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# Hypergeometric Probability Distribution

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## \* Definition :-

There are many experiments in which the condition of independence is violated and the probability of success does not remain constant for all trial. Such experiment are called hypergeometric experiment.

## Formula :-

$$P(X=x) = \frac{\binom{K}{x} \binom{N-K}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

$N$  = number of units in the set or population.

$n$  = number of units in the sample.

$k$  = number of success in the set or pop.

## Parameters :-

The hypergeometric p.d has three parameter's  $N$ ,  $n$  and  $k$ .

01:- a random sample of size " $n$ " is drawn from a finite population of " $N$ " units-

02:- " $k$ " of the units are of one kind and the remaining " $N-k$ " of another kind.

## Characteristics:-

The hypergeometric distribution has the following characteristics.

01:- There are only 2 possible outcomes.

02:- The probability of a success is not the same on each trial without replacement, thus events are not independent.

03:- In which population is finite.

04:- Trails are dependent.

## \* Properties

### Legitimate

$$P(X=x) = \frac{\binom{K}{x} \binom{N-K}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\binom{N}{n}} \binom{K}{x} \binom{N-K}{n-x}$$

for using the formula

$$(1+x)^a (1+x)^b = (1+x)^{a+b}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\binom{N}{n}} \binom{K+N-K}{x+n-x}$$

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$$= \frac{\binom{N}{n}}{\binom{N}{n}} = 1$$

Hence proved.

## Mean

$$E(x) = \sum x f(x)$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^n x \cdot \frac{\binom{k}{x} \binom{N-k}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\binom{N}{n}} \cdot \sum_{x=0}^n x \binom{k}{x} \binom{N-k}{n-x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\binom{N}{n}} \sum_{x=0}^n x \frac{k(k-1)!}{x(x-1)!(k-x)!} \binom{N-k}{n-x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\binom{N}{n}} \cdot k \frac{(k-1)}{(x-1)} \binom{N-k}{n-x}$$

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$$\therefore (1+x)^a + (1+x)^b = (1+x)^{a+b}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\binom{N}{n}} k \binom{\cancel{k}-1 + N - \cancel{k}}{x-1 + n - x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\binom{N}{n}} k \binom{N-1}{n-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{N(N-1)!} \cdot k \binom{N-1}{n-1}$$

$$n(n-1)!$$

$$= k \binom{N-1}{n-1} \frac{n(n-1)!}{N(N-1)!}$$

$$= \frac{nk}{N}$$

$$= np$$

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# Variance

$$E(x^2) = E[x(x-1) + E(x)]$$

$$E[x(x-1)] = \frac{1}{\binom{N}{n}} \sum_{x=0}^n x(x-1) \binom{k}{x} \binom{N-k}{n-x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\binom{N}{n}} \sum_{x=0}^n x(x-1) k! \binom{N-k}{n-x} / x!(x-1)!$$

$$= \frac{1}{\binom{N}{n}} \sum_{x=0}^n \frac{x(x-1) k! \binom{N-k}{n-x}}{x(x-1)(x-2)! (k-x)!}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\binom{N}{n}} \sum_{x=0}^n \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)! \binom{N-k}{n-x}}{(x-2)!(k-x)!}$$

$$= \frac{k(k-1)}{\binom{N}{n}} \sum_{x=2}^n \binom{k-2}{x-2} \binom{N-k}{n-x}$$

$$= \frac{k(k-1)}{\binom{N}{n}} \binom{N-k-k-2}{x-2+n-x}$$

$$= \frac{k(k-1)}{\binom{N}{n}} \binom{N-2}{n-2}$$

$$= \frac{k(k-1)}{N!} \frac{(N-2)!}{(n-2)!(N-n)!}$$

$$= \frac{k(k-1)(N-n)!}{n!(N-n)!} \frac{(N-2)!}{(n-2)!(N-n)!}$$

$$= \frac{k(k-1)(N-n)! \cdot n(n-1)(n-2)! \cdot (N-2)!}{N! (n-2)! (N-n)!}$$

$$= \frac{k(k-1)n(n-1)(N-2)!}{N!}$$

$$= \frac{k(k-1)n(n-1)(N-2)!}{N(N-1)(N-2)!} = \frac{k(k-1)n(n-1)}{N(N-1)}$$

$$E(x^2) = E[x(x-1)] + E(x)$$

$$\because E(x) = \frac{nk}{N}$$

$$= \frac{k(k-1) \cdot n(n-1)}{N(N-1)} + \frac{nk}{N}$$

$$= \frac{nk}{N} \left( \frac{N-k}{N} \right) \left( \frac{N-x}{N-1} \right)$$



$$E(x^2) = \frac{k(k-1) \cdot n(n-1) + nk(N-1)}{N(N-1)}$$

## Numerical

A box contains ten items, seven of which are good and three are defective. Two items are selected (WOR); compute the probability distribution for the number of defectives in the sample of two. Compute the mean and variance of this probability distribution. Is this mean equal to  $\frac{nk}{N}$  and variance  $\frac{nk(N-k)(N-n)}{N^2(N-1)}$ .

## Solution

The hypergeometric distribution is

$$P(X=x) = \frac{\binom{k}{x} \binom{N-k}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}} \quad x = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, \min(k, n)$$

Hence  $N=10$ ,  $n=2$ ,  $k=3$ ,  $x = \text{num of items}$  then the possible value of  $x$  are 0, 1 and 2

Therefore.

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$$P(X=x) = \frac{\binom{3}{x} \binom{10-3}{2-x}}{\binom{10}{2}} \quad x = 0, 1, 2$$

$$P(X=0) = \frac{\binom{3}{0} \binom{10-3}{2-0}}{\binom{10}{2}} = \frac{\binom{3}{0} \binom{7}{2}}{\binom{10}{2}} = \frac{7}{15}$$

$$P(X=1) = \frac{\binom{3}{1} \binom{10-3}{2-1}}{\binom{10}{2}} = \frac{\binom{3}{1} \binom{7}{1}}{\binom{10}{2}} = \frac{7}{15}$$

$$P(X=2) = \frac{\binom{3}{2} \binom{10-3}{2-2}}{\binom{10}{2}} = \frac{\binom{3}{2} \binom{7}{0}}{\binom{10}{2}} = \frac{1}{15}$$

Thus the probability distribution in tabular form for the computation of mean and variance of  $X$  is given as follows.

X	$P(X=x) = P(x)$	$xP(x)$	$x^2P(x)$
0	$\frac{7}{15}$	0	0
1	$\frac{7}{15}$	$\frac{7}{15}$	$\frac{7}{15}$
2	$\frac{1}{15}$	$\frac{2}{15}$	$\frac{4}{15}$
	$E(X) = 1$	$\sum xP(x) = \frac{9}{15}$	$\sum x^2P(x) = \frac{11}{15}$

Mean

$$E(X) = \sum xP(x) = \frac{9}{15} = 0.6$$

$$= \frac{nk}{N} = \frac{(2)(3)}{10} = 0.6$$

Variance

$$\text{var}(X) = \sigma^2 = \sum x^2P(x) - \left[ \sum xP(x) \right]^2 = \frac{11}{15} - \left[ \frac{9}{15} \right]^2 = 0.373$$

$$\frac{nk(N-k)(N-n)}{N^2(N-1)} = \frac{(2)(3)(7)(8)}{(100)(9)} = 0.3733$$

Hence

$$E(X) = \frac{nk}{N}$$

And

$$\text{var}(X) = \frac{nk(N-k)(N-n)}{N^2(N-1)}$$

Skewness:-

$$= \frac{(N-2K)(N-1)^{1/2}(N-2n)}{[nK(N-K)(N-n)]^{1/2}(N-2)}$$

Kurtosis:-

$$\frac{1}{nK(N-K)(N-n)(N-2)(N-3)} \cdot \frac{[-(N-1)N^2(N(N+1))] - 6K(N-K) - 6n(N-n)}{6nK(N-K)(N-n)(5N-6)}$$

## Real Life Example

01:-

Five individuals from an animal population thought to be near extinction in a certain region have been caught, tagged, and released to mix into the population. After they had an opportunity to mix, a random sample of 10 of these animals is selected. Let  $X$  = the number of tagged animals in the second sample.

If there are actually 25 animals of this type in the region what is the  $E(X)$  &  $V(X)$ ?

Solutions:-

$$n=10, M=5 \text{ and } N=25 \text{ so } p = \frac{5}{25} = 0.2$$

and

$$E(X) = (10)(0.2) = 2 \quad \therefore E(X) = np$$

$$V(X) = \frac{15}{24} (10)(0.2)(0.8) \quad \therefore V(X) = npq$$

$$= 1$$

If the sampling was carried out with replacement

$$V(X) = 1.6$$

