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## محاضرات إحصاء رياضي//المرحلة الرابعة

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## Discrete probability distributions

### 1-Bernoulli distribution

If the random experiment being repeated has only two outcomes such as ( success, failure) for example (Male, female , (yes , no) , (head. Tail ) and so on , the we have a particularly important case of repeated trials, known as Bernoulli trials

**Def:** The discrete , r .v  $x$  is said to have a Bernoulli distribution with parameter  $p$  denoted as  $X \sim \text{Ber}(1,p)$  if its probability mass function (p.m.f) is given as:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} p^x(1-p)^{1-x}, & x=0,1 \\ 0, & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

**Properties :** (1) The mean  $M_x = E(x) = p$

**Proof :**  $E(x) = \sum_{x=0}^1 x f(x) = 0 f(0) + 1. f(1)$

$$= 0 + p(1-p)^0 = p$$

(2) The variance  $d^2 x = p(1-p)$

**Proof :**  $E(x^2) = \sum_{x=0}^1 x^2 f(x) = (0)^2 f(0) + p(1)^2 = p(1-p)^0 = p$

$$\therefore d_x^2 = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2 = p - p^2 = p(1-p)$$

(3) The m.g.f of  $x$  is  $M_x(t) = (1-p+pe^t)$

**Proof :**  $M_x(t) = E(e^{tx}) = \sum_{x=0}^1 e^{tx} p(x) = e^0 f(0) + e^t f(1)$

$$= 1.(1-p) + e^t p = (1-p+pe^t).$$

### 1- Binomial distribution

A random variable  $x$  that has a p.m.f.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}, & x=0,1,\dots,n \\ 0, & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

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Is said to have a binomial distribution denoted  $X \sim b(n, p)$ , where  $n$  is positive integer and  $0 < p < 1$  are the parameters of the distribution

**Ex:** verify that  $f(x)$  given above is a p.m.f (1) $f(x) > 0$  (2) $\sum f(x) = 1$

**SoL:** Two conditions must be satisfied

1-  $f(x) > 0$  and (2)  $\sum f(x) = 1$

It is clear that the first condition is satisfied Since  $0 < p < 1$  and  $n$  is positive integer for the Second condition we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x=0}^n f(x) &= \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} = [p + (1-p)]^n = 1 \quad ([a + b]^n) \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} a^x b^{n-x} \end{aligned}$$

### Properties

(1)  $M_x = E(x) = np$

**Proof:**  $M_x = E(x) = \sum_{x=0}^n x f(x) = \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{x=0}^n x \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \\ &= \sum x \frac{n(n-1)!}{x(x-1)!(n-x)!} p p^{x-1} (1-p)^{n-x} \\ &= np \sum_{x=1}^n \frac{(n-1)!}{(x-1)!(n-x)!} p^{x-1} (1-p)^{n-x} \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $M=n-1$ ,  $y=x-1 \Rightarrow$  then  $M-y = n-x$

$$\begin{aligned} M_x &= E(x) = np \sum_{y=0}^M \frac{M!}{y!(M-y)!} p^y (1-p)^{M-y} \\ &= np \sum_{y=0}^M \binom{M}{y} p^y (1-p)^{M-y} = np(1) = np \end{aligned}$$

(2)  $\text{var}(x) = \delta_x^2 = np(1-p)$

**Proof:**  $\text{var}(x) = E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2$

Writing  $E(x^2)$  as  $E(x(x-1)) + E(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} E(x(x-1)) &= \sum x(x-1) f(x) = \sum x(x-1) \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \\ &= \sum x(x-1) \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum x(x-1) \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)!}{x(x-1)(x-2)!(n-x)!} p^2 p^{x-2} (1-p)^{n-x}$$

$$= n(n-1)p^2 \sum_{x=2}^{n-2} \frac{(n-2)!}{(x-2)!(n-x)!} p^{x-2} (1-p)^{n-x}$$

Putting  $y=x-2$ ,  $m=n-2$  then  $m-y=n-x$ , if  $x=2$  then  $y=0$  and

$$E(x(x-1)) = n(n-1)p^2 \sum_{y=0}^m \frac{m!}{y!(m-y)!} p^y (1-p)^{m-y}$$

$$= n(n-1)p^2 \sum_{y=0}^m \binom{m}{y} p^y (1-p)^{m-y}$$

$$= n(n-1)p^2(1) \quad (\text{binomial formula})$$

$$= n(n-1)p^2$$

$$E(x^2) = n(n-1)p^2 + E(x) = n(n-1)p^2 + np = n^2p^2 - np^2 + np$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = np^2 - np^2 + np - n^2p^2 - np - np^2$$

$$\therefore \text{var}(x) = \delta = 2np(1-p)$$

3-the moment generating function is  $\mu_x(t) = [1-p+pe^t]^n$

**Proof:**  $M_x(t) = E(e^{tx}) = \sum e^{tx} f(x) = \sum_{x=0}^n e^{tx} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$

$$= \sum \binom{n}{x} (pe^t)^x (1-p)^{n-x} = [1-p+pe^t]^n [[a+b]^n = \sum \binom{n}{x} a^x b^{n-x}]$$

**Ex:** Find  $E(x)$  and  $\text{var}(x)$  by using the m.g.f

Hint:  $E(x) = M'_x(0)$

$$\delta_x^2 = M''_x(0) = [M'_x(0)]^2$$

**Proof:** we have  $M_x(t) = [1-p+pe^t]^n$

$$M'_x(t) = n[1-p+pe^t]^{n-1} (pe^t)$$

$$M'_x(0) = np$$

$$M''_x(t) = n(n-1)[1-p+pe^t]^{n-2} (pe^t)^2 + n[1-p+pe^t]^{n-1} pe^t$$

$$M''_x(0) = n(n-1)p^2 + np = n^2p^2 - np^2 + np$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_x^2 &= \mu_x''(0) = [\mu_x'(0)]^2 = n^2 p^2 - np^2 + np - n^2 p^2 \\ &= np - np^2 = np(1-p)\end{aligned}$$

**Ex:** if  $x \sim b(n, p)$ , show that :  $E\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) = p$  and

$$E\left(\left(\frac{x}{n} - p\right)^2\right) = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$$

**Sol:**  $E\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n} E(x) = \frac{1}{n} (np) = p$  [since  $x \sim b(n, p)$ ,  $E(x) = np$ ]

Let  $\frac{x}{n} - p = y$  then  $E\left(\left(\frac{x}{n} - p\right)^2\right) = E(y^2)$

But  $E(y^2) = \text{var}(y) + [E(y)]^2$

$$E\left(\left(\frac{x}{n} - p\right)^2\right) = \text{var}\left(\frac{x}{n} - p\right) + [E\left(\frac{x}{n} - p\right)]^2$$

$$= \text{var}\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) + \left[\frac{1}{n} E(x) - p\right]^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \text{var}(x) + \left[\frac{1}{n} np - p\right]^2 = \frac{1}{n^2} np(1-p) + 0 = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$$

**Ex:** let the independent r. vs.  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  have the same p.d.f.  $f(x) = 3x^2$ ,  $0 < x < 1$ , Find the probability that exactly two of these three variable exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$

**Solution:** At the first we have to find the probability that any one of these three variable exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$  as follows :

$$P = \int_{1/2}^1 3x^2 dx = x^3 \Big|_{1/2}^1 = 1 - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{8}$$

The probability of exactly two of these three variables exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$  is

$$f(2) = \text{pr}(x=2) = \binom{3}{2} \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = \frac{147}{512}$$

**Ex:** let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  be independent r.vs such that  $x_i \sim b(n_i, p)$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, k$

Show that  $\sum_{i=1}^k x_i \sim b\left(\sum_{i=1}^k n_i, p\right)$

**Proof:** let  $y = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i$  by using the m.g.f

$$M_y(t) = E(e^{ty}) = E(e^{t\sum x_i}) = E(e^{t(x_1+x_2+\dots+x_k)})$$

$$= E(e^{tx_1} e^{tx_2} \dots e^{tx_k})$$

Since the variable are independent , then

$$M_y(t) = E(e^{tx_1}) E(e^{tx_2}) \dots E(e^{tx_k})$$

$$= M_{x_1}(t) M_{x_2}(t) \dots M_{x_k}(t)$$

$$= (1-p+pe^t)^{n_1} [1-p+pe^t]^{n_2} \dots [1-p+pe^t]^{n_k} \text{ [since } x_i \sim b(n_i, p)]$$

$$= (1-p+pe^t)^{\sum n_i}$$

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^k \sim b(\sum_{i=1}^k n_i, p)$$

**Ex:** let  $x \sim b(n, p)$  show that

$$f(x+1) = \left[ \frac{n-x}{x+1}, \frac{p}{1-p} \right] f(x)$$

**solution :**  $f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$  [since  $x \sim b(n, p)$ ]

$$f(x+1) = \binom{n}{x+1} p^{x+1} (1-p)^{n-x-1}$$

$$\frac{f(x+1)}{f(x)} = \frac{\binom{n}{x+1} p^{x+1} (1-p)^{n-x-1}}{\binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{n!}{(x+1)!(n-x-1)!} p^{x+1} (1-p)^{n-x-1}}{\frac{n!}{x(n-x)!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{(x+1)!(n-x-1)!} p (1-p)^{n-x-1} \times \frac{x!(n-x)!}{n! p^x (1-p)^{n-x}}$$

$$\frac{x!(n-x)(n-x-1)!}{(x+1)x!(n-x-1)!} \frac{p}{1-p} = \frac{n-x}{x+1} \frac{p}{1-p}$$

$$f(x+1) = \left[ \frac{n-x}{x+1} \cdot \frac{p}{1-p} \right] f(x)$$

### 3-Poisson distribution :-

Let  $x$  be a discrete r.v which can take on the values 0, 1, 2, .... Such that the p.m.f. of  $x$  is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} & x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

the distribution is called poisson distribution

denoted as  $x \sim p(\lambda)$  where the positive constant  $\lambda$  represent the parameter of the distribution

#### properties

1- the m.g.f of the distribution is  $M_x(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t-1)}$

**proof :**  $M_x(t) = E(e^{tx}) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda e^t)^x}{x!} = e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda e^t} = e^{\lambda(e^t-1)} = e^{\lambda(e^t-1)}$$

$$\therefore M_x(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t-1)}$$

2-  $M_x = \delta_x^2 = \lambda$

**Proof :** By using the m.g.f ( $M_x(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t-1)}$ )

$$M_x(0) = e^{\lambda(e^0-1)} = 1$$

$$M'_x(t) = \lambda e^t e^{\lambda(e^t-1)} = \lambda e^t M_x(t)$$

$$M_x = E(x) = M'_x(0) = \lambda e^0 M_x(0) = \lambda(1)(1) = \lambda$$

$$M''_x(t) = \lambda e^t M'_x(t) + \lambda e^t M_x(t)$$

$$M''_x(0) = \lambda e^0 M'_x(0) + \lambda e^0 M_x(0) = \lambda^2 + \lambda$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = \delta_x^2 = M''_x(0) - [M'_x(0)]^2 = \lambda^2 + \lambda - \lambda^2 = \lambda$$

**3- The poisson distribution is an approximation of binomial distribution as**

**$\lambda = np$  and  $n$  approaches to infinity:**

**Proof :** the M.g.f of the binomial distribution is  $M_x(t) = (1-p+pe^t)^n = [1+p(e^t-1)]^n$

Putting  $p = \frac{\lambda}{n}$ , then

$$M_x(t) = \left[1 + \frac{\lambda(e^t - 1)}{n}\right]^n$$

Using the well known result from calculus that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = e^x$

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

Which is the m.g.f of the poisson dist with parameter  $\lambda$ .

**Ex:** verify that the function  $f(x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$ ,  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  is actually a probability function

$$\begin{cases} f(x) > 0 \\ \sum f(x) = 1 \end{cases}$$

**Solution :** first, we see that  $f(x) \geq 0$  for  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  given that  $\lambda > 0$

Second, we have

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

**Ex:** let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be independent r.v such that  $x_i \sim p(\lambda_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sim p(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i)$

**Proof :** let  $y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$  then  $M_y(t) = E(e^{ty})$

$M_y(t) = E(e^{t \sum x_i}) = E(e^{t(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)}) = E(e^{tx_1 + tx_2 + \dots + tx_n})$  since  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are independent then

$$M_y(t) = E(e^{tx_1}) E(e^{tx_2}) \dots E(e^{tx_n})$$

$$= M_{x_1}(t), M_{x_2}(t) \dots M_{x_n}(t) = e^{\lambda_1(e^t - 1)}, e^{\lambda_2(e^t - 1)} \dots e^{\lambda_n(e^t - 1)} = e^{\sum \lambda_i(e^t - 1)}$$

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sim p(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i)$$

#### 4- Negative binomial distribution

Consider an experiment of independent Bernoulli trials performed until we get a total of  $(r)$  successes and then stops. The probability of each individual trial



resulting in a success is (p) where  $0 < p < 1$ . let x denote the number of failures encountered before we get the first r successes, then the p.m.f of X is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{x+r-1}{x} p^r (1-p)^x, & x=0,1,2,\dots, \quad r=1,2,\dots \\ 0, & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

and we write  $X \sim N b(r,p)$  where the constants r,p are the parameters of dist .

**Ex:** show that f(x) is exactly a p.m.f .

**Solution :** 1) it is clear that  $f(x) > 0$  since each x, r are positive and  $0 < p < 1$

2) Applying the rule  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+j-1}{j} Z^j = (1-Z)^{-n}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \sum f(x) &= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \binom{x+r-1}{x} p^r (1-p)^x = p^r \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \binom{x+r-1}{x} (1-p)^x \\ &= p^r [1 - (1-p)]^{-r} = p^r p^{-r} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Properties :-** the moment generating function  $M_x(t) = \left[ \frac{p}{1-(1-p)e^t} \right]^r$

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{Proof : } M_x(t) &= E(e^{tx}) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{tx} p(x) \\ &= \sum e^{tx} \left( \binom{x+r-1}{x} p^r (1-p)^x \right) = p^r \sum \binom{x+r-1}{x} [(1-p)e^t]^x \\ &= p^r [1-(1-p)e^t]^{-r} = \left[ \frac{p}{1-(1-p)e^t} \right]^r \end{aligned}$$

2) The mean of the distribution is given by  $M_x = \frac{r(1-p)}{p}$

**Proof :** we have  $M_x(t) = \left[ \frac{p}{1-(1-p)e^t} \right]^r$

$$M'_x(t) = r \left[ \frac{p}{1-(1-p)e^t} \right]^{r-1} \frac{1-(1-p)e^t}{[1-(1-p)e^t]^2}$$

$$M_x = E(x) = M_x(0) = r \left[ \frac{p}{1-(1-p)} \right]^{r-1} \frac{p(1-p)}{[1-(1-p)]^2}$$

$$= r \left[ \frac{p}{p} \right]^{r-1} \frac{p(1-p)}{p^2} = \frac{r(1-p)}{p}$$

3) the variance of the distribution is  $\delta_x^2 = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$

**Proof:** we have  $\mu_x(t) = \left[ \frac{p}{1-(1-p)e^t} \right]^r \Rightarrow \mu_x(0) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} M_x(t) &= r \left[ \frac{p}{1-(1-p)e^t} \right]^{r-1} \frac{p(1-p)e^t}{[1-(1-p)e^t]^2} \\ &= r \left[ \frac{p}{1-(1-p)} \right]^r \left[ \frac{p}{[1-(1-p)]^2} \right]^{-1} \frac{p(1-p)e^t}{[1-(1-p)e^t]^2} \end{aligned}$$

It can be written as

$$M'_x(t) = r M_x(t) \frac{(1-p)e^t}{1-(1-p)e^t},$$

$$M'_x(0) = r M_x(0) \frac{1-p}{p} = \frac{r(1-p)}{p}$$

$$\text{Putting } u = (1-p)e^t, \frac{du}{dt} = (1-p)e^t = u$$

$$M'_x(t) = r M_x(t) \frac{u}{1-u}$$

$$M''_x(t) = r M_x(t) \frac{1-u+u}{(1-u)^2} \frac{du}{dt} + \frac{u}{1-u} r M'_x(t)$$

$$= r M_x(t) \frac{1}{(1-u)^2} u + \frac{u}{1-u} r M'_x(t)$$

$$= \frac{ru}{1-u} \left[ M_x(t) \frac{1}{1-u} + M'_x(t) \right]$$

$$M''_x(0) = r \frac{1-p}{p} \left[ \frac{1}{p} + \frac{r(1-p)}{p} \right]$$

$$\delta_x^2 M''_x(0) = [M'_x(0)]^2 = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2} + \frac{r^2(1-p)^2}{p^2} - \frac{r^2(1-p)^2}{p^2}$$

$$\delta_x^2 = \text{var}(x) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$$

## 5) Geometric distribution

The geometric distribution is special case of negative binomial distribution when  $r=1$  . hence :-

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} p(1-p)^x, & x=0,1,2,\dots \\ 0, & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

The properties of geometric distribution can be obtained from the corresponding properties of negative binomial dist by putting  $r=1$  it follows that:

$$M_x(t) = \frac{p}{1-(1-p)e^t}, \quad M_x = \frac{1-p}{p}, \quad \delta_x^2 = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

**Ex:** A fair die is thrown successive independent trials until the second three is observed . let  $x$  be a r.v that denotes the number of failures before the second three is observed .

- i) Find the distribution of  $x$ .
- ii) Find the probability of observing 10 no three is before the second three is observed .
- iii) Find the mean, variance, and m.g.f of the distribution .

**Solution :**  $x \sim Nb(2, \frac{1}{6})$  , that is  $r = 2$  ,  $p = \frac{1}{6}$

$$f(x) = \binom{x+r-1}{x} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^x$$

$$\text{ii) } p_r(x=10) = f(10) = \binom{11}{10} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{10}$$

$$\text{iii) } M_x = E(x) = r \frac{(1-p)}{p} = 2 \frac{5/6}{1/6} = 10$$

$$\text{var}(x) = \delta_x^2 = r \frac{(1-p)}{p^2} = 2 \frac{5/6}{(1/6)^2}$$

$$M_x(t) = \left[ \frac{p}{(1-p)e^t} \right]^r = \left[ \frac{1/6}{1-\frac{5}{6}e^t} \right]^2$$

**Ex:** suppose we flip a fair coin until we get ahead. Let  $x$  be the number of tails before we get ahead.

i- Find the p.m.f of  $x$  .

ii- Find the mean, variance , and m.g.f of  $x$  .

**Solution :** Since  $r=1$  (first head) then we have a geometric distribution with  $p = \frac{1}{2}$  and

$$\text{hence } f(x) = p (1-p)^x = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$$

$$\text{ii) } E(x) = M_x' = \frac{1-p}{p} = \frac{1/2}{1/2} = 1$$

$$\text{var } (x) = \delta_x^2 = \frac{1-p}{p^2} = \frac{1/2}{1/4} = 2$$

$$M_x(t) = \frac{p}{(1-p)e^t} = \frac{1/2}{1-\frac{1}{2}e^t}$$

