Probability Distribution

Binomial Distribution

- The binomial distribution is a probability distribution.
- It is used when an action is repeated and we are interested in the number of successes.
- It gives the probability for each number of successes.
- There is a formula for calculating these probabilities.

- The probability of success must be the same in each trial.
- The trials must be independent.

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$$P(\text{2 wins out of 5}) = 10 \times \left(\tfrac{1}{4}\right)^2 \times \left(\tfrac{3}{4}\right)^3 = \frac{135}{512}$$

What is the probability of getting x successes in n trials?

Probability of success $= p$

Probability of failure $= 1 - p$

Probability of x successes in a row followed by $n - x$ failures in a row $= p^x \times (1-p)^{n-x}$

Number of ways of getting x successes in n trials $= \begin{pmatrix} n \\ x \end{pmatrix} = {}^nC_x$

$$\mathrm{P}(x \text{ successes out of } n) = \begin{pmatrix} n \\ x \end{pmatrix} \times p^x \times (1-p)^{n-x}$$

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Five dice are thrown. What is the probability of getting two multiples of 3?

$$X \sim \mathrm{B}(12, 0.35)$$

$$\mathrm{P}(X \leq 3)$$

If $X \sim \mathrm{B}(15, 0.3)$, what is $\mathrm{P}(X \geq 5)$?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

$$P(X \geq 5) = 1 - P(X \leq 4)$$

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We need to show

$$\binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \longrightarrow \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$

$$\binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

$$= \binom{n}{x} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^x \left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-x}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^x \left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-x}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} \frac{n!}{(n-x)!} \frac{1}{n^x} \left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-x}$$

$$\frac{n!}{(n-x)!} \frac{1}{n^x}$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\ldots(n-x+1)(n-x)!}{(n-x)!n^x}$$

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$$= \frac{n}{n} \cdot \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-2}{n} \cdots \frac{n-x+1}{n}$$

$$= 1\left(1-\frac{1}{n}\right)\left(1-\frac{2}{n}\right) \ldots \left(1-\frac{x+1}{n}\right)$$

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$$= \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}(1-\frac{1}{n})(1-\frac{2}{n})\dots(1-\frac{x+1}{n})(1-\frac{\lambda}{n})^{n-x}$$

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$$= \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$\times \lim_{n\to\infty}(1-\frac{1}{n})(1-\frac{2}{n})\dots(1-\frac{x+1}{n})$$

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