

Random variables - probability distribution

Exercise 1 (Binomial distribution)

During university registrations, each student completes a registration file. All checks carried out indicate that the probability that any registration is well filled in is equal to $p = 0.94$.

- 1) Introduce a random variable X which describes the two possible states for each file.
- 2) Provide its probability distribution
- 3) Calculate its expectation and its variance.

We now consider a batch of n files and we are interested in number of well-filled files among the n files.

- 4) Introduce a random variable X which represents the number of well-filled files.
- 5) What is its probability distribution ? Provide its expectation and its variance.
- 6) If $n = 5$, calculate the probability of the following events : $\{ \text{no file is well filled} \}$, $\{ \text{all files are well filled} \}$, $\{X > 3\}$, $\{ 2 < X < 4 \}$.
- 7) If $n = 100$, what probability distribution can we use to approximate the distribution of X ?

Exercise 2 (Distribution function)

Atmospheric ozone concentration (in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ = microgram (one millionth of a gram) per cubic meter) is modeled by a Gaussian random variable X of mean m and variance σ^2 , denoted by $\mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2)$, where $m = 178$ and $\sigma^2 = 3.1$.

- 1) What are the units of measure of m and σ ? What do they represent ?

An ozone concentration greater than $180\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ is considered dangerous for humans.

- 2) a) What is the probability that the concentration exceeds 180 ?
- 2) b) Assuming $m = 180$, find a real number δ such that the probability

$$\mathbb{P}(180 - \delta \leq X \leq 180 + \delta)$$

is larger than 95%.

3) Now assume that m and σ are unknown. For a fixed value x , calculate the probability that X is less than or equal to x . Deduce the distribution function of X .

4) Graph the distribution function of X .