

## MTH 23.5 LECTURE NOTES (Ojakian)

### Topic 8: Binomial Distribution and Background

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#### OUTLINE

References (**Algebra Book**: None; **Statistics Book**: 3.5, 4.3)

1. Tree Diagrams (3.5)
  2. Binomial Distributions (4.3)
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#### 1. Inequality Background

Do problems like the first four webwork problems and ones like problem 5.

#### 2. Calculation Background

(a) Exponents

(b) Factorial

(c)  $C_{n,r} = \frac{n!}{r! \cdot (n-r)!}$  = number of subsets of  $S$  of size  $r$  ( $S$  is any set with  $n$  elements).

(d)

**PROBLEM 1.** Calculate the following:

i.  $(0.4)^3$

ii.  $3!$

iii.  $1!$

iv.  $0!$

v.  $5 \cdot (10 - 8)!$

vi.  $C_{3,2}$

vii.  $(0.1)^4$

viii.  $4!$

ix.  $C_{4,1}$

#### 3. Repeated Trials and Tree Diagrams

(a) Note: WITH and WITHOUT replacement. Represent the following using tree diagrams.

**PROBLEM 2.** Two cards are drawn from a regular deck of 52 cards, **with replacement**. What is the probability that the first card is an ace and the second is a king? What is the probability the first card is NOT an ace and the second is a king?

**PROBLEM 3.** Two cards are drawn from a regular deck of 52 cards, **without replacement**. What is the probability that the first card is an ace and the second is a king? What is the probability the first card is NOT an ace and the second is a king?

**PROBLEM 4.** A jar contains 2 red marbles, 5 blue marbles, and 5 yellow marbles.

- i. Suppose you take 2 marbles, without replacement. What is the probability that you take 1 blue and 1 yellow, in any order.
- ii. Suppose you take 2 marbles, with replacement. What is the probability that you take 1 blue and 1 yellow, in any order.
- iii. Suppose you take 3 marbles, without replacement. What is the probability that all are red?
- iv. Suppose you take 3 marbles, without replacement. What is the probability that at least one is not red?

#### 4. Binomial Distribution

##### (a) Binomial Experiment Example

- i. Flip the same coin 3 times and count the number of heads (biased so probability of heads is 0.2). What is the probability of all heads? What is the probability of 2 heads? Etc? Draw a probability tree diagram. Draw a histogram of the distribution.
- ii. Parameters/Terminology
  - $n$  = number of trials
  - $p$  = probability of “success”
  - $q$  = probability of “failure”
  - $r$  = number of successes
  - $P(r)$  = probability of  $r$  successes
  - $P(r < x)$  = probability of less than  $x$  successes (ETC.)

##### iii. Using Excel

- A. BINOM.DIST( $r, n, p, \text{FALSE}$ ): For probability of **exactly  $r$  successes**.
- B. BINOM.DIST( $r, n, p, \text{TRUE}$ ): For probability of  **$r$  or fewer successes**.

**PROBLEM 5.** Use Excel to verify the above calculations.

##### iv.

**PROBLEM 6.** Use Excel for this question. From Section 6.2 (5th edition), do problem 14. Also answer these questions:

- A. What is the probability that **exactly**  $3/4$  of the men are wearing their ties too tight?
- B. What is the probability that **at least**  $3/4$  of the men are wearing their ties too tight?

##### (b) Key formula

$$P(r \text{ successes}) = C_{n,r} p^r q^{n-r}$$

Along with the rest of probability theory! (complements, multiplication rule, addition rule, etc)

**PROBLEM 7.** Use the formula to calculate some of the above probabilities by hand.

**PROBLEM 8.** From Section 6.2, do problem 15. Do it by hand, and using Excel.

(c) Expectation of binomial distribution

Expectation =  $np$

**PROBLEM 9.** *Steve Nash has the highest career foul shooting percentage of 90.4% (stats based on the last time I checked ...).*

*i. If he shoots 100 foul shots, how many do we expect to go in?*

*ii. If he shoots 25 foul shots, how many do we expect to go in?*

*iii. Do a simulation of 25 foul shots in Excel using RAND, to see how many go in.  
How close is the simulation to the expected value?*

(d) Standard Deviation,  $\sigma = \sqrt{npq}$