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Moment Generating Function of Binomial distribution

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1. About Origin: $M_x(t) = E(e^{tx}) = \sum_{x=0}^n e^{tx} \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}$
 $= \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} (pe^t)^x \cdot q^{n-x} = (q + pe^t)^n$

2. About mean: $M_{x-np}(t) = E(e^{t(x-np)})$
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 $= e^{-npt} E(e^{tx}) = e^{-npt} M_x(t)$
 $= e^{-npt} (q + pe^t)^n = (qe^{-pt} + pe^{t-pt})^n$
 $= (qe^{-pt} + pe^{t-pt})^n = (qe^{-pt} + pe^{t-pt})^n \quad [\because 1-p=q]$

Applications of Binomial distribution

1. In Problems concerning no. of defectives in a sample production line.
2. In estimation of reliability of systems.
3. No. of rounds fired from a gun hitting a target.
4. In Radar detection.

Question: A binomial variable x satisfies the relation $P(x=4) = P(x=2)$ when $n=6$. Find the value of the parameter p and $P(x=1)$

Solution: We know that $P(x=r) = \binom{n}{r} p^r q^{n-r}$

$P(x=4) = \binom{6}{4} p^4 q^2 = 15 p^4 q^2$ Since $n=6$

$P(x=2) = \binom{6}{2} p^2 q^4 = 15 p^2 q^4$

and the given relation is

$9\{P(x=4) = P(x=2)\}$

$\Rightarrow 9 \times 15 p^4 q^2 = 15 p^2 q^4 \Rightarrow 9 p^2 = q^2 = (1-p)^2$

$9 p^2 = 1 + p^2 - 2p$

$\Rightarrow 8 p^2 + 2p - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (4p-1)(2p+1) = 0$

$P = \frac{1}{4}$

$q = 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$

$\left[\because p = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ cannot be negative} \right]$

Now $P(x=1) = \binom{6}{1} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^1 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^5 = 0.3559$

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Question: → Out of 800 families with 4 children each, how many families would be expected have (i) 2 boys and 2 girls (ii) at least one boy (iii) no girl (iv) at most two girls? Assume equal probabilities for boys and girls.

Solution: → Since probabilities for boys and girls are equal,

$$p = \text{Probability of having a boy} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad q = \text{for a girl} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$n = 4 \quad N = 800$$

(i) The expected number of families having 2 boys & 2 girls

$$= 800 \left[{}^4C_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \right] = 800 \times 6 \times \frac{1}{16} = \underline{300} \text{ Ans.}$$

(ii) The expected number of families having at least one boy

$$= 800 \left[{}^4C_1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + {}^4C_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + {}^4C_3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + {}^4C_4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \right]$$
$$= 800 \times \frac{1}{16} (4 + 6 + 4 + 1) = \underline{750} \text{ Ans}$$

(iii) The expected number of families having no girl, $p=1, q=0$

$$= 800 \times {}^4C_4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 = \underline{50} \text{ Ans}$$

(iv) The expected number of families having at most two girls
i.e. having at least 2 boys

$$= 800 \left[{}^4C_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + {}^4C_3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + {}^4C_4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \right] = 800 \times \frac{1}{16} (6 + 4 + 1)$$
$$= \underline{550} \text{ Ans.}$$

Question: → Six dice are thrown 729 times. How many times do you expect at least three dice to show a five or six?

Sol: → $P =$ the chance of getting 5 or 6 with one die $= \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$
 $q = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}, \quad n = 6, \quad N = 729$, since die have $n = 6$

The expected number of times at least three dice showing five or six $= N \cdot P(r \geq 3)$

$$= 729 \left[{}^6C_3 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 + {}^6C_4 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 + {}^6C_5 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5 + {}^6C_6 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^6 \right]$$
$$= \frac{729}{3^6} [160 + 60 + 12 + 1] = 233.$$