

Acvity 8A:

Answers:

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| 1. A | 2. A |
| 3. E | 4. D |
| 5. A | 6. E |
| 7. B | 8. A |
| 9. E | 10. D |

The Binomial Distribuon

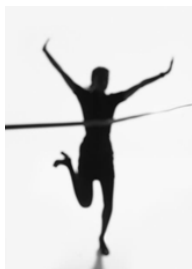
Secon 8.1

Many random variables seen in practice amount to counting the number of successes in n independent observations, such as:

- The number of doubles in four rolls of a pair of dice.
- The number of patients with type A blood in a random sample of 10 patients.
- The number of defective items in a sample of 20 items.

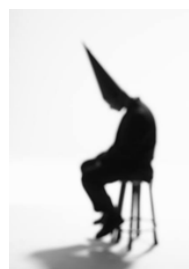
These situations are called “binomial” because each trial has two possible outcomes:

“success”



or

“failure”



Binomial Seng? - Check for BINS



- **B**: **binomial** (Each observaon has only 2 outcomes - a success or a failure.)
- **I**: observaons are all **independent** (That is, knowing the result of one observaon tells you nothing about the other observaons.)
- **N**: there is a fixed **number** of observaons, n
- **S**: the probability of a **success**, p , is the **same** for each observaon

The **binomial distribuons** are an important class of **discrete probability distribuons** .



If you are presented with a random phenomenon, it is important to be able to recognize it as a **binomial seng** or a **geometric seng** (the next secon.)

If data is produced in a binomial setting, then the random variable $X =$ the number of successes is called a binomial random variable.

The probability distribution of X is called a binomial distribution .

As an abbreviation, we say that X is $B(n, p)$.

$$\sim N(\mu, \sigma)$$

Binomial or Not?

1. The pool of potential jurors for a murder case contains 100 people chosen at random from the adult residents of a large city. Each person in the pool is asked whether he or she opposes the death penalty; X is the number who say "Yes."

yes, binomial.

Binomial or Not?

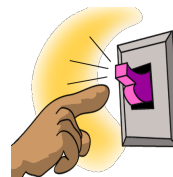
2. At peak periods, 15% of attempted log-ins to an email service fail. Log-in attempts are independent and each has the same probability of failing. Darci logs in repeatedly until she succeeds. X is the number of log-in attempts it took to get through.

no, not binomial - not a fixed number of observations, n .

The binomial distributions are important in statistics when we wish to make inferences about the proportion p of "successes" in a population.

A typical example:

An engineer chooses an SRS of 10 switches from a shipment of 10,000 switches. Suppose that (unknown to the engineer) 10% of all the switches are bad. The engineer counts X = the number of bad switches in the sample.



The example shows how we can use the binomial distributions in the Pascal's triangle of selecting an SRS.

When the population size is much larger than the sample, a count of successes in an SRS of size n has approximately the binomial distribution $B(n, p)$.

What are my chances then?

The binomial probability that you get exactly $X = k$ successes is given by:

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

where the binomial coefficient is:

$$\binom{n}{k} = {}_n C_k = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

in calc.: n Math PRB 3: nCr k

*on Pop Quiz
P(you got 3 right out of 10)*

$$\binom{10}{3} = 10 \text{ MATH PRB } 3: nCr 3 = 120 \text{ ENTER}$$

Each child born to a particular set of parents has probability 0.25 of having blood type O. If these parents have 5 children, what is the probability that exactly 2 of them have type O blood?

$$\binom{5}{2} (.25)^2 (1-.25)^{5-2} \approx .264$$

$$\text{binompdf}(5, .25, 2)$$

2nd VARS ?:binompdf(n, p, X)

O
A

n = number of observations

p = probability of the ~~outcome~~ ^{success} = $P(k)$

X = ~~random variable~~ = k = # of successes

If 25% of all adults are college graduates, find the probability that 3 out of an SRS of 4 adults are all college graduates.

> You must **show** the set-up:

$$\binom{4}{3} (.25)^3 (1 - .25)^{4-3}$$

> But then use your calculator:

$$\text{binompdf}(4, .25, 3) \\ \approx .047$$

2nd **VARS** $?: \text{binomcdf}(n, p, X)$

B
A

$n =$ number of observations

$p =$ probability of the outcome = $P(k)$

$X =$ ~~random variable~~ = $k =$ # of successes

*** This will only give probabilities LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO a specified value!!!**

What if we want the probability that 2 or fewer of our sample of 4 are college graduates?

$$\binom{4}{2} (.25)^2 (1-.25)^{4-2} + \dots + \binom{4}{0} (.25)^0 (1-.25)^{4-0}$$

$$\text{binomcdf}(4, .25, 2) \approx .949$$

Is this the same as the probability that less than 2 are college graduates?

$$\text{no } P(X < 2) = P(X \leq 1)$$

What about the probability of 3 or more are college graduates?

$$1 - P(X \leq 2)$$

The median annual household income in the US is about \$39,000.

Among 5 randomly selected households find the probability that 4 or more have incomes below \$39,000 per year.

$$\binom{5}{4} (.5)^4 (1-.5)^{5-4} + \binom{5}{5} (.5)^5 (1-.5)^{5-5}$$

$$1 - \text{binomcdf}(5, .5, 3) = .1875$$

Tonight's HW: p. 516 #1, 3, 5-6, 8, 10-12,
14, 16-18



The Mean of a Binomial Random Variable:

$$\mu_x = np$$

The Standard Deviaon of a Binomial
Random Variable:

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{np(1-p)}$$

*Be careful to ONLY use these in binomial
situaons.

The median annual household income in the US is about \$39,000. Now consider a random sample of 16 households.

What is the expected number of households with income below \$39,000?

$$E(X) = \mu_x = .5(16) = 8$$

What is the standard deviation of the number of households with incomes under \$39,000?

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_x &= \sqrt{16(.5)(1-.5)} \\ &= 2\end{aligned}$$

What is the probability of seeing at least 10 of the 16 households with incomes under \$39,000 annually?

$$\binom{16}{10} (.5)^{10} (1-.5)^{16-10} + \dots + \binom{16}{16} (.5)^{16} (1-.5)^{16-16}$$

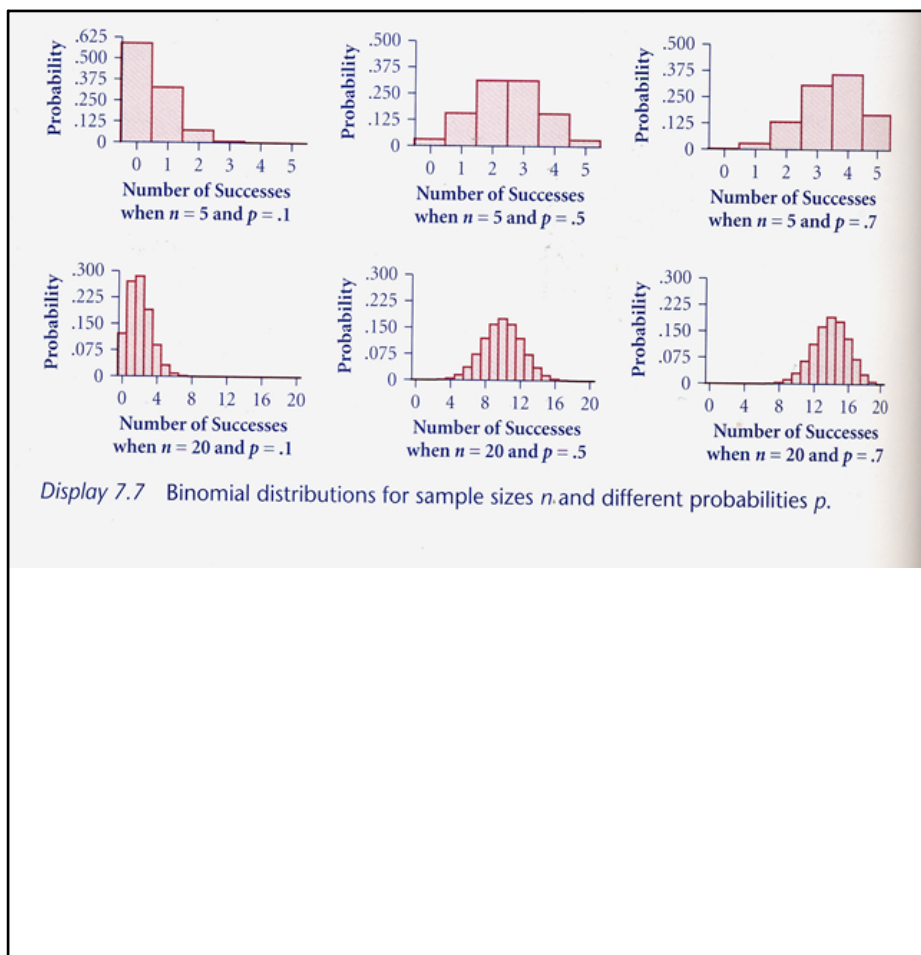
$$1 - \text{binomcdf}(16, .5, 9) \approx .227$$

Suppose in a sample of 16 US households, none had incomes below \$39,000. What might you suspect about this sample?

prob. not random

$$P(X=0) = \binom{16}{0} (.5)^0 (.5)^{16}$$

$$.000015$$



- When n becomes very large, these formulas become cumbersome, even with a calculator.
- Lucky for us, as n increases, the binomial distribution becomes more and more Normal.
- So when n is very large, we can use the Normal probability calculation to approximate the binomial. We will STILL use the binomial formulas for mean and standard deviation though.

So when is n large enough?

As a rule of thumb, n is large enough to use the Normal approximation when:

$$n \cdot p \text{ and } n \cdot (1-p) \\ \geq 10$$

This is Friday's HW:

HW: p. 523 #19, 21-23, 27ac, 29, 31, 34, 38, 40