

Math 3339

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Empirical probability (experimental probability) of an event is the ratio of the number of outcomes in which a specified event occurs to the total number of trials, not in a theoretical sample space but in an actual experiment.

1. A die is rolled 60 times with the following results recorded:

Outcome	1	2	3	4	5	6
Frequency	10	6	12	9	8	15

The empirical probability of getting a 3 is:

A. $1/12$

B. $1/10$

C. $1/6$

☒ D. $1/5$

E. $1/4$

$$\frac{12}{60}$$

Expected Values

Consider the table below which gives the number of years required to obtain a Bachelor's degree for graduates of high school A, and the number of students who needed each:

Years X	3	4	5	6	97 students
Number of	17	23	38	19	
Students					
$f(x)$	$17/97$	$23/97$	$38/97$	$19/97$	

How would compute the "average" number of years required by graduates of high school A?

$$E[X] = \frac{3(17) + 4(23) + 5(38) + 6(19)}{97} \approx 4.61$$

$$= 3\left(\frac{17}{97}\right) + 4\left(\frac{23}{97}\right) + 5\left(\frac{38}{97}\right) + 6\left(\frac{19}{97}\right)$$

probabilities

$$E[X] = \sum_i x_i f(x_i)$$

The “average” value of a rv X is called the “expected value” of X .

Def: Let X be a discrete rv with set of possible values D and pmf p . The **expected value** or **mean value** of X , denoted $E[X]$ or μ_X or just μ is $E[X] = \sum_{x \in D} x \cdot f(x)$

Properties of Expected Value and Variance:

1. $E[c] = c$ for any constant $c \in \mathbb{R}$
2. $E[aX + bY] = aE[X] + bE[Y]$
- 3. $E[h(X)] = \sum_{x \in D} h(x)f(x)$

Variance

4. $V(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$ or $V(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$

5. $V(aX + b) = a^2 V(X)$

$$\frac{5 + 5 + 5}{3} = 5$$

$$E[a \cdot X] = a \cdot E[X]$$

$$E[X + b] = E[X] + b$$

$$E[ax + b] = aE[X] + b$$

Ex: Let X have pmf. given by

x	1	2	3	4
$f(x)$	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.1

Determine $E[X]$, $E[X^2]$, and use the formula $\sigma^2 = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$ to determine the standard deviation of X .

$$E[X] = 1(.4) + 2(.2) + 3(.3) + 4(.1) = 2.1$$

$$E[X^2] = 1(.4) + 4(.2) + 9(.3) + 16(.1) = 5.5$$

$$V[X] = \sigma_x^2 = 5.5 - 2.1^2 = 1.09$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{1.09} = 1.044$$

Determine the expected value and variance of the rv Y defined by $Y = 5X - 1$, where X is given in the previous problem.

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y] &= E[5X - 1] = 5 E[X] - 1 \\ &= 5(2.1) - 1 \\ &= 10.5 - 1 = 9.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V[Y] &= V[5X - 1] = \underbrace{V[5X]}_{= 5^2 V[X]} = 25(1.09) \\ &= 27.25 \end{aligned}$$

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Suppose X is a rv with $E[X] = 3.7$ and $Var[X] = 2.25$ and $Y = 2X - 3$. Find:

2. $E[Y]$

- a. 7.4
- ☒ b. 4.4
- c. 3.7
- d. 2.5
- e. none of these

3. $Var[Y]$

- ☒ a. 9
- b. 4.5
- c. 3
- d. 3.7
- e. none of these

The Binomial Probability Distribution

Definition: A *Bernoulli Trial* is a random experiment with the following characteristics:

$$X = 0 \text{ or } X = 1$$

1. The outcome can be classified as either “success” or “failure” (where these are mutually exclusive and exhaustive).
2. The probability of success is p , so the probability of failure is $q = 1 - p$.
e.g. a coin is flipped (heads or tails), someone is pulled over for speeding (ticket or warning), etc.

$$\searrow p = \frac{1}{2} \quad q = \frac{1}{2}$$

Dice where success is rolling 2

$$p = \frac{1}{6} \quad q = \frac{5}{6}$$

Suppose that a coin is flipped. Let X be the random variable that indicates that heads was flipped (i.e. $X = 1$ if heads $X = 0$ if tails). Here heads represents “success” and tails represents “failure” so that X is a Bernoulli random variable.

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

Suppose that we flip a coin 10 times. This is a *sequence* of Bernoulli trials. We are interested in calculating the probability of obtaining a certain number of heads. Let X_i indicate heads on the i -th flip.

Define $Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{10}$. What does Y represent? # of heads in 10 flips

What is the probability that $Y = 0$? $P(Y=0) = P(\text{no heads}) = \frac{1}{2^{10}} = \frac{1}{1024}$

What is the probability that $Y = 1$? $P(Y=1) = P(\text{one head}) = \frac{10}{2^{10}}$

What is the probability that $Y = 2$? $P(Y=2) = \frac{{}^{10}C_2}{2^{10}} = {}^{10}C_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8$

What is the probability that $Y = n$ where $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 10$? $P(Y=n) = \frac{{}^{10}C_n}{2^{10}}$

Here Y is the sum of 10 independent Bernoulli trials. We call this type of random variable a Binomial random variable.

A random variable X is a *Binomial* random variable if the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1. X represents the number of successes on n Bernoulli trials. *fixed # of trials*
- 2. The probability of success for each trial is p . *Same p for each trial*
- 3. The trials are mutually independent.

If X is a binomial random variable with probability p of success on each of n trials, we write $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$

If $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$, then

*$n = \# \text{ of trials}$
 $x = \# \text{ of successes}$*

$$P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}, \text{ where } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$\leftarrow nC_x$

R commands:

$$P(X = x) = \underline{\text{dbinom}}(x, n, p)$$

$$P(X \leq x) = \underline{\text{pbinom}}(x, n, p) = \text{binom}() = P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2) + \dots + \underline{P(X=x)}$$

$$P(X > x) = 1 - \text{pbinom}(x, n, p)$$

If $p = \frac{X}{n}$, what is the expected value of this statistic?

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= np \\ \sigma^2 &= np(1-p) \end{aligned}$$

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

Example: Suppose that at a 4-way stop in a certain subdivision, only 12% of drivers come to a complete stop. What is the probability that among 8 drivers, at least 6 of them will run the stop sign?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 $p = .88$

$P(X \geq 6) = P(X=6) + P(X=7) + P(X=8)$

$1 - P(X \leq 5) = 1 - \text{pbinom}(5, 8, .88) = .939$

$\text{dbinom}(6, 8, .88) + \text{dbinom}(7, 8, .88) + \text{dbinom}(8, 8, .88)$

What is the expected number of drivers who will run the stop sign?

$$8(.88) = 7.04$$

$\sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ > 5

Ex: Suppose $X \sim \text{Binomial}(12, 0.3)$.

Determine $P(2 \leq X < 5)$



$$= P(X=2) + P(X=3) + P(X=4) = \text{dbinom}(2, 12, .3) + \text{dbinom}(3, 12, .3) + \text{dbinom}(4, 12, .3)$$

$$= P(X \leq 4) - P(X \leq 1) = \text{pbinom}(4, 12, .3) - \text{pbinom}(1, 12, .3)$$

$$= > \text{pbinom}(4, 12, .3) - \text{pbinom}(1, 12, .3) \\ [1] 0.6386304$$

Determine $P(X > 5)$

$$1 - P(X \leq 5)$$

$$> 1 - \text{pbinom}(5, 12, .3) \\ [1] 0.1178487$$

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$$p = .7$$

4. Seventy percent of all trucks undergoing brake inspection at a certain facility pass the inspection. Consider a group of 15 trucks. What is the probability that between 10 and 12 trucks inclusively pass the inspection?

$$P(10 \leq X \leq 12)$$

$$= P(X \leq 12) - P(X \leq 9)$$

☒ a. 0.5948

b. 0.3887

c. 0.2186

d. 0.5008

e. none of these

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> pbinom(12,15,.7)-pbinom(9,15,.7)
[1] 0.5947937
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5. Find the mean and standard deviation for the rv X as described in the problem above.

a. Mean = 10.5, standard deviation = 3.15

b. Mean = 4.5, standard deviation = 3.15

☒ c. Mean = 10.5, standard deviation = 1.77

d. Mean = 4.5, standard deviation = 1.77

e. None of these

$$15(.7) =$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{15(.7)(.3)}$$

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> 15*.7
[1] 10.5
> sqrt(15*.7*.3)
[1] 1.774824
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