

## Book Homework

1. Data collected by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) suggests that 69.7% of 18-20 year-old consumed alcoholic beverages in any given year.
  - (a) Suppose a random sample of ten 18-20 year-old is taken. Is the use of the binomial distribution appropriate for calculating the probability that exactly six consumed alcoholic beverages? Explain.
  - (b) Calculate the probability that exactly 6 out of 10 randomly sampled 18-20 year-old consumed an alcoholic drink.
  - (c) What is the probability that exactly four out of ten 18-20 year-old have not consumed an alcoholic beverage?
  - (d) What is the probability that at most 2 out of 5 randomly sampled 18-20 year-old have consumed alcoholic beverages?
  - (e) What is the probability that at least 1 out of 5 randomly sampled 18-20 year-old have consumed alcoholic beverages?
2. A husband and wife both have brown eyes but carry genes that make it possible for their children to have brown eyes (probability 0.75), blue eyes (0.125), or green eyes (0.125).
  - (a) What is the probability the first blue-eyed child they have in their third child? Assume that the eye colors of the children are independent of each other.
  - (b) On average, how many children would such a pair of parents have before having a blue-eyed child?
  - (c) What is the standard deviation of the number of children they would expect to have until the first blue-eyed child?
3. Problem 2 introduces a couple with brown eyes who have 0.75 probability of having children with brown eyes, 0.125 probability of having with blue eyes, and 0.125 probability of having children with green eyes.
  - (a) What is the probability that their first child will have green eyes and the second will not?
  - (b) What is the probability that exactly one of their two children will have green eyes?
  - (c) If they have six children, what is the probability that exactly two will have green eyes?
  - (d) If they have six children, what is the probability that at least one will have green eyes?
  - (e) What is the probability that the first green eyed child will be the 4th child?
- (f) Would it be considered unusual if only 2 out of their 6 children had brown eyes?
4. Calculate the following probabilities and indicate which probability distribution model is appropriate in each case. You roll a fair die 5 times. What is the probability of rolling
  - (a) the first 6 on the fifth roll?
  - (b) exactly three 6s?
  - (c) the third 6 on the fifth roll?
5. For a sociology class project you are asked to conduct a survey on 20 students at your school. You decide to stand outside of your dorm's cafeteria and conduct the survey on a random sample of 20 students leaving the cafeteria after dinner one evening. Your dorm is comprised of 45% males and 55% females.
  - (a) Which probability model is the most appropriate for calculating the probability that the 4th person you survey is the 2nd female? Explain.
  - (b) Compute the probability from (a).
  - (c) The three possible scenarios that lead to 4th person you survey being the 2nd female are
$$\{M, M, F, F\}, \{M, F, M, F\}, \{F, M, M, F\}$$
One common feature among these scenarios is that the last trial is always female. In the first three trials there are 2 males and 1 female. Use the binomial coefficient to confirm that there are 3 ways of ordering 2 males and 1 female.
  - (d) Use the findings presented in part (c) to explain why the formula for the coefficient for the negative binomial is  $\binom{n-1}{x-1}$  while the formula for the binomial coefficient is  $\binom{n}{x}$ .
6. The number of defective components produced by a certain process in one day has a Poisson distribution with mean 20. Each defective component has probability 0.60 of being repairable.
  - (a) Find the probability that exactly 15 defective components are produced.
  - (b) Given that exactly 15 defective components are produced, find the probability that exactly 10 of them are repairable.
  - (c) Let  $N$  be the number of defective components produced, and let  $X$  be the number of them that are repairable. Given the value of  $N$ , what is the distribution of  $X$ ?
  - (d) Find the probability that exactly 15 defective components are produced, with exactly 10 of them being repairable.
7. A very skilled court stenographer makes one typographical error (typo) per hour on average.
  - (a) What probability distribution is the most appropriate for calculating the probability of a given number of typos this stenographer makes in an hour?

- (b) Calculate the probability that this stenographer makes at most 2 typos in a given hour.
  - (c) What are the mean and the standard deviation of the number of typos this stenographer makes?
  - (d) Would it be consider unusual if this stenographer made 4 typos this stenographer makes?
8. Answer the questions with TRUE or FALSE and explain your answers as well.
- (a) If a random variable  $Y$  only takes on values  $\{0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4\}$ , it is a discrete random variable.
  - (b) Outcome of each roll of a die follows Bernoulli distribution.
  - (c) If we have 5 independent identical Bernoulli trials, and  $Y = \#$  of successes in the 5 trials,  $Y$  can take on only values  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .
  - (d) Let  $X$  be a negative binomial with  $n$  and  $k$ , then  $X$  can take on values from 0.