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## STATISTICS YEAR 2 SEMESTER 1

### Course Content

1. Descriptive Statistics: Populations and samples. Measures of central tendency and dispersion.
2. Introduction to Probability Theory: Sample space. Some probability laws. Conditional probability. Bayes' theorem.
3. Random Variables and Expectation: Discrete and continuous random variables. Laws of expectation. Markov's and Chebychev's inequalities. Moment generating function. Jointly distributed random variables.
4. Discrete Distributions: Bernoulli, hypergeometric, binomial, geometric and Poisson distributions. Limiting distributions of hypergeometric and binomial. Markov property.
5. Reliability.
6. Sampling Inspection: Single sampling schemes. Double sampling schemes. Operating Characteristic. Average outgoing quality. Consumer's and producer's risks.
7. Continuous Distribution: Exponential and normal. Areas under the normal curve. Normal approximation to the binomial.

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The subject of Statistics provides answers to questions such as:

1. What data need be collected?
2. How can resources be used efficiently to collect the data?
3. How can the data be presented so as to convey their salient features?
4. What conclusions can be drawn from these data and what is the degree of certainty of these conclusions?
5. What actions should be taken on the basis of the conclusions drawn from these data?

### **Applications of Probability and Statistics:**

1. Computing: Evaluating algorithms; evaluating queueing systems for computer usage; cpu time; response time; bytecode usage by different Java compilers; extracting information from large data sets.
2. Engineering: Improving product design and testing product performance; estimating reliability of components and systems.
3. Quality Control: Evaluating quality through sampling; process control.
4. Actuarial Science: Determining premium rates; designing pension plans.
5. Business, Accounting and Industry. Estimating sales; auditing.
6. Economics; Measuring indicators such as trade, size of labour force, and standard of living; long and short range forecasts of economic indicators.
7. Health and Medicine: Drug testing.
8. Psychology: IQ testing.
9. Opinion Polls: Who will win the next general election?

# 1 WHAT IS STATISTICS?

**STATISTICS** deals with numerical data, in particular the:

- COLLECTION
- PRESENTATION
- DESCRIPTION
- INTERPRETATION

Figure 1: Boxplots

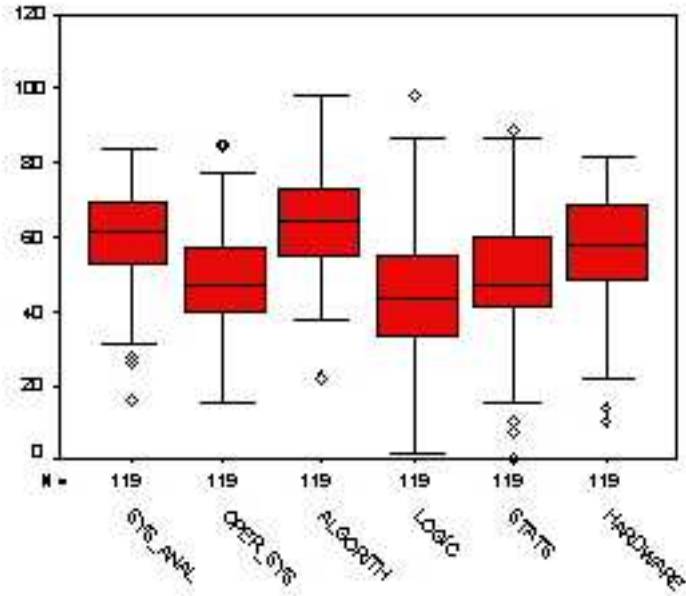
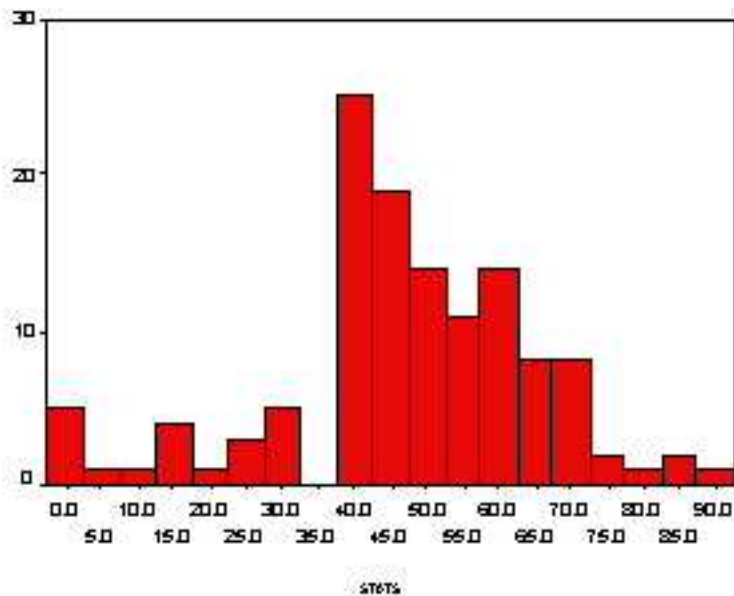


Table 1: Descriptive Statistics

	N	Range	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
STATS	125	89.00	.00	89.00	47.3920	18.0147
SYS ANAL	121	67.00	16.00	83.00	59.2645	12.6805
OPER SYS	121	70.00	15.00	85.00	48.7190	14.0465
ALGORITHM	121	76.00	22.00	98.00	64.6198	14.2128
LOGIC	123	96.00	2.00	98.00	44.9675	18.4297
HARDWARE	120	71.00	10.00	81.00	56.9167	15.1960

Figure 2: Histogram and Stem-and-Leaf of Statistics Exam

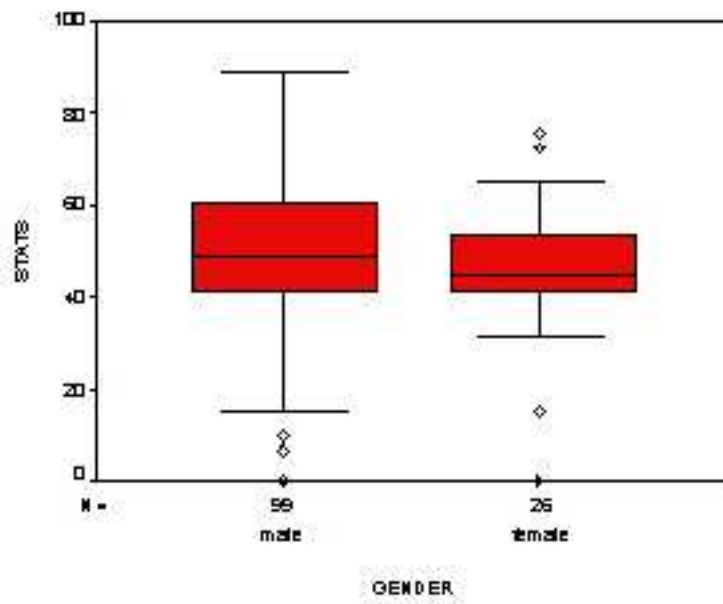


Stem and Leaf Diagram

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7.00  Extremes      (= < 10)
.00    1 .
4.00   1 . 5567
2.00   2 . 23
4.00   2 . 6689
3.00   3 . 022
.00    3 .
34.00  4 . 0000000011111111111222222333344444
16.00  4 . 55556666677889999
13.00  5 . 0001112233444
10.00  5 . 5567778899
12.00  6 . 000111222233
9.00   6 . 557777999
5.00   7 . 00022
3.00   7 . 568
1.00   8 . 4
1.00   8 . 7
1.00  Extremes      (>= 89)
Stem width: 10.00 Each leaf: 1 case(s)

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### Example:

A manufacturer of minicomputer systems is interested in improving its customer support services. As a first step its marketing department has been charged with the responsibility of summarizing the extent of customer problems in terms of system downtime. The twenty three most recent customers were surveyed and the amount of downtime (in minutes) they had experienced during the previous month was summarised in the following stem and leaf display.

Freq	Stem	Leaf
3	0	012
4	1	2248
7	2	1134599
5	3	00036
3	4	457
1	5	1

1. Re-create all the numbers in the data set.
2. Calculate the quartiles of the data.
3. Construct a box-plot.

## DATA PRESENTATION AND DESCRIPTION

- **Summary Statistics:**

1. *Measures of Central Tendency:* These measure typical or central points in the data. They include:
  - (a) *Mean:* Sum of all values divided by the number of cases.
  - (b) *Median:* Middle value. 50% of the data lies below this value and 50% above.
  - (c) *Mode:* Most commonly occurring value or equivalently, the value with the highest frequency.
2. *Measures of Dispersion:* These measure the spread or variation in the data. Most commonly used measures include:
  - (a) *Standard Deviation (SD):* The square root of the average squared deviations from the mean. This measures how the data values differ from the mean. A small standard deviation implies most values are near the average. A large standard deviation indicates that values are widely spread above and below the average.
  - (b) *Range:* Lowest and highest values.
  - (c) *Percentiles:* Values that divide cases below which certain percentages of values fall. The 50th percentile is the median.
  - (d) *Interquartile Range:* 25th to 75th percentiles, or equivalently the middle 50% of the data.
  - (e) *Standard Error (SE):* Standard deviation of the mean.

- **Graphical Illustrations:**

1. *Boxplot:*

This is a graphical summary based on the median, quartiles and extreme values. Often called the *Box and Whiskers Plot*, the box represents the interquartile range which contains 50% of cases. The whiskers are lines that extend from the box to the highest and lowest values. A line across the box indicates the median. Extreme values are cases more than 1.5 box lengths from the upper or lower end of the box. The extreme cases are listed on the plot.

2. **Stem and Leaf**

This is a depiction of the shape of the data based on the actual numbers observed. The stem usually depicts the 10s and the leaves depict the units.

## Basic Terminology

- **Population:**

The complete set of elements to be covered.

- **Sample:**

A subset of the population.

- **Parameter:**

A characteristic of the entire population.

- **Statistic:**

A characteristic of the sample.

## WHAT IS PROBABILITY?

- Chance.
- 16th and 17th Century: Games of Chance.
- Toss a 'fair' die.
- Pull a card from a 'well-shuffled deck'.

## 2 BASIC CONCEPTS OF PROBABILITY

- **Experiment** is a process of observation that leads to a single outcome that cannot be predicted with certainty.

Examples:

1. Pull a card from a deck
2. Toss a coin
3. Response time.

- **Sample Space:** All outcomes of an experiment. Usually denoted by **S**.

- **Event** denoted by **E** is any subset of **S**

1.  $E = \text{Spades}$
2.  $E = \text{Head}$
3.  $E = \text{Component is functioning}$

- **P(E)** denotes the probability of the event **E**.

1.  $P(E) = P(\text{Spades})$
2.  $P(E) = P(\text{Head})$
3.  $P(E) = P(\text{Component is functioning})$

## Calculating Probabilities

- **CLASSICAL APPROACH:**

Assumes all outcomes of the experiment are equally likely:

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{number of favourable cases}}{\text{number of possible cases}}$$

**Example:** Roll a fair die.

E = even number

$$P(E) = \frac{3}{6}$$

- **RELATIVE FREQUENCY APPROACH:**

Interprets the probability as the relative frequency of the event over a long series of experiment.

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{no. of times } \mathbf{E} \text{ occurs}}{\text{no. of times experiment is repeated}}$$

**Example:** Roll a die a large number of times and observe number of times an even number occurs.

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{number of observed evens}}{\text{number of times the die is rolled}}$$

**Examples:**

1. Toss a coin.

What is the probability of getting a head?

2. Toss two coins.

What is the probability of getting at least one head?

3. Select a card from a deck.

What is the probability that it is a diamond?

4. A group of four integrated-circuit (IC) chips consists of two good chips and two defective chips. If three chips are selected at random from this group, what is the probability that two are defective?

**Solution:**

A natural sample space for this problem consists of all possible three-chip selections from the group of four chips:

$$S = \{g_1g_2d_1, g_1g_2d_2, g_1d_1d_2, g_2d_1d_2\}.$$

$E$  = Two of the three selected chips are defective.

Since the two sample points  $g_1d_1d_2$  and  $g_2d_1d_2$  are favourable to the event  $E$  and since the sample space has four points, we conclude that  $P(E) = 2/4 = 1/2$ .

### Permutations and Combinations:

We have seen that finding  $P(E)$  simply involves counting the number of equally likely outcomes favourable to  $E$ . However, counting by hand may not be feasible when the sample space is large.

### Permutations:

The number of ordered sequences where repetition is not allowed, i.e. no element can appear more than once in the sequence.

Examples:

1. Three elements  $\{1,2,3\}$ .

How many sequences of two elements from these three?

$(1,2)$ ;  $(1,3)$ ;  $(2,1)$ ;  $(2,3)$ ;  $(3,1)$ ;  $(3,2)$ .

Six ordered sequences altogether.

2. Four elements  $\{1,2,3,4\}$ .

How many sequences of two elements from these four?

$(1,2)$ ;  $(1,3)$ ;  $(1,4)$   $(2,1)$ ;  $(2,3)$ ;  $(2,4)$ ;

$(3,1)$ ;  $(3,2)$ ;  $(3,4)$ ;  $(4,1)$ ;  $(4,2)$ ;  $(4,3)$ .

Twelve ordered sequences altogether.

3. Four elements  $\{1,2,3,4\}$ .

How many sequences of three elements from these four?

$(1,2,3)$ ;  $(1,3,2)$ ;  $(1,2,4)$ ;  $(1,4,2)$ ;  $(1,3,4)$ ;  $(1,4,3)$

$(2,1,3)$ ;  $(2,3,1)$ ;  $(2,1,4)$ ;  $(2,4,1)$ ;  $(2,3,4)$ ;  $(2,4,3)$

$(3,1,2)$ ;  $(3,2,1)$ ;  $(3,2,4)$ ;  $(3,4,2)$ ;  $(3,1,4)$ ;  $(3,4,1)$

$(4,1,3)$ ;  $(4,3,1)$ ;  $(4,1,2)$ ;  $(4,2,1)$ ;  $(4,3,2)$ ;  $(4,2,3)$

Twenty-four ordered sequences.

## Permutations:

Ordered samples (sequences) of size  $k$  from  $n$

$${}^n P_k = n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

This is also known as the number of permutations of  $n$  distinct objects taken  $k$  at a time.

i.e.

$${}^n P_k = n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

1.  ${}^3 P_2 = 3 * 2 = 6$
2.  ${}^4 P_2 = 4 * 3 = 12$
3.  ${}^4 P_3 = 4 * 3 * 2 = 24$

**Example**

Find the probability that a randomly chosen three-letter sequence will not have any repeated letters.

Let  $I = \{a, b, \dots, z\}$  be the alphabet of 26 letters. Then the sample space is

$$S = \{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) : \alpha \in I, \beta \in I, \gamma \in I\}$$

and the event of interest is

$$E = \{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) : \alpha \neq \beta, \beta \neq \gamma, \gamma \neq \alpha\}$$

The number of cases favourable to  $E$  is  ${}^{26}P_3 = 15,600$ .

The number of possible cases in  $S = 26^3 = 17,576$ . Then

$$P(E) = \frac{15,600}{17,576} = 0.89.$$

### Combinations:

The number of unordered sets of distinct elements, i.e. repetition is not allowed.

Examples:

1. Three elements  $\{1,2,3\}$ .

How many sets (combinations) of two elements from these three?

Recall for permutations (ordered sequences) there are 6 in all:

$(1,2)$ ;  $(1,3)$ ;  $(2,1)$ ;  $(2,3)$ ;  $(3,1)$ ;  $(3,2)$ .

For combinations  $(1,2)$  and  $(2,1)$  are equivalent.

Number of unordered sets = 3:

$\{1,2\}$ ;  $\{1,3\}$ ;  $\{2,3\}$

2. Four elements  $\{1,2,3,4\}$ .

How many combinations of two elements from four?

$\{1,2\}$ ;  $\{1,3\}$ ;  $\{1,4\}$   $\{2,3\}$ ;  $\{2,4\}$ ;  $\{3,4\}$ ;

Six unordered sets altogether.

3. Four elements  $\{1,2,3,4\}$ .

How many unordered of three elements from four?

$\{1,2,3\}$ ;  $\{1,2,4\}$ ;  $\{2,3,4\}$ ;  $\{3,1,4\}$

Four unordered sequences.

## Combinations:

### Generally:

Number of ways of selecting  $k$  distinct elements from  $n$  or equivalently number of unordered samples of size  $k$ , without replacement from  $n$

$${}^n C_k = \frac{{}^n P_k}{k!} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

This is the number of combinations of  $n$  distinct objects taken  $k$  at a time.

Alternative Notation:  $\binom{n}{k} = {}^n C_k$ .

For example:

1.  ${}^3 C_2 = \frac{{}^3 P_2}{2!} = \frac{3*2}{2*1} = 3$

2.  ${}^4 C_2 = \frac{{}^4 P_2}{2!} = \frac{4*3}{2*1} = 6$

3.  ${}^4 C_3 = \frac{{}^4 P_3}{3!} = \frac{4*3*2}{3*2*1}$

## Examples

1. If a box contains 75 good IC chips and 25 defective chips, and 12 chips are selected at random, find the probability that all chips are good.
2. Choose a sample of ten from a class of 100 consisting of 60 females and 40 males.  
What is the probability of getting 10 females?
3. A box with fifteen integrated circuit chips contains five defectives. If a random sample of three chips is drawn, what is the probability that all three are defective?
4. In a party of five persons, compute the probability that at least two have the same birthday (month/day), assuming a 365 day year.

## TYPES OF EVENTS

- **UNION OF TWO EVENTS**

$E_1 \cup E_2$  denotes the outcome of  $E_1$  **or**  $E_2$

**Example:** Pull a card from a deck.

$$E_1 = \text{Spade} \quad E_2 = \text{Ace}$$

$$E_1 \cup E_2 = \text{Ace or Spade}$$

- **INTERSECTION OF TWO EVENTS**

$E_1 \cap E_2$  denotes the outcome of  $E_1$  **and**  $E_2$

**Example:** Pull a card from a deck.

$$E_1 = \text{Spade} \quad E_2 = \text{Ace}$$

$$E_1 \cap E_2 = \text{Ace and Spade}$$

$$P(E_1 \cap E_2) = P(\text{Ace and Spade})$$

- **MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE EVENTS**

$E_1$  and  $E_2$  are mutually exclusive if they cannot occur together.

**Example:** Pull a card from a deck.

$$E_1 = \text{Spade} \quad E_2 = \text{Heart}$$

$E_1 \cap E_2$  is impossible

$$E_1 \cap E_2 = \emptyset$$

### 3 AXIOMS OF PROBABILITY

A probability function  $P$  is defined on subsets of the sample space  $\mathbf{S}$  to satisfy the following axioms:

1. Non-Negative Probability:

$$P(E) \geq 0.$$

2. Mutually-Exclusive Events:

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2)$$

provided  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are mutually exclusive.  
i.e.  $E_1 \cap E_2$  is empty.

3. The Universal Set:

$$P(S) = 1$$

**Example:**

Consider the following **if** statement in a program:

**if**  $B$  **then**  $s_1$  **else**  $s_2$

The random experiment consists of “observing” two successive executions of the **if** statement. The sample space consists of the four possible outcomes:

$$S = \{(s_1, s_1), (s_1, s_2), (s_2, s_1), (s_2, s_2)\}$$

Assume that on the basis of strong experimental evidence the following probability assignment is justified:

$$P(s_1, s_1) = 0.34, P(s_1, s_2) = 0.26, P(s_2, s_1) = 0.26, P(s_2, s_2) = 0.14,$$

**Calculate** the probability of

1. of at least one execution of the statement  $s_1$
2. that statement  $s_2$  is executed first.

**Solution:**

1. Let  $E$  = At least one execution of the statement  $s_1$

$$E = \{(s_1, s_1), (s_1, s_2), (s_2, s_1)\}$$

$$P(E) = P(s_1, s_1) + P(s_1, s_2) + P(s_2, s_1) = 0.86$$

2. Let  $E$  = Statement  $s_2$  is executed first.

$$E = \{(s_2, s_1), (s_2, s_2)\}$$

$$P(E) = P(s_2, s_1) + P(s_2, s_2) = 0.40$$

## Properties of Probability

### Theorem 1: Complementary Events

For each  $E \subset S$ :

$$P(\overline{E}) = 1 - P(E)$$

**Proof:**

$$S = E \cup \overline{E}$$

Now,  $E$  and  $\overline{E}$  are mutually exclusive.

i.e.

$$E \cap \overline{E} \text{ is empty.}$$

Hence:

$$P(S) = P(E \cup \overline{E}) = P(E) + P(\overline{E})$$

(Axiom2)

Also:

$$P(S) = 1$$

(Axiom3)

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} P(S) &= P(E) + P(\overline{E}) \\ \longrightarrow 1 &= P(E) + P(\overline{E}) \end{aligned}$$

So:

$$P(\overline{E}) = 1 - P(E)$$

## Properties of Probability

**Theorem 2:** The Impossible Event/The Empty Set

$$P(\emptyset) = 0 \text{ where } \emptyset \text{ is the empty set}$$

**Proof:**

$$S = S \cup \emptyset$$

Now:  $S$  and  $\emptyset$  are mutually exclusive.

i.e.

$$S \cap \emptyset \text{ is empty.}$$

Hence:

$$P(S) = P(S \cup \emptyset) = P(S) + P(\emptyset)$$

(Axiom2)

Also:

$$P(S) = 1$$

(Axiom3)

i.e.

$$1 = 1 + P(\emptyset)$$

i.e.

$$P(\emptyset) = 0.$$

## Properties of Probability

### Theorem 3:

If  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are subsets of  $S$  such that  $E_1 \subset E_2$ , then

$$P(E_1) \leq P(E_2)$$

### Proof:

$$E_2 = E_1 \cup (\overline{E_1} \cap E_2)$$

Now, since  $E_1$  and  $\overline{E_1} \cap E_2$  are mutually exclusive,

$$\begin{aligned} P(E_2) &= P(E_1) + P(\overline{E_1} \cap E_2) \\ &\geq P(E_1) \end{aligned}$$

since  $P(\overline{E_1} \cap E_2) \geq 0$  from Axiom 1.

## Properties of Probability

**Theorem 4:** Range of Probability

For each  $E \subset S$

$$0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$$

**Proof:**

Since,

$$\emptyset \subset E \subset S$$

then from Theorem 3,

$$P(\emptyset) \leq P(E) \leq P(S)$$

$$0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$$

**Theorem 5:** The Addition Law of Probability

If  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are subsets of  $S$  then

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) - P(E_1 \cap E_2)$$

**Proof:**

$$E_1 \cup E_2 = E_1 \cup (E_2 \cap \overline{E_1})$$

Now, since  $E_1$  and  $E_2 \cap \overline{E_1}$  are mutually exclusive,

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2 \cap \overline{E_1}) \quad (1)$$

(Axiom2)

Now  $E_2$  may be written as two mutually exclusive events as follows:

$$E_2 = (E_2 \cap E_1) \cup (E_2 \cap \overline{E_1})$$

So

$$P(E_2) = P(E_2 \cap E_1) + P(E_2 \cap \overline{E_1})$$

(Axiom2)

Thus:

$$P(E_2 \cap \overline{E_1}) = P(E_2) - P(E_2 \cap E_1) \quad (2)$$

Inserting (2) in (1), we get

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) - P(E_1 \cap E_2)$$

**Example:**

In a computer installation, 200 programs are written each week, 120 in  $C^{++}$  and 80 in Java.

60% of the programs written in  $C^{++}$  compile on the first run

80% of the Java programs compile on the first run.

What is the probability that a program chosen at random:

1. is written in  $C^{++}$  or compiles on first run?
2. is written in Java or does not compile?
3. either compiles or does not compile?

## 4 CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY

### Example:

In a computer installation, 200 programs are written each week, 120 in  $C^{++}$  and 80 in Java. 60% of the programs written in  $C^{++}$  compile on the first run and 80% of the Java programs compile on the first run.

	Compiles on first run	Does not compile on first run	
$C^{++}$	72	48	120
Java	64	16	80
	136	64	200

What is the probability that a program chosen at random:

1. compiles in the first run?
2. is written in  $C^{++}$  and compiles on first run?
3. compiles on the first run if we know it has been written in  $C^{++}$ ?

## Conditional Probability

**DEFN:** The conditional probability of **B** given **A** is

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}$$

**Terminology:**

- Joint Probability:  $P(A \cap B)$
- Marginal Probability:  $P(A), P(B)$
- Conditional Probability:  $P(A|B)$  or  $P(B|A)$

A rearrangement of the above definition yields the following:

### Multiplication Law of Probability:

**Two events**

$$P(A \cap B) = \begin{aligned} &P(A)P(B|A) \\ &P(B)P(A|B) \end{aligned}$$

**More than two events:**

$$P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3 \cdots \cap E_k) = P(E_1)P(E_2|E_1)P(E_3|E_1 \cap E_2) \cdots P(E_k|E_1 \cap E_2 \cdots \cap E_{k-1})$$

**Examples:**

1. Consider four computer firms A, B, C, D bidding for a certain contract. A survey of past bidding success of these firms show the following probabilities of winning:

$$P(A) = 0.35, P(B) = 0.15, P(C) = 0.3, P(D) = 0.2$$

Before the decision is made to award the contract, firm B withdraws the bid. Find the new probabilities of winning the bid for A, C and D.

2. Pull three cards from a deck without replacement. What is the probability that all are black?

## **Independent Events**

**DEFN:** Independent Events

A and B are said to be independent if

$$P(A|B) = P(A)$$

## **Multiplication Law**

**Two Independent Events**

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

**More than Two Independent Events**

$$P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3 \cdots E_k) = P(E_1)P(E_2) \cdots P(E_k)$$

Example: Draw 10 cards from a deck with replacement. What is the probability that all are black?

## Intel Chips

In October 1994, a flaw was discovered in the Pentium chip installed in many new personal computers. The chip produced an incorrect result when dividing two numbers. Intel, the manufacturer of the Pentium chip, initially announced that such an error would occur once in 9 billion divides, or “once in 27,000 years” for a typical user; consequently it did not immediately offer to replace the chip.

- (a) For a division performed using the flawed chip, what is the probability that no error will occur?
- (b) Consider two successive divisions performed using the flawed chip. What is the probability that neither result will be in error? (Assume that any one division has no impact on any other division.)
- (c) Depending on the procedure, statistical software packages may perform an extremely large number of divisions to produce the required output. For heavy users of the software, one billion divisions over a short time frame is not unusual. Calculate the probability that 1 billion divisions performed using the flawed Pentium chip will result in no errors.
- (d) Compute the probability that at least one error occurs in the 1 billion divisions.

Note: Two months after the flaw was discovered, Intel agreed to replace all Pentium chips free of charge.

## 5 RELIABILITY

### Systems Reliability

A system consists of components which determine whether or not it will work. There are various types of configurations of the components in different systems.

- **Series System**

This is a system in which all the components are in series and they all have to work for the system to work. If one component fails, the system fails.

- **Parallel System**

This is a system that will fail only if they all fail.

- **Series-Parallel System**

This is a system where some of the components in series are replicated in parallel.

## The Reliability of a System

The reliability of a system is the probability that it is functioning properly. This depends on (i) the reliability of the components and (ii) on the type of system.

### Examples:

1. A system consists of 5 components in series each having a reliability of 0.97. What is the reliability of the system?
2. A system consists of 5 components in parallel. Each component has a reliability of 0.97. The system works if at least one of the components works. What is its reliability?

### Reliability with series systems

The problem with series systems is that reliability quickly decreases as the number of components increases.

### Reliability with Parallel Systems

The problem with parallel systems is that the 'law of diminishing returns' operates. The rate of increase in reliability with each additional component decreases as the number of components increases.

Most systems are combinations of series and parallel systems

**Example: A series parallel system:**

Consider a system with 5 components.  
The reliability of

1. component 1 is 0.95,
2. component 2 is 0.95,
3. component 3 is 0.7,
4. component 4 is 0.75
5. component 5 is 0.90.

Because of the low reliability of the third and fourth components, they are replicated; the third component is replicated 3 times and the 4th component is replicated twice. Calculate the overall reliability of the system.

## 6 BAYES THEOREM

### Law of Total Probability

If a sample space can be partitioned into  $k$  mutually exclusive and exhaustive events:

$$A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_k$$

i.e.

$$S = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \dots \cup A_k$$

Then for any event  $E$ :

$$P(E) = P(A_1)P(E|A_1) + P(A_2)P(E|A_2) + \dots + P(A_k)P(E|A_k)$$

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} E &= E \cap S \\ &= E \cap (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_k) \\ &= (E \cap A_1) \cup (E \cap A_2) \cup \dots \cup (E \cap A_k) \end{aligned}$$

Since these are mutually exclusive

$$\begin{aligned} P(E) &= P(E \cap A_1) + P(E \cap A_2) + \dots + P(E \cap A_k) \\ &= P(A_1)P(E|A_1) + P(A_2)P(E|A_2) + \dots + P(A_k)P(E|A_k) \end{aligned}$$

### Examples:

1. In a computer installation, 60% of programs are written in  $C^{++}$  and 40% in Java. 60% of the programs written in  $C^{++}$  compile on the first run and 80% of the Java programs compile on the first run.

(a) What is the overall proportion of programs that compile on first run?

(b) If a randomly selected program compiles on the first run what is the probability that it was written in  $C^{++}$ ?

2. In a certain company

50% of documents are written in WORD; 30% in LATEX; 20% in HTML.

From past experience it is know that :

40% of the WORD documents exceed 10 pages

20% of the LATEX documents exceed 10 pages

20% of the HTML exceed 10 pages

(a) What is the overall proportion of documents containing more than 10 pages?

(b) A document is chosen at random and found to to have more than 10 pages. What is the probability that it has been written in LATEX?

**Examples:**

3. Enquiries to an on-line computer system arrive on 5 communication lines. The percentage of messages received through each line are:

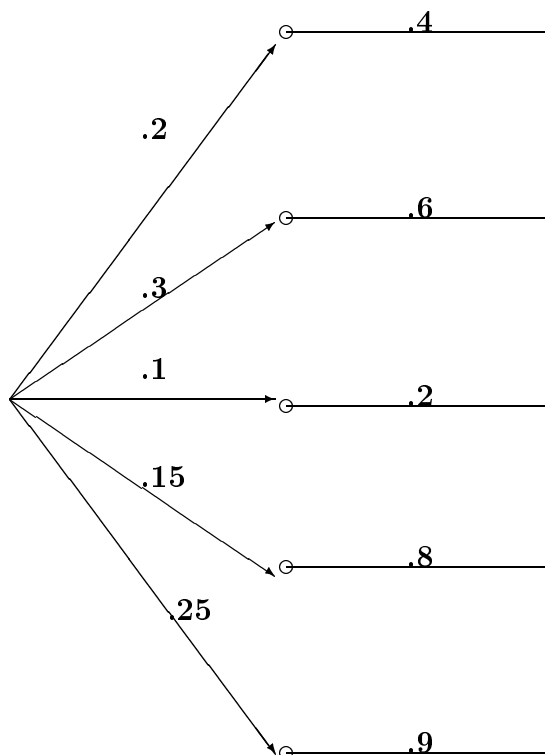
Line	1	2	3	4	5
% received	20	30	10	15	25

From past experience, it is known that the percentage of messages exceeding 100 characters on the different lines are:

Line	1	2	3	4	5
% exceeding 100 characters	40	60	20	80	90

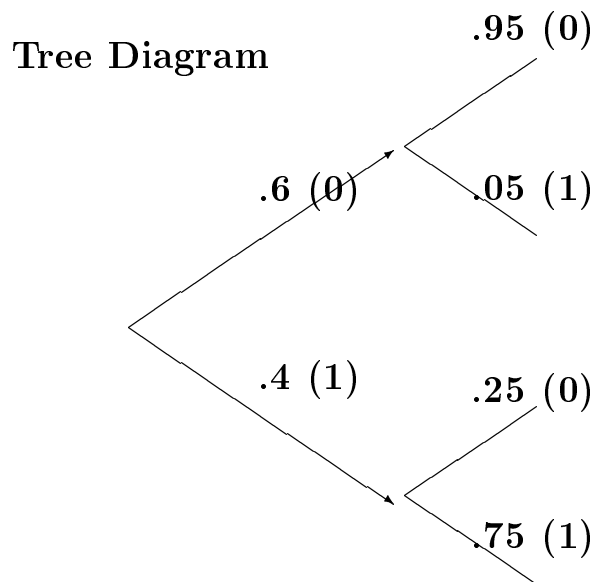
- (a) Calculate the overall proportion of messages exceeding 100 characters.
- (b) If a message chosen at random is found to exceed 100 characters, what is the probability that it came through line 5?

**Tree Diagram**



**Examples:**

4. A binary communication channel carries data as one of two sets of signals denoted by 0 and 1. Owing to noise, a transmitted 0 is sometimes received as a 1, and a transmitted 1 is sometimes received as a 0. For a given channel, it can be assumed that a transmitted 0 is correctly received with probability 0.95 and a transmitted 1 is correctly received with probability 0.75. Also, 60% of all messages are transmitted as a 0. If a signal is sent, determine the probability that:
- (a) a 1 was received;
  - (b) a 0 was received;
  - (c) a 1 was transmitted given that a 1 was received;
  - (d) a 0 was transmitted given that a 0 was received;
  - (e) an error occurred.



## Bayes' Theorem

If a sample space can be partitioned into  $k$  mutually exclusive and exhaustive events:

$$A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_k$$

$$S = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \dots \cup A_k$$

Then for any event  $E$ :

$$P(E) = P(A_1)P(E|A_1) + P(A_2)P(E|A_2) \dots P(A_k)P(E|A_k)$$

$$P(A_i|E) = \frac{P(A_i)P(E|A_i)}{P(E)}$$

**Proof:** For any  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$

$$\begin{aligned} E \cap A_i &= A_i \cap E \\ P(E)P(A_i|E) &= P(A_i)P(E|A_i) \\ P(A_i|E) &= \frac{P(A_i)P(E|A_i)}{P(E)} \end{aligned}$$

$P(A_i|E)$  is called the **POSTERIOR PROBABILITY**

Example:

A software company surveyed office managers to determine the probability that they would buy a new graphics package. Eighty percent of the office managers claimed that they would buy the package. Of those managers who would buy the graphics package, 40% were also interested in upgrading their computer hardware. Of those managers who were not interested in purchasing the graphics package, only 10% were interested in upgrading their computer hardware.

- (a) What is the probability that an office manager who is interested in upgrading her computer hardware is also interested in purchasing the graphics package?

## 7 RANDOM VARIABLES

**Defn:** A random variable is a rule which assigns a numerical value to each possible outcome of an experiment

Example: Toss a coin:  $S = H, T$

Call a head 1 and a tail 0

$$S = \{ 1, 0 \}$$

Random variables are **DISCRETE** or **CONTINUOUS**

- **Discrete Random Variable:**

A random variable is discrete if its values can assume isolated points on the number line.

Examples:

number of telephone calls in an hour

number of jobs arriving for service

- **Continuous Random Variable:**

A random variable is continuous if its values can assume all points in a particular interval.

Examples:

Heights, Weights;

Lifetime of a component;

cpu time;

response time

## Probability Distributions:

**Defn:** The probability distribution consists of all possible values of a variable and its associated probabilities.

### Examples:

1. Toss a coin:

$X = x$	0	1
$P(X = x)$	0.5	0.5

2. Toss a coin twice

$(X = x, Y = y)$	(0,0)	(0, 1)	(1,0)	(1,1)
$P(X = x \cap Y = y)$	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25

3. Roll a die:

$X = x$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(X = x)$	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6

4. The number of hardware failures of a computer system in a week has the following probabilities:

No.of Failures	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Probability	.18	.28	.25	.18	.06	.04	.01

## Probability Distributions

**Probability Density Function (PDF)** satisfies

- $P(X = x) \geq 0$
- $\sum_x P(X = x) = 1$

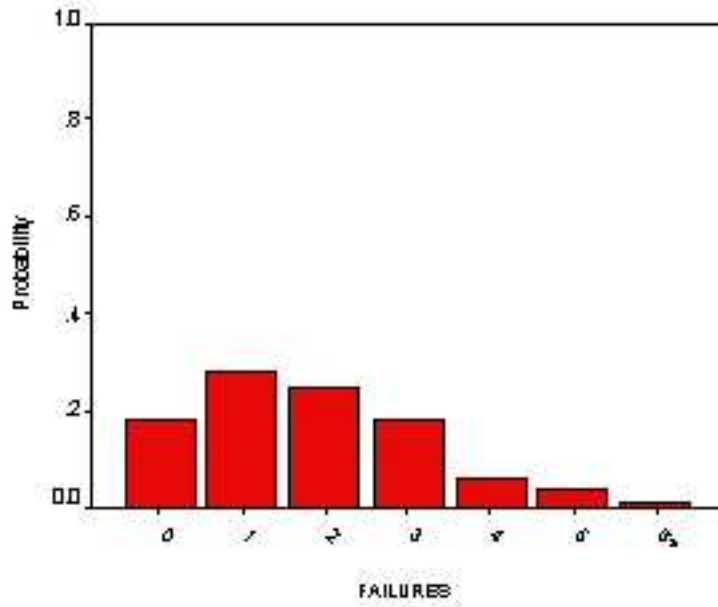
**Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF):**

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

**Example: Hardware Failures**

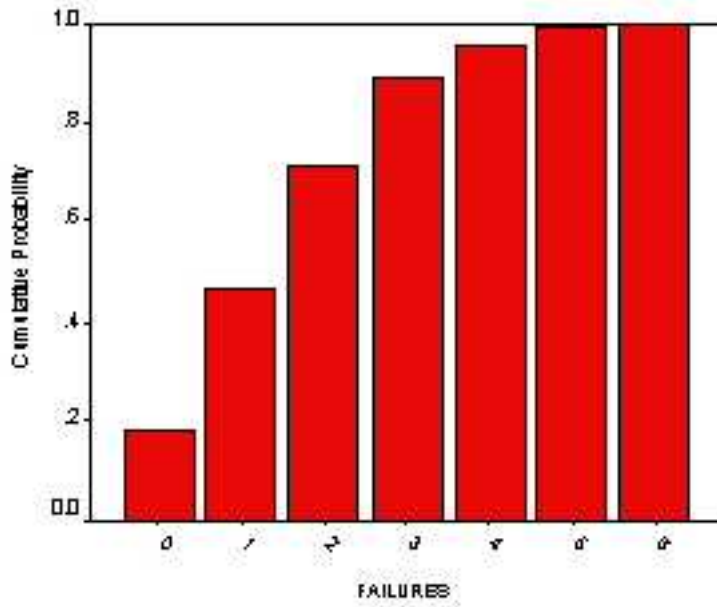
No.of Failures	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
PDF $P(X=x)$	.18	.28	.25	.18	.06	.04	.01
CDF $P(X \leq x)$	.18	.46	.71	.89	.95	.99	1.00

Figure 3: Probability Density Function



No. of Failures	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
PDF $P(X=x)$	.18	.28	.25	.18	.06	.04	.01

Figure 4: Cumulative Distribution Function



No.of Failures	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
CDF $P(X \leq x)$	.18	.46	.71	.89	.95	.99	1.00

## 8 GEOMETRIC DISTRIBUTION

### EXAMPLES:

1. Toss a coin repeatedly.  
Let  $X$  = number of tosses to first head
2. It is known that 20% of products on a production line are defective. Products are inspected until first defective is encountered.  
Let  $X$  = number of inspections to obtain first defective
3. Observing single births until a girl.  
Let  $X$  = number of observations to first girl.
4. Terminals on an on-line computer system are attached to a communication line to the central computer system. The probability that any terminal is ready to transmit is 0.95.  
Let  $X$  = number of terminals polled until the first ready terminal is located.

## GEOMETRIC DISTRIBUTION

### Conditions:

1. An experiment consists of repeating trials until first success.
2. Each trial has two possible outcomes;
  - (a) A success with probability  $p$
  - (b) A failure with probability  $q = 1 - p$ .
3. Repeated trials are independent.

$X$  = number of trials to first success

$X$  is a **GEOMETRIC RANDOM VARIABLE**.

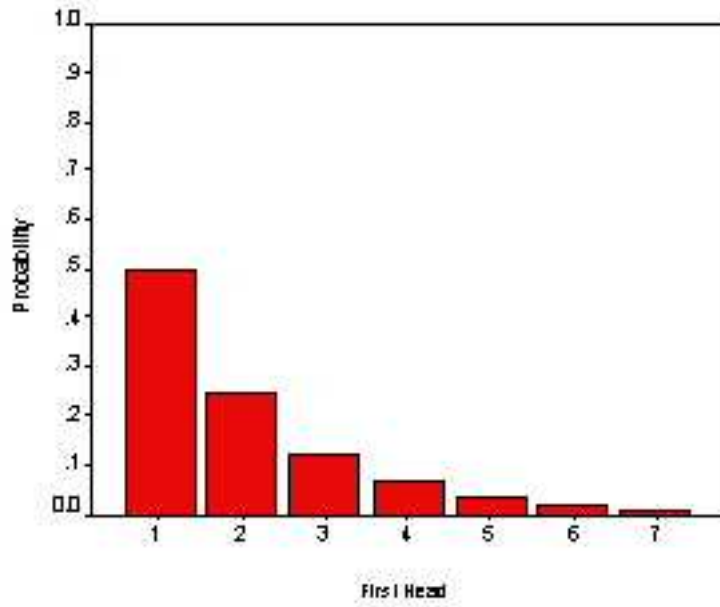
### PDF:

$$P(X = x) = q^{x-1}p; \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

### CDF:

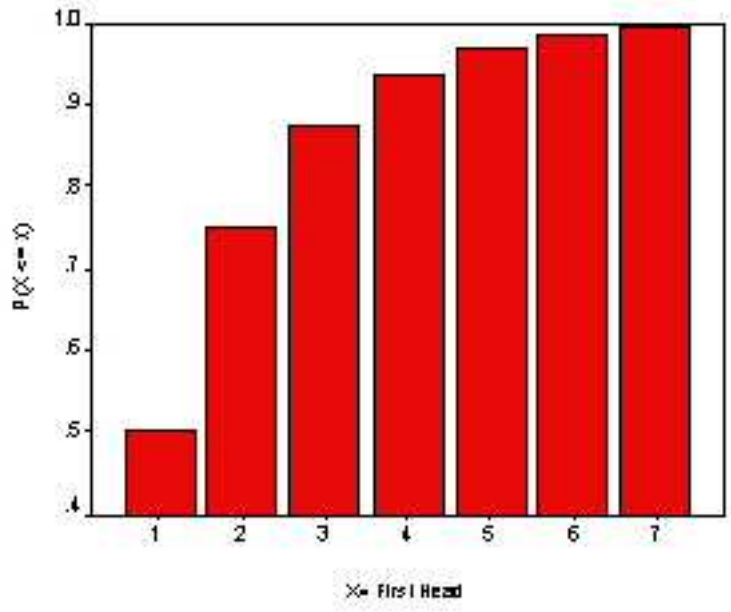
$$\begin{aligned}P(X \leq x) &= P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) \cdots P(X = x) \\&= p + qp + q^2p \cdots + q^{x-1}p \\&= p[1 - q^x]/(1 - q) \\&= 1 - q^x\end{aligned}$$

Figure 5: Probability to First Head



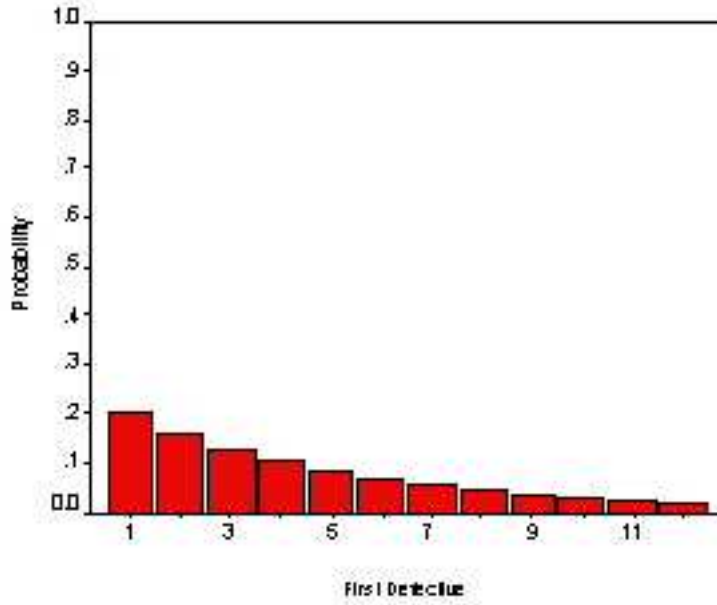
First Head	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Probability	.5	.25	.125	.0625	.0313	.0156	.0078	.0039	.0020	.0010

Figure 6: Cumulative Distribution Function



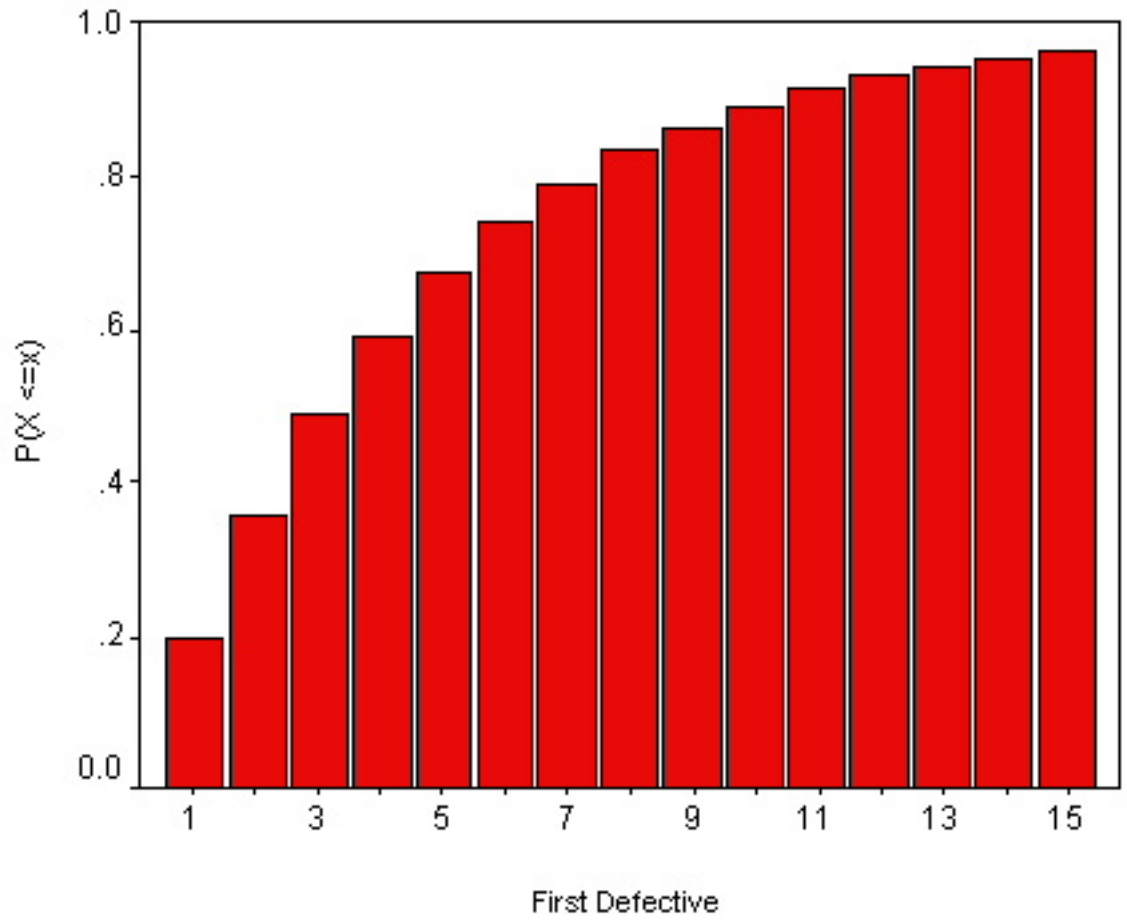
First Defective	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Probability	.5	.75	.875	.9375	.9688	.9844	.9922	.9961	.9980	.9990

Figure 7: Probability to First Defective



First Defective	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Probability	.2	.16	.128	.1024	.0819	.0655	.0524	.0419	.0338	.026

Figure 8: Probability to First Defective



First Defective	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	...
$P(X \leq x)$	.2	.36	.488	.5904	.6723	.7379	.7903	.8322	.8685	.8926	...

**Example:**

Products produced by a machine has a 3% defective rate.

- What is the probability that the first defective occurs in the fifth item inspected?

$$\begin{aligned}P(X = 5) &= P(\text{1st 4 non-defective})P(\text{5th defective}) \\ &= (0.97^4)(0.03)\end{aligned}$$

- What is the probability that the first defective occurs in the first five inspections?

$$\begin{aligned}P(X \leq 5) &= 1 - P(\text{First 5 non-defective}) \\ &= 1 - 0.97^5\end{aligned}$$

### **The Markov Property:**

If the probability of events happening in the future is independent of what went before, then the random variable is said to have the **Markov property**.

i.e

$$P(X = n + x | X > n) = P(X = x)$$

MARKOV PROPERTY  
 $\implies$  MEMORYLESS PROPERTY

### Example: Markov Property

Products are inspected until first defective is found.  $X$  is a geometric random variable with parameter  $p$ . The first 10 trials have been found to be free of defectives. What is the probability that the first defective will occur in the 15th trial?

Let  $E_1$  be the event that first ten trials are free of defectives.

Let  $E_2$  be the event that that first defective will occur on the 15th trial.

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 15 | X > 10) &= P(E_2 | E_1) \\ &= \frac{P(E_1 \cap E_2)}{P(E_1)} \\ &= \frac{P(X = 15 \cap X > 10)}{P(X > 10)} \\ &= \frac{P(X = 15)}{P(X > 10)} \\ &= \frac{q^{14}p}{q^{10}} \\ &= q^4p \\ &= P(X = 5) \end{aligned}$$

## MARKOV PROPERTY

Generally, the Markov property states:

$$P(X = x + n | X > n) = P(X = x)$$

**Proof:**

Let

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= \{X > n\} \\ E_2 &= \{X = x + n\} \end{aligned}$$

Then we may write

$$P(X = x + n | X > n) = P(E_2 | E_1)$$

But

$$P(E_2 | E_1) = \frac{P(E_1 \cap E_2)}{P(E_1)}$$

Now

$$P(E_1 \cap E_2) = P(X = x + n) = q^{x+n-1}p$$

And

$$P(E_1) = P(X > n) = q^n$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} P(E_2 | E_1) &= \frac{q^{x+n-1}p}{q^n} \\ &= q^{x-1}p \end{aligned}$$

But

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

Hence

$$P(X = x + n | (X > n)) = P(X = x)$$

## 9 BINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION

### Examples:

1. Toss a coin 6 times  
Let  $X$  = number of heads
2. A production line is known to produce 10% defective.  
Choose 10 products for inspection  
Let  $X$  = number of defectives
3. A fair die is rolled 5 times.  
Let  $X$  = number of 'twos'
4. A player scores on 75% of frees.  
Let  $X$  = number of scores in four frees.
5. A printer in a computer lab. works 60% of the time.  
Let  $X$  = number of times the printer is working in 10 visits.
6. Five terminals on an on-line computer system are attached to a communication line to the central computer system.  
The probability that any terminal is busy is .1.  
Let  $X$  = number of busy terminals.

## BINOMIAL CONDITIONS

1. An experiment consists of  $n$  repeated trials.
2. Each trial has two possible outcomes: success or failure.
3. The probability of a success  $p$  is constant from trial to trial.
4. Repeated trials are independent.

Let  $X$  = number of successes in  $n$  trials

$X$  is a BINOMIAL random variable.

### General Binomial Distribution

$n$  = no of trials

$p$  = probability of success

$q = 1 - p$  = probability of failure

$X$  = no of successes in  $n$  trials

$$P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}$$

**Example:** Busy terminals  $n = 5$ ,  $p = .1$ ,  $q = .9$

X	0	1	2	3	4	5
PDF	0.591	0.328	0.073	0.008	0.001	0.000
CDF	0.591	0.919	0.992	0.999	1.000	1.000

Figure 9: Probability Density Function

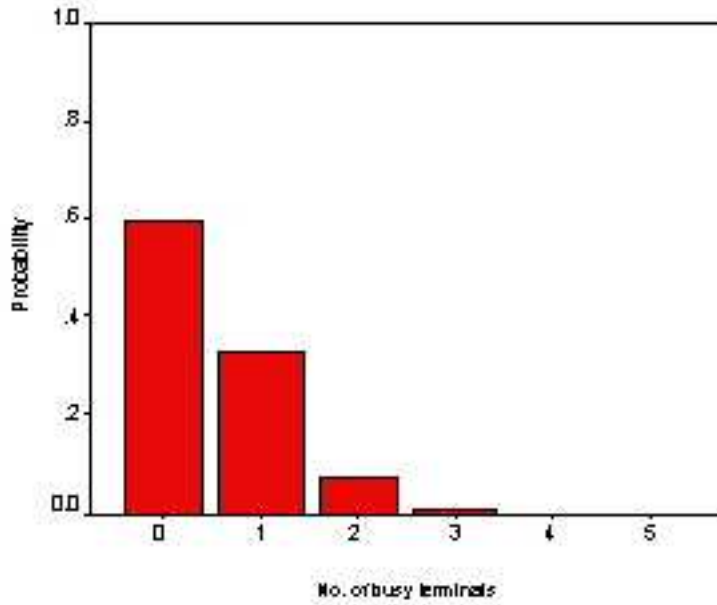
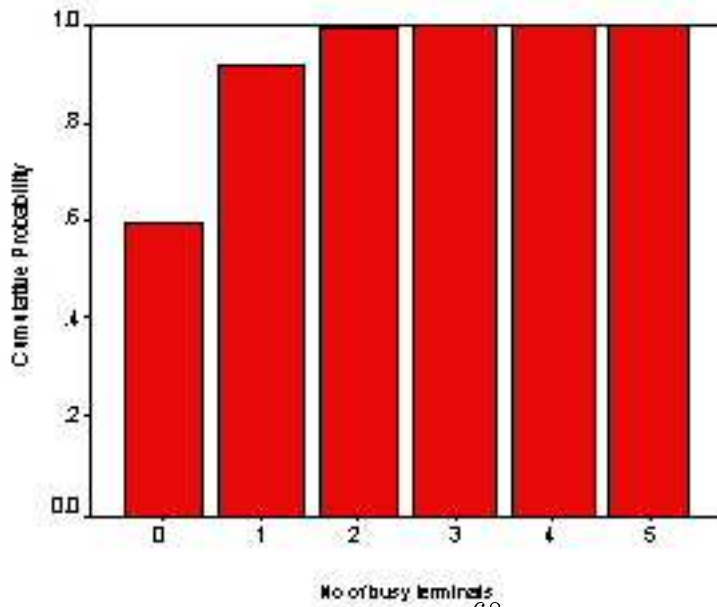


Figure 10: Cumulative Distribution Function



**Example:** Defectives  $n = 10$ ,  $p = .1$ ,  $q = .9$

X	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
PDF	0.3486	.3874	.1937	.057	.0112	.0015	.0001
CDF	0.3486	.7361	.9298	.9872	.9984	.9999	1.000

Figure 11: Probability Density Function

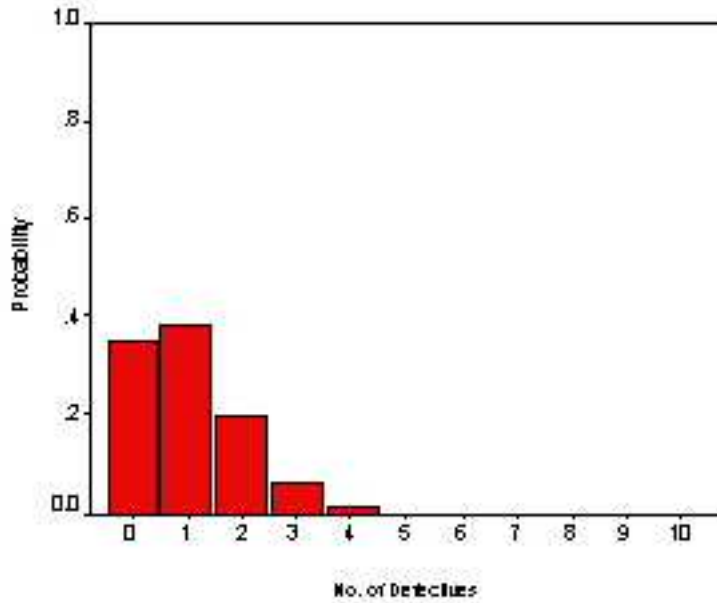
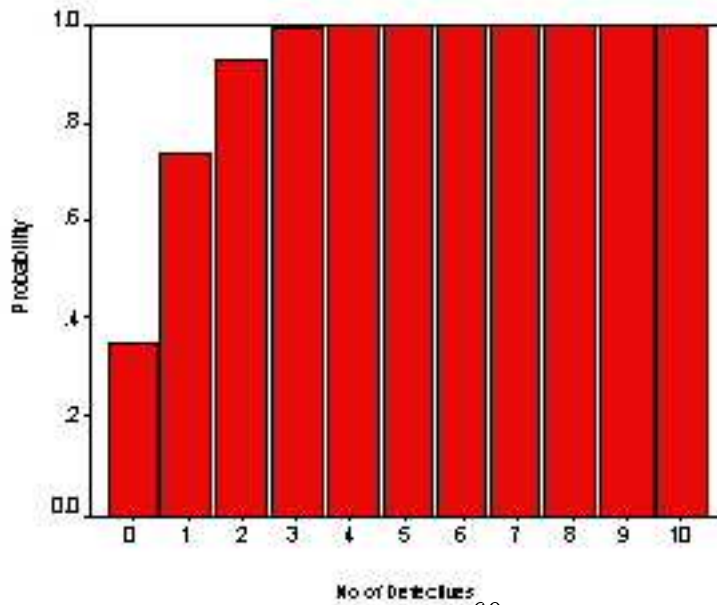


Figure 12: Cumulative Distribution Function



EXAMPLE :

Based on past experience, a printer in a laboratory is operating 60% of the time. Throughout a particular day, 8 visits are made and the number of times,  $X$ , that the printer is operating is observed.

1. Write the PDF and CDF of  $X$
  
2. What is the probability that the printer is operating:
  - (a) exactly 4 times?
  - (b) at least 4 times?
  - (c) at most 4 times?
  - (d) more than 4 times?
  - (e) fewer than 4 times?

## 10 SAMPLING WITHOUT REPLACEMENT

### Example:

A box contains 20 items of which 10% are defective.

A sample of 10 is drawn at random.

What is the probability that the sample will contain 2 defectives?

### Solution:

1. Sampling with Replacement  $\implies$  Binomial

Binomial with  $n = 10$  and  $p = 0.1$ ; Bino(10, 0.1)

$$P(2 \text{ defectives}) = \binom{10}{2} \cdot 0.1^2 \cdot 0.9^8 = 0.1937$$

2. Sampling without Replacement

2	18
Defectives	Non-defectives

$$P(2 \text{ defectives}) = \frac{\binom{2}{2} \binom{18}{8}}{\binom{20}{10}} = 0.2368$$

## Hypergeometric Distribution

A finite population of size  $N$  consists of

$M$  elements called successes

$L$  elements called failures

A sample of  $n$  elements are selected at random  
**without replacement.**

$X$  = number of successes

$$P(X = x) = \frac{\binom{M}{x} \binom{L}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

$X$  is said to have a **hypergeometric distribution**

### Example:

Draw 6 cards from a deck without replacement.

What is the probability of getting two hearts?

### Solution:

Here

$M = 13$  number of hearts

$L = 39$  number of non-hearts

$N = 52$  total

$$P(2 \text{ hearts}) = \frac{\binom{13}{2} \binom{39}{4}}{\binom{52}{6}} = .31513$$

**Example: Lotto**

42 balls are numbered 1 - 42.

You select six numbers between 1 and 42. (The ones you write on your lotto card)

Number of possible ways to draw six numbers in the range

$$[ 1, 42 ] = \binom{42}{6}$$

What is the probability that they contain

(i) match 6?

(ii) match 5?

(ii) match 4?

(iii) match 3?

**Solution:**

Total = 42; Favourable = 6; Non-Favourable = 36.

Sample size  $n = 6$ .

$$P(\text{match } 4) = \frac{\binom{6}{4} \binom{36}{2}}{\binom{42}{6}} = .0018$$

ODDS OF ABOUT 1 in 500

### Binomial or Hypergeometric?

Boxes contain 20 items of which 10% are defective.

Find the probability that no more than 2 defectives will be obtained in a sample of size 10.

Let  $X$  = no of defectives.

$$P(X \leq 2) = P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2)$$

### With Replacement Sampling

$$P(X = 0) = .9^{10} = .3487$$

$$P(X = 1) = \binom{10}{1} .1^1 .9^9 = .3874$$

$$P(X = 2) = \binom{10}{2} .1^2 .9^8 = .1937$$

### Without Replacement Sampling

$$P(X = 0) = \frac{\binom{18}{10}}{\binom{20}{10}} = .2368$$

$$P(X = 1) = \frac{\binom{2}{1} \binom{18}{9}}{\binom{20}{10}} = .5263$$

$$P(X = 2) = \frac{\binom{2}{2} \binom{18}{8}}{\binom{20}{10}} = .2368$$

### Binomial or Hypergeometric?

Boxes contain 200 items of which 10% are defective.

Find the probability that no more than 2 defectives will be obtained in a sample of size 10.

Let  $X$  = no of defectives.

$$P(X \leq 2) = P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2)$$

### With Replacement Sampling

$$P(X = 0) = .9^{10} = .3487$$

$$P(X = 1) = \binom{10}{1} .1^1 .9^9 = .3874$$

$$P(X = 2) = \binom{10}{2} .1^2 .9^8 = .1937$$

### Without Replacement Sampling

$$P(X = 0) = \frac{\binom{180}{10}}{\binom{200}{10}} = .3398$$

$$P(X = 1) = \frac{\binom{20}{1} \binom{180}{9}}{\binom{200}{10}} = .3974$$

$$P(X = 2) = \frac{\binom{20}{2} \binom{180}{8}}{\binom{200}{10}} = .1975$$

### Binomial or Hypergeometric?

Boxes contain 2000 items of which 10% are defective.

Find the probability that no more than 2 defectives will be obtained in a sample of size 10.

Let  $X$  = no of defectives.

$$P(X \leq 2) = P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2)$$

### With Replacement Sampling

$$P(X = 0) = .9^{10} = .3487$$

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$$P(X = 2) = \binom{10}{2} .1^2 .9^8 = .1937$$

### Without Replacement Sampling

$$P(X = 0) = \frac{\binom{1800}{10}}{\binom{2000}{10}} = .3476$$

$$P(X = 1) = \frac{\binom{200}{1} \binom{1800}{9}}{\binom{2000}{10}} = .3881$$

$$P(X = 2) = \frac{\binom{200}{2} \binom{1800}{8}}{\binom{2000}{10}} = .1939$$

### Binomial or Hypergeometric?

What is the probability of getting no more than 2 defectives in a random sample drawn without replacement from a batch which has 10% defectives?

Batch Size	20	200	2000	Bin. Approx
$P(X=0)$	.2368	.3398	.3476	.3487
$P(X=1)$	.5263	.3974	.3881	.3874
$P(X=2)$	.2368	.1975	.1939	.1937
$P(X \leq 2)$	.999	.9347	.9296	.9298

**Theorem:** As  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , the hypergeometric distribution converges to the binomial.

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Population Size} &= N \\ \text{Proportion of successes} &= p \\ \text{Number of successes in } N &= Np \\ \text{Number of failures} &= N(1 - p) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $X =$  number of successes in a sample of size  $n$  drawn without replacement from  $N$

$Np$	$N(1-p)$
Successes	Failures

We will show that for the hypergeometric

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = x) &= \frac{\binom{Np}{x} \binom{N(1-p)}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}} \\ &\rightarrow \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = x) &= \frac{\binom{Np}{x} \binom{Nq}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}} \\ &= \frac{\left( \frac{(Np)!}{x!(Np-x)!} \right) \left( \frac{(Nq)!}{(n-x)!(Nq-(n-x))!} \right)}{\frac{N!}{n!(N-n)!}} \\ &= \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} \left[ \frac{(Np)!}{(Np-x)!} \frac{(Nq)!}{(Nq-(n-x))!} \frac{(N-n)!}{N!} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{(Np)!}{(Np-x)!} &= Np(Np-1)(Np-2)\cdots(Np-x+1) \\
&= N^x p\left(p - \frac{1}{N}\right)\left(p - \frac{2}{N}\right)\cdots\left(p - \frac{x-1}{N}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{Nq}{(Nq-(n-x))!} &= (Nq)(Nq-1)\cdots(Nq-(n-x)+1) \\
&= N^{n-x} q\left(q - \frac{1}{N}\right)\cdots\left(q - \frac{n-x+1}{N}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{(N-n)!}{N!} &= \frac{1}{N(N-1)(N-2)\cdots(N-n+1)} \\
&= 1/\left(N^n\left(1 - \frac{1}{N}\right)\left(1 - \frac{2}{N}\right)\cdots\left(1 - \frac{n-1}{N}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}$$

## 11 EXPECTATIONS

### The Mean of a Sample

**Example 1:**

Salaries of 6 recent computer science graduates (£000s).

20.3, 14.9, 18.9, 21.7, 16.3, 17.7

The average of the sample is

$$\bar{x} = \frac{20.3 + 14.9 + 18.9 + 21.7 + 16.3 + 17.7}{6} = 18.3$$

Generally, if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  in a sample of size  $n$ ,

Then the sample average is

$$\bar{x} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n}$$

It may be written as

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$$

### Example 2: Averages

One hundred applicants for a certain degree program had the following age distribution.

Age	No. of applicants
18	9
19	40
20	18
21	18
22	8
23	4
24	3

The mean is obtained as follows:

$$\bar{x} = \frac{(18 * 9) + (19 * 40) + (20 * 18) + (21 * 18) + (22 * 8) + (23 * 4) + (24 * 3)}{100}$$

$$\bar{x} = (18*.09)+(19*.40)+(20*.18)+(21*.18)+(22*.08)(23*.04)(24*.03) = 20$$

$$\sum xp(x)$$

## Mean of a Random Variable

**Definition:** The mean of a discrete random variable is defined as the weighted average of all possible values. The weights are the probabilities of respective values of the random variable

$$E(X) = \sum_x xp(x)$$

The mean or expected value of a random variable  $X$  is often denoted by  $\mu_x$

### Examples:

1. The number of hardware failures of a computer system in a week of operation has the following pdf:

No. of Failures (X)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Probability (P(X=x))	.18	.28	.25	.18	.06	.04	.01

Calculate the expected number of failures in a week.

2. A quarter of the source programs submitted by a certain programmer compile successfully. Each day the programmer writes five programs. The compiling probabilities are:

No. that compiles	0	1	2	3	4	5
Probability	.237	.396	.264	.088	.014	.001

Calculate the average number of programs that compile in a day.

## Some Derivations:

- Mean of binomial distribution

$$PDF : p(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} \quad x = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

MEAN :

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_x x p(x) \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^n x \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} \\ &= \sum_{x=1}^n x \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} \\ &= \sum_{x=1}^n n \binom{n-1}{x-1} p^x q^{n-x} \\ &= np \sum_{x-1=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{x-1} p^{x-1} q^{(n-1)-(x-1)} \\ &= np [p + q]^{n-1} \\ &= np \end{aligned}$$

- **Mean of geometric distribution:**

**Example:** Terminals on an on-line computer system are attached to a communication line to the central computer system. The probability that any terminal is ready to transmit is 0.95.

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} xq^{x-1}p \\ &= p \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} xq^{x-1} \\ &= p \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{dq^x}{dq} \\ &= p \frac{d \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} q^x}{dq} \\ &= p \frac{d(q/(1-q))}{dq} \\ &= p \frac{[(1-q) + q]}{(1-q)^2} \\ &= \frac{p}{p^2} = \frac{1}{p} \end{aligned}$$

## 12 VARIANCES

### Variance of Sample:

Spread of individual values from the mean.

### Example 1:

Salaries of 6 recent computer science graduates (£000)

20.3, 14.9, 18.9, 21.7, 16.3, 17.7

Recall  $\bar{x} = 18.3$ .

### Calculation of $s^2$ :

$$s^2 = \frac{[(20.3 - 18.3)^2 + (18.9 - 18.3)^2 + \dots]}{5}$$

Generally, if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is a sample of size  $n$ ,

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}$$

$$s^2 = \frac{[(20.3 - 18.3)^2 + (18.9 - 18.3)^2 + \dots]}{5} = 6.368$$

### Standard Deviation:

$$s = \sqrt{6.368} = 2.523$$

### Example 2: Variance

One hundred applicants for a certain degree program had the following age distribution.

Age	No. of applicants
18	9
19	40
20	18
21	18
22	8
23	4
24	3

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 f_i}{\sum_i f_i}$$

The variance is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} = & (18-20)^2 * .09 + (19-20)^2 * .40 + (20-20)^2 * .18 + (21-20)^2 * .18 \\ & + (22-20)^2 * .08 + (23-20)^2 * .04 + (24-20)^2 * .03 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum (x - 20)^2 p(x)$$

Check

$$s^2 = 2.1$$

## The variance of a discrete random variable

**Definition:** The variance is defined as the weighted average of the squared differences between each possible outcome and its mean ... the weights being the probability of the respective outcomes

$$V(X) = \sum_x (x - \mu_x)^2 p(x)$$

Or equivalently

$$V(X) = E (X - (E(X)))^2$$

The variance is often denoted by  $\sigma_x^2$ .

$$\sigma_x^2 \equiv E(X - \mu_x)^2$$

The standard deviation is denoted by  $\sigma_x$ .

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{(E(X - \mu_x)^2)}$$

### Examples:

1. A quarter of the source programs submitted by a certain programmer compile successfully. Each day the programmer writes five programs. The compiling probabilities are:

No. that compiles	0	1	2	3	4	5
Probability	.237	.396	.264	.088	.014	.001

Calculate:

- (a) The expected number of programs that will compile per day

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= (0 \cdot .237) + (1 \cdot .396) + (2 \cdot .264) + (3 \cdot .088) + (4 \cdot .014) + (5 \cdot .001) \\ &= 1.25 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) The variance.

X	0	1	2	3	4	5
P(X=x)	.237	.396	.264	.088	.014	.001
$(x - 1.25)^2$	1.5625	.0625	.5625	3.0625	7.5625	14.0625
$(x - 1.25)^2 p(x)$	.3703	.0247	.1485	.2695	.1059	.0140

$$V(X) = \sum_x (x - \mu_x)^2 p(x) = .933$$

### Some Derivations:

#### Variance of a binomial distribution

$$V(X) = E(X - \mu_x)^2 = \sum_x (x - \mu_x)^2 p(x)$$

**Recall:** the pdf of the binomial distribution:

$$p(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}, \quad x = 0, 1, \dots, n$$
$$\mu_x = np$$

**Show**  $V(X) = npq$

**Proof:**

$$V(X) = \sum_{x=0}^n (x - np)^2 \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}$$
$$= \sum_{x=0}^n [x^2 - 2npx + (np)^2] \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}$$

$$V(X) =$$

$$\sum_{x=0}^n x^2 \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} - 2np \sum_{x=0}^n x \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} + n^2 p^2 \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}$$

$$= (n^2 p^2 - np^2 + np) - 2n^2 p^2 + n^2 p^2$$

$$= np - np^2$$

$$= np(1 - p)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{x=0}^n x^2 \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} &= \sum_{x=0}^n x(x-1) \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} + \sum_{x=0}^n x \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} \\
&= \sum_{x=2}^n x(x-1) \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} + np \\
&= \sum_{x=2}^n n(n-1) \binom{n-2}{x-2} p^x q^{n-x} + np \\
&= n(n-1)p^2 \sum_{x-2=0}^{n-2} \binom{n-2}{x-2} p^{x-2} q^{(n-2)-(x-2)} + np \\
&= n(n-1)p^2 [p+q]^{n-2} + np \\
&= n^2 p^2 - np^2 + np
\end{aligned}$$

## 13 PROPERTIES OF EXPECTATIONS

RECALL

$$E(X) = \sum_x xp(x) \text{ when } X \text{ is discrete}$$

### **Example**

The average salary of employees in a computer firm is £27,500. After negotiations with the trade union, it was agreed that employees would get a rise of £100 in addition to 10 percent increase on their basic salaries. What is the new average salary?

Let  $X$  = old salary;  $Y$  = new salary.

$$Y = 100 + 1.1X$$

If  $E(X) = £27,500$ , what is  $E(Y)$ ?

## Properties of Expected Values

1.  $E(X+c) = E(X) + c$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X + c) &= \sum_x (x + c)p(x) \\ &= \sum_x xp(x) + c \sum_x p(x) \\ &= E(X) + c. \end{aligned}$$

2.  $E(cX) = cE(X)$

$$\begin{aligned} E(cX) &= \sum_x c xp(x) \\ &= c \sum_x xp(x) \\ &= cE(X). \end{aligned}$$

$$3. V(X+c) = V(X)$$

$$V(X + c) = E[X + c - E(X + c)]^2$$

$$= E[X - E(X)]^2$$

$$= V(X)$$

$$4. V(cX) = c^2V(X)$$

$$V(cX) = E[cX - E(cX)]^2$$

$$= E[cX - cE(X)]^2$$

$$= E[c(X - E(X))]^2$$

$$= c^2E[X - E(X)]^2$$

$$= c^2V(X)$$

## 14 POISSON DISTRIBUTION

### Examples

1. Number of telephone calls in a 15-minute interval.
2. Number of people arriving at a checkout in an hour.
3. Number of jobs arriving for service in a day.

### Generally

$X$  = number of events, distributed independently in time, occurring in a fixed time interval.

$X$  is a Poisson variable with pdf:

$$P(X = x) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}, \quad x = 0, 1, \dots, \infty$$

where  $\lambda$  is the average.

### Example:

Consider a computer system with Poisson job-arrival stream at an average of 2 per minute. Determine the probability that in any one-minute interval there will be (i) 0 jobs; (ii) exactly 2 jobs; (iii) more than 3 arrivals.

Figure 13: Poisson PDF  $\lambda = 2$

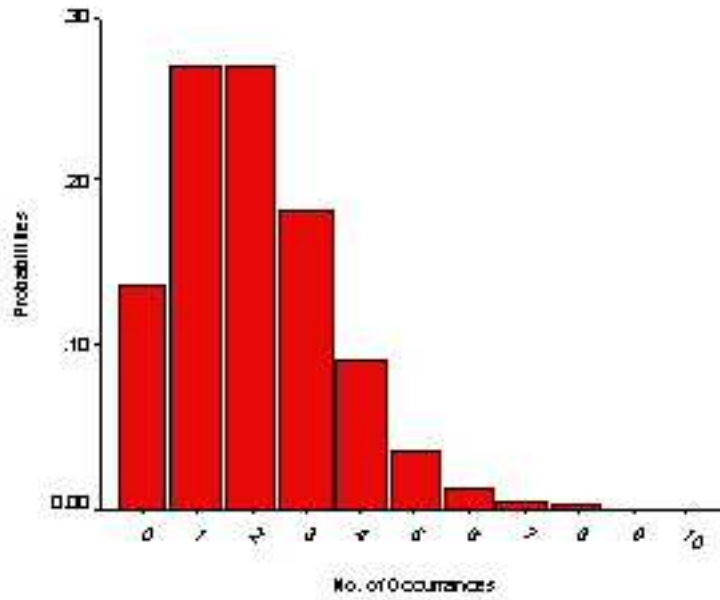
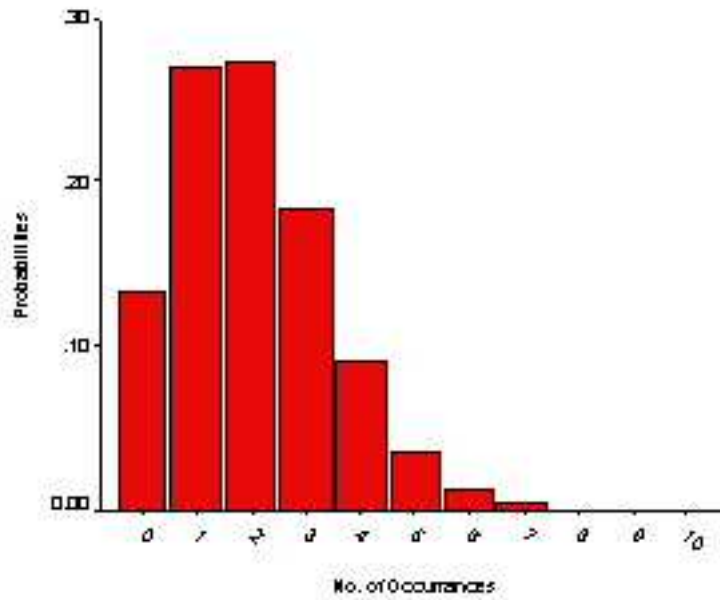


Figure 14: Binomial PDF  $n = 100$  and  $p = .02$



## Derivations of Some Properties of Poisson

1. Clearly

$$e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} > 0 \quad \text{since } \lambda > 0$$

Also

$$\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} = 1$$

since

$$e^{\lambda} = 1 + \lambda + \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} + \frac{\lambda^3}{3!} + \dots$$

i.e.

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

2.  $E(X) = \lambda$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^x}{(x-1)!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \lambda \left[ \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{x-1}}{(x-1)!} \right] \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \lambda \left[ 1 + \frac{\lambda}{1!} + \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} + \dots \right] \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \lambda e^{\lambda} = \lambda \end{aligned}$$

## 15 APPLICATIONS OF THE POISSON

The Poisson distribution arises in two ways:

1. **As an approximation to the binomial when  $p$  is small and  $n$  is large**

**Example:**

When examining the number defectives in a large batch.  $p$ , the defective rate, is usually small.

2. **Events distributed independently of one another in time:**

$X$  = the number of events occurring in a fixed time interval has a Poisson distribution.

**Example:**  $X$  = the number of telephone calls in an hour.

$$PDF : \quad p(x) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots; \lambda > 0$$

**Examples:**

1. The manufacturer of the disk drives in one of the well-known brands of microcomputers expects 2% of the disk drives to malfunction during the microcomputer's warranty period. Calculate the probability that in a sample of 100 disk drives, that not more than three will malfunction.

No. of disk drives malfunctioning k	Binomial $\binom{100}{k} \cdot 0.02^k \cdot 0.98^{100-k}$	Poisson Approximation $e^{-2} 2^k / k!$
0	0.13262	0.13534
1	0.27065	0.27067
2	0.27341	0.27067
3	0.18228	0.18045
Total	0.85890	0.85713

2. The average rate of job submissions in a busy computer centre is 4 per minute. If it can be assumed that the number of submissions per minute interval is Poisson distributed, calculate the probability that
  - (a) at least 2 jobs will be submitted in any minute.
  - (b) no job will be submitted in any minute.
  - (c) no more than one job will be submitted in any one-minute interval.

**Poisson as an approximation to the binomial  
when  $n$  is large  $p$  is small**

Recall:

- mean of binomial =  $np$
- mean of Poisson =  $\lambda$

**PDF of Binomial**

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}; \quad p = \frac{\lambda}{n} \\ &= \binom{n}{x} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^x \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-x} \\ &= \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} \frac{\lambda^x (1 - \frac{\lambda}{n})^n}{n^x (1 - \frac{\lambda}{n})^x} \rightarrow \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n &\rightarrow e^{-\lambda} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \\ \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^x &\rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \\ \frac{n!}{(n-x)!n^x} &= \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-(x-1))}{n^x} \\ &= 1\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)\left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right)\dots\left(1 - \frac{x-1}{n}\right) \rightarrow 1 \end{aligned}$$

## Events Distributed Independently in Time

1. Probability that an event occurs in a very small time interval, of length  $\Delta t$ , is  $\lambda\Delta t$ . i.e.  $P_1(\Delta t) = \lambda\Delta t$ .
2. Probability of more than one occurrence in the small time interval is negligible.  $P_{>1}(\Delta t) = 0. \implies P_0(\Delta t) = 1 - \lambda\Delta t$ .
3. Occurrences are independent in different time intervals

$X$  = number of events occurring in a time interval of length  $t$

We will show that the probability of  $x$  events in  $t$

$$P_x(t) = e^{-\lambda t}(\lambda t)^x/x!$$

### Note

$$P_0(t + \Delta t) = P_0(t)P_0(\Delta t) = P_0(t)(1 - \lambda\Delta t)$$

$$P_x(t + \Delta t) = P_x(t)P_0(\Delta t) + P_{x-1}(t)P_1(\Delta t)$$

$$= P_x(t)(1 - \lambda\Delta t) + P_{x-1}(t)\lambda\Delta t, \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

**First show**

$$P_0(t) = e^{-\lambda t}$$

**Proof:**

$$P_0(t + \Delta t) = P_0(t)P_0(\Delta t) = P_0(t)(1 - \lambda\Delta t)$$

Thus

$$P_0(t + \Delta t) - P_0(t) = -\lambda\Delta tP_0(t)$$

and

$$\frac{P_0(t + \Delta t) - P_0(t)}{\Delta t} = -\lambda P_0(t)$$

Let  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{dP_0(t)}{dt} = -\lambda P_0(t)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{P_0(t)} dP_0(t) = \int -\lambda dt$$

$$\log P_0(t) = -\lambda t + c \implies P_0(t) = e^{-\lambda t + c}$$

Now  $c = 0$ , since  $P_0(0) = 1$  (the probability of 0 occurrences in a zero time interval)

So

$$P_0(t) = e^{-\lambda t}$$

**Next show**

$$P_1(t) = e^{-\lambda t} \lambda t$$

**Proof:**

Look at

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(t + \Delta t) &= P_1(t)P_0(\Delta t) + P_0(t)P_1(\Delta t) \\ &= P_1(t)(1 - \lambda\Delta t) + e^{-\lambda t}\lambda\Delta t \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\frac{P_1(t + \Delta t) - P_1(t)}{\Delta t} = -\lambda P_1(t) + e^{-\lambda t}\lambda$$

Now as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$  we have

$$\frac{dP_1(t)}{dt} + \lambda P_1(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$$

Multiply both sides by the integrating factor  $e^{\lambda t}$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\lambda t} \left[ \frac{dP_1(t)}{dt} + \lambda P_1(t) \right] &= \lambda \\ \implies \frac{de^{\lambda t} P_1(t)}{dt} &= \lambda \\ \implies e^{\lambda t} P_1(t) &= \lambda t + c \quad (\text{check } c = 0) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$P_1(t) = e^{-\lambda t} \lambda t$$

## 16 SAMPLING INSPECTION

A method of deciding if a batch of components is to be accepted or rejected, on the basis of the number of defectives found in a random sample taken from the batch

### Example:

Samples of size 10 are taken from a series of large batches in an industrial process. The batch is accepted if the sample contains no defectives, otherwise it is rejected

This is called a **Single Sampling Scheme** since the decision on each batch is based on an inspection of a single sample

The probability ( $P$ ) of accepting batches can be calculated for various proportions defective.

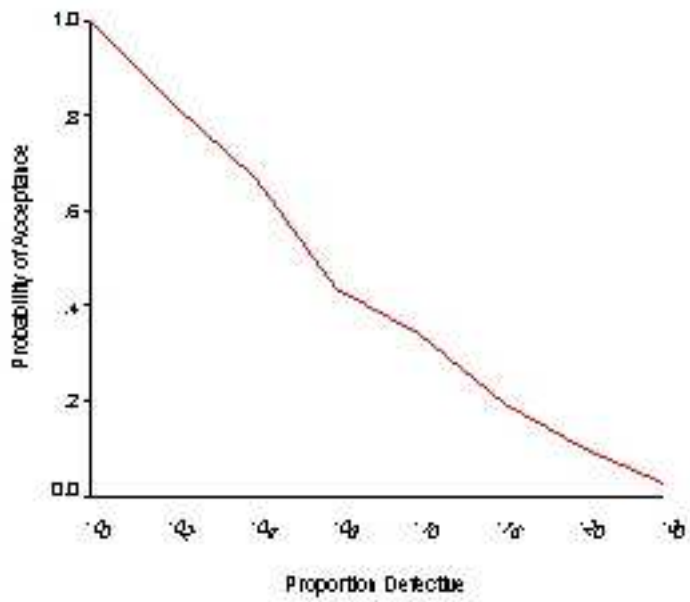
$$\text{Acceptance Rule } P = P(0 \text{ defectives}) = q^{10}$$

p	.00	.02	.04	.08	.10	.15	.20	.30
P	1.00	.817	.667	.434	.348	.197	.108	.028

A plot of  $P$  against  $p$  is called

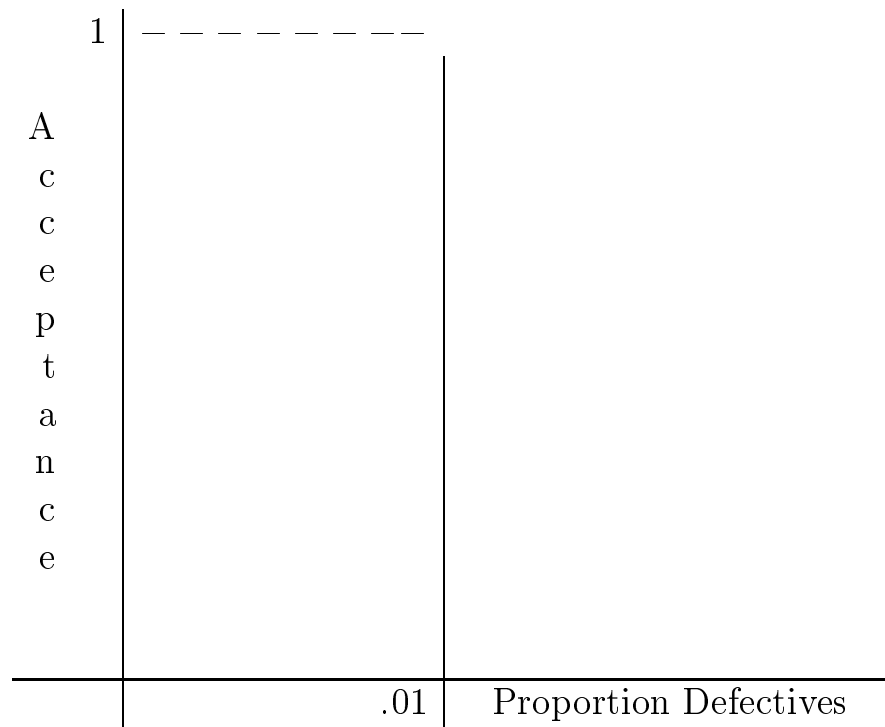
**the Operating Characteristic Curve**

Figure 15: The OC Curve



## Ideal OC curve

Suppose batches of up to but not exceeding 1% are acceptable, the OC curve should look like this



This can only be achieved by 100% inspection.

## Design of Sampling Scheme

A sampling scheme consists of

1. sample size
2. allowable number of defectives

It is chosen usually after specifying the risks of the consumer and producer

### **Risks:**

- **Consumer's Risk:**  
Accept lots which should be rejected
  
- **Producer's Risk:**  
Reject lots which should be accepted

The probability of acceptance ( $P$ ) depends on:

1. unknown proportion of defectives in the batch
  
2. sampling scheme.

## Small Batches

**Example:** A certain item is packed twenty to a box, and the following single sampling plan is used: a sample of 2 items is drawn and the box is accepted if both items are good, otherwise the box is rejected.

**Construct** the OC curve

**Solution:**

$$N = 20 \quad n = 2$$

Sampling is done without replacement  $\rightarrow$  use hypergeometric distribution.

$p$  = proportion defective

$q = 1 - p$  = proportion non - defective

Hence batch looks like

$$\boxed{Np \mid Nq}$$

Generally with  $c$  = allowable number of defectives:

$$P(\text{accept}) = P = \sum_{x=0}^c \binom{Np}{x} \binom{Nq}{n-x} / \binom{N}{n}$$

In the above example:

$$P = \binom{20p}{0} \binom{20q}{2} / \binom{20}{2}$$

Calculate  $P$  for  $p = .1 .2 .3 .4 .5$  and plot  $P$  against  $p$

## Average Outgoing Quality (AOQ) of Rectifying Scheme

### Defn: Rectifying Scheme:

A rectifying scheme is where lots are inspected and the defectives are replaced.

**Defn:** AOQ = average quality of outgoing products including

1. accepted lots
2. rejected lots after the rejected lots have been 100% inspected and replaced by non-defectives

### Example:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Lot size} &= N \\ \text{Sample size} &= n\end{aligned}$$

This lot breaks down as follows :

1. sample of size  $n$
2.  $N - n$  items which are either
  - (a) inspected 100%
  - (b) accepted without further inspection

In (1) all defectives are replaced

In (2a) all defectives are replaced

But in (2b) the defectives are not replaced

## Average Outgoing Quality (AOQ)

Suppose  $p$  = proportion defective  
then  $p(N - n)$  = number defective in the lot after a sample of size  $n$  has been drawn.

If  $P$  = probability of accepting lots  
Then, **in the long run, on the average**, the expected number of defectives in the lot is

$$Pp(N - n) \text{ defective items}$$

The AOQ is the average number of defectives expressed as a proportion of the lot size

$$AOQ = \frac{\text{Expected no. of defectives per batch}}{\text{Batch Size}}$$

$$= \frac{Pp(N - n)}{N}$$

$$\approx Pp \text{ when } N \text{ is large}$$

**Example:**

**Lot Size:**  $N = 10,000$

**Sampling Plan:**

Allow up to two defectives in a sample of size 100.

**OC Table**

p	0	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07
P	1	.92	.67	.42	.24	.13	.06	.03

$$P[\text{acceptance}] = P(0) + P(1) + P(2)$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} + e^{-\lambda}\lambda + e^{-\lambda}\frac{\lambda^2}{2!} \text{ where } \lambda = 100p$$

Figure 16: OC Curve

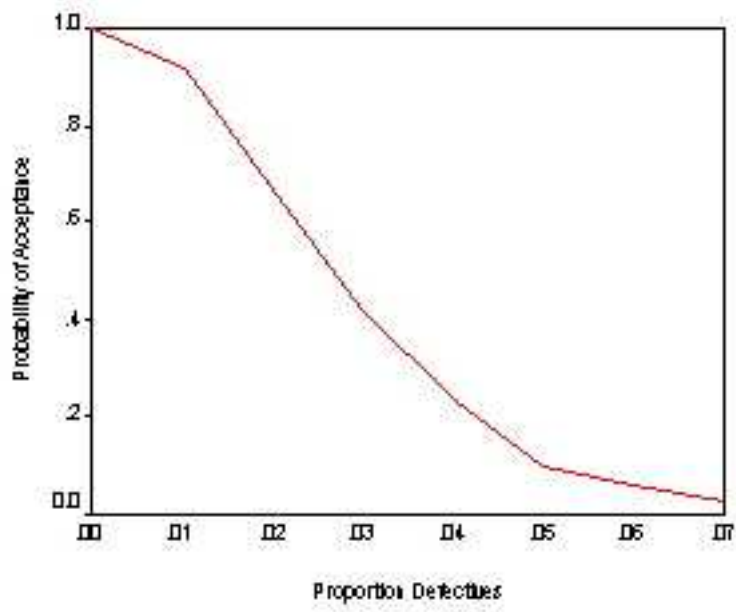
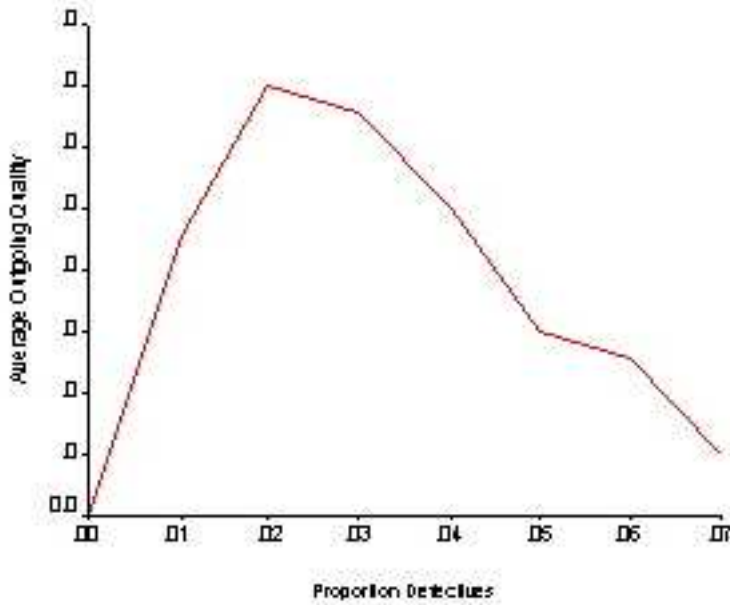


Figure 17: AOQ



**Example:**

**Lot Size:**  $N = 10,000$

**Sampling Plan:**

Allow up to two defectives in a sample of size 100.

**Average Outgoing Quality**

p	0	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07
Pp	0	.009	.014	.013	.010	.006	.005	.002

**AOQL** = Average Outgoing Quality Limit  
 = Worst Possible Quality

## 17 DOUBLE SAMPLING SCHEMES

First sample can lead to one of three decisions

1. accept lot
2. take a second sample
3. reject lot

### Example 1

**Stage 1:** Take a sample of size 10

1. if 0 defectives occurs - accept lot
2. if 1,2 or 3 defectives occur - take a second sample
3. if 4 or more defectives occur - reject lot

**Stage 2:** If 1, 2, 3 defectives occur in first sample take a second sample of size 10 and reject lot if the total number of defectives in the combined sample is 4 or more

### Example 1

1. If 0 defectives occur - accept lot
2. If 1,2 or 3 defectives occur - take a second sample
3. If 4 or more defectives occur - reject lot

### Stage 2:

1. If  $\geq 4$  in combined sample reject.
2. If  $< 4$  accept.

### The OC Curve

Let  $E$  = event of accepting batch

$A$  = accept batch at first stage

$B$  = accept batch at second stage

Then

$$P(E) = P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$

$$P(A) = P(0 \text{ defect}) = (1 - p)^{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(B) &= P(1 \text{ defect in 1st sample})P(\leq 2 \text{ defects in 2nd sample}) \\ &+ P(2 \text{ defects in 1st sample})P(\leq 1 \text{ defect in 2nd sample}) \\ &+ P(3 \text{ defects in 1st sample})P(0 \text{ defect in 2nd sample}) \end{aligned}$$

Calculate  $P(A) + P(B)$  for various values of  $p$  to obtain the OC curve

### The average sample size

$$\bar{n} = 10 + 10 * P(\text{taking a 2nd sample})$$

Now:

$$P(\text{taking a 2nd sample})$$

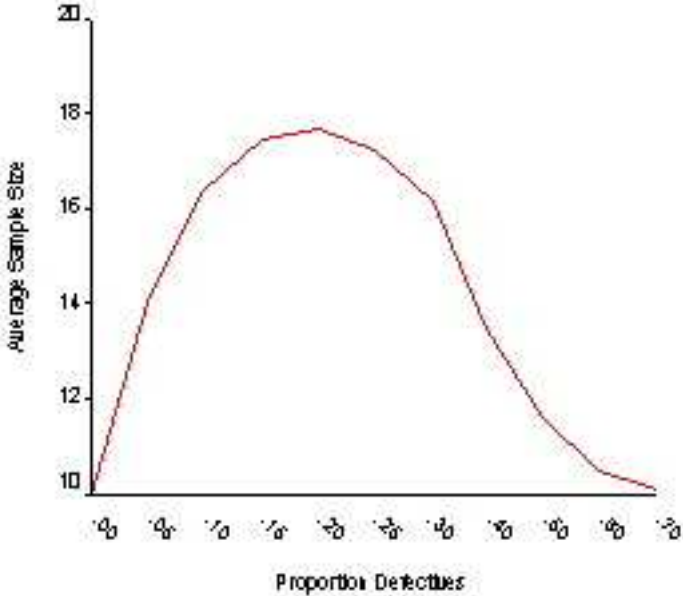
$$= P(1, 2 \text{ or } 3 \text{ defectives in first stage})$$

$$= \binom{10}{1}(1-p)^9p + \binom{10}{2}(1-p)^8p^2 + \binom{10}{3}(1-p)^7p^3$$

$\bar{n}$  is calculated for various values of  $p$

$p$	.00	.05	.10	.15	.20	.25	.30
$\bar{n}$	10.0	14.0	16.4	17.5	17.7	17.2	16.2

Figure 18: Average Sample Size



## 18 CONTINUOUS DISTRIBUTIONS

### The PDF of a continuous distribution

1. the total area under the PDF is 1
2. the area under the PDF between two points  $a$  and  $b$  is the probability that the random variable lies between  $a$  and  $b$
3. PDF is positive or zero - it is zero in any range where the random variable never falls

### Notation:

- **Probability Density Function (PDF):**

The PDF of a continuous variable  $X$  is usually denoted by  $f(x)$

- **Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)**

As in the discrete case, the CDF is defined as the probability that the random variable  $X$  is less than or equal to some specified  $x$ .

The CDF of a continuous variable  $X$  is usually denoted by  $F(x)$  and defined by

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(X)dX$$

## The Exponential Distribution

- The PDF:

$$\begin{aligned}f(t) &= \lambda e^{-\lambda t}, \quad t > 0 \\ &= 0 \quad \text{otherwise}\end{aligned}$$

- The CDF:

$$\begin{aligned}P(T \leq t) = F(t) &= \int_0^t \lambda e^{-\lambda T} dT \\ &= [-e^{-\lambda T}]_{T=0}^t \\ &= -e^{-\lambda t} + 1\end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}F(t) &= 1 - e^{-\lambda t}, \quad t > 0 \\ &= 0 \quad \text{otherwise.}\end{aligned}$$

*Generally the exponential distribution describes waiting time between Poisson occurrences*

**Proof:**

Let  $T =$  time that elapses after a Poisson event.

$P(T > t) =$  probability that no event occurred in the time interval of length  $t$ .

The probability that no Poisson event occurred in the time interval  $[0, t]$ :

$$P(0, t) = e^{-\lambda t}.$$

where  $\lambda$  is the average Poisson occurrence rate in a unit time interval.

So:

$$P(T > t) = e^{-\lambda t},$$

Hence the CDF is:

$$F(t) = P(T \leq t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$$

and, working backwards, the PDF is

$$f(t) = F'(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$$

## **The Exponential Distribution:**

Examples:

1. Time between telephone calls
2. Time between machine breakdowns
3. Time between successive job arrivals at a computing centre

**Example**

Accidents occur with a Poisson distribution at an average of 4 per week. i.e.  $\lambda = 4$

1. Calculate the probability of more than 5 accidents in any one week
2. What is the probability that at least two weeks will elapse between accident?

**Solution**

1. Poisson:

$$P(X > 5) = 1 - P(X \leq 5)$$

2. Exponential:

$$\begin{aligned} &P(\text{Time between occurrences} > 2) \\ &= \int_2^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda T} dT \\ &= [-e^{-\lambda T}]_{T=2}^{\infty} = e^{-8} = .00034 \end{aligned}$$

## The Markov Property of Exponential

### Examples:

1. The distribution of the remaining life does not depend on how long the component has been operating.

i.e.

the component does not 'age' - its breakdown is a result of some sudden failure not a gradual deterioration

2. Time between telephone calls

Waiting time for a call is independent of how long we have been waiting

## **Applications of the Exponential**

Empirical investigation has shown that the following experiments have exponential distributions

1. length of telephone calls
2. service time at a server in the queueing network.
3. lifetime of components

**The Markov property**

**Show:**

$$P(T \leq x + t | T > t) = P(T \leq x)$$

**Proof:**

$$E_1 = T \leq x + t, \text{ and } E_2 = T > t$$

**Then:**

$$P(E_1 | E_2) = \frac{P(E_1 \cap E_2)}{P(E_2)}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} P(E_1 \cap E_2) &= P(t < T \leq x + t) \\ &= \int_t^{x+t} \lambda e^{-\lambda T} dT \\ &= e^{-\lambda t} [1 - e^{-\lambda x}] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$P(E_2) = \int_t^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda T} dT = e^{-\lambda t}$$

thus

$$P(E_1 | E_2) = \frac{e^{-\lambda t} [1 - e^{-\lambda x}]}{e^{-\lambda t}} = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$$

now

$$1 - e^{-\lambda x} = F(x) = P(T \leq x)$$

## Examples

1. Calls arrive at an average rate of 12 per hour. Find the probability that a call will occur in the next 5 minutes given that you have already waited 10 minutes for a call i.e. Find  $P(T \leq 15|T > 10)$

From the Markov property

$$P(T \leq 15|T > 10) = P(T \leq 5)$$

So:

$$P(T \leq 5) = 1 - e^{-5\lambda}$$

The average rate of telephone calls is  $\lambda = .2$  in a minute, then

$$\begin{aligned} P(T \leq 5) &= 1 - e^{-(5)(.2)} \\ &= 1 - e^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

2. The average rate of job submissions in a busy computer centre is 4 per minute. If it can be assumed that the number of submissions per minute interval is Poisson distributed, calculate the probability that:
  - (a) at least 15 seconds will elapse between any two jobs.
  - (b) less than 1 minutes will elapse between jobs.
  - (c) If no jobs have arrived in the last 30 seconds, what is the probability that a job will arrive in the next 30 seconds.

## 19 EXPECTATION OF CONTINUOUS VARIABLES

Recall, when  $X$  is discrete

$$E(X) = \sum_x xp(x)$$

Similarly, when  $X$  is continuous

$$E(X) = \int_x xf(x)dx$$

It can be easily be shown

1.  $E(X+c) = E(X) + c$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X+c) &= \int_x (x+c)f(x)dx \\ &= \int_x xf(x)dx + c \int_x f(x)dx \\ &= E(X) + c. \end{aligned}$$

2.  $E(cX) = cE(X)$

$$\begin{aligned} E(cX) &= \int_x cx f(x)dx \\ &= c \int_x x f(x)dx \\ &= cE(X). \end{aligned}$$

3.  $V(X+c) = V(X)$

$$\begin{aligned}V(X+c) &= E[X+c - E(X+c)]^2 \\ &= E[X - E(X)]^2 \\ &= V(X)\end{aligned}$$

4.  $V(cX) = c^2V(X)$

$$\begin{aligned}V(cX) &= E[cX - E(cX)]^2 \\ &= E[cX - cE(X)]^2 \\ &= E[c(X - E(X))]^2 \\ &= c^2E[X - E(X)]^2 \\ &= c^2V(X)\end{aligned}$$

## The exponential distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \lambda e^{-\lambda t}, \quad t > 0 \\ &= 0 \quad \text{otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

**Show that**

$$E(T) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda T} dT = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

**Example:**

average number of telephone calls received in an hour = 4

$\implies$  average waiting time between telephone calls is

$$\frac{1}{4} \text{ hours} \quad \text{or 15 minutes}$$

## 20 THE NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

The normal distribution measures continuous variables such as heights, weights.

The PDF is

$$f(X) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(\frac{-(X - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \quad -\infty < X < \infty$$

It can be shown that

$$E(X) = \mu$$

$$V(X) = \sigma^2$$

$X$  is said to be normally distributed with a mean of  $\mu$  and a variance of  $\sigma^2$ .

i.e.

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$$

## THE STANDARD NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

$$f(Z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(\frac{-Z^2}{2}\right) \quad -\infty < Z < \infty$$

It this case

$$E(Z) = 0$$

$$V(Z) = 1$$

$Z$  is said to be normally distributed with a mean of 0 and a variance of 1.

i.e.

$$Z \sim N(0, 1)$$

Clearly if

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma),$$

then

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$$

The *PDF* and the *CDF* of the standard normal variable are tabulated.

## Reading Standard Normal Tables

1.  $P(Z > 0)$
2.  $P(Z > 1)$
3.  $P(Z > -1)$
4.  $P(-1 < Z < 1)$
5.  $P(-1.96 < Z < 1.96)$
6.  $P(Z < 2.58)$

Choose  $k$  so that

1.  $P(-k < Z < k) = .95$
2.  $P(-k < Z < k) = .99$
3.  $P(-k < Z < k) = .68$

## 21 APPLICATIONS OF NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

### Examples:

Exam results are normally distributed the mean  $\mu = 46$  and the standard deviation  $\sigma = 4$  what percentage of students obtain a mark

1. larger than 46?
2. larger than 50?
3. larger than 40?
4. less than 38?
5. less than 49?
6. between 45 and 49?
7. between 50 and 54?
8. larger than 56 or less than 40?
9. within 1.5 standard deviations from the mean?
10. outside of 2.3 standard deviation from the mean?

**Example:**

Assume the scores on an aptitude are normally distributed with mean  $\mu = 500$  and standard deviation  $\sigma = 100$ .

1. What is the top 5% cut off point?
2. What is the middle 40%?
3. If 1000 new students are to take the exam, predict the number who will score more than 65%.

## Conditional Probabilities

### Example:

The lifetime of a transistor is normally distributed with mean  $\mu = 200$  and a standard deviation  $\sigma = 9$ .

What is the probability that a transistor

1. will last more than 220 hours?
2. will last between 210 and 220 hours?
3. which lasts 210 hours will last at least 220 hours?
4. which lasts 210 hours will fail within 10 hours. (i.e. will fail before 220 hours)

## 22 INEQUALITIES

### Markov Inequality

Let  $X$  be a random variable with expected value  $E(X)$  known and such that  $P(X < 0) = 0$  then, for any  $k > 0$ ,

$$P(X \geq k) \leq E(X)/k$$

### Example:

An online computer system is proposed for which it is estimated that the mean response time is:

$$E(T) = 10 \text{ seconds}$$

Estimate the probability that the response time will be more than 20 seconds.

## Proof of Markov's Inequality

Discrete Case:

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_x xp(x) \\ &= \sum_{x \geq k} xp(x) + \sum_{x < k} xp(x) \\ &\geq \sum_{x \geq k} xp(x) \text{ since } x \text{ is non negative} \\ &\geq \sum_{x \geq k} kp(x) \\ &\geq k \sum_{x \geq k} p(x) \\ &= kP(x \geq k) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$E(X) \geq kP(x \geq k)$$

i.e.

$$P(X \geq k) \leq E(X)/k$$

## Proof of Markov's Inequality

### Continuous Case

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_x x f(x) d(x) \\ &= \int_{x \geq k} x f(x) dx + \int_{x < k} x f(x) dx \\ &\geq \int_{x \geq k} x f(x) dx \\ &\geq \int_{x \geq k} k f(x) dx \\ &= kP(x \geq k) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$P(X \geq k) \leq E(X)/k$$

## Tchebychev's Inequality

If  $X$  is a random variable with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma$  then for any  $k$

$$P(|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$$

### Example

An on-line computer system is proposed for which it is estimated that the mean response time

$$\mu = E(t) = 10 \text{ seconds}$$

and the variance

$$\sigma^2 = 4 \text{ seconds.}$$

**Estimate** the probability that the response will be between 4 and 16 seconds.

## Proof of Tchebychev's Inequality

### Discrete case

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^2 &= E(X - \mu)^2 \\ &= \sum_x (x - \mu)^2 p(x) \\ &= \sum_{|x-\mu| \geq k\sigma} (x - \mu)^2 p(x) + \sum_{|x-\mu| < k\sigma} (x - \mu)^2 p(x) \\ &\geq \sum_{|x-\mu| \geq k\sigma} (x - \mu)^2 p(x) \\ &\geq \sum_{|x-\mu| \geq k\sigma} (k\sigma)^2 p(x) \\ &\geq k^2 \sigma^2 \sum_{|x-\mu| \geq k\sigma} p(x) \\ &= k^2 \sigma^2 P(|x - \mu| \geq k\sigma)\end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$P(|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$$

## Proof of Tchebychev's Inequality

### Continuous Case

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^2 &= E(X - \mu)^2 \\ &= \int_x (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx \\ &= \int_{|x-\mu| \geq k\sigma} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx + \int_{|x-\mu| < k\sigma} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx \\ &\geq \int_{|x-\mu| \geq k\sigma} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx \\ &\geq \int_{|x-\mu| \geq k\sigma} (k\sigma)^2 f(x) dx \\ &\geq k^2 \sigma^2 \int_{|x-\mu| \geq k\sigma} f(x) dx \\ &= k^2 \sigma^2 P(|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma)\end{aligned}$$

i.e

$$P(|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$$

## Examples

1. A model of an on-line computer system gives a mean time to retrieve a record from a direct access storage system device of 200 milliseconds with a standard deviation of 58 milliseconds. The design criterion requires that at least 90% of all retrieval times must not differ from the mean by more than 75 milliseconds.
  - (a) Use Tchebychev's inequality to establish whether the design criterion is satisfied.
  - (b) Would the design criterion be satisfied if it were known that the retrieval time is normally distributed with a mean of 200 milliseconds and a standard deviation of 58 milliseconds?
  
2. A model of an on-line computer system gives a mean time to retrieve a record from a direct access storage system device of 100 milliseconds. If a record is retrieved, calculate the probability that its retrieval time will be:
  - (a) at least 150 milliseconds;
  - (b) between 150 and 200 milliseconds.