

Binomial distribution (1)

Binomial distribution is also known as the Bernoulli distribution is a discrete probability distribution.

Binomial distribution is based on following conditions.

- (a) The random experiment is performed repeatedly a finite and fixed number of times.
- (b) Each observation falls into one of two categories either called success or failure.
- (c) The probability of success in each trial remains constant.
- (d) The trials are independent.

Formula of Binomial distribution

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

where n = number of trials

p = probability of success

$q = 1 - p$ = probability of failure

X = discrete random variable

r = number of success in n trials

Formula of mean, standard deviation and skewness in the case of Binomial distribution,

distribution,

$$\mu = np, \text{ variance} = npq$$

$$\text{standard deviation} = \sqrt{npq}, \text{ skewness} = \frac{q-p}{\sqrt{npq}}$$

Properties of Binomial distribution

For Binomial distribution, variance $<$ mean

Binomial distribution is symmetrical

$$p = q = \frac{1}{2}$$

+vely skewed

$$p < \frac{1}{2}$$

-vely skewed

$$p > \frac{1}{2}$$

① If n is large and μ is too close to zero, the binomial distribution can be closely approximated by a normal distribution with a standard variance

$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{x - np}{\sqrt{npq}}$$

Example

Q1 → A coin is tossed 6 times, what is the probability of obtaining 4 or more heads? what is the probability of getting at least two heads.

Solution . If we toss a coin, then the probability of getting head (success) = $\frac{1}{2} = p$
 probability of not getting head (failure) = $\frac{1}{2} = q$

From question we have to find the probability of obtaining 4 heads or more heads.

$$P(X=4 \text{ heads}) = nC_4 p^4 q^{n-4} \quad P(X=0) = nC_0 p^0 q^n$$

$$P(X=4 \text{ heads}) = {}^6C_4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{6-4}$$

$$= {}^6C_4 \times \frac{1}{16} \times \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= \frac{15}{24} \times \frac{1}{64}$$

$$= \frac{6 \times 5 \cancel{4}}{\cancel{4} \times 2 \times 1} \times \frac{1}{64}$$

$$= \frac{30}{128}$$

$$= \frac{15}{64}$$

$$P(r=5) = {}^6C_5 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{6-5} \quad (3)$$

$$= {}^6C_5 \frac{1}{32} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{16}{1514} \times \frac{1}{64}$$

$$= \frac{615}{15} \times \frac{1}{64}$$

$$= \frac{3}{32}$$

$$P(r=6) = {}^6C_6 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{6-6}$$

$$= \frac{16}{1810} \times \frac{1}{64}$$

$$= \frac{1}{64}$$

Hence probability of getting 4 or more heads

$$= P(r=4) + P(r=5) + P(r=6)$$

$$= \frac{15}{64} + \frac{3}{32} + \frac{1}{64}$$

$$= \frac{15+6+1}{64}$$

$$= \frac{22}{64} = \frac{11}{32}$$

$$= 0.343$$

(ii) Probability of getting of 2 heads

$$= 1 - 2P(0 \text{ head}) + P(1 \text{ head})$$

$$= 1 - \left[{}^6C_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{6-0} + {}^6C_1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{6-1} \right]$$

$$= 1 - \left[{}^6C_0 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 + {}^6C_1 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1 - \left[\frac{1}{64} + \frac{6}{64} \right] \\
 &= 1 - \frac{7}{64} \\
 &= \frac{57}{64} \\
 &= 0.890
 \end{aligned}$$

Q → 8 coins are tossed 256 times, find the expected frequencies of success (getting a head) and the result obtained. Find the mean and standard deviation of the fitted distribution.

Solution, $P(\text{success}) = \frac{1}{2}$, $q(\text{failure}) = \frac{1}{2}$, $n = 256$

~~$n = 8$~~ $n = 8$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X) &= {}^n C_r p^r q^{n-r} \\
 &= {}^8 C_r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{8-r} \\
 &= {}^8 C_r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 \\
 &= \frac{1}{256} \times {}^8 C_r
 \end{aligned}$$

Success. Hence in 256 throws $f(x) = \frac{1}{256} {}^8 C_r$

Success	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Expected frequency	${}^8 C_0$	${}^8 C_1$	${}^8 C_2$	${}^8 C_3$	${}^8 C_4$	${}^8 C_5$	${}^8 C_6$	${}^8 C_7$	${}^8 C_8$

Mean, $4 = np$
 $= 8 \times \frac{1}{2} = 4$
 S.D = $\sqrt{npq} = \sqrt{8 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{2} = 1.414$