

Geo Distr. Formulas are
NOT on formula sheet

8.2I pg. 543 41, 44, 49,
51ab, 52ab

8.2) Geometric Distributions

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53-55 59-60,
67 a-d, 68

Geometric Setting

1. Each observation is either success or failure
2. Observations are independent
3. Probability of success is the same for each observation
4. n is the number of trials required to obtain the first success. Not fixed

Example 8.15 / 8.16 Geometric setting?

Example 8.15 Situations

Probability of rolling a 3 on the:

1st roll: $\frac{1}{6}$

2nd roll: $\frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{36}$

3rd roll: $\frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{25}{216}$

Pattern?

Geometric Probability Calculations

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

n = trial of success

p = probability of success

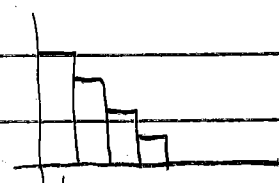
$1-p$ = probability of failure

Slide: Geometric Probability Histogram (pg. 543)

8.2 Part I

will always be skewed right

First bar gives probability



Exercise 41

- (a) yes; success = tail, failure = heads
trial - flipping a coin $p = .5$
- (b) no; success is number of times both shots
are made, not trials until 1st is made
- (c) yes; success = jack, fail = not a jack $p = 1/3$
- (d) yes; success = match all 6, fail = not matching
 $p = 1 / \binom{44}{6} = 1 / 7059052$
- (e) no; trials have different probabilities for each
draw because of non-replacement

Exercise 44

(a) $P(x=4) = (1-.5)^3 \cdot .5 = .0625$

Mean and Standard Deviation of Geometric Random Var

$$\mu = \frac{1}{p} \quad \sigma = \frac{\sqrt{1-p}}{p} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} \mu \\ \sigma \end{matrix}} \right\} \text{variance} = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

How many rolls would you expect to roll before
rolling a 3? Expected value = μ

$$\mu = \frac{1}{1/6} = \boxed{6}$$

How many flips of a coin before a heads?

$$\mu = \frac{1}{1/2} = \boxed{2}$$

$$P(x > n) = (1-p)^n$$

Probability that it takes more than
 n trials to achieve success.

Move to
after
Examples
of $P(x > n)$

18.2 Cont'd

Example Suppose you are rolling a pair of dice and trying to get a sum of 4.

Ⓐ What is the probability you get a sum of 4 on the first roll?

$$\text{Total possible} = 6 \cdot 6 = 36$$

$$\text{Total sums of four: } 1+3, 3+1, 2+2 = 3$$

$$3/36 = \frac{1}{12}$$

Ⓑ What is the probability that you don't get a sum of 4 until the 10th roll?

$$P(x=10) = (1 - \frac{1}{12})^{10-1} (\frac{1}{12})$$

$$\approx \boxed{.038}$$

Example. About 10% of the population has type B blood

Ⓐ What is the probability that we will have to check at most 3 donations to get one B?

$$P(x \leq 3) = P(x=1) + P(x=2) + P(x=3)$$

$$.1 + .9(.1) + .9^2(.1) = \boxed{.271}$$

Ⓑ What is the probability we will have to check at least 4 donations to get type B?

$$P(x \geq 4) = 1 - P(x < 3) = 1 - .271 = \boxed{.729}$$

Ⓒ What is the probability we will have to check more than 5 donations to get B?

$$P(x > 5) = (1 - .1)^5 = \boxed{.590}$$

Ⓓ

$$1 - P(x \leq 5) = 1 - (.1 + .9(.1) + \dots + .9^4(.1)) = .590$$

$$P(x > 3) = (1 - .1)^3 = \boxed{.729}$$

Example About 85% of Americans over age 25 have graduated from high school. You are randomly sampling and interviewing individual adults for an opinion poll that applies only to high school graduates.

① What are the expected value and standard deviation of the number of interviews you must conduct to get the first HS graduate?

BITS? B- grad / not grad

I- independent due to random sample

T- 1st grad

S- .85 each trial

$$\mu_x = 1/.85 = \boxed{1.176 \text{ interviews}}$$

$$\sigma_x = \frac{\sqrt{1-.85}}{.85} = \boxed{.456 \text{ interviews}}$$

② What are the mean and standard deviation to get the first ten?

$$\mu_x = 10(1.176) = 11.765$$

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{(1.456)^2 + (1.456)^2 \dots (1.456)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{10(1.456)^2}$$

$$= \boxed{4.641 \text{ interviews}}$$

Ch. 7

Calculator

Geometpdf $P(x=n)$ (p, n)

Geometcdf $P(x \leq n)$ (p, n)

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