



TOPIC : 1.7 – Binomial Distribution

Standard Distribution (Discrete)

1. Binomial distribution
2. Poisson distribution
3. Geometric distribution

Binomial Distribution

Binomial distribution is derived from experiment known as Bernoulli trial.

A random experiment whose outcomes can be classified into two categories, usually called 'success' and 'failure', is called a Bernoulli trial.

A random variable X is said to be binomial distribution with parameter n and p if its pmf is given by

$$P[X=x] = {}^n C_x p^x q^{n-x}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

X is called a binomial random variable.

where n - no. of trials
 p - probability of success
 q - probability of failure

$$p+q = 1$$



1. Find the MGF of the binomial distribution and hence find mean and variance.

$$P[X=x] = {}^n C_x p^x q^{n-x}$$

$$\text{MGF} = M_x(t) = E[e^{tx}]$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^n e^{tx} {}^n C_x p^x q^{n-x}$$

$$= q^n + n C_1 p e^t q^{n-1} + n C_2 (p e^t)^2 q^{n-2} + \dots + n C_n (p e^t)^n$$

$$= (p e^t + q)^n$$

$$\text{Mean} = \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} [M_x(t)] \right\}_{t=0} = \left\{ \begin{aligned} &= x^n + n C_1 x^{n-1} y \\ &+ n C_2 x^{n-2} y^2 \\ &\dots + n C_n y^n \end{aligned} \right\}_{t=0}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} (p e^t + q)^n \right\}_{t=0}$$

$$= \left\{ n (p e^t + q)^{n-1} (p e^t) \right\}_{t=0}$$

$$= n (p+q)^{n-1} p \quad n C_1 = 1 C_1$$

$$= np$$

$$E[X^2] = \left\{ \frac{d^2}{dt^2} [M_x(t)] \right\}_{t=0}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} np e^t (p e^t + q)^{n-1} \right\}_{t=0}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= np \left[e^1 (n-1) (pe^1 + q)^{n-2} (pe^1) + (pe^1 + q)^{n-2} \right] \\
 &= np \left[(n-1) (pe^1 + q)^{n-2} p + (pe^1 + q)^{n-2} \right] \\
 &= np \left[(n-1)p + 1 \right] = np \left[np - p + 1 \right] \\
 &= np \left[np + q \right] = n^2 p^2 + npq
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Variance} &= E[X^2] - [E(X)]^2 \\
 &= n^2 p^2 + npq - n^2 p^2 \\
 &= npq
 \end{aligned}$$

2. For a Binomial distribution with mean 6 & standard deviation $\sqrt{2}$, find the first two terms.

$$\text{Given: Mean} = np = 6 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{Variance} = npq = 2 \rightarrow (2)$$

$$(2)/(1) \Rightarrow \frac{npq}{np} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{q = \frac{1}{3}} \quad \begin{matrix} p = 1 - q \\ \boxed{p = \frac{2}{3}} \end{matrix}$$

$$np = 6$$

$$n \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) = 6$$

$$\boxed{n = 9}$$

$$P(X=x) = {}^n C_x p^x q^{n-x}, \quad x=0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore P[X=0] &= {}^9 C_0 \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^9 \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^9
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P[X=1] &= {}^9 C_1 \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^8 \\
 &= 18 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^9
 \end{aligned}$$



⑧ In a large consignment of electric bulbs 10% are defective. A random sample of 20 is taken for inspection. Find the prob. that
(i) All are good bulbs (ii) Almost there are 3 defective bulbs (iii) Exactly there are 3 defective bulbs.

Let X denote the no. of defective bulbs.
Let p - the prob. that an electric bulb is defective = $\frac{1}{10}$.

$$q = 1 - p = \frac{9}{10} \text{ and } n = 20$$

$$\text{Binomial distribution } P[X=x] = {}^n C_x p^x q^{n-x}$$

$x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

(i) All are good bulbs:

$$= P[X=0] = {}^{20} C_0 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^0 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{20} = \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{20}$$
$$= 0.1216$$

(ii) Almost there are 3 defective bulbs.

$$P[X \leq 3] = P[X=0] + P[X=1] + P[X=2] + P[X=3]$$
$$= {}^{20} C_0 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^0 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{20} + {}^{20} C_1 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^1 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{19}$$
$$+ {}^{20} C_2 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^2 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{18} + {}^{20} C_3 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^3 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{17}$$
$$= \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{20} + 20 \frac{9^{19}}{10^{20}} + \frac{190}{100} \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{18} + \frac{190}{100} \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{18}$$

$= 0.2666$

(iii) Exactly 3 are defective

$$P[X=3] = {}^{20} C_3 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^3 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{17}$$
$$= 0.19$$



D) Out of 800 families with 4 children each, how many families would be expected to have
i) 2 boys and 2 girls ; (ii) atleast 1 boy
iii) atmost 2 girls (iv) children of both genders.
Assume equal probabilities for boys and girls.

Considering each child is a trial, $n=4$.
Assuming that birth of a boy is a success,
 $p = \frac{1}{2}$ and $q = \frac{1}{2}$.

Let x denote the no. of success (boys).
Binomial distribution $P[X=x] = {}^n C_x p^x q^{n-x}$
 $x=0,1,2,3,4$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i) } P[\text{at 2 boys and 2 girls}] \\ &= P[X=2] = {}^4 C_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 6 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \\ &= \frac{6}{16} = \frac{3}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{No. of families having 2 boys \& 2 girls} \\ &= 800 \times \frac{3}{8} = \underline{300} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) } P[\text{atleast 1 boy}] &= P[X \geq 1] = 1 - P[X < 1] \\ &= 1 - P[X=0] = 1 - {}^4 C_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2^4} = 1 - \frac{1}{16} = \frac{15}{16} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{No. of families having atleast 1 boy} \\ &= 800 \times \frac{15}{16} = \underline{750} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii) } P[\text{atmost 2 girls}] &= P[\text{atleast 2 boys}] \\ &= P[x \geq 2] = 1 - P[x < 2] \\ &= 1 - \{P[x=0] + P[x=1]\} \\ &= 1 - \left\{ 4C_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 + 4C_1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \right\} \\ &= 1 - \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 + 4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \right\} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{16} (5) = \frac{11}{16} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{No. of families having atmost 2 girls} \\ &= 800 \times \frac{11}{16} = \underline{550} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv) } P[\text{children of both genders}] \\ &= 1 - P[\text{children of the same gender}] \\ &= 1 - \{P[\text{all are boys}] + P[\text{all are girls}]\} \\ &= 1 - \{P[x=4] + P[x=0]\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 - \left\{ 4C_4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 + 4C_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \right\} \\ &= 1 - \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \right\} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2^4} = 1 - \frac{2}{2^3} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{No. of families having children of both genders} \\ &= 800 \times \frac{1}{2} = \underline{400} \end{aligned}$$