

Soln: $n = 25 ; p = 0.2 = \frac{1}{5} ; q = \frac{4}{5}$

$\mu = E(X) = np = 25 \times \frac{1}{5} = 5$

$\sigma = \sqrt{\text{var}(X)} = \sqrt{npq} = \sqrt{25 \times \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{4}{5}} = 2$

~~$\therefore P(X < \mu - 2\sigma \text{ or } \mu - 2\sigma = 5 - 4 = 1)$~~

$\therefore P(X < \mu - 2\sigma) = P(X < 1)$
 $= P(X = 0)$

$= {}^{25}C_0 \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^0 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{25}$

$= \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{25}$

Q. If 3% of the electric bulbs manufactured by a company are defective, Find the probability that in a sample of 100 bulbs:

- (i) 2 bulbs are defective
- (ii) less than or equal to 2 bulbs are defective.

Soln: $p = \frac{3}{100} ; q = \frac{97}{100}$

(i) $P(X=2) = {}^{100}C_2 \left(\frac{3}{100}\right)^2 \left(\frac{97}{100}\right)^{98}$
 $= 4950 \left(\frac{97^{98}}{10^{200}}\right) = 4950 \left(\frac{97^{98}}{10^{198}}\right)$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad P(X \leq 2) &= P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2) \\
 &= {}^{100}C_0 \left(\frac{3}{100}\right)^0 \left(\frac{97}{100}\right)^{100} + {}^{100}C_1 \left(\frac{3}{100}\right)^1 \left(\frac{97}{100}\right)^{99} \\
 &\quad + {}^{100}C_2 \left(\frac{3}{100}\right)^2 \left(\frac{97}{100}\right)^{98} \\
 &= \frac{97^{100}}{10^{200}} + \frac{97^{99}}{10^{198}} + 4455 \left(\frac{97^{98}}{10^{198}}\right) \\
 &= \frac{97^{98}}{10^{198}} \left[\frac{97^2}{10^2} + 97 + \frac{4455}{10} \right] \\
 &= 63659 \left(\frac{97^{98}}{10^{200}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Q. Find the probability that in five trials of a fair die, a 3 will appear:

(i) at most once (ii) at least once.

Solⁿ: $n = 5; p = \frac{1}{6}; q = \frac{5}{6}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} \quad P(X \leq 1) &= P(X=0) + P(X=1) \\
 &= {}^5C_0 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^0 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^5 + {}^5C_1 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^4 \\
 &= \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^5 + \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^4 \\
 &= 2 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^4 = \frac{6250}{7776}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad P(X \geq 1) &= 1 - P(X < 1) \\
 &= 1 - P(X = 0) \\
 &= 1 - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^5 = \frac{4651}{7776}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q. What is the probability of getting a total of 7
 (i) at least once (ii) at most once
 in three tosses of a pair of fair dice?

Soln: $n = 3$; $p =$

favourable cases = $\{(1,6), (2,5), (3,4), (4,3), (5,2), (6,1)\}$

$$\therefore p = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}, q = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \text{(i)} \quad P(X \geq 1) &= P(X=1) + P(X=2) + P(X=3) \\
 &= 1 - P(X=0) \\
 &= 1 - {}^3C_0 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^0 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3 \\
 &= 1 - \frac{125}{216} = \frac{91}{216}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad P(X \leq 1) &= P(X=0) + P(X=1) \\
 &= \frac{91}{216} + {}^3C_1 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^2 = \frac{91}{216} + \frac{75}{216} \\
 &= \frac{166}{216} = \frac{83}{108}
 \end{aligned}$$

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(2) Poisson Distribution :-

(This is also a discrete distribution)

Let X be a discrete random variable that can take on the values $0, 1, 2, \dots$, such that the probability function of X is given by.

$$f(x) = P(X=x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}; x=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where, λ is a given constant and is called the parameter of the Poisson distribution.

This distribution is called the Poisson distribution and a random variable having this distribution is said to be Poisson distributed. This is denoted by $X \sim P(\lambda)$

Relation between the Binomial and Poisson Distributions :-

In the binomial distribution, if n is large while the probability p of occurrence of an event is close to zero, so that $q=1-p$ is close to 1, the event is called a rare event.

In practice, we shall consider an event as rare if the number of trials is at least 50 ($n \geq 50$) while np is less than 5, and $p \leq 0.1$.

For such cases, the binomial distribution is very closely approximated by the Poisson distribution with $\lambda = np$. Therefore, we can say that Poisson distr. is a limiting case of Binomial distribution

$$\text{i.e. } \lim_{\substack{n \rightarrow \infty \\ p \rightarrow 0 \\ \lambda \rightarrow 1 \\ (\lambda = np)}} {}^n C_x p^x q^{n-x} = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$

Proof:

Binomial distribution is:

$$B(n, p) = f(x) = {}^n C_x p^x q^{n-x}; \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$
$$= {}^n C_x p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

$$np = \lambda \Rightarrow p = \frac{\lambda}{n}$$

$$\therefore B(n, p) = {}^n C_x \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^x \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-x}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{(n-x)! x!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^x \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-x}$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-x+1)(n-x)!}{(n-x)! x! n^x} \cdot \lambda^x \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-x}$$

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$$= \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-x+1)}{n^x} \left(\frac{\lambda}{x!}\right) \left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n \left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-x}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B(n, p) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{x!}\right) \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-x+1)}{n^x}\right) \times \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n\right) \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-x}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\lambda}{x!}\right) \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^x \left(1-\frac{1}{n}\right)\left(1-\frac{2}{n}\right)\dots\left(1-\frac{(x-1)}{n}\right)}{n^x}\right) \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-x}$$

$$\cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-x}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\lambda}{x!}\right)^x (1)(e^{-\lambda})(1) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} = P(\lambda, x)$$

Because; $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n = e^{-\lambda}$

$$\therefore \left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n = 1 - \frac{n\lambda}{n} + \frac{n(n-1)\lambda^2}{2! n^2} - \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\lambda^3}{3! n^3} + \dots$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n = 1 - \lambda + \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} - \frac{\lambda^3}{3!} + \frac{\lambda^4}{4!} - \dots = e^{-\lambda}$$

Similarly; $\left(1+\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n = e^{\lambda}$

Q If X is a Poisson distributed random variable, then find and prove that

$$E(X) = \lambda = np$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \lambda = np$$

Soln:

$$E(X) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x f(x) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \left[1 \cdot \lambda + 2 \cdot \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} + 3 \cdot \frac{\lambda^3}{3!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \left[1 + \lambda + \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} + \frac{\lambda^3}{3!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \cdot e^{\lambda} = \lambda = np$$

$$E(X^2) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x^2 \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{x(x-1) + x}{x!} e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x(x-1) + x}{x!} \right) e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{x(x-1) e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} + E(X)$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \left[2 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} + 3 \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{\lambda^3}{3!} + \dots \right] + \lambda$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \lambda^2 \left[1 + \lambda + \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} + \frac{\lambda^3}{3!} + \dots \right] + \lambda$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \lambda^2 e^{\lambda} + \lambda = \lambda^2 + \lambda$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = \lambda^2 + \lambda - \lambda^2$$

$$= \lambda = np$$

Q. 10% of the tools produced in a certain manufacturing process turn out to be defective. Find the probability that in a sample of 10 tools chosen at random, exactly 2 will be defective, by using (a) the binomial distribution (b) the Poisson approximation to the binomial distribution.

Solⁿ: (a) $p = \frac{10}{100} = 0.1$; $q = 0.9$
 $n = 10$

$$P(X=2) = {}^{10}C_2 (0.1)^2 (0.9)^8$$

$$= 0.1937 \approx 0.19$$

(b) $\lambda = np = (10)(0.1) = 1$

Poisson distⁿ:
 $\therefore P(X=x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$

$$P(X=2) = \frac{\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda}}{2!} = \frac{(1)^2 e^{-1}}{2!} = 0.1839$$

$$\approx 0.18$$

Q. If the probability that an individual will suffer a bad reaction from injection of a given serum is 0.001, Determine the probability that out of 2000 individuals,

(a) exactly 3 (b) more than 2, individuals will suffer a bad reaction.

Solⁿ: let X denote the no. of individuals suffering a bad reaction.

Here, $n = 2500$; $p = 0.001$

$$\lambda = np = 2$$

\therefore Bad reactions can be assumed to be rare events; we can suppose that X is Poisson distributed. i.e

$$P(X=x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} = \frac{2^x e^{-2}}{x!}; x=0,1,2,\dots,n$$

$$(a) P(X=3) = \frac{2^3 e^{-2}}{3!} = 0.180$$

$$(b) P(X > 2) = 1 - [P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2)]$$

$$= 1 - \left[\frac{2^0 e^{-2}}{0!} + \frac{2^1 e^{-2}}{1!} + \frac{2^2 e^{-2}}{2!} \right]$$

$$= 1 - 5e^{-2} = 0.323$$

Note: An exact evaluation of the probabilities using the binomial distribution would require much more labor.

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Q. A telephone switch board handles 600 calls, on an average, during a rush hour. The board can make a maximum of 20 connections per minute. Use the Poisson distribⁿ to evaluate the probability that the board will be overtaxed during any given minute.

Solⁿ: $\lambda = \frac{600}{60} = 10$ per minute (i.e. average)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Required probability} &= P(X > 20) \\ &= 1 - P(X \leq 20) \\ &= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^{20} \frac{e^{-10} 10^x}{x!} \end{aligned}$$

Q. If r has a Poisson distribution such that:

$$P(r=2) = \frac{3}{2} P(r=1)$$

then find the ratio $\frac{P(r=3)}{P(r=0)}$

Solⁿ: $P(r=2) = \frac{3}{2} P(r=1)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^2}{2!} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda}{1!} \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 3\lambda = 0$$

$\lambda = 0, 3$; $\lambda = 0$ is not acceptable

$\therefore \lambda = 3$

$$\frac{P(X=3)}{P(X=0)} = \frac{\frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^3}{3!}}{\frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^0}{0!}} = \frac{\lambda^3}{3!} = \frac{3^3}{3!} = \frac{9}{2}$$

③ The Normal (or Gaussian) Distribution:-

(This is a continuous distribution)

The Normal distribution is defined by the density function:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} ; -\infty < x < \infty$$

A random variable X having this distribution is said to be Normally distributed.

→ Normal distribution is denoted by: $N(\mu, \sigma)$

→ The symbols μ & σ are used to represent the parameters of the normal distribution as they turn out to be the mean and standard deviation, respectively, of the distribution.

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The distribution function of Normal distribution $N(\mu, \sigma)$ is given by:

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow F(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Also } \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

Standard Normal Distribution:

If we let Z be the standardized variable corresponding to X i.e. if we let

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

then $E(Z) = 0$; $\text{Var}(Z) = 1$.

In such cases, the density function for Z can be obtained (1) by placing $\mu = 0$ & $\sigma = 1$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} \quad (-\infty < z < +\infty) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

This is referred to as the standard normal density function & this distⁿ is denoted as $Z \sim N(0, 1)$

ie $N(\mu, \sigma) \xrightarrow{z = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}} N(0, 1)$ (55)

Proof of (3): put $z = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$ in (1)

$$dx = \sigma dz$$

then $f(z) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}}$

The corresponding distribution function is:

$$F(z) = P(Z \leq z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^z e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz \quad (4)$$

Since: $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(z) dz = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz = \sqrt{2\pi} \quad (5)$$

\Rightarrow Since $e^{-z^2/2}$ is an even function

$$\therefore \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \quad (6)$$

\therefore from (4): $F(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^z e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz$

$$F(z) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^z e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz \quad (7)$$

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error function is defined by.

$$\operatorname{erf}(z) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^z e^{-z^2} dz \quad (8)$$

\therefore (7) can be written as:

$$F(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right] \quad (9)$$

Theorem: If $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$ then

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = F\left(\frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right) - F\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

Proof: $P(a \leq X \leq b) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_a^b e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$

put $z = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \Rightarrow dx = \sigma dz$

when $x=a \Rightarrow z_1 = \frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}$

when $x=b \Rightarrow z_2 = \frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}$

$$\therefore P[a < X < b] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{z_1}^{z_2} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz \quad (1)$$

distribution funⁿ:

$$F(z) = \int_{-\infty}^z \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz$$