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STUDY MATERIAL-7

SUBJECT – STATISTICS

Pre-test

Chapter: BINOMIAL PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

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PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

PART 1

A discrete random variable X follows Binomial distribution with parameters n and p,

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

The p.m.f of the variable is given by $f(x) = {}^n C_x p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ for all $x = 0(1)n$

Where n = number of trials

P= probability of success in a single trial

X= required number of success.

To check that it is a pmf.

$n C_x > 0, p \geq 0$ and $(1-p) \geq 0$, hence $f(x) \geq 0$.

$$\sum_{i=0}^n f(x) = (1-p+p)^n = 1. \Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^n f(x) = 1$$

Hence f(x) is a pmf.

Condition for Binomial distribution:

Binomial distribution is used in case of Bernoullian variable, ie,

- (i) Number of trials are countably finite
- (ii) In each trials there exists only two possible outcomes, viz, success and failure
- (iii) Probability of success in every single trial is same.

Eg, An unbiased die is rolled five times. Find the probability of getting three 6's.

Soln: X : number of 6's appear in five throws of an unbiased die.

Therefore, $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ where $n = 5$ and $p = \frac{1}{6}$

$$\text{So } P(X=3) = f(3) = {}^5C_3 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{6}\right)^{5-3} = \frac{250}{6^5}$$

Properties of $\text{Bin}(n, p)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{x=0}^n x(x-1)(x-2) \dots (x-r+1) f(x) \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^n x(x-1)(x-2) \dots (x-r+1) \frac{n!}{(n-x)!x!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^n n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-r+1) \frac{n!}{(n-x)!x!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \\ &= n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-r+1) \sum_{x=r}^n \frac{(n-r)!}{((n-r)-(x-r))!(x-r)!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \\ &= n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-r+1) p^r (1-p+p)^{n-r} \\ &= n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-r+1) p^r \end{aligned}$$

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

1. r th order factorial moment of the random variable X

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{[r]} &= E(X(X-1)(X-2) \dots (X-r+1)) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n x(x-1)(x-2) \dots (x-r+1) f(x) \\ &= n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-r+1) p^r \end{aligned}$$

2. Expectation and variance of the random variable X

Put $r = 1$, $E(X) = np$

$$r = 2, \quad E(x(x-1)) = n(n-1)p^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Variance of } X = \sigma_X^2 &= E(X(X-1)) + E(X) - (E(X))^2 \\ &= n(n-1)p^2 + np - n^2p^2 \\ &= np(1-p)\end{aligned}$$

3. Binomial distribution is symmetric when $p = \frac{1}{2}$

A real valued mathematical function with domain $[a, b]$ is symmetric iff

$$f(a+x) = f(b-x)$$

Using the property for binomial pmf.

$$f(n-x) = f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^nC_x p^x (1-p)^{n-x} = {}^nC_{n-x} p^{n-x} (1-p)^x$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-p)^{n-2x} = p^{n-2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1-p = p$$

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

So Binomial distribution is symmetric when $p = \frac{1}{2}$.

4. Binomial distribution attains maximum variance when $p = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_X^2 &= np(1-p) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dp} \sigma_X^2 &= n - 2np \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d^2}{dp^2} \sigma_X^2 &= -2n < 0 \Rightarrow \text{always maximum} \\ \frac{d}{dp} \sigma_X^2 &= 0 \Rightarrow n - 2np = 0 \Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

So Binomial distribution attains maximum variance when $p = \frac{1}{2}$
Hence symmetric Binomial distribution has maximum variance.

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