

04b Sample Examination Problems Chapter 5 SOLUTIONS

1. Write down the sample space of samples of size two without replacement from the population of three persons A, B and C.

Population size $N = 3 : A, B, C$
 $n = 2$ without replacement

Assuming order does not matter. (Combination)

There are $C_2^3 = \frac{3!}{2!1!} = 3$ ways

$$\Omega = \{AB, AC, BC\}$$

Assuming order does matter (Permutation):

$P_2^3 = \frac{3!}{(3-2)!1!} = \frac{3!}{1!} = 6$ ways

$$\Omega = \{AB, BA, AC, CA, BC, CB\}$$

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2. Show that the variance of the mean of a random sample of size n taken from a large population is equal to the population variance divided by the sample size.

$$E(X_i) = \mu, \text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2$$

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n} \text{ an unbiased estimator of } \mu$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\bar{X}) &= E\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n} E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mu = \frac{1}{n} (\mu + \mu + \dots + \mu) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} (n\mu) = \mu \end{aligned}$$

μ is added n times

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) =$$

$$\text{Var}\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n^2} (n\sigma^2) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

3. Show that the binomial distribution with n trials and probability of success π has mean $n\pi$ and variance $n\pi(1 - \pi)$.

The proof is in the "Special Distributions" page 4.

Here is an easier proof :

We'll use the fact that the binomial distribution is the sum of n independent Bernoulli trials of success probability π

X	0	1
P(X=x)	$1 - \pi$	π

We first find the mean and the variance of this single Bernoulli trial and then we find the mean and the Variance of the sum of n independent Bernoulli trials Which is the same as mean and the variance of the Binomial distribution:

$$E(X) = \sum_{x=0}^1 xp_X(x) = (0)(1 - \pi) + (1)(\pi) = \pi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E(X^2) - E^2(X) = (0^2)(1 - \pi) + (1^2)(\pi) - \pi^2 \\ &= \pi - \pi^2 = \pi(1 - \pi) \end{aligned}$$

For the binomial distribution : X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n
Independent n Bernoulli trials

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i), \text{ each } X_i \text{ has } E(X) = \pi \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \pi = n\pi \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \pi(1 - \pi) = n\pi(1 - \pi)$$