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UE19CS203 – STATISTICS FOR DATA SCIENCE

Unit-2 - Random Variables

QB SOLVED

Binomial Distribution

Exercises for Section 4.2

1. Let $X \sim \text{Bin}(9, 0.4)$. Find

- a) $P(X > 6)$
- b) $P(X \geq 2)$
- c) $P(2 \leq X < 5)$
- d) $P(2 < X \leq 5)$
- e) $P(X = 0)$
- f) $P(X = 7)$
- g) μ_X
- h) σ_X^2

[Text Book Exercise – Section 4.2 – Q. No.2 – Pg. No. 212]

Solution

a) $P(X > 6)$

$X \sim \text{Bin}(9, 0.4)$, $n = 9$, $p = 0.4$.

To find $P(X > 6)$

The formula to be used,

$$P(X = x) = \begin{cases} \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} & x = 0, 1, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$P(X > 6) = P(X = 7) + P(X = 8) + P(X = 9)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{9!}{7!(9-7)!} (0.4)^7 (1-0.4)^{9-7} + \frac{9!}{8!(9-8)!} (0.4)^8 (1-0.4)^{9-8} \\
&\quad + \frac{9!}{9!(9-9)!} (0.4)^9 (1-0.4)^{9-9} \\
&= 0.0212 + 0.0035 + 0.0003 \\
&= 0.0250
\end{aligned}$$

b) $P(X \geq 2)$

$X \sim \text{Bin}(9, 0.4)$, $n = 9$, $p = 0.4$.

To find **$P(X \geq 2)$**

The formula to be used,

$$P(X = x) = \begin{cases} \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} & x = 0, 1, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(X \geq 2) &= 1 - P(X \leq 1) \\
&= 1 - P(X = 0) - P(X = 1) \\
&= 1 - \frac{9!}{0!(9-0)!} (0.4)^0 (1-0.4)^{9-0} - \frac{9!}{1!(9-1)!} (0.4)^1 (1-0.4)^{9-1} \\
&= 1 - 0.0101 - 0.0605 \\
&= 0.9295
\end{aligned}$$

c) $P(2 \leq X < 5)$

$$P(2 \leq X < 5) = P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) + P(X = 4)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{9!}{2!(9-2)!} (0.4)^2 (1-0.4)^{9-2} + \frac{9!}{3!(9-3)!} (0.4)^3 (1-0.4)^{9-3} \\
&\quad + \frac{9!}{4!(9-4)!} (0.4)^4 (1-0.4)^{9-4} \\
&= 0.1612 + 0.2508 + 0.2508 \\
&= 0.6659
\end{aligned}$$

d) $P(2 < X \leq 5)$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(2 < X \leq 5) &= P(X = 3) + P(X = 4) + P(X = 5) \\
&= \frac{9!}{3!(9-3)!} (0.4)^3 (1-0.4)^{9-3} + \frac{9!}{4!(9-4)!} (0.4)^4 (1-0.4)^{9-4} \\
&\quad + \frac{9!}{5!(9-5)!} (0.4)^5 (1-0.4)^{9-5} \\
&= 0.2508 + 0.2508 + 0.1672 \\
&= 0.6689
\end{aligned}$$

e) $P(X = 0)$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(X = 0) &= \frac{9!}{0!(9-0)!} (0.4)^0 (1-0.4)^{9-0} \\
&= 0.0101
\end{aligned}$$

f) $P(X = 7)$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(X = 7) &= \frac{9!}{7!(9-7)!} (0.4)^7 (1-0.4)^{9-7} \\
&= 0.0212
\end{aligned}$$

g) μ_X

The mean can be found by the formula,

$$\mu = np$$

$$\mu = (9)(0.4)$$

$$\mu = 3.6$$

h) σ_X^2

The variance can be found by the formula,

$$\sigma_X^2 = np(1 - p)$$

$$\mu = (9)(0.4)(1 - 0.4)$$

$$\sigma_X^2 = 2.16$$

- 2. A quality engineer takes a random sample of 100 steel rods from a day's production, and finds that 92 of them meet specifications.**

- a) Estimate the proportion of that day's production that meets specifications, and find the uncertainty in the estimate.**
- b) Estimate the number of rods that must be sampled to reduce the uncertainty to 1%.**

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Solution

Let X be the number of rods that meets the specifications.

Let p be the proportion of the day's production that meets specifications.

n = 100, The observed value of X = 92.

Then, $X \sim \text{Bin}(100, p)$.

- a) Estimate the proportion of that day's production that meets specifications, and find the uncertainty in the estimate.**

$$\text{Sample Proportion } \hat{p} = \frac{92}{100} = 0.92$$

To find the uncertainty, substitute \hat{p} in the formula,

$$\sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$$

$$\sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.92(1-0.92)}{100}} = 0.27$$

b) Estimate the number of rods that must be sampled to reduce the uncertainty to 1%.

To find the value of n,

$$\sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.92(1-0.92)}{n}} = 0.01$$

$$= 0.92 * 0.08 = 0.0001 * n$$

$$n = \frac{0.92 * 0.08}{0.0001} = 736$$

$$n = 736$$