

5. Distribution Probability

Under similar and homogenous conditions, when an experiment is conducted repeatedly, we come across two kinds of situations:

- (i) outcome or result which is certain or,
- (ii) outcome or result which is not certain, but may be one of various possibilities.

The experiment is named trial and results are named as events or cases. For example, act of tossing the coin is a trial, while getting a head or a tail is an event.

Mathematical Representation of Probability

Let b exhaustive, mutually exclusive and equally likely cases of which a are favourable to an event E .

The probability (P) of happening of event E as $\frac{a}{b}$.

$$P = \frac{\text{Number of favourable cases}}{\text{Total number of exhaustive cases}} = \frac{a}{b}$$

note that $0 \leq P \leq 1$

and a is events are favourable to event E .

$b-a$ are events not favourable to event E .

∴ Probability for not happening \bar{E} is: $q = \frac{b-a}{b}$

$$q = \frac{b-a}{b} = 1 - \frac{a}{b} = 1 - P$$

∴ $P + q = 1$, also $0 \leq q \leq 1$

p is called probability of success of event E .
 q is called probability of failure of event E .

If trials are repeated large number of times,

$$p = P(E) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{b}$$

b is a total number of trials of which a are favourable

Notation:-

- $P(\bar{E})$ and $P(\bar{E})$ are probabilities for event E to happen or not to happen respectively.

- $P(\bar{E}_i + \bar{E}_j)$ is probability for happening at least one of the events \bar{E}_i or \bar{E}_j .

- $P(\bar{E}_i \bar{E}_j)$ probability for happening both event $\bar{E}_i \bar{E}_j$

- $P(\bar{E}_i / \bar{E}_j)$ conditional probability for event \bar{E}_i to happen when event \bar{E}_j has already happened.

- For n events $\bar{E}_1, \bar{E}_2, \dots, \bar{E}_n$

$P(\bar{E}_1 + \bar{E}_2 + \dots + \bar{E}_n)$ = probability of occurrence at least one of events $\bar{E}_1, \bar{E}_2, \dots, \bar{E}_n$.

$P(\bar{E}_1 \bar{E}_2 \dots \bar{E}_n)$ = Probability of simultane occurrence of all events $\bar{E}_1, \bar{E}_2, \dots, \bar{E}_n$.

Always $P(E) + P(\bar{E}) = 1$

Theorem 1 Probability of happening any one of the n mutually exclusive events is equal to sum of probabilities of the happening of separate events.

$$P(E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_n) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) + \dots + P(E_n)$$

If two events not mutually exclusive

$$P(E_1 + E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) - P(E_1 E_2)$$

Theorem 2 probability of simultaneous happening of two events E_1 and E_2 is equal to the product of E_1 and the conditional probability of E_2 given that E_1 already happened

$$P(E_1 E_2) = P(E_1) \cdot P(E_2/E_1)$$

$$\vee P(E_1 E_2) = P(E_2) \cdot P(E_1/E_2)$$

Corollary

1) If two events are independent then $P(\frac{E_1}{E_2}) = P(E_1)$, $P(\frac{E_2}{E_1}) = P(E_2)$

Thus, $P(E_1 E_2) = P(E_1) P(E_2)$

2) If n events are independent, then,

$$P(E_1 E_2 \dots E_n) = P(E_1) P(E_2) \dots P(E_n)$$

3) $P(E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_n) = 1 - P(\bar{E}_1 \bar{E}_2 \dots \bar{E}_n)$

4) If n events are independent and $P(E_i) = p_i$

$$P(E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_n) = 1 - P(\bar{E}_1 \bar{E}_2 \dots \bar{E}_n)$$

$$= 1 - (1-p_1)(1-p_2) \dots (1-p_n)$$

Bernoulli's theorem: If p denotes the probability of an events E , then the probability that it will occur in exactly r out of n trials is

$${}^n C_r p^r q^{n-r} \quad \text{where } q = 1-p$$

and ${}^n C_r = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-r+1)}{r(r-1)(r-2) \dots \times 2 \times 1}$, note that ${}^n C_n = 1$
 ${}^n C_0 = 1$

Example One bag contains 4 white ball and 2 black balls. Another bag contain 3 white and 5 black balls. If one ball is drawn from each bag. Find the probability that:

- (i) both are white
- (ii) both are black
- (iii) one black and one white

Solution

- probability of drawing one white ball from the first bag contain 6 balls is $\frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$ and drawing one black $\frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$

- probability of drawing one white ball from the second bag contain 8 balls is $\frac{3}{8}$ and of one black ball is $\frac{5}{8}$

Since drawing from two bags are independent. Apply the multiplication theorem

(i) both are white
probability = $\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$

(ii) probability, both are black = $\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{8} = \frac{5}{24}$

(iii) - one black from the first bag and one white from the second bag is $\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{8} = \frac{1}{8}$

- one black from the second and one white from the first bag is $\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{12}$. As these events mutually exclusive

the addition theorem gives probability of one black and one white ball is $\frac{1}{8} + \frac{5}{12} = \frac{13}{24}$

Ex Twelve coins are tossed together. Find the probability of getting 8, 9 or 10 heads in a single toss.

sol. The probability of getting head in a single toss of single coin is $= \frac{1}{2}$ and of getting tail is $= \frac{1}{2}$

$$\therefore p = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad q = 1 - p = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Probability of 8 heads} = {}^n C_r p^r q^{n-r} = {}^{12} C_8 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4$$

$$= \frac{12 \times 11 \times 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5}{8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 = 0.121$$

$$\text{probability of 9 heads} = {}^{12} C_9 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^9 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = 0.0537$$

$$\text{probability of 10 heads} = {}^{12} C_{10} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 0.0161$$

As these events are mutually exclusive, the total probability $= 0.121 + 0.0537 + 0.0161 = 0.19$

Ex probability of hitting the target are $\frac{1}{2}$ for A, $\frac{2}{3}$ for B, and $\frac{3}{4}$ for C. If they all fire at the same target find.

(i) only one of them hit the target (ii) at least one hit the target

$$\text{sol. } P(\bar{E}_1) = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(\bar{E}_2) = \frac{2}{3} \quad P(\bar{E}_3) = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\therefore P(\bar{E}_1) = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(\bar{E}_2) = \frac{1}{3} \quad P(\bar{E}_3) = \frac{1}{4}$$

(i) only one of them hits the target حدث واحد وعدم حدوث الآخرين

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Probability} &= P(\bar{E}_1 \bar{E}_2 \bar{E}_3) + P(\bar{E}_1 E_2 \bar{E}_3) + P(\bar{E}_1 \bar{E}_2 E_3) \\ &= P(\bar{E}_1) P(\bar{E}_2) P(\bar{E}_3) + P(\bar{E}_1) P(E_2) P(\bar{E}_3) + P(\bar{E}_1) P(\bar{E}_2) P(E_3) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) at least one of them hits the target

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Probability} &= 1 - P(\bar{E}_1 \bar{E}_2 \bar{E}_3) = 1 - P(\bar{E}_1) P(\bar{E}_2) P(\bar{E}_3) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{23}{24} \end{aligned}$$

5-1 Binomial Probability Distribution

Consider a trail in which there are only two possible out-come, a success or failure. Let (p) is probability of success, and $(q = 1-p)$ probability of failure. And let the trail repeated for (n) times. Then the probability of getting (x) success in (n) trails is: -

$${}^n C_x p^x q^{n-x} = f$$

$$0 \leq p \leq 1 \\ x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

f is known as the probability density function of x .

$$\text{and } \sum f = \sum {}^n C_x p^x (1-p)^{n-x} = (p + 1-p)^n = 1$$

Also,

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ mean, } \bar{X} = \frac{\sum f x}{\sum f} = \sum_{x=0}^n {}^n C_x p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \cdot x = np$$

Ex: if $p = 0.5$, then mean $= np = \frac{n}{2}$

$\textcircled{2}$ mode, is the value of (x) for which $f(x)$ is maximum

$$\therefore \text{ mode} = np + p - 1 \quad \text{if } n \\ = np + p \quad \text{if } n$$

Ex: if $p = 0.5$, mode $= \frac{n}{2}$ if n even and $\frac{n-1}{2}$ and $\frac{n+1}{2}$ if n is odd.

$\textcircled{3}$ standard deviation

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum f x^2}{\sum f} - \bar{X}^2 = np(1-p)$$

\therefore standard deviation $\sigma = \sqrt{np(1-p)}$

Ex For binomial distribution mean is 6 and standard deviation is $\sqrt{2}$. Find the two terms of the distribution.

1. mean = $np = 6$, $\sigma = \sqrt{np(1-p)} = \sqrt{2}$

$\therefore 1-p = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \therefore p = \frac{2}{3}$ and $n = 9$

$\therefore f(x) = C_x^n p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$

The first term = $f(0) = C_0^9 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^9 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^9$, $C_0^9 = 1$

the second term = $f(1) = C_1^9 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^8 = \frac{9}{11} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^8 = \frac{2}{2187}$

Ex An ordinary die is thrown four times, find the probability that:

- (i) six not observed (ii) six observed one
(iii) six observed at least twice.

1. binomial distribution with $n = 4$ $p = \frac{1}{6}$

i) $P(0) = C_0^4 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{6}\right)^4 = 0.482$

ii) $P(1) = C_1^4 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1 \left(1 - \frac{1}{6}\right)^3 = 0.386$

iii) $P(X \geq 2) = 1 - P(0) - P(1) = 1 - 0.482 - 0.386 = 0.132$

note that

$$P(X) = C_x^n p^x q^{n-x} = 1$$

$$= P(0) + P(1) + C_2^n p^2 q^{n-2} = 1$$

$$\therefore C_2^n p^2 q^{n-2} = 1 - P(0) - P(1) \quad (380)$$

5-2 Poisson Distribution of Probability

This is a limiting case of binomial distribution under the following assumptions :

- (i) n , number of trials is increased, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$
- (ii) p , the probability of success in a single trial is very small $p \rightarrow 0$
- (iii) np is a finite constant, say $np = m$

Then, the Binomial distribution is :

$$P(x) = {}^n C_x p^x q^{n-x}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{\substack{n \rightarrow \infty \\ p \rightarrow 0}} P(x) = \frac{m^x}{x!} e^{-m}$$

Thus, Poisson distribution is : $f = \frac{m^x e^{-m}}{x!}$

And

① mean $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum fx}{\sum f} = \sum e^{-m} \frac{m^x}{x!} x = m$

② mode = $(m-1)$ or m

③ standard deviation

$$\text{variance } \sigma^2 = \frac{\sum fx^2}{\sum f} - (\bar{x})^2 = m$$

$$\therefore \sigma = \sqrt{m}$$

Ex (2%) of materials produced by a machine are defective. Find the probability that (100) materials are produced by a machine, there will be 0, 1, and more than 2 defective material.

Sol $n = 100$ $p = 0.02$, $\therefore np = 0.02 \times 100 = 2 = m$

$$\therefore P(0) = \frac{m^x e^{-m}}{x!} = \frac{m^0 \cdot e^{-2}}{0!} = e^{-2}$$

$$P(1) = \frac{m^1 e^{-2}}{1!} = 2 e^{-2}$$

$$P(\geq 2) = 1 - P(0) - P(1) = 1 - 3e^{-2}$$

5.3 Normal Probability Distribution

Is a continuous distribution of a variable x with probability density function:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-m}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

note that:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-m}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx$$

$$\text{let } t = \frac{x-m}{\sigma} \quad dt = \frac{1}{\sigma} dx \Rightarrow dx = \sigma dt$$

$$\therefore \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt = 1$$

In general, if

$$\phi(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} = \phi(-t)$$

$$\text{then } \int_{-t}^0 \phi(t) dt = \int_0^t \phi(t) dt$$

where $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \phi(t) dt$ known as normal probability integral

Ex The mean weight of 500 students is 151 lb, and the standard deviation is 15 lb. Assume that the wt. are normally distributed, find how many students weigh between 120 and 155 lb.

Sol. mean $m = 151$, $\sigma = 15$

$$\therefore t = \frac{x - m}{\sigma} = \frac{x - 151}{15}$$

when $x = 120 \Rightarrow t_1 = \frac{120 - 151}{15} = -2.06$

at $x = 155 \Rightarrow t_2 = \frac{155 - 151}{15} = 0.26$

\therefore Probability integral $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \phi(t) dt = \int_{-2.06}^{0.26} \phi(t) dt$

$$= \int_{-2.06}^{0.26} \phi(t) dt = \int_{-2.06}^0 \phi(t) dt + \int_0^{0.26} \phi(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{2.06} \phi(t) dt + \int_0^{0.26} \phi(t) dt = 0.4806 + 0.1051$$

$$= 0.5857 \quad \text{from table}$$

\therefore number of students who weigh between 120 and 155 lb

is $= 0.5857 \times 500 = 293$