Math 141 - Week in Review #10

Section 8.4 - Binomial Distribution

- Experiments with two outcomes ("success" and "failure") are called Bernoulli or binomial trials.

- Properties of a Binomial Experiment

    1. The number of trials in the experiment is fixed.
    2. There are two outcomes of the experiment: "success" and "failure."
    3. The probability of success in each trial is the same.
    4. The trials are independent of each other.

- NOTATION: n = number of trials, p = probability of success in a single trial, $q = 1 - p$ = probability of failure in a single trial, r = the number of successes wanted

- In binomial experiments, the binomial random variable X denotes the number of successes in the n trials of the experiment.

- The probability of obtaining exactly r successes in n binomial trials is given by $P(X = r) = C(n,r)p^r q^{n-r}$.

- Let X be a binomial random variable. Then $\mu = E(X) = np$, $\text{Var}(X) = npq$, and $\sigma_x = \sqrt{npq}$, where n, p, and q are as defined above.

Section 8.5 - The Normal Distribution

- Properties of the Normal Curve

    1. The normal curve is completely determined by μ and σ. (σ determines the sharpness or flatness of the curve.)
    2. The curve has a peak at $x = \mu$.
    3. The curve is symmetric with respect to the vertical line $x = \mu$.
    4. The curve always lies above the x-axis but approaches the x-axis as x extends indefinitely in either direction.
    5. The area under the curve and above the x-axis is 1.
    6. For any normal curve, 68.27% of the area under the curve lies within 1 standard deviation from the mean, 95.45% of the area lies within 2 standard deviations of the mean, and 99.73% of the area lies within 3 standard deviations of the mean.

- The *standard* normal random variable Z has mean 0 and standard deviation 1.

Section 8.6 - Applications of the Normal Distribution

- When approximating binomial probabilities by using the normal curve, first draw and shade a piece of a histogram corresponding to the probability you are being asked to find, and then use appropriate lower and upper bounds (adjust by 0.5) under the normal curve with $\mu = np$ and $\sigma = \sqrt{npq}$ to approximate the probability.

1. Which of the following experiments are binomial? Justify your answer.

   (a) Cast a fair die until a 3 lands up.

   (b) A box contains 20 clocks, 10% of which are defective. A sample of 5 clocks is selected one at a time without replacement and tested for quality control purposes.

   (c) Draw 6 cards one at a time with replacement and record the suit of each card drawn.

   (d) Analyze the composition of a 4-child family in which each child was born at a different time (no twins, triplets, etc.).

2. Consider the composition of an 8-child family in which each child was born at a different time.

   (a) What is the probability that exactly 2 of the children are boys?

   (b) What is the probability that at most 2 of the children are boys?

   (c) What is the probability that at least 5 of the children are girls?

   (d) What is the probability that at least 3 but no more than 6 of the children are girls?

   (e) How many of the children can you expect to be boys?

   (f) Find the variance and standard deviation of the number of boys.

3. How many times must a person cast a die if the chances of obtaining at least 1 six are 70% or better?

4. A health inspector has determined that 12% of all restaurants in a certain city are in violation of the health code. If 5 restaurants are selected at random for inspection, what is the probability that

   (a) exactly 3 of the restaurants fail the inspection?

   (b) only the first 3 restaurants fail the inspection?

   (c) at least 4 of the restaurants pass the inspection?

   (d) If 250 restaurants are inspected, how many can you expect to pass inspection? What would be the standard deviation of the number of restaurants that pass inspection?

5. George is a hunter who prepares for hunts by shooting at a target. He hits the target with 83% of his shots. If he fires at the target 30 times,

   (a) what is the probability that he hits the target at least 20 times but fewer than 27 times?

   (b) what is the probability that he will miss the target at least 10 times?

   (c) How many times can you expect him to hit the target?

   (d) What assumptions did you have to make in the above question to be able to use the binomial distribution to calculate the probabilities? Do you think these assumptions are justified?

6. Let X be a normal random variable with $\mu = 70$ and $\sigma = 4$. By first sketching a normal curve and shading an appropriate area under the curve, find each of the following probabilities.

   (a) $P(X > 70)$

   (b) $P(66 < X < 74)$

   (c) $P(X \leq 72)$

7. Let Z be the standard normal random variable. Find the value of a if

   (a) $P(Z < a) = 0.253$

   (b) $P(Z < a) = 0.937$

   (c) $P(Z \geq a) = 0.713$

   (d) $P(-a < Z < a) = 0.35$

8. At a certain hospital, the weights of babies at birth are normally distributed with a mean of 7.5 pounds and a standard deviation of 1.1 pounds.

(a) What is the probability that a randomly selected newborn at this hospital weighs more than 8 pounds?

(b) What is the probability that a randomly selected newborn at this hospital weighs between 5 and 6 pounds?

(c) What is the probability that a randomly selected newborn at this hospital weighs exactly 7.5 pounds?

(d) Only 1% of all babies born at this hospital weigh less than ____ pounds.

(e) 25% of all babies born at this hospital weigh more than ____ pounds.

(f) If you randomly access records of 1,000 newborns born at this hospital, how many of those babies would you expect to weigh more than 9 pounds at birth?

9. A fair die is cast 2,500 times. What is the probability that an odd number lands up

   (a) more than 1200 times?

   (b) between 1200 and 1250 times, inclusive?

   (c) fewer than 1150 times?

   (d) exactly 1255 times?

10. Fun Trip Ships, Inc. has determined that 7% of the people who book passage on one of their cruises do not arrive for check-in at embarkation. The *Rey del Sol* cruise ship can accommodate 1,320 passengers. If Fun Trip Ships, Inc. books reservations for 1,400 passengers on this ship, what is the probability that the cruise is overbooked? Use the normal approximation to the binomial distribution.