

# Stat 213: Intro to Statistics 6

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## example

- tossing a coin
- $X$ : random variable - number of success

$$X = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if success with probability, } \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{if failure with probability, } 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

- probability distribution

|            |               |               |       |
|------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| $X$        | 0             | 1             | total |
| $P(X = x)$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1     |

- $E(X) = 0 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 1 \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$
- $V(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 = \left[0^2 \times \frac{1}{2} + 1^2 \times \frac{1}{2}\right] - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$

## Bernoulli trial

- an experiment that are only two events of interest (success and failure) on a single trial
- $X$ : random variable -number of successes

$$X = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if success with probability, } p \\ 0 & \text{if failure with probability, } 1 - p \end{cases}$$

- probability distribution

| $X$        | 0                | 1                | total |
|------------|------------------|------------------|-------|
| $P(X = x)$ | $1 - p$          | $p$              | 1     |
|            | $= p^0(1 - p)^1$ | $= p^1(1 - p)^0$ | 1     |

## Bernoulli trial

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|------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| $X$        | 0              | 1              | total |
| $P(X = x)$ | $p^0(1 - p)^1$ | $p^1(1 - p)^0$ | 1     |

$$P(X = x) = p^x(1 - p)^{1-x}, \quad x = 0, 1$$

- $E(X) = ( \quad )$
- $V(X) = ( \quad )$

### example

- Consider the spin of a roulette wheel. A gambler places a bet that the little white ball will land on a ‘black’ pocket. Defining a random variable  $X$  as the outcome from this wager, one can consider this as a Bernoulli trial: a success will occur if the gambler wins the bet- the white ball lands in the ‘black’ pocket, a failure as the white ball dose not land in a ‘black’ pocket. In this instance, we can give the probability distribution of the random variable  $X$ , where  $p = P(X = 1) = \frac{18}{38}$ :

|            |        |        |       |
|------------|--------|--------|-------|
| $X$        | 0      | 1      | total |
| $P(X = x)$ | 0.5263 | 0.4737 | 1     |

We can see that the expected value of  $X$  is 0.4737 and the standard deviation of  $X$  is 0.4993.

## the Binomial probability distribution

- **Binomial distribution** is based on the idea of Bernoulli trial
  - 100 times tossing a coin (head and tail)
- interest in the **number of successes** after  $n$  trials
  - want to know the probability of getting a certain number of successes in a given number of trials

## properties

- there are **identical trials**
- the trials are **independent**
- each trial results in **one of two outcome**: success or failure
- the **probability of success is the same** on each trial, call it **p**

### example

- the probability distribution of obtaining the face five on three rolls of a die

–  $X$ : number of the face five

$$– P(X = 0) = \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^3 = \frac{125}{216}$$

$$– P(X = 1) = \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 = \frac{75}{216}$$

$$– P(X = 2) = \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1 + \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1 + \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1 = \frac{15}{216}$$

$$– P(X = 3) = \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^0 = \frac{1}{216}$$

$$– E(X) = 0 \times \frac{125}{216} + 1 \times \frac{75}{216} + 2 \times \frac{15}{216} + 3 \times \frac{1}{216} = \frac{108}{216} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$– V(X) = ( \quad )$$



### recall: Bernoulli trial

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- probability distribution

|            |                |                |       |
|------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| $X$        | 0              | 1              | total |
| $P(X = x)$ | $p^0(1 - p)^1$ | $p^1(1 - p)^0$ | 1     |

## two independent Bernoulli trials

- $Y = X_1 + X_2$ : random variable -number of successes

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if success with probability, } p \\ 0 & \text{if failure with probability, } 1 - p \end{cases} \quad i = 1, 2$$

- $Y = 0 \implies (X_1, X_2) = (0, 0)$ 
  - $P(Y = 0) = p^0(1 - p)^2 = (1 - p)^2$
- $Y = 1 \implies (X_1, X_2) = (1, 0) \text{ or } (0, 1)$ 
  - $P(Y = 1) = p^1(1 - p)^1 + p^1(1 - p)^1 = 2p(1 - p) = \binom{2}{1}p(1 - p)$
- $Y = 2 \implies (X_1, X_2) = (1, 1)$ 
  - $P(Y = 2) = p^2(1 - p)^0 = p^2$

## two independent Bernoulli trials

- $Y = X_1 + X_2$ : number of successes
- probability distribution:

$$P(Y = y) = \binom{2}{y} p^y (1 - p)^{2-y}, \quad y = 0, 1, 2$$

|            |             |             |       |       |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| $Y$        | 0           | 1           | 2     | total |
| $P(Y = y)$ | $(1 - p)^2$ | $2p(1 - p)$ | $p^2$ | 1     |

- $E(Y) = ( \quad )$
- $V(Y) = ( \quad )$

$n$  Bernoulli trials:  $Y \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$

- $Y = X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_n$ : random variable -number of successes
- probability distribution:

$$P(Y = y) = \binom{n}{y} p^y (1 - p)^{n-y}, \quad y = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

- $E(Y) = \mu_Y = \sum_{\text{all } y} y P(Y = y) = ( \quad )$
- $V(Y) = \sigma_Y^2 = \sum_{\text{all } y} (y - \mu_Y)^2 P(Y = y) = ( \quad )$

## example

- in the previous example
  - $X$ : number of the face five
  - $X$ : Binomial  $(3, \frac{1}{6})$

$$P(X = x) = \binom{3}{x} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^x \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{3-x}, \quad y = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

$$- P(X = 0) = ( \quad )$$

$$- P(X = 1) = ( \quad )$$

$$- P(X = 2) = ( \quad )$$

$$- P(X = 3) = ( \quad )$$

$$- E(X) = np = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$- V(X) = np(1 - p) = 3 \times \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} = \frac{15}{36}$$

### example

- A student is taking a multiple choice exam that consists of 5 questions. Each question has 4 possible answers. He/She answers every questions. What is the probability that he/she passes the exam if he/she needs at least 4 correct answers to pass ?

## shape of Binomial distributions

- the probability distribution of obtaining the face five on three rolls of a die
  - $X$ : number of the face five = 0, 1, 2, 3: Binomial  $(3, \frac{1}{6})$

## shape of Binomial distributions

- the probability distribution of obtaining heads on three tosses of a fair coin
  - $X$ : number of heads = 0, 1, 2, 3: Binomial  $(3, \frac{1}{2})$



## shape of Binomial distributions

- the probability distribution of obtaining heads on four tosses of a fair coin
  - $X$ : number of the face five = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4: Binomial  $(4, \frac{1}{2})$