

Discrete Random Variables
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Integer

$X \rightarrow$ real-valued function

domain is S

range is a countable set Δ

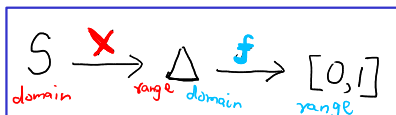
def

For each $a \in \Delta$, the resulting partitioning subset of S is $\{X=a\}$

$$f(a) = P(X=a) \quad \text{for } a \in \Delta$$

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density of random variable X .



Coin toss 2 times

$$S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$

$$X = \# \text{ of heads}$$

$$\Delta = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

X	0	1	2
f	$(1-p)^2$	$2p(1-p)$	p^2
	$f(0)$	$f(1)$	$f(2)$

Density is represented in different ways.

$$f(a), f_X(a), p(a), p_X(a)$$

Binomial Random Variable

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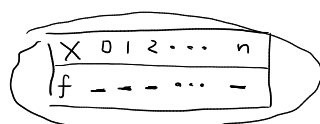
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$$f(k) = P(X=k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}, \quad k \in \Delta = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$$

parameters



Avoid this

Cumulative Distribution Function

CDF

$$F(t) = P(X \leq t) = \sum_{k=0}^t f(k) = \sum_{k=0}^t \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

There is no closed-form expression for CDF of Binomial Random Variable.

$$F(1) = f(0) + f(1) = (1-p)^2 + 2p(1-p)$$

$$F(2) = 1$$

$$F(0) = (1-p)^2$$

$$F(-1) = 0$$

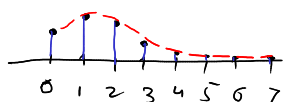
Roll nos. 1-8

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(7, 0.2)$$

X	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
f	0.21	0.36	0.275	0.114	0.028	0.0043	0.0003	0.000013

$$f(4) = P(X=4) = \binom{7}{4} (0.2)^4 (0.8)^{7-4} = 0.028$$

f



Roll nos. 9-16

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(7, 0.5)$$

X	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
f	0.0078	0.054	0.164	0.273	0.273	0.164	0.054	0.0078

f



Bell-shaped!

Roll nos. 17-24

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(7, 0.75)$$

X	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
f	0.1210	0.0012	0.0115	0.0548	0.172	0.3114	0.1325	0.1325

f



$$\frac{2^k}{k!}$$

$$\frac{3^k}{k!}$$

Roll nos. 30-40
k = 0 → 10

Roll nos. 40-50
k = 0 → 10

k	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$\frac{2^k}{k!}$	1	2	2	$\frac{8}{6}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{4}{15}$	$\frac{4}{95}$	$\frac{8}{315}$	$\frac{2}{315}$	$\frac{4}{2835}$	$\frac{4}{14175}$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{10} \frac{2^k}{k!} = 7.38$$

$$e^2 = 7.389056$$

$$e = 2.71828182846$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{10} \frac{3^k}{k!} = 20.04$$

$$e^3 = 20.0855$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq 0 \quad a \geq 0, b \geq 0 \\ &\frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{b}{a+b} = 1 \\ &\text{between } 0 \text{ and } 1 \\ &\text{Sum} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

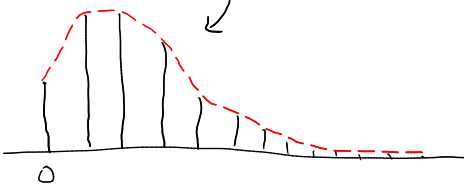
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} = e^{\lambda}$$

$$p(X=k) = \frac{1}{e^{\lambda}} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}, \quad k = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

Poisson Random Variable

k	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$\frac{2^k}{k!}$	1	2	2	$\frac{8}{6}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{4}{15}$	$\frac{4}{95}$	$\frac{8}{315}$	$\frac{2}{315}$	$\frac{4}{2835}$	$\frac{4}{14175}$
f(k)	$\frac{1}{e^2}$	$\frac{2}{e^2}$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

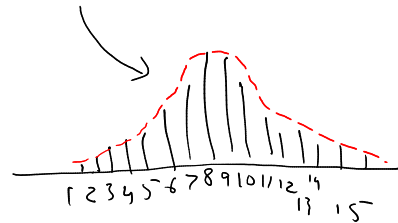
$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(2)$$



$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$$

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parameter
 $\lambda > 0$

$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(0.9)$$



- ① Telephone Exchange
Model the Numbers of calls arriving in
- ② Radiative material
Number of particles emitted by a radioactive substance.

CDF has no closed-form expression.

$$F(t) = P(X \leq t) = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^t \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

In a Bernoulli process,

① X = number of tails before the 1st head

$$X \sim \text{Geometric}(p) \quad \Delta = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

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

② Y = number of tails before the 10th head

$$Y \sim \text{Negative Binomial}(p) \quad \Delta = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$P(Y=k) = \binom{k+9}{9} (1-p)^k p^{10}$$

③ Z = number of trials before the 1st head

$$Z \sim \text{Shifted Geometric}(p) \quad \Delta = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$P(Z=k) = (1-p)^{k-1} p$$

④ W = number of trials to get the 10th head

$$W \sim \text{Shifted Negative Binomial}(p) \quad \Delta = \{10, 11, 12, \dots\}$$

$$P(W=k) = \binom{k-1}{9} (1-p)^{k-10} p^{10}$$

(or: of coin tosses)
Consider a Bernoulli process.

① What is the prob. that k tails will be observed to get the 1st head?

$$P(k \text{ tails before 1st head}) = ? \quad \text{for } k = ?$$

② What is the prob. that k tails will be observed to get the 10th head?

$$P(k \text{ tails before 10th head}) = ? \quad \text{for } k = ?$$

③ What is the prob. that k trials will be observed to get the 1st head?

④ What is the prob. that k trials will be observed to get the 10th head?

k tails, 10 heads

$$\frac{H}{k+9}$$

$$\binom{k+9}{9}$$

Geometric Series

$$\hookrightarrow a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3$$

$$x \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad \dots$$

$$P(X) \quad p(1-p)p \quad (1-p)^2 p \quad (1-p)^3 p$$

$$\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$$

$$a \quad ar \quad ar^2 \quad ar^3$$

$$\frac{aH}{k-1} = \frac{H}{\binom{k-1}{9}}$$