ECON10005 Quantitative Methods 1

Tutorial in Week 5

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Introduction

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Tell me the number of games you played by responding in the class.

Scan the QR code or enter website: PollEv.com/zhengfan445

Make sure enter your student ID to participate

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- two wins: As long as you win twice, you can play the game til the end by 10 times

$$P(N=10) = 1 - 0.6944 - 0.1116 = 0.1940$$

Part A 2.

Refer to Part C in Pre-tutorial 4, where we have.

Let n be the fixed number of rounds. For each round, you spend \$100 playing the game. For each round, define M_i where $i \in \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$. We define the outcomes for M_i as follows:

$$M_i = \begin{cases} 500, & \text{if "S = 7" occurs in round } i \\ 0, & \text{if "S = 7" does not occur in round } i \end{cases}$$

Thus, the total stock of money after n rounds is: $M = M_1 + M_2 + \cdots + M_n$.

a. Discuss how you got the probability distribution for M if the game is played **three times**.

b. Find the expected value of M if the game is played **ten times**.

c. Find the variance of M if the game is played **ten times**.

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- Three times, means 1. all three wins; 2. two wins; 3. one win; 4. 0 win.
- Consider all the possible cases and calculate the corresponding probability.

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$$\text{Var}(M) = \text{Var}(M_1) + \text{Var}(M_2) + \cdots + \text{Var}(M_{10}) = 10 \times 34,722.222 = 347,222.222$$

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Probability Mass Function (PMF)

- The probability of obtaining exactly k successes in n trials is given by:

$$P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}, \quad k = 0, 1, \ldots, n \tag{1}$$

- Where:
  - $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ is the binomial coefficient.
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- For more details please see QME-probability II_Binomial.pdf and BinomialDistribution_noBernoulli.pdf available on Canvas

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- The sequential process in the pre-tutorial Part B models the game more realistically by tracking the exact sequence of wins and losses, and the running total of money after each round.

Any final questions?

Thanks for your attention! 😄

Let me know if you have any questions