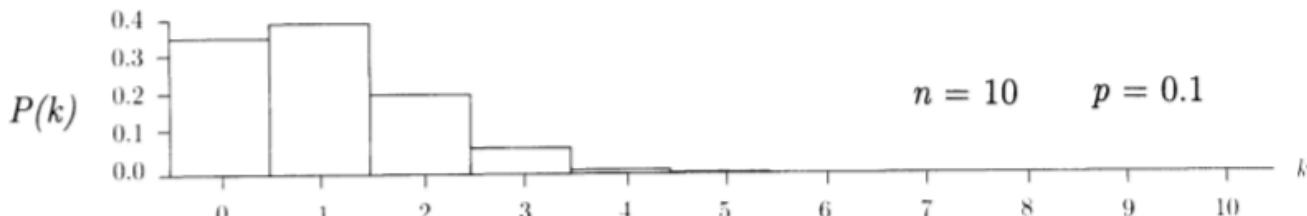
$$= e^{-2.2} \left( 1 + 2.2 + \frac{2.2^2}{2} \right) = \boxed{.6227}$$

Here is a picture of how Pois(1) is a limit of binomials as  $p \rightarrow 0$  and  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $np \rightarrow 1$

### **Example 1. The binomial (10, 1/10) distribution.**

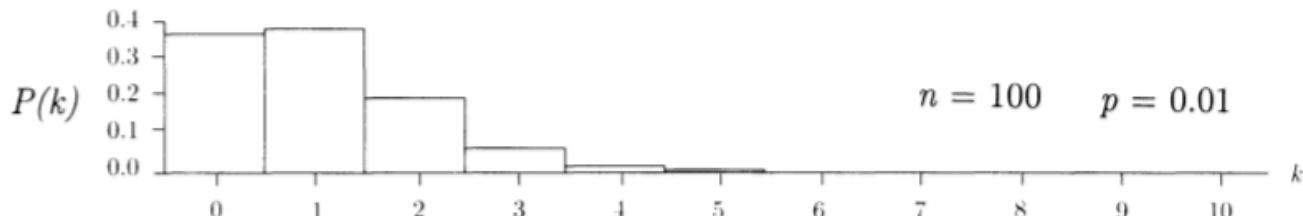
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This is the distribution of the number of black balls obtained in 10 random draws with replacement from a box containing 1 black ball and 9 white ones.



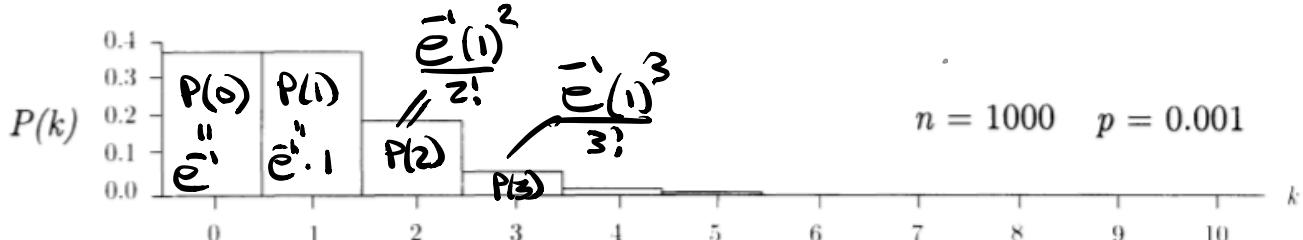
### **Example 2. The binomial (100, 1/100) distribution.**

This is the distribution of the number of black balls obtained in 100 random draws with replacement from a box containing 1 black ball and 99 white ones.



### **Example 3. The binomial (1000, 1/1000) distribution.**

Now take 1000 random draws with replacement from a box with 1 black ball and 999 white ones. This is the distribution of the number of black balls drawn:



As these examples show, binomial distributions with parameters  $n$  and  $1/n$  are always concentrated on a small number of values near the mean value  $\mu = 1$ , with a

~~ex~~

Suppose you and I each have a box of 600 marbles. In my box, 4 of the marbles are black, while 3 of your marbles are black. We each draw 300 marbles **with replacement** from our own boxes. **Approximately**, what is the chance you and I draw the same number of black marbles?

Soln

Use Poisson approx since  $n$  large  $p$  small.

$$X = \# \text{ black I draw}$$

$$Y = \# \text{ black you draw}$$

$$\mu_X = 300 \cdot \frac{4}{600} = 2$$

$$\mu_Y = 300 \cdot \frac{3}{600} = 1.5$$

Find  $P(X=Y) = \sum_{k=0}^{300} P(X=k, Y=k)$  by addition rule.

$= \sum_{k=0}^{300} P(X=k)P(Y=k)$  by independence since  
draw with replacement

$$\approx \sum_{k=0}^{300} \frac{e^{-2} 2^k}{k!} \frac{e^{-1.5} 1.5^k}{k!}$$

## Appendix

Why

$$P(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^k}{k!} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ and } p \rightarrow 0 \text{ with } np = \mu ?$$

Facts

$$\textcircled{1} \quad P_n(0) \approx e^{-\mu}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad P_n(k) = P_n(k-1) \frac{\mu}{k}$$

$$\text{so } P_n(1) = e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu}{1}$$

$$P_n(2) = P_n(1) \frac{\mu}{2} = e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu}{1} \cdot \frac{\mu}{2} = e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^2}{2!}$$

etc

Proof of fact  $\textcircled{1}$ :

Remember from Calculus  $\log(1+x) \approx x$  for  $x$  small

let  $P_n(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$  binomial formula

$$P_n(0) = (1-p)^n \quad \begin{matrix} p \text{ small} \\ np = \mu \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log P_n(0) = n \log(1-p) \approx n(-p) = -\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow P_n(0) = e^{-\mu}$$

□

Proof of fact  $\textcircled{2}$ :

Remember from Sec 2.1 p85,  $\frac{P_n(k)}{P_n(k-1)} = \left[ \frac{n-(k-1)}{k} \right] \frac{p}{q}$

$$\Rightarrow P_n(k) = P_n(k-1) \left[ \frac{n-(k-1)}{k} \right] \frac{p}{q}$$

$$= P_n(k-1) \left[ \frac{np - (k-1)p}{k} \right] \frac{1}{q} \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow n \\ \nearrow 0 \\ \searrow 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\approx P_n(k-1) \frac{\mu}{k}$$

□