

# Bernoulli Trials

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### Series of Independent Experiments

$$P(a) = p$$

$$P(\bar{a}) = q$$

$$p+q=1$$

Probability that event  $a$  occurs  $k$  times in specific order in  $n$  trials:

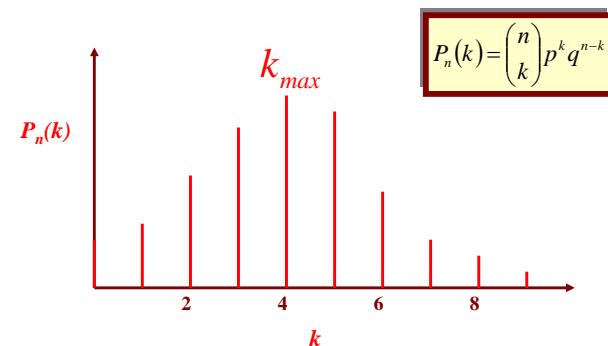
$$\rightarrow P_n(k)_{\text{Specific order}} = p^k q^{n-k}$$

Probability that event  $a$  occurs  $k$  times in  $n$  trials:

$$\rightarrow P_n(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

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## Most Likely Number of Success

$$k_{\max} = \begin{cases} k_1 & k_1 = \text{Greatest Integer} \leq (n+1)p \quad \text{if } (n+1)p \neq \text{Integer} \\ k_1 \text{ and } k_1 - 1 & k_1 = (n+1)p \quad \text{if } (n+1)p = \text{Integer} \end{cases}$$

$$P(k_1 \leq k \leq k_2) = \sum_{k=k_1}^{k_2} \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} = (p+q)^n = 1$$

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# Asymptotic Theorems

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## DeMoivre – Laplace Theorem

For  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $npq \gg 1$   
 $k \sim (npq)^{1/2}$  nbh of  
 $np$

$$P_n(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi npq}} e^{-\frac{(k-np)^2}{2npq}}$$

## Stirling Formula

$$n! = n^n e^{-n} \sqrt{2\pi n}$$

$$P_n(k_1 \leq k \leq k_2) = \sum_{k=k_1}^{k=k_2} \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi npq}} \sum_{k=k_1}^{k=k_2} e^{-\frac{(k-np)^2}{2npq}}$$

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# Asymptotic Theorems

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$$P_n(k_1 \leq k \leq k_2) \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi npq}} \int_{k=k_1}^{k=k_2} e^{-\frac{(x-np)^2}{2npq}} dx$$

## Approximate Evaluation

$$P_n(k_1 \leq k \leq k_2) \approx \operatorname{erf} \frac{k_2 - np}{\sqrt{npq}} - \operatorname{erf} \frac{k_1 - np}{\sqrt{npq}}$$

$$\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy$$

$$\operatorname{erf}(\infty) = \frac{1}{2}$$

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# Gaussian Functions

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$$g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

$$G(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x g(y) dy = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy$$



$$P_n(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{npq}} g\left(\frac{k-np}{\sqrt{npq}}\right)$$

$$P_n(k_1 \leq k \leq k_2) = G\left(\frac{k_2 - np}{\sqrt{npq}}\right) - G\left(\frac{k_1 - np}{\sqrt{npq}}\right)$$

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# Generalized Bernoulli Trials

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For

$$a_i \cap a_j = 0$$

With

$$P(a_r) = p_r$$

$$P_n(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_r) = \frac{n!}{k_1! k_2! \dots k_r!} p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r}$$

## DeMoivre – Laplace

$$P_n(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_r) \approx \frac{\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{(k_1 - np_1)^2}{np_1} + \dots + \frac{(k_r - np_r)^2}{np_r}\right]\right\}}{\sqrt{(2\pi n)^{r-1} p_1 \dots p_r}}$$

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# Poisson Theorem

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For large n, small p with np being finite

$$P_n(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} \approx e^{-np} \frac{(np)^k}{k!} = e^{-a} \frac{a^k}{k!}$$

$$P_n(k_1 \leq k \leq k_2) \approx e^{-np} \sum_{k=k_1}^{k_2} \frac{(np)^k}{k!}$$

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# Random Poisson Points

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We place at random n points in the interval (0, T). Let  $t_2 - t_1 = t_a$ . The probability of finding k points in  $t_a$  is

$$P(k \text{ Points in } t_a) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

$$p = \frac{t_a}{T}$$

Poisson

$$P(k \text{ Points in } t_a) \approx e^{-\lambda t_a} \frac{(\lambda t_a)^k}{k!}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{n}{T}$$

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