

Agenda

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Day 14

- 1) Admin → Hw 5 released
- 2) Review Midterm grades released
→ regrades through gradescope
- 3) Binomial Canvas grade so far
- 4) Poisson

Review

Joint distribution - $\Pr\{C_1=T, C_2=T\}$

marginalization

Conditional probability: if x then prob y

$$\Pr\{Y=y | X=x\}$$

Bayes Rule: if $\Pr\{X=x | Y=y\}$ what's

$$\Pr\{Y=y | X=x\}$$

Independent Variables: $\Pr\{X=x, Y=y\} = \Pr\{X=x\} \cdot \Pr\{Y=y\}$

Exercise:

1) State the following in math terms

a) odds of being cool & having a cat

$$\Pr\{Cool=1, Cat=1\}$$

b) likelihood of being cool given you have a cat

$$\Pr\{Cool=1 | Cat=1\}$$

2) if $\Pr\{Cat=1 | Cool=1\} = .4$, $\Pr\{Cat=1 | Cool=0\} = .2$ &
 $\Pr\{Cool=1\} = .6$ what is $\Pr\{Cat=1\}$?

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr\{Cat=1\} &= \Pr\{Cat=1 | Cool=1\} \cdot \Pr\{Cool=1\} + \\ &\quad \Pr\{Cat=1 | Cool=0\} \cdot \Pr\{Cool=0\} \\ &= .4 \cdot .6 + .2 \cdot .4 = \boxed{.32} \end{aligned}$$

In class activity

1) What are the chances that someone in this room has a birthday today? (No spoilers!)

Note: Get creative, make assumptions and estimates as necessary

For assumptions \rightarrow strong enough to make a guess vs. not realistic

For estimates \rightarrow a quick google can give you some numbers

How valid is your guess? How much do you think you are off?

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/provisional-tables.htm>

309,000 born Oct 2023

3,621,000 overall births

$p \approx .00275\%$ of being born on any day in October

100 students

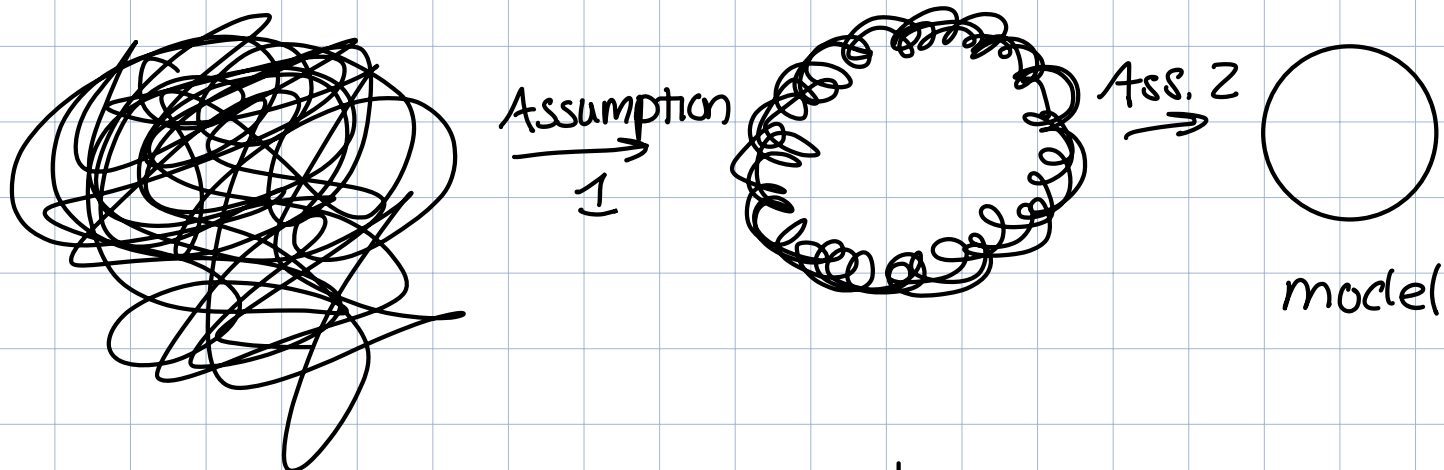
$1-p$ = prob not born today

$$(1-p)^{100} = (1 - .00275)^{100} = .759$$

24% someone has birthday today

Building a math model of the real world

Reality



Complex (tough to understand or predict)

Relevant (conclusions drawn can be trusted)

simple (easy to understand and predict)

Less Relevant (conclusion may not be trusted)

Relevant = what we want

"Essentially, all models are wrong, but some models are useful"
- George Box

Recall: independence

Two random variables don't effect each other e.g.

$$P[X=x, Y=y] = P[X=x] \cdot P[Y=y]$$

Exercise: lucky day

1. What are the odds of
 - a. getting heads on fair coin then
 - b. 5 on 6-sided die
 - c. winning 1 out of 1 million lotto

$$\Pr [A=H, B=5, C=1] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{1,000,000}$$

2. X = Prob of getting sum of 12 on 2 6-sided dice

Y = Prob of getting 1 on that first die

$$\Pr [X=12, Y=1] = 0 \quad \text{Careful - not independent!}$$

Working towards our ^{second} first general distribution

(Our first is the uniform distribution)

Certain types of dist. always look a like and if we recognize them we can just use the equations w/o figuring them out again

So let's start with an exercise.

Exercise 1 Flip a coin 10 times, each flip is independent.

$$Pr[C=H] = .6$$

$$Pr[C=T] = .4$$

What are the following probabilities?

1. 10 Heads, in that order

$$\dots .6 \cdot .6 \cdot .6 \cdot .6 \dots = \boxed{.6^{10}}$$

2. 7 Heads, 3 tails, in that order

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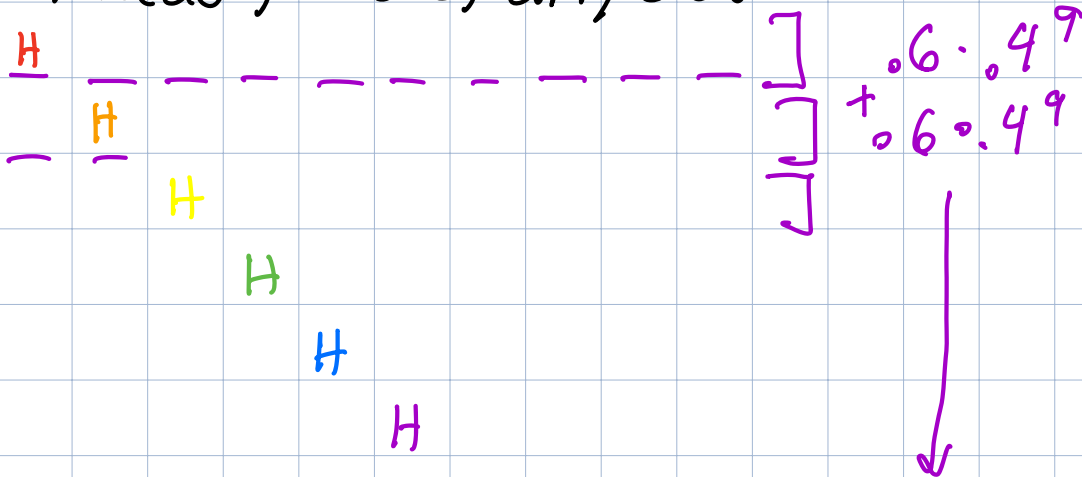
$$\boxed{.6^7 \cdot .4^3}$$

3. 1 Head, 9 tails, in that order

H T ... T

$$.6 \cdot .4^9$$

4. 1 Head, 9 tails, any order



$$\boxed{.6 \cdot .4^9 \cdot 10}$$

5. 3 heads, 7 tails (any order)

$$\binom{10}{3} (.6)^3 (.4)^7$$

$$\binom{10}{1} (.6) (.4)^9$$

6. N heads, any order out of 10

$$\binom{10}{N} (.6)^N (.4)^{10-N}$$

This is an example of a Bernoulli Distribution

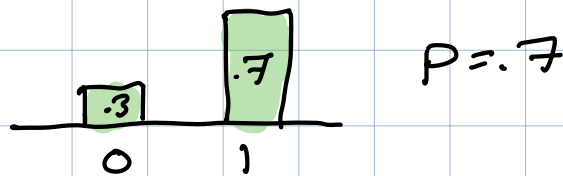
Bernoulli Distribution - describes the outcome of a single experiment with 2 outcomes (1 = success, 0 = failure)

Examples: coin flips, covid tests, raining.

Parameters: p (probability of success)

Sample Space: 0, 1

Distribution $\Pr[X=1] = p$ $\Pr[X=0] = 1-p$



Properties $E[X] = p$
 $\text{Var}(X) = p \cdot (1-p)$

Binomial Distribution - describes outcome of a whole bunch of Bernoulli. The distribution total successes in N trials (remember two outcomes)

Examples N coin flips, N covid tests, etc.

Parameters: p (probability of success)
 N (number of trials)

Sample space $[0 - N]$

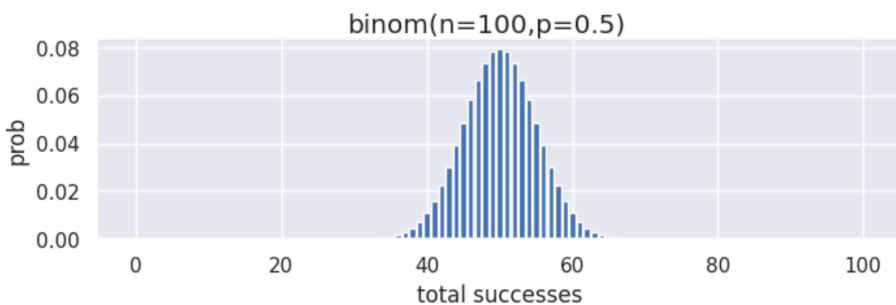
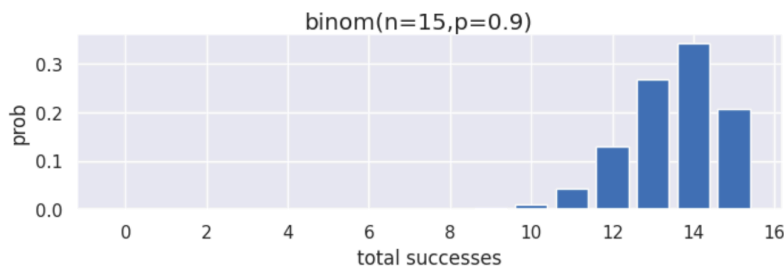
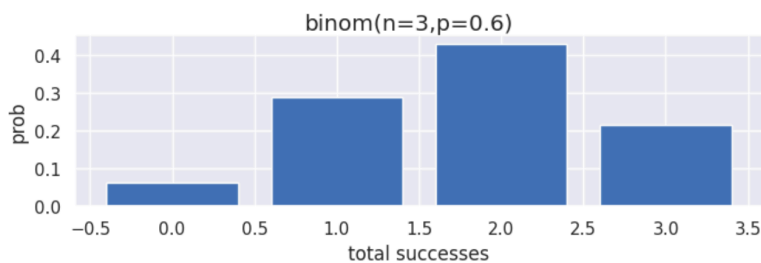
- Assumptions :
1. each trial is independent of the others
 2. each trial has same prob of success

Distribution

$$Pr [X=k] = \binom{N}{k} p^k (1-p)^{N-k}$$

$k = \#$ of successes

probability of
 k successes in
 N trials



Properties :

$$E[x] = N \cdot p$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = N \cdot p \cdot (1-p)$$

Exercise

Suppose Spotify chooses your next song by selecting from among the 1000 previous songs you've listened to (each with an equal chance of being chosen). In my Spotify history, 150 of my previous songs are children's songs (e.g. Baby Beluga & PJ Masks are all too well represented!)

$$p = .15$$

1) if play 5 songs, chances of exactly 1 children's song?

$$N=5 \quad K=1$$

$$Pr[X=1] = \binom{5}{1} (.15)(1-.15)^4$$

2) Play 10 songs, chances exactly 4 are children's songs?

$$N=10 \quad K=4$$

$$Pr[X=4] = \binom{10}{4} (.15)^4 (1-.15)^6$$

3) Play 15 songs. Chances no more than 1 is children's song?

$$Pr[X=0] + Pr[X=1]$$

$$Pr[X \leq 1] = \binom{15}{0} (.15)^0 (1-.15)^{15} + \binom{15}{1} (.15)^1 (1-.15)^{14}$$

But what about our assumptions? Do they make sense:

1. each trial is independent of the others
2. each trial has same prob of success

Name a scenario that would violate each of these assumptions. In our example above

1. Chance of children's song is the same for each trial

Spotify doesn't repeat songs, so playing song will decrease odds for future trials

- ? each trial is independent
if choose song 1 to be children's song,
playlist is going to choose more of it

Poisson Distribution - distribution of how many events occur in a given time or unit (like mile)

Examples: cars at stop light per hour
customers per minute at coffee shop
moose per square mile

Parameter: λ ^{← lambda} (rate (something per something) that events occur)

Sample Space $[0 - \infty)$

Assumptions:

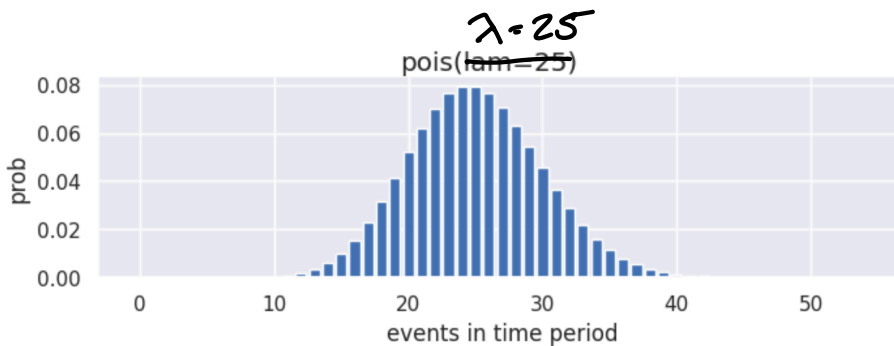
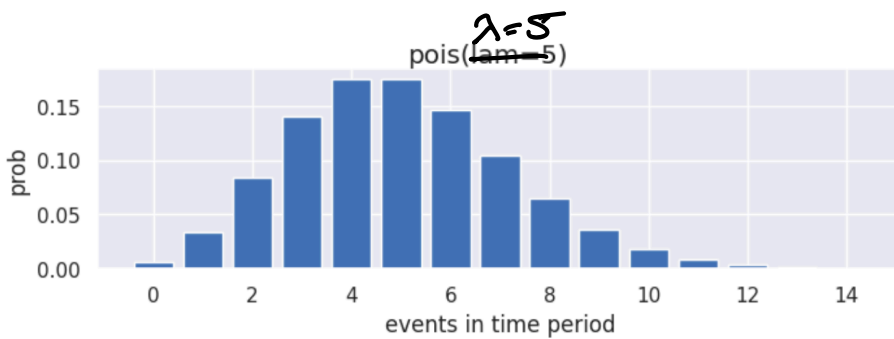
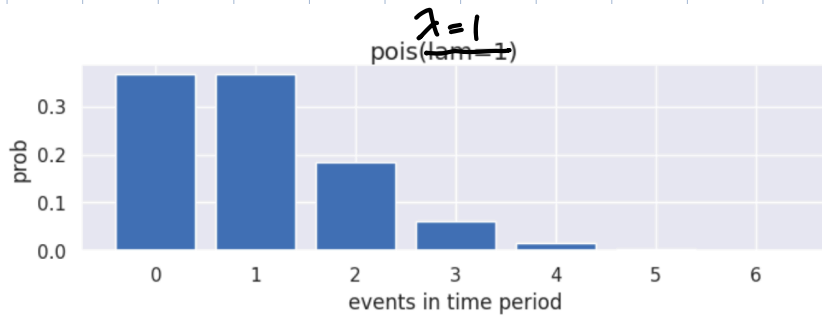
1. rate is constant
(cars are just as likely to enter intersection at any given moment)
2. one event occurring does not make others more/less likely
(one car intersection the odds of another more/less likely)

Distribution

$$Pr[X=k] = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$$

← 2.71828...
a common constant (euler's #)

prob k events occur
in some window of
time



Example: Over the last 235 ski runs I've been on, I've fallen 5 times

careful λ needs to match window of time

Build a poisson model of falls per 10 runs
Then compute the chance of not falling in my next 10 runs from the model

$$\lambda = ? \text{ falls} / 10 \text{ runs} = \frac{5 \text{ falls}}{23.5 \text{ runs of } 10}$$

$$\Pr[X=0] = \frac{.212^0 \cdot e^{-.212}}{0!}$$

.212 falls per 10 runs

Exercise

For each of the situations below, clearly state each Poisson assumption in the context of the problem and give a real-life circumstance which violates just this one assumption (not the other)

1) arrival of a subway car at T station

constant rate: more cars added during rush hour

independence: controller tries to evenly space car

2) coffees served at starbucks each hour from 6AM to 5PM

constant: busier during rush hour

independence: a group order

Exercise

A starbucks serves, on average, 5 drinks in an hour. This starbucks has only 3 coffee cups left.

Estimate the chances that the starbucks runs out of coffee cups in the next hour with a Poisson Distribution

$$\lambda = 5 \text{ drinks/hr}$$

$$\Pr[X \geq 4] = 1 - \Pr[X=0] - \Pr[X=1] - \Pr[X=2] - \Pr[X=3]$$

$$.735$$