

Solutions to Exercises 8

1. (a) Assuming that calls are answered independently, $X \sim \text{Bin}(20, 0.85)$.

(b) The mean and variance are

$$\begin{aligned}E(X) &= np = 20 \times 0.85 = 17 \\ \text{Var}(X) &= np(1-p) = 20 \times 0.85 \times 0.15 = 2.55\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$SD(X) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} = \sqrt{2.55} = 1.597.$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}P(X = 9) &= {}^n\text{C}_r p^r (1-p)^{n-r} \\ &= {}^{20}\text{C}_9 \times 0.85^9 \times (1-0.85)^{20-9} \\ &= \frac{20!}{9! \times 11!} \times 0.85^9 \times 0.15^{11} \\ &= \frac{20 \times 19 \times \cdots \times 12}{9 \times 8 \times \cdots \times 1} \times 0.85^9 \times 0.15^{11} \\ &= 167960 \times 0.85^9 \times 0.15^{11} \\ &= 0.0000336.\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}P(X < 2) &= P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) \\ &= {}^{20}\text{C}_0 \times 0.85^0 \times (1-0.85)^{20-0} + {}^{20}\text{C}_1 \times 0.85^1 \times (1-0.85)^{20-1} \\ &= 0.15^{20} + 20 \times 0.85 \times 0.15^{19} \\ &= 3.3255 \times 10^{-17} + 3.76862 \times 10^{-15} \\ &= 3.802 \times 10^{-15}.\end{aligned}$$

2. (a) $X \sim \text{Po}(10)$

(b) The mean and variance are

$$\begin{aligned}E(X) &= \lambda = 10 \\ \text{Var}(X) &= \lambda = 10\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$SD(X) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} = \sqrt{10} = 3.16.$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}P(X = 12) &= \frac{\lambda^r e^{-\lambda}}{r!} \\ &= \frac{10^{12} \times e^{-10}}{12!} \\ &= 0.09478.\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}P(X \leq 2) &= P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) \\&= \frac{10^0 \times e^{-10}}{0!} + \frac{10^1 \times e^{-10}}{1!} + \frac{10^2 \times e^{-10}}{2!} \\&= e^{-10} + 10e^{-10} + 50e^{-10} \\&= 0.0000454 + 0.0004540 + 0.0022700 \\&= 0.00277.\end{aligned}$$

3. Let Y be the total sales in the 5-day period.

(a) $E(Y) = 5 \times 2 = 10$. So $Y \sim \text{Po}(10)$.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}P(Y > 12) &= 1 - P(Y \leq 12) \\&= 1 - \{P(Y = 0) + P(Y = 1) + \dots + P(Y = 12)\} \\&= 1 - \left\{ \frac{e^{-10}10^0}{0!} + \frac{e^{-10}10^1}{1!} + \dots + \frac{e^{-10}10^{12}}{12!} \right\} \\&= 1 - e^{-10} \left\{ \frac{1}{0!} + \frac{10}{1!} + \frac{10^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{10^{12}}{12!} \right\} \\&= 1 - e^{-10} \{1 + 10 + 50 + \dots + 2087.6757\}\end{aligned}$$

(The first term ($Y = 0$) is 1. The second ($Y = 1$) is 10/1 times the first. The third ($Y = 2$) is 10/2 times the second and so on. Alternatively you can use Minitab).

$$\begin{aligned}P(Y > 12) &= 1 - e^{-10} \{17435.1965\} \\&= 1 - 0.7916 \\&= 0.2084.\end{aligned}$$

4. You might find a probability tree helpful in answering this question.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{compt accptd} \mid \text{machine OK}) &= P(\text{compt OK and accptd} \mid \text{machine OK}) \\&\quad + P(\text{compt defective and accptd} \mid \text{machine OK}) \\&= 0.95 \times 0.97 + 0.05 \times 0.15 \\&= 0.929.\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{compt rejected} \mid \text{machine OK}) &= 1 - P(\text{compt accptd} \mid \text{machine OK}) \\&= 1 - 0.929 \\&= 0.071.\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{compt acptd | machine not OK}) &= P(\text{compt OK and acptd | machine not OK}) \\ &\quad + P(\text{compt defective and acptd | machine not OK}) \\ &= 0.8 \times 0.97 + 0.2 \times 0.15 \\ &= 0.806.\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{compt rejected | machine not OK}) &= 1 - P(\text{compt acptd | machine not OK}) \\ &= 1 - 0.806 \\ &= 0.194.\end{aligned}$$

(e)

$$\begin{aligned}P(2 \text{ acptd out of } 5 \text{ | machine OK}) &= {}^5C_2 \times 0.929^2 \times 0.071^3 \\ &= \frac{5 \times 4}{2 \times 1} \times 0.929^2 \times 0.071^3 \\ &= 10 \times 0.00030889 \\ &= 0.0030889\end{aligned}$$

(f)

$$\begin{aligned}P(2 \text{ acptd out of } 5 \text{ | machine not OK}) &= {}^5C_2 \times 0.806^2 \times 0.194^3 \\ &= \frac{5 \times 4}{2 \times 1} \times 0.806^2 \times 0.194^3 \\ &= 10 \times 0.0047432 \\ &= 0.047432\end{aligned}$$

(g)

$$\begin{aligned}P(2 \text{ acptd out of } 5 \text{ and machine OK}) &= P(\text{machine OK}) \\ &\quad \times P(2 \text{ acptd out of } 5 \text{ | machine OK}) \\ &= 0.9 \times 0.0030889 \\ &= 0.0027800\end{aligned}$$

(h)

$$\begin{aligned}P(2 \text{ acptd out of } 5 \text{ and machine not OK}) &= P(\text{machine not OK}) \\ &\quad \times P(2 \text{ acptd out of } 5 \text{ | machine not OK}) \\ &= 0.1 \times 0.047432 \\ &= 0.0047432\end{aligned}$$

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}P(2 \text{ acptd out of } 5) &= P(2 \text{ acptd out of } 5 \text{ and machine OK}) \\ &\quad + P(2 \text{ acptd out of } 5 \text{ and machine not OK}) \\ &= 0.0027800 + 0.0047432 \\ &= 0.0075232\end{aligned}$$

(j)

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{machine OK} \mid 2 \text{ acp'd out of } 5) &= \frac{P(\text{machine OK and } 2 \text{ acp'd out of } 5)}{P(2 \text{ acp'd out of } 5)} \\ &= \frac{0.0027800}{0.0075232} \\ &= 0.3695 \end{aligned}$$

Notice that, having seen the evidence of two components accepted out of five, the probability that the machine requires adjustment changes from 0.1 to $1 - 0.3695 = 0.6305$.