

1. The probability distribution of a random variable is given by

$X = x$	1	2	3	4	5
$P(X=x)$	1	2	3	4	5
	k	k	k	k	k

Find the value of k, mean & variance of X.

Sol:

Given that X is a random variable

Sum of the probabilities = 1  $\Rightarrow \sum P(X = x_i) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow 1k + 2k + 3k + 4k + 5k = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 15k = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{15}$$

Let

$\mu$  be the mean and  $\sigma^2$  be the variance of X

$$\mu = \sum x_i \cdot P(X = x_i)$$

$$= 1(k) + 2(2k) + 3(3k) + 4(4k) + 5(5k)$$

$$= k + 4k + 9k + 16k + 25k$$

$$= 55k$$

$$= \frac{55}{15}$$

$$\mu = \frac{11}{3}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \sum x_i^2 \cdot P(X = x_i) - \mu^2$$

$$= 1(k) + 4(2k) + 9(3k) + 16(4k) + 25(5k) - \mu^2$$

$$= k + 8k + 27k + 64k + 125k - \mu^2$$

$$= 225k - \left(\frac{11}{3}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{225}{15} - \frac{121}{9}$$

$$= 15 - \frac{121}{9}$$

$$= \frac{135 - 121}{9}$$

$$= \frac{14}{9}$$

2. The probability distribution of a random variable is given by

$X = x$	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
$P(X=x)$	0.1	k	0.2	2k	0.3	k

Find the value of k, mean & variance of X.

Sol: Given that X is a random variable

Sum of the probabilities = 1  $\Rightarrow \sum P(X = x_i) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow 0.1 + k + 0.2 + 2k + 0.3 + k = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 4k + 0.6 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 4k = 1 - 0.6$$

$$\Rightarrow 4k = 0.4 \Rightarrow k = 0.1 \text{ or } \frac{1}{10}$$

Let  $\mu$  be the mean and  $\sigma^2$  be the variance of X

$$\mu = \sum x_i \cdot P(X = x_i)$$

$$= (-2)(0.1) + (-1)(k) + (0)(0.2) + (1)(2k) + (2)(0.3) + (3)(k)$$

$$= -0.2 - k + 0 + 2k + 0.6 + 3k$$

$$= 4k + 0.4$$

$$= 0.4 + 0.4$$

$$\mu = 0.8$$

$$\sigma^2 = \sum x_i^2 \cdot P(X = x_i) - \mu^2$$

$$= (-2)^2(0.1) + (-1)^2(k) + (0)^2(0.2) + (1)^2(2k) + (2)^2(0.3) + (3)^2(k) - \mu^2$$

$$= 4(0.1) + 1(k) + 0 + 1(2k) + 4(0.3) + 9(k) - \mu^2$$

$$= 0.4 + 1.2 + 12k - \mu^2$$

$$= 0.4 + 1.2 + 1.2 - (0.8)^2$$

$$= 2.8 - (0.8)^2$$

$$= 2.8 - 0.64$$

$$= 2.16$$

3. The probability distribution of a random variable is given by

$X$ $= x$				3	4	6	7
$P(X$ $=x)$				$\frac{2}{k}$	$k^2$	$2k^2$	$7k^2 + k$

Find the value of  $k$ , mean of  $X$ , and  $P(0 < X < 5)$ .

**Sol:** Given that  $X$  is a random variable

Sum of the probabilities  $= 1 \Rightarrow \sum P(X = x_i) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow 0 + k + 2k + 2k + 3k + k^2 + 2k^2 + 7k^2 + k = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 10k^2 + 9k - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 10k^2 + 10k - 1k - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 10k(k + 1) - 1(k + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k + 1)(10k - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k + 1) = 0, (10k - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -1, k = \frac{1}{10}$$

Let

$\mu$  be the mean and  $\sigma^2$  be the variance of  $X$

$$\mu = \sum x_i \cdot P(X = x_i)$$

$$= (0)(0) + (1)(k) + (2)(2k) + (3)(2k) + (4)(3k) + (5)(k^2) + (6)(2k^2) + 7(7k^2 + k) = 1$$

$$= 0 + k + 4k + 6k + 12k + 5k^2 + 12k^2 + 49k^2 + 7k$$

$$= 30k + 66k^2 \left\{ k = \frac{1}{10}, k^2 = \frac{1}{100} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{30}{10} + \frac{66}{100}$$

$$= \frac{300}{100} + \frac{66}{100}$$

$$= \frac{366}{100} = 3.66$$

$$P(0 < X < 5) = P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) + P(X = 4)$$

$$= k + 2k + 2k + 3k$$

$$= 8k$$

$$= 8(0.1) \left\{ k = \frac{1}{10} \right\}$$

$$= 0.8$$

4. A cubical die is thrown. Find the mean and variance of  $X$ , given number on the face that shows up.

**Sol:**

$X = x$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(X=x)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

Let  $\mu$  be the mean and  $\sigma^2$  be the variance of  $X$

$$\mu = \sum x_i \cdot P(X = x_i)$$

$$= 1\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 3\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 4\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 5\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 6\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}(1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}(21)$$

$$\mu = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \sum x_i^2 \cdot P(X = x_i) - \mu^2$$

$$= 1\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 4\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 9\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 16\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 25\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 36\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) - \mu^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}(1 + 4 + 9 + 16 + 25 + 36) - \mu^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}(92) - \left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{46}{3} - \frac{49}{4}$$

$$= \frac{184 - 147}{12}$$

$$= \frac{35}{12}$$

Aims

5. The range of a random variable X is {0, 1, 2}.  
 Given that  $P(X=0)=3c^3$ ,  $P(x=1)=4c-10c^2$ ,  
 $P(X=2)=5c-1$  where c is constant  
 Find (i) the value of c (ii)  $P(X < 1)$  (iii)  $P(1 < X \leq 2)$   
 (iv)  $P(0 < X < 3)$

Sol: Given

$$P(X=0) = 3c^3, P(x=1) = 4c - 10c^2,$$

$$P(X=2) = 5c - 1.$$

Given that X is a random variable

$$\text{Sum of the probabilities} = 1 \Rightarrow \sum P(X = x_i) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3c^3 + 4c - 10c^2 + 5c - 1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3c^3 - 10c^2 + 9c - 2 = 0$$

By observation  $c = 1$  satisfy the the eq'n

By synthetic division

	3	-10	9	-2
1	0	3	-7	2
	3	-7	2	0

Now the above eq'n becomes

$$\Rightarrow (c - 1)(3c^2 - 7c + 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (c = 1), (3c^2 - 7c + 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3c^2 - 7c + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3c^2 - 6c - c + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3c(c - 2) - 1(c - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (c - 2)(3c - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (c - 2) = 0, (3c - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 2, c = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore c = 1, 2, \frac{1}{3}$$

$c = 1, 2$  are not possible So, the value of c is  $\frac{1}{3}$

$$(ii) P(X < 1) = P(X = 0) = 3c^3$$

$$= 3 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 = \frac{3}{27} = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$(iii) P(1 < X \leq 2) = P(X = 2) = 5c - 1$$

$$= 5 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) - 1 = \frac{5-3}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$(iv) P(0 < X < 3) = P(X = 1) = P(X = 2)$$

$$= 4c - 10c^2 + 5c - 1$$

$$= 9c - 10c^2 - 1 = \frac{9}{3} - \frac{10}{9} - 1$$

$$= \frac{27-10-9}{9}$$

$$= \frac{8}{9}$$

6. A random variable X has the range {1, 2, 3...}.

If  $P(X=K) = \frac{c^K}{K!}$  for  $K = 1, 2, \dots$  then find C and  $P(0 < X < 3)$ .

$$\text{Sol: } P(X = K) = \frac{c^K}{K!} \text{ for } K = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\text{Sum of the probabilities} = 1 \Rightarrow \sum P(X = x_i) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c^1}{1!} + \frac{c^2}{2!} + \frac{c^3}{3!} + \dots = 1$$

Adding '1' on both sides

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{c^1}{1!} + \frac{c^2}{2!} + \frac{c^3}{3!} + \dots = 1 + 1$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \therefore e^x &= 1 + \frac{x^1}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \\ a^x &= N \Rightarrow x = \log_a N \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^c = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \log_e 2$$

$$P(0 < X < 3) = P(X = 1) + P(X = 2)$$

$$= \frac{c^1}{1!} + \frac{c^2}{2!}$$

$$= \frac{(\log_e 2)^1}{1!} + \frac{(\log_e 2)^2}{2!}$$

Aims

7. A random variable X has the range {0, 1, 2, 3...}.

If  $P(X=K) = \frac{c^{(k+1)}}{2^k}$  for  $K = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  find c.

Sol:

$$P(X = K) = \frac{c^{(k+1)}}{2^k} \text{ for } K = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$= \frac{c^{(0+1)}}{2^0} + \frac{c^{(1+1)}}{2^1} + \frac{c^{(2+1)}}{2^2} + \frac{c^{(3+1)}}{2^3} + \dots = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c^{(1)}}{1} + \frac{c^{(2)}}{2} + \frac{c^{(3)}}{2^2} + \frac{c^{(4)}}{2^3} + \dots = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow c \left[ 1 + 2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots \right] = 1$$

$$\{ \therefore (1 - x)^{-2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots \}$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow c \left[ \left(\frac{2}{1}\right)^2 \right] = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow c[4] = 1 \Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{4}$$

8. If the mean and variance of binomial variants  $X$  are 2.4 and 1.44 respectively, find  $P(1 < X \leq 4)$ .

Sol:

Given mean  $(np) = 2.4 \dots (1)$

variance  $(npq) = 1.44 \dots (2)$

$$\frac{(1)}{(2)} \Rightarrow \frac{npq}{np} = \frac{1.44}{2.4}$$

$$\Rightarrow q = \frac{144}{240} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\therefore p + q = 1 \Rightarrow p = 1 - q$$

$$p = 1 - \frac{3}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$$

from (1)  $\Rightarrow np = 2.4$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{2.4}{p} = \frac{2.4}{\frac{2}{5}} = 6$$

required probability  $P(1 < X \leq 4)$

$$= P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) + P(X = 4)$$

$$\{ P(X = r) = nC_r p^r q^{n-r} \}$$

$$= 6C_2 \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{6-2} + 6C_3 \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{6-3} + 6C_4 \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^4 \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{6-4}$$

$$= 6C_2 \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^4 + 6C_3 \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^3 + 6C_4 \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^4 \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2$$

$$= 15 \left(\frac{4 \times 81}{5^6}\right) + 20 \left(\frac{8 \times 27}{5^6}\right) + 15 \left(\frac{16 \times 9}{5^6}\right)$$

$$= \frac{12 \times 81 + 32 \times 27 + 48 \times 9}{5^5}$$

$$= \frac{972 + 864 + 432}{5^5}$$

$$= \frac{2268}{3125}$$

9. If the difference between the mean and the variance of a binomial variance is  $\frac{5}{9}$ , then find the probability for the event of 2 successes, when the experiment is conducted 5 times.

Sol:

let  $n, p$  be the parameters of the Binomial Distribution

given that  $n = 5$ ,

$$np - npq = \frac{5}{9} \dots (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow np(1 - q) = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow np(p) = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5p^2 = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 = \frac{1}{9} \Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{3}, q = 1 - p = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

required probability  $P(X = 2)$

$$\{ P(X = r) = nC_r p^r q^{n-r} \}$$

$$= 5C_2 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{5-2}$$

$$= \frac{5 \times 4}{2 \times 1} \left(\frac{1}{9}\right) \left(\frac{8}{27}\right)$$

$$= \frac{80}{243}$$

Aims

10. One in nine ships is likely to be wrecked when they are set on sail. When 6 ships are set on sail, find the probability (i) at least one will arrive safely. (ii) exactly three will arrive safely.

Sol: let  $n, p$  be the parameters

Given  $q = \frac{1}{9}$  {failure}

$$p = 1 - q = 1 - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{8}{9} \text{ (successes)}, n=6$$

(i) probability of at least one will

arrive safely = total - non of them arrive safely.

$$= 1 - P(X = 0)$$

$$= 1 - 6C_0 \left(\frac{8}{9}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^{6-0} = 1 - \frac{1}{9^6}$$

(ii) probability of Exactly three will arrive safely

$$(X = 3) = 6C_3 \left(\frac{8}{9}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^{6-3}$$

$$= \frac{6 \times 5 \times 4}{3 \times 2 \times 1} \left(\frac{8^3}{9^6}\right) = 20 \left(\frac{8^3}{9^6}\right)$$



11. In the experiment to tossing a coin n times, if the variable X denotes the number of heads and P(X=4), P(X=5), P(X=6) are in A.P, and then find n.

Sol:

let n, p be the parameters of the Binomial Distribution

$p = \frac{1}{2}$  getting a head(successes)

$q = \frac{1}{2}$  getting a head(failure)

Given that

P(X = 4), P(X = 5), P(X = 6) are in A. P

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P(X = r) = n_{c_r} p^r q^{n-r} \\ P(X = 4) = n_{c_4} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-4} \\ = n_{c_4} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \end{array} \right\}$$

$$P(X = 4) = n_{c_4} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

$$P(X = 5) = n_{c_5} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

$$P(X = 6) = n_{c_6} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

if a, b, c are in A. P

$$\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{(a+c)}{b} = \frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{b}$$

$$\frac{n_{c_r}}{n_{c_{r+1}}} = \frac{r+1}{n-r}$$

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$$\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{n_{c_4} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n}{n_{c_5} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n} + \frac{n_{c_6} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n}{n_{c_5} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{n_{c_4}}{n_{c_5}} + \frac{n_{c_6}}{n_{c_5}} \Rightarrow 2 = \frac{5}{n-4} + \frac{n-5}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(n-4)(6) = 30 + (n-5)(n-4)$$

$$\Rightarrow 12n - 48 = 30 + n^2 - 4n - 5n + 20$$

$$\Rightarrow 12n - 48 = n^2 - 9n + 50$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - 9n - 12n + 50 + 48 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - 21n + 98 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - 7n - 14n + 98 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n-7) - 14(n-7) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-7)(n-14) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-7) = 0, (n-14) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 7, n = 14$$

