

Probability + Statistics

In-Class Problems

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$$1. \Pr(X \leq k) = \sum_{n=1}^k (1-p)^{n-1} p$$

$$= p \cdot \frac{1 - (1-p)^k}{1 - (1-p)}$$

$$= 1 - (1-p)^k$$

2. Binomial $n=15$

$$P(\text{success}) = p = 1/5$$

$X = \#$ of correctly answered questions

$$P(\text{failure}) = 1-p = 4/5$$

$$P(X \geq 10) = 1 - P(X < 10)$$

$$= 1 - P(X \leq 9)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^9 \binom{15}{x} (0.2)^x (0.8)^{15-x}$$

$$\approx 1 - (0.9999) \leftarrow \text{look in tables}$$

$$\approx 0.0001$$

3. a) Binomial

$$P(X=K) = \binom{n}{K} (0.5)^K (0.5)^{n-K}$$

$$P(\text{girl}) = 0.5$$

X = number of daughters

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } P(2 \text{ girls, } 2 \text{ boys}) &= P(2 \text{ girls} \cap 4 \text{ children}) \\ &= P(2 \text{ girls} | 4 \text{ children}) \cdot P(4 \text{ children}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow = \underbrace{\binom{4}{2} (0.5)^2 (0.5)^2}_{\text{from part a)}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{(2.25)^4 e^{-2.25}}{4!}}_{\text{Poisson Dist}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } P(\text{children both sexes}) &= 1 - P(\text{only one sex}) \\ &= 1 - [P(\text{all boys}) + P(\text{all girls})] \\ &= 1 - [2 P(\text{girls})] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow &= 1 - 2 \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2.25^n e^{-2.25}}{n!} \cdot \binom{n}{n} (0.5)^n (0.5)^0 \right] \\ &= 1 - 2 \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2.25^n \cdot e^{-2.25} \cdot (0.5)^n}{n!} \right] \end{aligned}$$

4. Binomial

$$P(X=6) = \binom{20}{6} p^6 (1-p)^{14}$$

$$n = 20$$

$X = \#$ of individuals
who favor the policy

$$P(\text{favor policy}) = p$$

$$\ln P(X=6) = \ln \binom{20}{6} + 6 \ln p + 14 \ln(1-p)$$

$$\frac{d}{dp} \left(\frac{d}{dp} (\ln P(X=6)) \right) = \frac{6}{p} - \frac{14}{1-p}$$

at maximum,
 $\frac{d}{dp} P(X=6) = 0$

$$0 = \frac{6}{p} - \frac{14}{1-p}$$

$$\frac{14}{1-p} = \frac{6}{p}$$

$$p = 6/20 \leftarrow \text{critical point}$$

check to see if it's a max

$$\frac{d^2}{dp^2} \ln(P(X=6)) = -\frac{6}{p^2} - \frac{14}{(1-p)^2}$$

which is
always negative

$$\therefore \hat{p} = 6/20$$

5. $X_1 =$ front tire replacements ($\lambda_1 = 2 \frac{\text{times}}{\text{year}}$)

$X_2 =$ back tire replacements ($\lambda_2 = 1.5 \frac{\text{times}}{\text{year}}$)

$$\begin{aligned} P(2 \text{ tires replaced}) &= P(X_1=2)P(X_2=0) + P(X_1=1)P(X_2=1) + P(X_1=0)P(X_2=2) \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda_1} \lambda_1^2}{2!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda_2} \lambda_2^0}{0!} + \frac{e^{-\lambda_1} \lambda_1^1}{1!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda_2} \lambda_2^1}{1!} \\ &\quad + \frac{e^{-\lambda_1} \lambda_1^0}{0!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda_2} \lambda_2^2}{2!} \end{aligned}$$

6. X = trial on which the r^{th} success occurs

$$P(X=x) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{x-r}$$

$$\begin{matrix} r=3 \\ x=7 \end{matrix} \quad P(X=7) = \binom{6}{2} p^3 (1-p)^4$$

$$\hookrightarrow \ln(P(X=7)) = \ln\left(\binom{6}{2}\right) + 3\ln p + 4\ln(1-p)$$

$$\frac{\frac{d}{dp}(P(X=7))}{P(X=7)} = \frac{3}{p} - \frac{4}{1-p}$$

$$\text{At max, } \frac{d}{dp}(P(X=7)) = 0$$

$$0 = \frac{3}{p} - \frac{4}{1-p}$$

$$p = 3/7 \leftarrow \text{critical point!}$$

check 2nd derivative to see if it's
a max or min

$$\frac{d^2}{dp^2} \ln(P(X=7)) = -\frac{3}{p^2} - \frac{4}{(1-p)^2}$$

which is always
negative

$\therefore p = 3/7$ is a max!

$$7. \quad \hat{p} = \frac{864}{1234} = 0.70$$

$$CI = 0.70 \pm 2 \sqrt{(0.70)(0.30) / 1234}$$

$$\text{or } [0.674, 0.726]$$

