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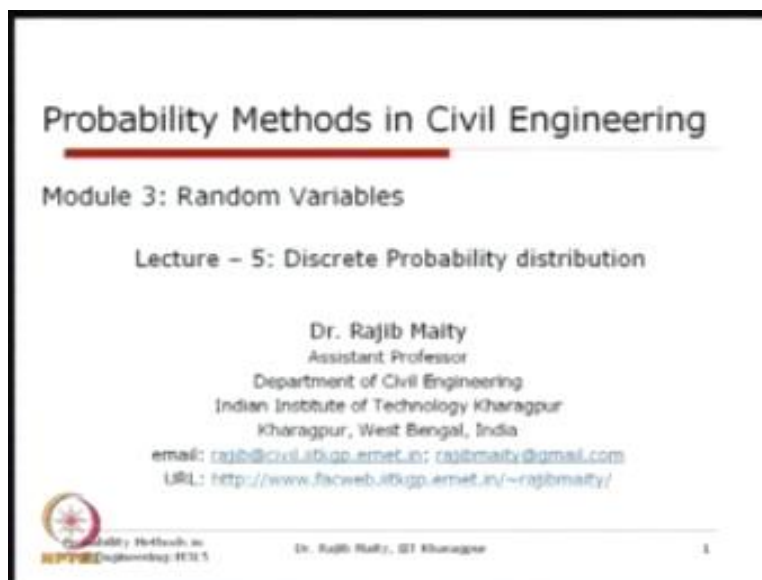
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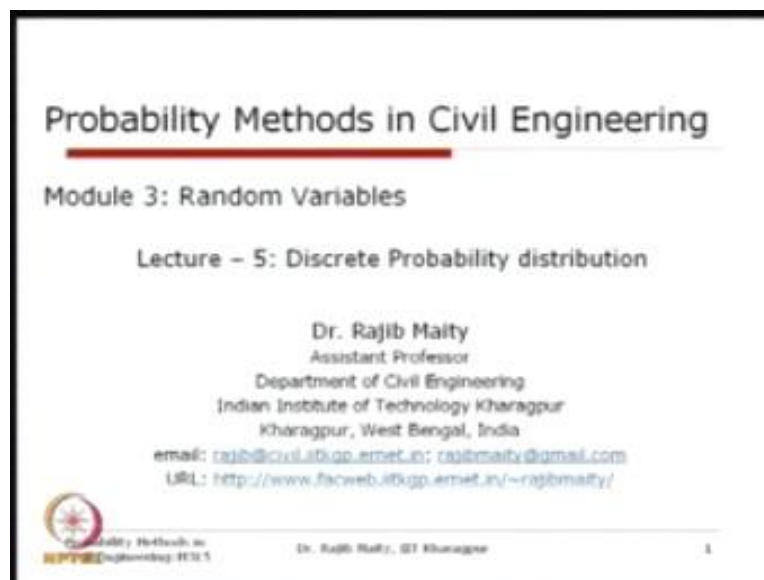
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Hello welcome to this lectures of probability methods in civil engineering. Today it is 5th lecture and in this lecture we will cover the some standard discrete probability distribution that will be very useful for this; for different problems in civil engineering. Basically this class and maybe one or two classes we will cover some standard distribution of the random variables. And today's class mostly we will discuss about the discrete random variables, and next or next one or two classes we will cover the different distribution for continuous random variable.

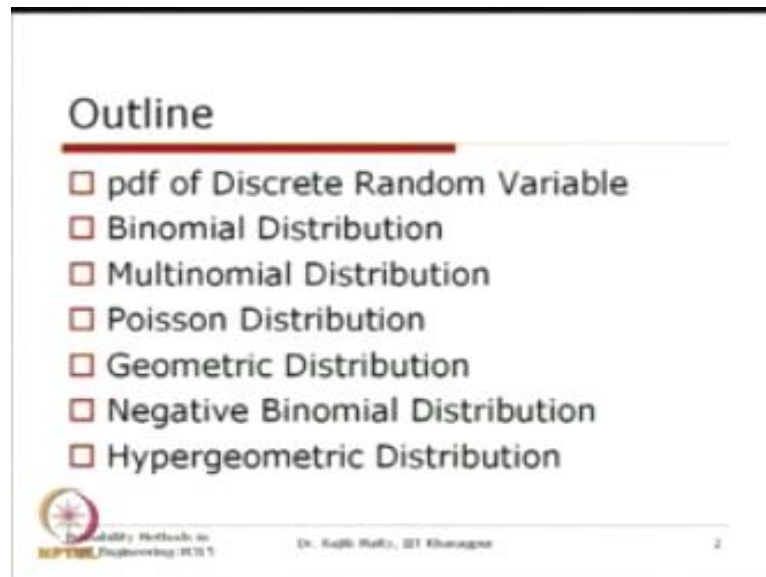
So this distribution, this discrete distributions even though limited, but have some application in different problem that we will discuss one after another them. And we will start with our presentation with some quick recapitulation of the pdf of the discrete random variable.

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So our today, we will discuss on this discrete probability distribution, and this there are different discrete probability distribution.

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And there is some list is given it is not necessary that these are the only distribution which are discrete there maybe some other, but mostly the civil engineering problem the application of civil engineering problem limited to this distributions. So we will first today's lecture, we will first start with the pdf of discrete random variable that we, this part we covered in the last couple of classes but we will just quickly see that what this distribution is that in general, what is this distribution?

Then we then will just show that one after another the binomial distribution then, we will go to multinomial distribution, then Poisson distribution, geometric distribution, negative binomial distribution, hypergeometric distribution. So this distribution is having different application in different civil engineering problem for example, when you call about the binomial distribution, we generally think of this different rate of success or failure in a particular event.

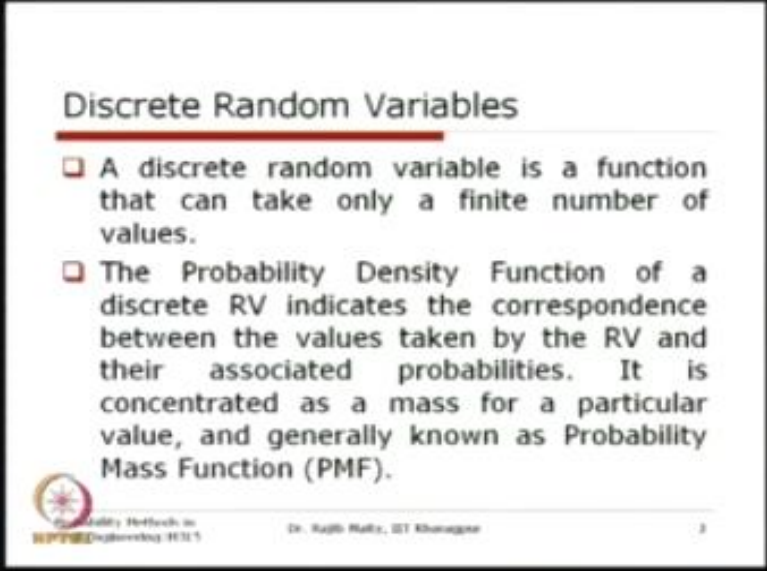
When we talk about multinomial, we generally go for some more than two outcomes. So more than two possibilities so that distribution, we generally see through multinomial distribution. Similarly, for the Poisson distribution, we talk about in terms of its occurrence over a time or space or over an area and those things particularly for this rainfall phenomena whether it is a

rainy day or non rainy day or the railway accident and all this kind of problem we generally delayed that Poisson distribution.

Then there are one after another the geometric distribution comes then negative binomial distribution comes, hyper geometric distributions comes all this distribution we will see. First we will see this distribution, what are this different distribution properties they are PMF particularly that you know that for discrete random variable that probability mass function we use. So we will see what are the PMF the probability mass function for different distribution first.


And there are some of the moments that first moment, second moment, we will see. And then, we will discuss about some of the applications in different civil engineering problem.

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Discrete Random Variables

- ❑ A discrete random variable is a function that can take only a finite number of values.
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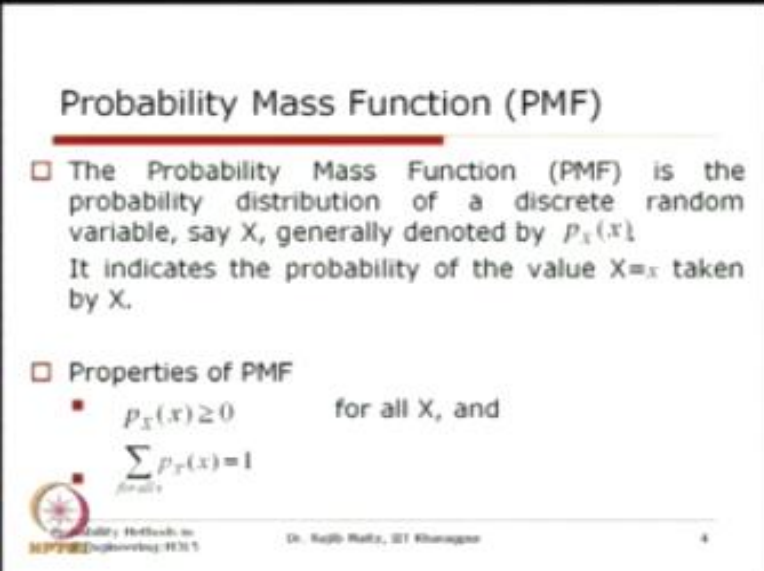
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So to start with this discrete random variable, as we have discussed earlier also that a discrete random variable is a function that can take only a finite number of values. So that value it is not continuous over the domain, over the sample space, it can take only some finite numbers. And in mostly in general case, this is generally equidistance that one, two, three like that, even though that is not the compulsory case.

And the probability density function of a discrete random variable indicates the correspondence between the values taken by the random variable and their associated probabilities. And it is concentrated as a mass of a particular value and generally known as probability mass function. So these things we discuss, as when we are talking about it can take some finite number of values.

So, this here the probability is not treated as a density rather we treat that probability to be concentrated at those values means, which that random variable can take. So it can be treated as a mass, that which is concentrated at that particular value. And that is why, this distribution is generally known as the probability mass function.

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Probability Mass Function (PMF)

- The Probability Mass Function (PMF) is the probability distribution of a discrete random variable, say X , generally denoted by $p_X(x)$. It indicates the probability of the value $X=x$ taken by X .
- Properties of PMF
 - $p_X(x) \geq 0$ for all X , and
 - $\sum_{\text{for all } x} p_X(x) = 1$

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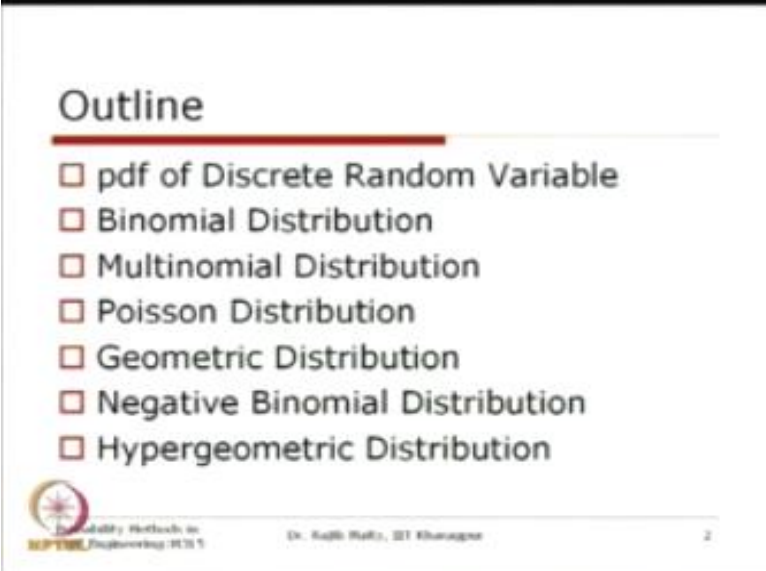
So now this probability mass function PMF is the probability distribution of a discrete random variable, say this discrete random variable is denoted as X which is generally denoted by this small $p_X(X)$. So, here this X denotes as we have discussed earlier, that X denote that random variable and the small x denote that particular value of that random variable. So this X are now the finite in numbers some specific value that it can take.

So the small p indicates that this is the probability mass function and when we indicate that cumulative distribution function then we replace this one as capital X , as we discussed earlier. So this $p_x(X)$ this thing indicate that the probability of the value when it takes a particular X , that is X equals to x taken by that random variable X . So this things though a particular function so, this is now a function, which is denoting the probabilities for a particular value that this random variable can take.

Now these functions also as we discussed that should follow some properties to become a valid PMF, that valid probability mass function. So and these properties are shown like this that for each and every value of that random variable can take, that should be greater than equal to 0 and this is valid for all possible values of the X . And also that summation of all this probabilities should be equals to 1.

Now when we discuss the different probability a distribution function for discrete random variable adjust.

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Now, what we have given this list, that this list so, we can test that these two properties. So, whatever the standard, these are the standard discrete random variable which is available. So we can check these two properties, that whether these two conditions.

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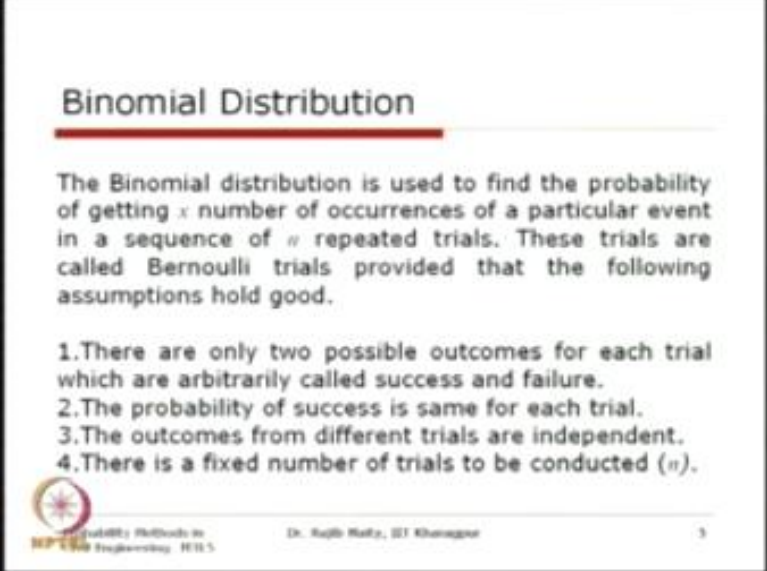
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That is the; which is required for this PMF is satisfied or not, that we can check.


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Binomial Distribution

The Binomial distribution is used to find the probability of getting x number of occurrences of a particular event in a sequence of n repeated trials. These trials are called Bernoulli trials provided that the following assumptions hold good.

1. There are only two possible outcomes for each trial which are arbitrarily called success and failure.
2. The probability of success is same for each trial.
3. The outcomes from different trials are independent.
4. There is a fixed number of trials to be conducted (n).

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So we will start with this binomial distribution, this binomial distribution is used to find the probability of getting x number of occurrence of a particular event in a sequence of n repeated trials. These trials are called Bernoulli trials provided that the following assumptions hold good. There are only two possible outcomes for each trial and which are arbitrarily called as success and failure.

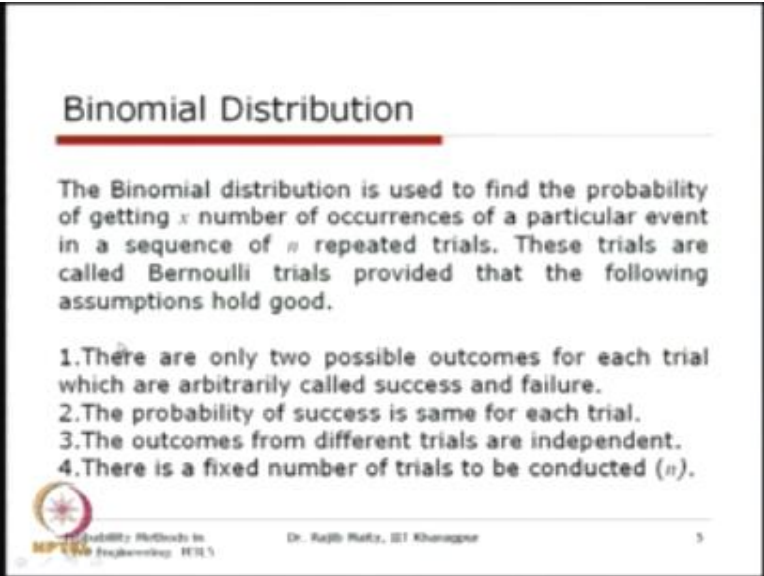
So when we talk about that two particular random experiment and that experiment is having some two specific outcomes. So, when we are talking about this two specific outcome so this is this success and failure is arbitrary. Now if I just go for the very basic example of tossing a coin then I can say that coming out of head is success and coming out of tail is the failure. So this is arbitrary it is not that head is always success and tail is failure I can just reverse the notice and as well.

To some of the specific example of civil engineering if I say that a reservoir has is some particular high flood level so above that we can we have to may be consider that this water level is dangerous. So I can say that the outcome are two whether it is below or above the high flood low level. Now in this case I can denote that above the high flood level is my success case and

below the high flood level is the failure case. So, this is nothing to do with the real life scenario that which one should be success and which one should be failure.

So one outcome one particular event I can say that this is success and this is failure and for the binomial distribution when we are discussing, we have to remember that we are considering only two possible outcome and two possible outcome are also this should be mutually exclusive such is that occurrence of one event will automatically indicate that non-occurrence of the other particular of the possible outcome so that is why.


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So when you say that there so when you say that these are the Bernoulli's trials then these Bernoulli's trials of first assumption that it must hold good is that there are only two possible outcome and these outcomes are arbitrarily we can call that one is success and another one is failure now the probability of the success is same for each trial now again when we are talking about that this probability of outcome of each trial is same for the different trials then what you mean is that so if we take the basic example of this throwing a tossing a coin then I can say that the probability of coming of this head is equals to some numbers ay point five.

So that number is fixed for each trial so if I do if I repeat that particular trial then that probability of that particular outcomes should not change now if I say that in a particular day for that reservoir problem if I say then in a particular day whether the reservoir level the reservoir water level should cross the high flood level or not that should have some probability and that probability should remain same for the different trials that you are considering if you consider that particular random even to be Bernoulli distribution.

Now the question is how to assign that particular probability that is the different issue that we will discuss again in the successive classes. But what you should remember at this point is that particular event which we are arbitrarily naming as success that particular event probability of that particular event that should be known to us and that should be fixed for all the trials that we are going to conduct so that is why it says that the probability of the success is same for each trial now the outcomes for different trials are independent.

Now this is also important in the sense that when we are talking about that I am conducting a particular trial so this trial outcome of this trial whether success or failure should not depend on what we got just immediately previous trial so successive trials are independent to each other. So and the last condition last assumption of this Bernoulli trial is there is a fixed number of trial to be conducted so this in so how many trials that we are going to conduct to get that x number of occurrence of that particular event which we are calling as success here so this in should be known.

So what are two things that we know here prior to prior go for the prior go to define this binomial distribution are the two thing one is that total number of trials that we are considering and the probability of success for the each trial so these two information should be known and with these two information known and with all these four assumptions to be satisfied we can define what is this binomial distribution.


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Binomial Distribution...contd.

□ If the probability of success (i.e, the occurrence of an event) in each trial is given by p , then the probability of getting exactly x successful events among n trials in a Bernoulli sequence is given by the Binomial PMF

$$P\{Y = x\} = {}^nC_x p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Here, ${}^nC_x = \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!}$ is called the binomial coefficient

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So if the probability of success again I repeat that this success is the arbitrary in the sense of arbitrary a particular event out of two possible outcome I can tell that it is to be success. So if the probability of success that is the occurrence of an event in each trial is given by this p so, this p is the probability of success which is known to us with just now I discussed so this p is known to us that is the probability of success then the probability of getting exactly x successful event among the n trials in a Bernoulli sequence is given by this binomial probability mass function.

So this how many trials I will conduct this is also known to us this probability is also known to us now that the probability of getting exactly x success so this number of success is the random variable that we are considering in this binomial distribution. Now this one that probability of x which is expressed that ${}^nC_x p^x 1 - p^{n-x}$ and x can take any value in between 0 to n . Now each these terms are having some meaning so, nC_x means that n combination x so, out of total n outcome how many different way I can select that x outcome.

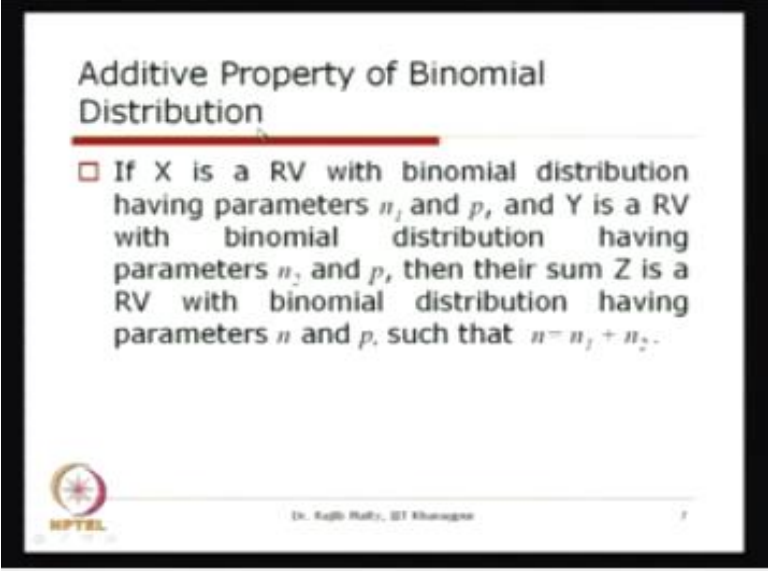
Now if this is multiplied with the probability of success so and each success is independent to each other that is why this power to x and that should be multiplied as I told that these two events the success and failures are mutually exclusive that means that the probability of failure is

automatically $1-p$ when we the total probability is 1 so the if this is the probability of success then automatically the probability of failure should be equal to $1 - p$. And that should be for the if the success is for x number of cases then the failure should be for the $n - x$ number of cases. So, that is why this two are multiplied to get the total get the probability that x is exactly equals to x out of total n trials.

Which is given by $n C_x$ probability $p^x 1-p^{n-x}$ and obviously x can take any value between any integer value of course any integer value in between 0 to n now, this $n C_x$ you know that this n combination x is expressed by n factorial divided by x factorial multiplied by $n - x$ factorial and this is known as this binomial coefficient.



So this now if we can see here that if we put any value of x , for $x=0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ then all this values are positive and if you take summation of this probability we will see that the summation of all this individual probability masses. That is concentrated at $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ this should be equals to 1. So this is the valid PMF first of all this PMF is known as the binomial is the PMF for binomial distribution.

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Additive Property of Binomial Distribution

□ If X is a RV with binomial distribution having parameters n_1 and p , and Y is a RV with binomial distribution having parameters n_2 and p , then their sum Z is a RV with binomial distribution having parameters n and p , such that $n = n_1 + n_2$.

Now this binomial distribution is having one very interesting property this is known as the additive property of this binomial distribution. Which says that if x is a random variable with binomial distribution having parameters n_1, p that is this p is the probability of success and total number of trial is n_1 and there is another distribution there is another random variable y which is also a binomial distribution having the parameters n_2 and p .

Now then their sum if I take the sum of this two random variable x and y their sum z should be is a random variable which is again a binomial distribution having the parameters n and p in such a way that this $n = n_1 + n_2$. So when we are adding two binomial distribution we are getting another binomial distribution and the while adding we should consider that the probability of success for both the random variables is same which is p .

Then the summation should also have the binomial distribution with the probability as the same the probability of success same as those of two random variables which is p and this total number of trials is the summation of the total number of trials for the first random variable and the total number of trials for the second random variable. So here this n generally we write as in the capital letters so this two should be capital letter.

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Mean, Variance and Coefficient of Skewness of Binomial Distribution

- The mean of the Binomial Distribution is given by

$$E(X) = np$$
- The Variance of Binomial Distribution is given by

$$Var(X) = np(1-p)$$
- The Coefficient of Skewness of Binomial Distribution is given by

$$r = \frac{1-2p}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}}$$
- If $p=(1-p)$, the distribution is symmetrical, if $p < (1-p)$ it is skewed to the left and if $p > (1-p)$ it is skewed to the right.



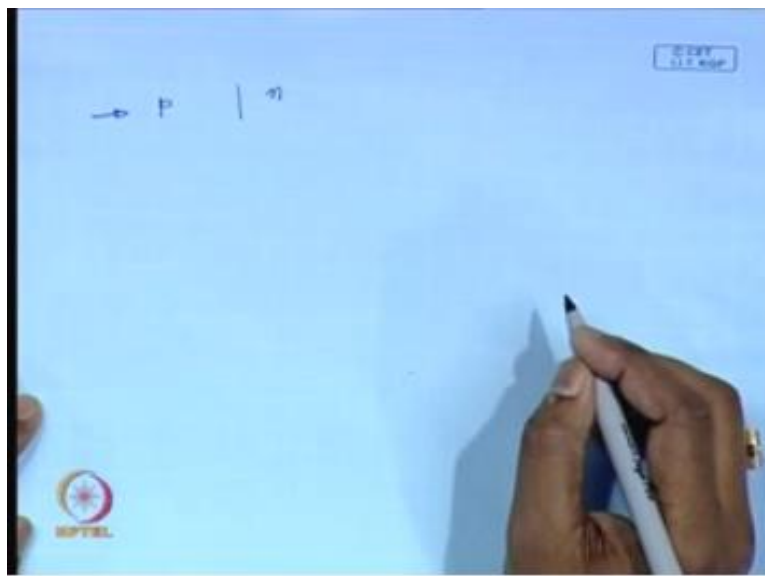
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Now if we see that different moment of this distribution we know that what are we discussed in this last class. So if you see the first moment that is mean the mean of the binomial distribution is given by np and the variance of the binomial distribution is given by $np \times (1-p)$ and the coefficient of Skewness of binomial distribution is given by γ which is equals to $\frac{1-2p}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}}$.

Now this Skewness I will come little later with this description before that if we just see this mean and variance here this can be easily shown like this that for a particular trial.

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One individual trial we are claiming that this probability of success is p and we are saying that there are n numbers of different trials are there, What we also assume during the discussion of the probably that different trial that is the Bernoulli's trials which are mutual which are independent so the successive observations that successive outcomes are independent.

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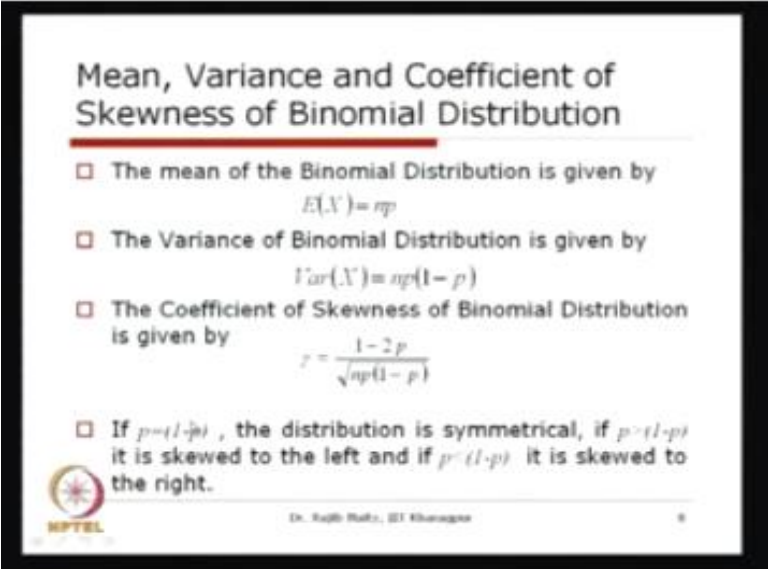
- $\rightarrow P \mid n$
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So what we can say that if the expected value this is the expected value for the success is p for one trial and there are such n trials which are independent to each other then obviously the total number of expected value of the success should be the for one trial it is p two trials it will be $2p$ and similarly for the n trials it will be np and so that is why this value this np is your the expectation of that random variable x .


Similarly if we take that variance we know we can just say that arbitrarily that this success is 1 failure is 0 if I say then we can say that then we can multiply that this one multiplied by this p is the number of success and the number of failure should be $1-p$ so this is coming this is for the one particular trial and as there are n different independent trial then we can say that total that his variance for this whole this n different trials should be multiplied by simply by n . So this is this one is equals to here variance of x , similarly we can also see the skewness.

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That the interesting point here that for the skewness is that this skewness and we also discussed that positively skewed negatively skewed and symmetrical distribution now which is dependent on this probability of success. Now if we put the probability of success is equals to 0.5 then you can see that this skewness becoming zero, so this skewness factor the coefficient of skewness if it becomes zero we know that the distribution becomes symmetric.

Now for the probability if the probability of success is and probability of failure are exactly same to each other, then the resulting binomial distribution is symmetric. Now if this p is greater than $1 - p$ then it will be skewed to the left and we know that is skewed to the left it means the positively skewed and if this p is less than equals to one if it is less than $1-p$ then it is skewed to the right that means it is negatively skewed.


So depending on the probability of success this skewness coefficient of skewness of this binomial distribution changes from positively skewed to symmetric to negatively skewed.

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Multinomial Distribution

□ If there are n independent trials with each trial allowing k mutually exclusive outcomes whose probabilities are p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k ($\sum_{i=1}^k p_i = 1$) then the probability of getting x_1 outcomes of the first kind, x_2 outcomes of the second kind, ..., and x_k outcomes of the k^{th} kind (where $\sum_{i=1}^k x_i = n$) is given by

$$P_X(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! \dots x_k!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} \dots p_k^{x_k}$$

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Next we will discuss about this multinomial distribution now it is similar to the binomial distribution in the sense that in the binomial distribution we as we told that there are only two possible outcome now if you say that there are more than two possible outcome then the resulting random variable is becoming as a vector and that the distribution of that vector we call as a multinomial distribution.

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Now if there are n independent trials with each trial allowing k mutually exclusive outcomes whose probabilities are p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k now when we are saying that there are k mutually exclusive outcome just remember that for the binomial case we are talking about this two mutually exclusive outcomes. So here we are making in general and mostly more than two so which is that the success.

Now this probabilities that p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k obviously as these are mutually exclusive the summation of this probabilities should be equals to 1, which is written here that a summation of this all p_i from 1 to k is equals to 1 then the probability of getting x_1 outcome that is one particular outcome is the number is x_1 second kind of the outcome is exactly equal to x_2 and in this way the x_k number of outcomes for the k^{th} kind obviously now when we are talking about that $x_1 \times x_2 \times x_3$ and up to x_k then as we have already stated that there are n independent trials that means the summation of this $x_1 \times x_2 \times \dots \times x_k$ should be equals to n .

So this is written here then the distribution of this kind of that where there is more than one possible outcome so that probability of this exact numbers that is $x_1 \times x_2 \times \dots \times x_k$ for the first kind second kind and the k^{th} kind respectively is given by this distribution that means here the that n

factorial divided by x_1 factorial multiplied by x_2 factorial $\times \dots \times x_k$ factorial like this multiplied by that success that the probability of the success for the first kind power x_1 probability of the success power x_2 .

Like this up to k similarly if you just compare it with the binomial that means in the binomial there are only two possible outcome so here for the first possible so that is why is the subscription was not there and the probability of success was p and obviously if the probability so if I replace this p_1 by p then obviously this $p_2 = 1 - p$ so that is what exactly we got in the binomial distribution.


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Mean and Variance of Multinomial Distribution

- The joint probability distribution whose values are given by these probabilities is called the multinomial distribution. It is so called because for the different values of x_i , the probabilities are given by the corresponding terms of the multinomial expansion $(p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_k)^n$.
- The mean of the Multinomial Distribution is given by

$$E(X_i) = np_i$$
- The Variance of Multinomial Distribution is given by

$$Var(X_i) = np_i(1 - p_i)$$



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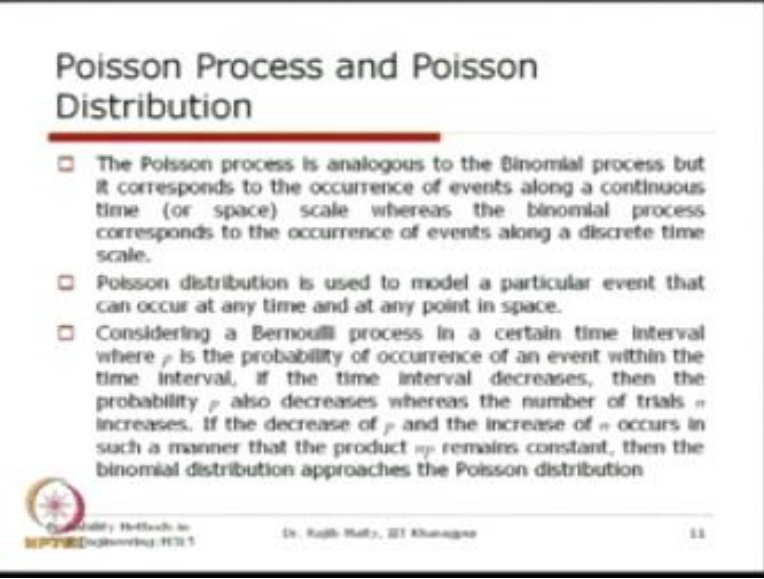
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The mean and variance of this multinomial distribution the joint probability distribution whose values are given by these probabilities is called the multinomial distribution it is so called because of the different values of x_i the probabilities are given by corresponding terms of the multinomial expansion that is $p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + \dots + p_k$ so this mean of this distribution can be shown that is that the np_i , p_i means that for a particular outcome when we are talking about outcome that mean is np_i that is total number of trial multiplied by the rate of success that the probability of success for that particular outcome.


And similarly, for the variance for that particular outcome is equals to $np_i \times (1 - p_i)$ exactly similar can be this can be done same way from this binomial distribution.

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Poisson Process and Poisson Distribution

- ❑ The Poisson process is analogous to the binomial process but it corresponds to the occurrence of events along a continuous time (or space) scale whereas the binomial process corresponds to the occurrence of events along a discrete time scale.
- ❑ Poisson distribution is used to model a particular event that can occur at any time and at any point in space.
- ❑ Considering a Bernoulli process in a certain time interval where p is the probability of occurrence of an event within the time interval, if the time interval decreases, then the probability p also decreases whereas the number of trials n increases. If the decrease of p and the increase of n occurs in such a manner that the product np remains constant, then the binomial distribution approaches the Poisson distribution

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Another important discrete distribution is known as this Poisson distribution and the process is known as the Poisson process and this is important when you are talking about this when we are modeling this rainfall occurrence of rainfall or occurrence of this road accident or rail accident in transportation engineering particularly then we generally use this kind of distribution this Poisson distribution this Poisson process is analogous to the binomial process but it corresponds to the occurrence of the event along a continuous time or space scale whereas the binomial process correspond to the occurrence.

Of the event along a discrete time scale now this is important when you are talking about this binomial process then we are talking about the n different trials and obviously the n different trials should be a particular integer value out of that an independent trial how many what is the success rate and all we are just investigating now when we are talking about this Poisson process

this is generally on a continuous time scale and this continuous time scale over a time scale when this particular event is occurring.

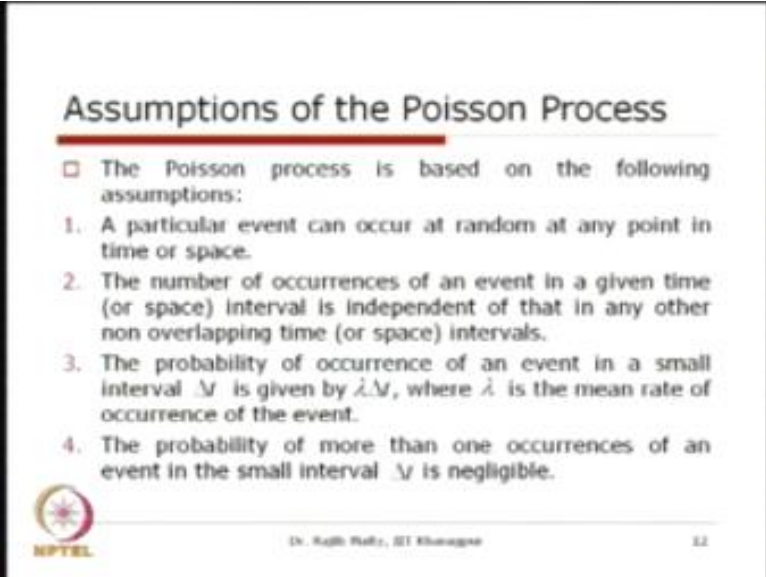
Now or what we can say that over a particular span of time that what is the possibility of this different the number of outcomes of particular event if you say that rail accident then over a month of time this is the time this is the month in a month the number of rail accidents that can happen so this is the this can be this is known as the Poisson process now this Poisson distribution is used to model a particular event that can occur at any time or at any space so this is not only over the time.

We can also say that along the stretch along the stretch of a high way or along the stretch of a railway line so this can be happened in the time direction or in the special direction or this can be even extended to the area so over a particular area that number of occurrence or it can be even extended to the volume over a particular volume that number of occurrence so that over a continuous medium I can say now whether this can be time or 1 dimensional space or 2 dimensional space.

Or 3 dimensional spaces so over that domain that number of occurrences is modeled through this Poisson process so now if we consider suppose that how we can make the analogy with this Bernoulli's process now the say we if we consider a Bernoulli's process in a certain time interval where p is the probability of occurrence of an event within the time interval if the time interval decreases then the probability of p also decreases obvious whereas the number of trials n should increase now n should increase in such a way that if the decrease of p and increase of n occurs, in such a manner.


That the product $n p$ remains constant then the binomial distribution approaches to the Poisson distribution now if you see.

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Assumptions of the Poisson Process

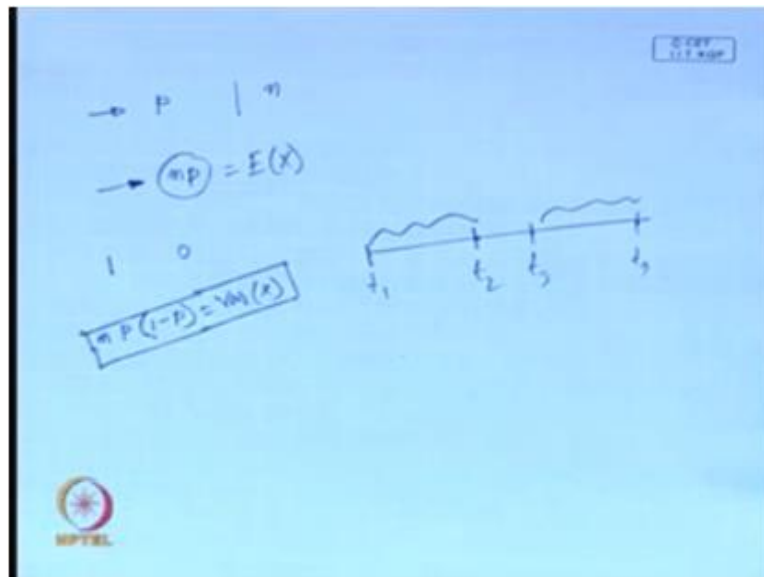
- The Poisson process is based on the following assumptions:
- 1. A particular event can occur at random at any point in time or space.
- 2. The number of occurrences of an event in a given time (or space) interval is independent of that in any other non overlapping time (or space) intervals.
- 3. The probability of occurrence of an event in a small interval Δt is given by $\lambda \Delta t$, where λ is the mean rate of occurrence of the event.
- 4. The probability of more than one occurrences of an event in the small interval Δt is negligible.

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That the what assumption that we should follow to for a particular process to call as the Poisson process these are this the Poisson process is based on the following assumptions first a particular event can occur at random at any point in the time or space and obviously over this space means over a line segment or over an area etc. The number of occurrences of an event in a given time or space interval is independent of that in any other non overlapping time (or space) interval so if I say that over the temporal direction.

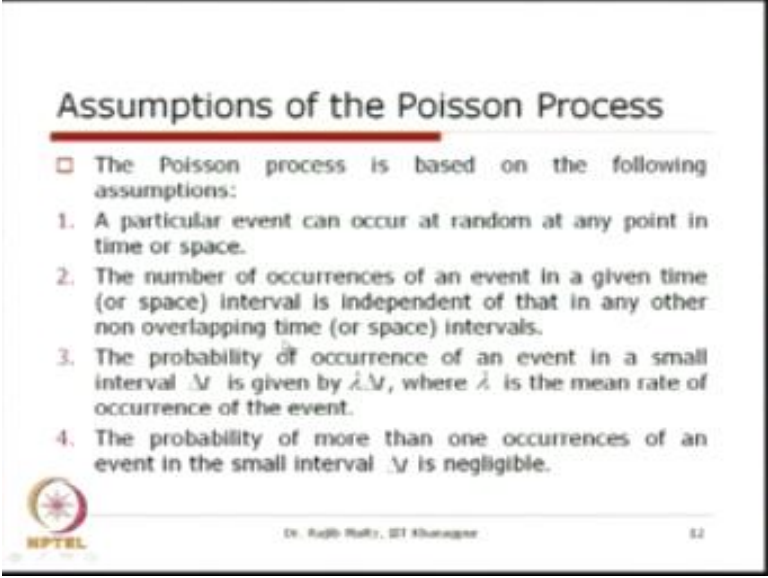
The number of occurrences over say t_1 to t_2 is totally independent of the number of occurrences from t_2 to t_3 that means in a line.

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If I just start from here so the number of occurrences in this from this are t_1 to t_2 and from this t_3 to t_4 as long as we say that this t_3 is greater than t_2 that means these two zone are non overlapping to each other then the number of occurrences over this interval is independent of the number of occurrence over this interval and similarly the same thing can be extended to the area as well as for the time and space direction.

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Assumptions of the Poisson Process

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So, I repeat the number of occurrences of an event in a given time or space interval is independent of that in any other non overlapping time or space interval. The probability of occurrence of an event in a small interval that is Δt is given $\lambda \Delta t$, where λ is the mean rate of occurrence of the event. This λ is the parameter of this distribution where it is the mean rate means number of occurrences over the unit time so, over an unit time how many times that particular event can occur.

So, that is designated by the λ which is the parameter for this Poisson process. So, this should be known before and so that we can define what is Poisson distribution. The probability of more than one occurrences of an event in the small interval λt is negligible. So, what we are talking about there is single occurrence in this small time interval Δt that is a unit time is this one. So, this probability of more than one occurrence of an event in the small interval Δt is negligible.


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Poisson Distribution

- As per the assumptions of the Poisson process, the number of occurrences of an event X_t in time t is given by the Poisson distribution

$$p_t(x; \lambda t) = P(X_t = x) = \frac{(\lambda t)^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda t} \quad \lambda > 0, t > 0, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where λt is the mean rate of occurrence, i.e., the average number of occurrences per unit time

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So, with this assumption, if we define that is the as per this assumption of this Poisson process, the number of occurrences of an event X_t in the time t is given by this Poisson distribution. Okay, one thing I just want to mention here for whenever, we are talking about any particular distribution it is very essential to know that what is the means which event we are calling as is random variable so, each and every distribution that we are discussing. Similarly, for this the binomial distribution that we discussed just now and the Poisson distribution all the distribution that, we are going to cover this class and as well as in the successive classes. First, what you should try to understand is the what is the random variable involve in it, is it number, is it the temporary direction over the time and this thing.

So, if we understand that which one is the random variable is being referred here then, the understanding of that particular distribution will be easier. So, here that is why I am repeating here, that.


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What we are calling about this Poisson distribution. The random variable random variable is the number of occurrence, the number of occurrence of the event in the time t . So, that number here it is shown as random variable x and a particular value of the random variable is x , with this parameter λ over the time t which is denoted as by this distribution, which is $(\lambda t)^x / x!$ exponential $e^{-\lambda t}$. Now, this λ is greater than 0 and t is greater than 0 and this discrete random variable that is x , which can take the value from 0, 1, 2 and it can go mathematically up to ∞ .


Where this λt is the mean rate of occurrence that is the average number of the occurrence per unit time so okay, fine as we are talking about this unit time is specifically mentioned here, this t is not required here that is the λ is the mean rate of occurrence, that is the average number of occurrence per unit time. So, if you multiply with the t then, it is the total number of occurrence over that particular time t .

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Mean, Variance and Coefficient of Skewness of Poisson Distribution

- The mean of the Poisson Distribution is given by
 $E(X) = \lambda$
- The Variance of Poisson Distribution is given by
 $V(X) = \lambda$
- The Coefficient of Skewness of Poisson Distribution is given by
 $\gamma = \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

With increase in the value of λ , the distribution shifts from a positively skewed distribution to a nearly symmetrical distribution

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The mean of the Poisson distribution now, if we just show the first few moments, if you see of the mean of the Poisson distribution is given by $E(X)=\lambda$ and this mean as well as the variance of this distributions are same which are same of this parameter of this distribution which is λ . And this coefficient of skewness here for this Poisson distribution is can be shown that, this is $\lambda^{1/2}$ that is $1/\sqrt{\lambda}$. Now, if so this is indicating that if with the increase of the value of λ so, if the λ value increases that is the main of occurrence value is increased.


Then, the distribution shifts from the positively skewed to positively skewed distribution to a nearly symmetric distribution. So, for this lower, for this low value or small value of this λ this distribution is nearly positively skewed now, as this λ increases it is generally approach to the to a symmetric distribution.

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Additive Property of Poisson Distribution

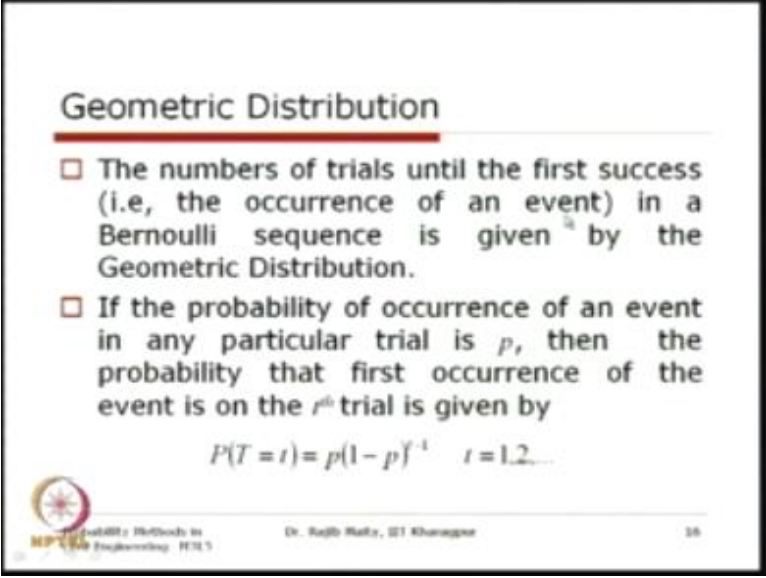
□ If there are two Poisson random variables with parameters λ_1 and λ_2 , then their sum is also a Poisson random variable with parameter λ , such that

$$\lambda = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$$

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So, there is also the additive property is there for this Poisson distribution as well, if there are two Poisson random variables with parameters. Now, here this λ_1 and λ_2 then their sum is also a Poisson random variable with the parameter λ in such a way, that $\lambda = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$. So, we can add more than one Poisson distribution and this summation is also a random variable with Poisson distribution, with the parameter λ is the summation of the parameter of the summing of random variables. So, this is the additive property of the Poisson distribution.


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Geometric Distribution

- The numbers of trials until the first success (i.e, the occurrence of an event) in a Bernoulli sequence is given by the Geometric Distribution.
- If the probability of occurrence of an event in any particular trial is p , then the probability that first occurrence of the event is on the t^{th} trial is given by

$$P(T = t) = p(1 - p)^{t-1} \quad t = 1, 2, \dots$$

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Now, another distribution that is known as the geometric distribution, this number of trials until the first success that is the occurrence of an event a particular event obviously, this success again here is the arbitrarily chosen. So, the number of trials until the first success that is the occurrence of an event in a Bernoulli sequence is given by this geometric distribution. Now, here what is the random variable, as I was stressing that the number of trials until the first occurrence. So, if I start one sequence of this Bernoulli process then how many trials I have to conduct to get the first success.

So, that number so, the few failure after first few failure this first success will come. So, that number is here the random variable which follow this geometric distribution. If the probability of occurrence of an event in any particular trial is p now, you recall from this the Bernoulli process that where each trial all the trials are independent successive trials are independent to each other. And for a particular trial, the probability of success is p then, the probability that the first occurrence of the event is on the t^{th} trial.

Now, what we are saying is that this t will take the value t , the first success will come in the t will be given by this p multiplied by $(1-p)^{t-1}$. How we are getting this one that is $1-p$ is the

probability of failure which has occurred for the $t-1$ times before at the t^{th} trial we get the first success. So, this two are independent so, we are multiplying with each other to get the it is distribution, which is nothing but this p multiplied by $(1-p)^{t-1}$ this $t - 1$ number of failures has occur before the first success has come. So that is why this t can take the value from 1, 2, 3 up to like this. There is one concept which is known as the shifted geometric distribution, where it says that just the concept is changed to that whether the number of failures before the first success.

Here what the way we discussed is the number of trials until I get the first and now what I am saying is that in some other cases also you can see that number of trials sorry, number of failures before the first success. Now when we are talking about the number of failures before the first success that means, that that is the little shifted so that is supported on this zero so that even the first trial itself is the success then the number of failure before the success is zero.


So that support starts from the zero and go up to infinity and that is generally, means both are same but to differentiate this two factors that is generally in some text. We will find that is call as the shifted geometric distribution but here what we are considering is that this number of trials until the first success.

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$$P(T = i) = p(1 - p)^{i-1} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$



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So that is why we are the ours support here is from the 1, 2 up to infinity. So this is our distribution which is.

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Geometric Distribution

- Thus the distribution for Geometric distribution

$$p_x(x) = p(1-p)^{x-1} \quad x = 1, 2, \dots$$
- Expected Value of Geometric Distribution (Return Period)

The average time between two successive occurrences of an event in a Bernoulli sequence is called the Mean Recurrence Time or Return Period.

The Return Time is expressed by Geometric Distribution and is given by

$$\bar{X} = E(X) = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x p (1-p)^{x-1} = p \left[1 + 2(1-p) + 3(1-p)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{p}{[1 - (1-p)]^2} = \frac{1}{p}$$

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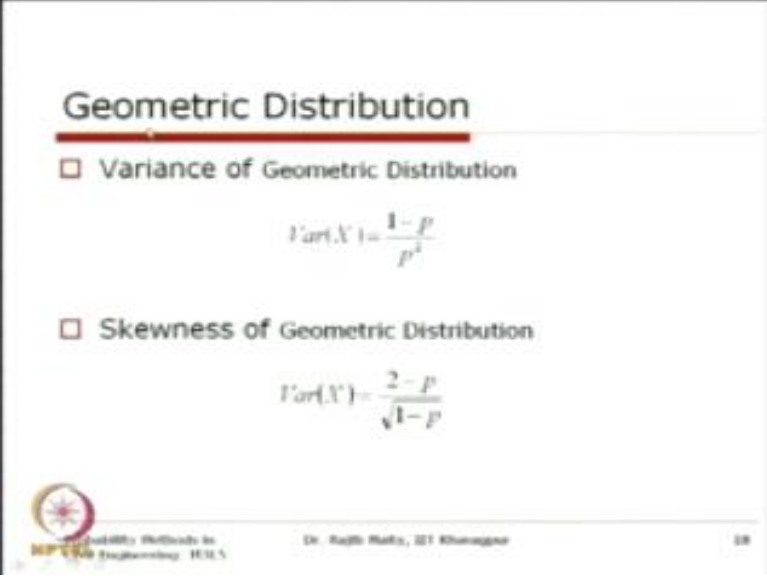
So thus the distribution for the geometric distribution can be denoted as, this is the p m a that is which is equals to $p \times 1 \text{ minus } p \text{ power } x - 1$ or this p is the probability of success in each trial and this x can take value from 1 to infinity. The expected value of this geometric distribution so this is important in the sense, that this we can say as the return period. This returns period in sense now, this expected value what this now what we are talking about this number of trials before the first success.

Now, what we can say that if we take the expected value of this one, which is indicating nothing but how frequent that particular success, here the success again that particular event that we are referring to how frequently that particular success is coming or returning. And which is a very important term known as this return period, we will again the again discuss in the context of this frequent analysis in successive modules that here.

So this is the return period that is a particular event is returning again, which is the expected value of this geometric distribution. Now this expected value of geometric distribution if you want to get then obviously, we can get. So before that this average time between two successive occurrences of an event in a Bernoulli sequence is called the mean recurrence time or the return period. Even then that this; what we are discussing is for this discrete random variable, but this can as well happen for the some of the; for continuous random variable as well.

Which we will discuss later but here, we are discussing only with respect to this geometric distribution. So, the expected value of this geometric distribution which is obviously, from this basic, this is the basic equation we know that we have to multiply with that variable with this PMF and sum it up over the support. So support here is 1 to infinity so, if you add if you do this if you take this infinite series and it is coming to this one. So this expected value is $1/p$ so the mean of this geometric distribution.

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Geometric Distribution

- Variance of Geometric Distribution
$$Var(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$
- Skewness of Geometric Distribution
$$Var(X) = \frac{2-p}{\sqrt{1-p}}$$

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So this mean of this geometric distribution is $1/p$. The other moment there is variance of geometric distribution can be shown that this is $1 - p/p^2$ divided by p square. And this skewness of the geometric distribution again can be shown as sorry, this will be skewness coefficient

gamma not be here, this will be gamma is equals to 2 minus p divided by square root 1 minus p. So this is the skewness of this geometric distribution.

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Negative Binomial Distribution

□ The Negative Binomial Distribution is used to find the k^{th} occurrence of an event in a series of Bernoulli trials.

In a series of n Bernoulli trials, if T_k is the number of trials until the k^{th} occurrence of an event, then

$$P_{T_k}(t) = P(T_k = t) = \binom{t-1}{k-1} p^k (1-p)^{t-k} \quad \text{for } t = k, k+1, \dots$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{for } t < k$$



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Now another discrete distribution that is also being used in different civil engineering problem is this negative binomial distribution. This negative binomial distribution is used to find the k^{th} occurrence of an event in a series of Bernoulli trials. Now again if you see which what is the exactly that random variable, you are talking about is to find the k^{th} occurrence of an event in the series of Bernoulli trials.

So earlier what you are talking about the first occurrence of that event or of that success here we are talking about k^{th} occurrence of that success so this one is follow this negative binomial distribution. So in a series of n Bernoulli trials if T_k is the number of trials until the k^{th} occurrence of an event, then how we get that what is the distribution of this T_k . So the probability that T_k is equals to t , which is nothing but here PMF for that particular trial that particular required trial is equals to given by $t - 1$ combination $k - 1$ $p^k - p^{t-k}$.

Where this t can take the value from k , k plus 1 up to infinity and for t less than k this is equals to 0. Now, if we see this distribution the basis of this distribution we can say here that what we are taking is the add the T_k^{th} . So, that k^{th} occurrence, there is k^{th} occurrence in this trial then just before this one so if this is equals to t so, at the t^{th} trial we got that k^{th} success or k^{th} occurrence of that event.

Then what we can say up to that t minus 1 trial, k minus 1 success is occurred. Now if we just take that what is the probability that k minus 1 success will come out of t minus 1 trials then this is a simple binomial distribution and that distribution that probability will be given by I can write it here.

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The image shows handwritten mathematical notes on a blue background. At the top left, it says $\rightarrow P \mid n$. Below that, $\rightarrow \textcircled{np} = E(X)$. In the center, there is a box containing $np(1-p) = \text{Var}(X)$. To the right, there is a diagram of a horizontal line with points t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4 marked on it. Below the box, the binomial probability formula is written:
$$P(X = k) = {}^{t-1}C_{k-1} p^{k-1} (1-p)^{t-k} \cdot p = {}^{t-1}C_{k-1} p^k (1-p)^{t-k}$$
 At the bottom right, it says $t = k, k+1, \dots$. There is a small logo in the bottom left corner.

That is $t - 1$ combination $k - 1$ power this is p power total number of success that is $k - 1$ multiplied by $1 - p^{t-k}$ so here from this binomial distribution what we are getting total number of trial is $t - 1$ and total number of success is $k - 1$ so, this distribution is given by this. Now, immediate next what is there immediate next trial that is the t^{th} trial, we are getting that k^{th} we are getting the k^{th} that success.

So for this particular trial what is the probability of a success that is p again this is independent of this earlier whatever has happened. So this $t - 1$ number of trials has been taken, where thus $k - 1$ success is there so, we have to calculate this probability multiplied by what is the probability that at t^{th} observation we will get one success. So this one is the we are getting directly from this binomial distribution, which is $t-1$ combination $k-1$ probability of success, number of success $k - 1$ multiplied by probability of failure power $t - k$. Now, at this t^{th} trial the probability of success is p , because this is independent. So that is why as it is independent we can multiply directly with this one, which is resulting you that this required distribution $t-1 C, k - 1 p^k k 1 - p^{t-k}$.

So this is the distribution which is known as; now, here this t is taking the value from k th onwards. So, $k, k + 1$ until this and for this $t > k$ this is naught, this is zero. Now, in some of the text you will find that this one is shifted, this k is shifted to it is arranged in such a way that this can be shifted to zero. So, that the support is mathematically shown from this $0 1 2 3$ so that you have to replace in such a way this distribution that this support should instead of $k, k+1$ up to ∞ , it should be $0 1 2 3$ in this way that is also possible. But here, we are taking the support from k onwards.

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Negative Binomial Distribution

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In a series of n Bernoulli trials, if T_k is the number of trials until the k^{th} occurrence of an event, then

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Negative Binomial Distribution

□ From the binomial law, if there are $(k-1)$ occurrences of an event in first $(t-1)$ trials and the k^{th} occurrence is at the t^{th} trial, then

$$P(T_k = t) = {}^{t-1}C_{k-1} p^{k-1} (1-p)^{t-k} p$$
$$= {}^{t-1}C_{k-1} p^k (1-p)^{t-k}$$

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So the distribution function looks like this that is $t - 1$ combination $k - 1$ p^{k-1} $1 - p$ $t - k$. So, from the binomial law here sometimes this we also call as this law this distribution, from this binomial law if there are $k - 1$ occurrence of an event in the first $t - 1$ trial has been occurred. And the k th occurrence is that t th trial then, this probability of T_k equals to; this t is equals to $t - 1$ combination the this one. Just what we have discussed is the; this we will get from binomial process, multiplied by this p that is thus k th occurrence at the t th trial and we will get this distribution for this in negative binomial distribution.

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Negative Binomial Distribution

- Mean of Negative Binomial Distribution

$$E(T_k) = \frac{k}{p}$$

- Variance of Negative Binomial Distribution

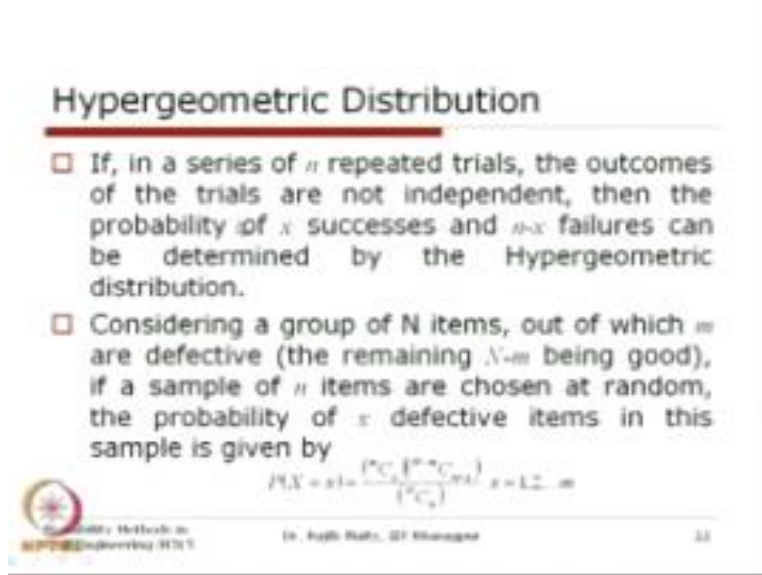
$$\text{Var}(T_k) = \frac{k(1-p)}{p^2}$$



Now the mean of this negative binomial distribution can be shown that it is k/p and the variance of this negative binomial distribution will equal to $k * 1 - p / p^2$. Now, whatever the distribution that we are discussing in this class will be used in the next to next module, where we are talking about the different application to this particular civil engineering problem with that module.

So here what we the distribution that you are talking about this negative binomial distribution, this two variances shown.

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Hypergeometric Distribution

- If, in a series of n repeated trials, the outcomes of the trials are not independent, then the probability of x successes and $n-x$ failures can be determined by the Hypergeometric distribution.
- Considering a group of N items, out of which m are defective (the remaining $N-m$ being good), if a sample of n items are chosen at random, the probability of x defective items in this sample is given by

$$P(X=x) = \frac{{}^m C_x \cdot {}^{N-m} C_{n-x}}{{}^N C_n}, \quad x=1, 2, \dots, m$$

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Next what we are talking is the hyper geometric distribution in a series of n repeated trials, the outcome of the trials are not independent. Then, the probability of x success and $n-x$ failures can be determined by this hyper geometric distribution.


Considering a group of n items out of which the m are defective and the remaining n minus m being good, obviously. If a sample of n items is chosen at random the probability of x defective item in this sample is given by this distribution and hope is shown in this one. One basic difference of this earlier distribution that is that it is the sampling with; sampling without replacement, that is once we are taking out; obviously, we are not replacing it back to the sample so, back to the population.

So here that is why this one that exactly x success and $n - x$ failures is considered out of these n repeated trials, which is shown by this n , there n is the number of defective item here. So, n combination $x * N - m$ combination $n - x$ divided by n combination C and this x can take value from value 1 to m . So, minimum possible value is 1 and the maximum value that it can take is the m .

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Hypergeometric Distribution

- Mean of Hypergeometric distribution
 $E(X) = nm$
- Variance of Hypergeometric distribution
 $E(X) = \frac{nm(N - n)(N - m)}{N^2(N - 1)}$



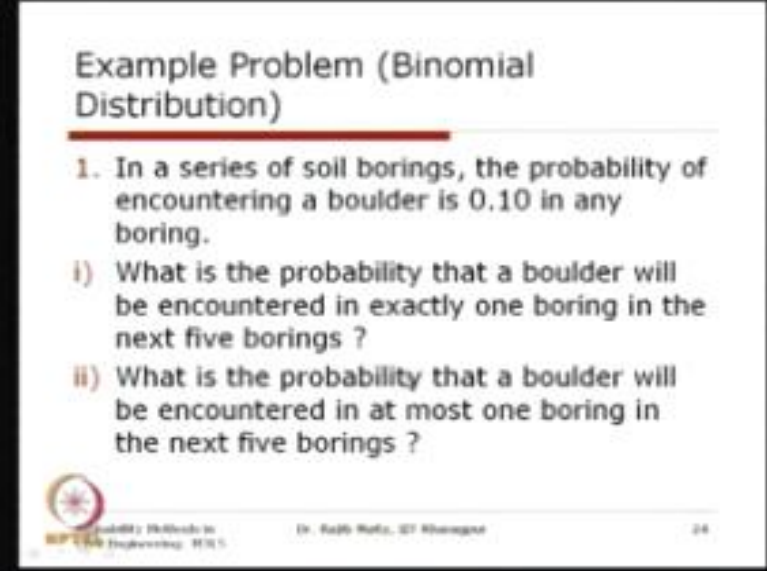
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Because the total number of defective item is m . The mean of this hyper geometric distribution is nm and variance of hyper geometric distribution can be shown that to follow this expression.

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Example Problem (Binomial Distribution)

1. In a series of soil borings, the probability of encountering a boulder is 0.10 in any boring.
 - i) What is the probability that a boulder will be encountered in exactly one boring in the next five borings ?
 - ii) What is the probability that a boulder will be encountered in at most one boring in the next five borings ?

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So in this class there are some discrete distribution is discussed here and there are some continuous distribution also will be covered in this next class or next to next class. So, whatever the distribution that we are learning with their basic properties and the basic assumption that we have done and we will see some specific application.

While we are modeling the different problems in the civil engineering for different discipline and that we will see later. And that time it will be helpful for us to use this particular distribution depending on what problem at hand. So, that we can understand, which is the random variable and we are talking of about and what is that probable behavior based on that we can select the distribution. What we are discussing now and that will help to the model that particular random variable of the different civil engineering problem.

And that we will do mostly in this next to next module and in the next class we will discuss some continuous distribution. What we discussed this class is the discrete and in the next class and next to next class, we will discuss some of the standard continuous distribution. Thank you.

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