

- (1) One of the most important joint distributions is the **multinomial distribution**, which arises when a sequence of n independent and identical experiments is performed. Suppose that each experiment can result in any one of r possible outcomes, with respective probabilities p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r , with $\sum_{i=1}^r p_i = 1$. Let X_i denote the number of the n experiments that result in outcome number i . Prove the following

$$\mathbb{P}\{X_1 = n_1, \dots, X_r = n_r\} = \frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_r!} p_1^{n_1} \dots p_r^{n_r}.$$

PMF of multinomial distribution

r possible outcomes.

Outcome 1 occurs n_1 times.

\vdots

Outcome r occurs n_r times.

probability of outcome 1 occurs n_1 times.

arrange all the n experiments.

In binomial:

$$p(X_1 = n_1, X_2 = n_2) = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2!} p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2}$$

$$\sum_{n_1 + \dots + n_r = n} \frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_r!} p_1^{n_1} \dots p_r^{n_r} = (p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_r)^n = 1^n = 1$$

Where $p_2 = 1 - p_1$
 $n_2 = n - n_1$

(2) In the multinomial distribution above, suppose we are given that n_j of the trials resulted

in outcome j , for $j = k+1, \dots, r$, where $\sum_{j=k+1}^r n_j = m \leq n$. Find the conditional distribution of

$$\Pr\{X_1 = n_1, \dots, X_k = n_k \mid X_{k+1} = n_{k+1}, \dots, X_r = n_r\}.$$

$$n_{k+1} + n_{k+2} + \dots + n_r = m$$

$$n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n$$

$$= \frac{P(X_1 = n_1, \dots, X_k = n_k, X_{k+1} = n_{k+1}, \dots, X_r = n_r)}{P(X_{k+1} = n_{k+1}, \dots, X_r = n_r)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_r!} p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \dots p_r^{n_r}}{\sum_{n_{k+1} + \dots + n_r = n-m} P(X_{k+1} = n_{k+1}, \dots, X_r = n_r \mid X_1 = n_1, \dots, X_k = n_k) P(X_1 = n_1, \dots, X_k = n_k)}$$

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$$= \frac{\frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_r!} p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \dots p_r^{n_r}}{\sum_{n_{k+1} + \dots + n_r = n-m} \frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_r!} p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \dots p_r^{n_r}}$$

$$P(B|A) \cdot P(A) = P(A \cap B)$$

$$\sum_{n_1 + \dots + n_k = n-m} \frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_r!} p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \dots p_r^{n_r}$$

$$\sum_{n_1 + \dots + n_r = n} \frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_r!} p_1^{n_1} \dots p_r^{n_r} = (p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_r)^n$$

$$\frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_r!} p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \dots p_r^{n_r}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n_{k+1}! \dots n_r!} p_{k+1}^{n_{k+1}} \dots p_r^{n_r} \cdot \frac{n!}{(n-m)!} \sum_{n_1 + \dots + n_k = n-m} \frac{(n-m)!}{n_1! \dots n_k!} p_1^{n_1} \dots p_k^{n_k}$$

$$\frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_r!} p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \dots p_r^{n_r}$$

$$\frac{1}{n_{k+1}! \dots n_r!} p_{k+1}^{n_{k+1}} \dots p_r^{n_r} \cdot \frac{n!}{(n-m)!} (p_1 + \dots + p_k)^{n-m}$$

$$= \frac{(n-m)!}{n_1! \dots n_k!} \cdot \frac{p_1^{n_1} \dots p_k^{n_k}}{(p_1 + \dots + p_k)^{n-m}}$$

- (3) Suppose that the number of people who enter a post office on a given day is a Poisson random variable with parameter λ . Prove that if each person who enters the post office is a male with probability p and a female with probability $1 - p$, then the number of males and females entering the post office are **independent** Poisson random variables with respective parameters λp and $\lambda(1 - p)$.

Let X be the number of males entering post office.

Let Y be the number of females entering post office.

continuous

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$$

$$f_X(x) = \int f(x,y) dy$$

To show $\forall i,j$ $P(X=i, Y=j) = P(X=i)P(Y=j)$

$$\text{LHS} = P(X=i, Y=j) = P(X=i, Y=j | X+Y=i+j) P(X+Y=i+j)$$

$$X+Y \sim P_0(\lambda)$$

$$+ \underbrace{P(X=i, Y=j | X+Y \neq i+j)}_{=0} P(X+Y \neq i+j)$$

$$= \frac{(i+j)!}{i! j!} p^i (1-p)^j \cdot e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{i+j}}{(i+j)!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \frac{(\lambda p)^i}{i!} \cdot \frac{[\lambda(1-p)]^j}{j!}$$

$$e^x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^i}{i!}$$

$$P(X=i) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} P(X=i, Y=j) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{(\lambda p)^i}{i!} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda(1-p)^j}{j!} = e^{-\lambda} \frac{(\lambda p)^i}{i!} e^{\lambda(1-p)}$$

$$X \sim P_0(\lambda p) \quad \Leftarrow \quad = e^{-\lambda p} \frac{(\lambda p)^i}{i!}$$

$$P(Y=j) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} P(X=i, Y=j) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{(\lambda(1-p))^j}{j!} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda p)^i}{i!} = e^{-\lambda} \frac{(\lambda(1-p))^j}{j!} e^{\lambda p}$$

$$Y \sim P_0(\lambda(1-p)) \quad \Leftarrow \quad = e^{-\lambda(1-p)} \frac{(\lambda(1-p))^j}{j!}$$

- (6) Let X and Y be independent binomial random variables with respective parameters (n, p) and (m, p) . Calculate the distribution of $X + Y$.

$$X \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \quad Y \in \{0, \dots, m\}$$

For $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n+m\}$

$$P(X+Y=k) = \sum_{i=0}^n P(Y=k-X \mid X=i) P(X=i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^n P(Y=k-i) P(X=i) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{m}{k-i} p^{k-i} (1-p)^{m-k+i} \cdot \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i}$$

$$= p^k (1-p)^{n+m-k} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} \binom{m}{k-i}$$

$$= \binom{n+m}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n+m-k}$$

$$\binom{n+m}{k} = \binom{n}{0} \binom{m}{k} + \binom{n}{1} \binom{m}{k-1} + \dots + \binom{n}{k} \binom{m}{0}$$

$$X+Y \sim \text{Bin}(n+m, p)$$

- (5) Consider n independent trials, with each trial being a success with probability p . Given a total of k successes, prove that all possible orderings of the k successes and $n - k$ failures are equally likely.

Let X denotes the number of successes.

$$P(X=k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

Let O be an arbitrary ordering of the k successes.

$$P(O | X=k) = \frac{P(O \cap X=k)}{P(X=k)} = \frac{p^k (1-p)^{n-k}}{\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}} = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{k}}$$

Any possible ordering has equal probability $\frac{1}{\binom{n}{k}}$ of occurring.