

Normal Approximation to Binomial Distribution:

	Normal	Binomial
mean	μ	$n \times p$
standard deviation	σ	$\sqrt{n \times p \times (1 - p)}$

1. Binomial distribution, $n = 25$, $p = 0.50$.

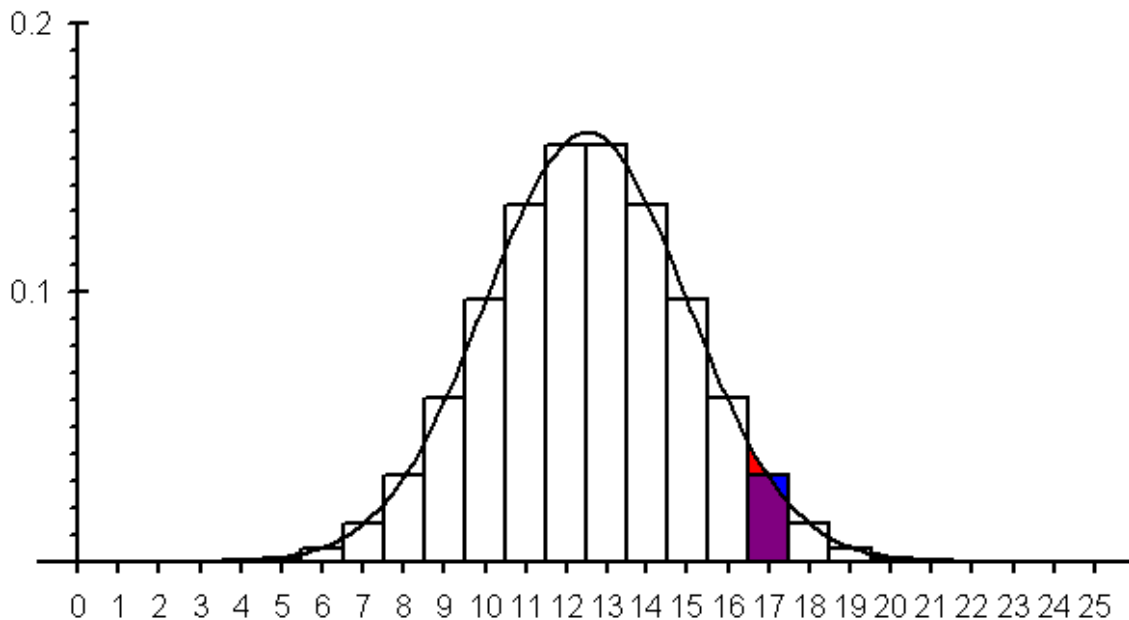
Normal approximation:

$$\text{mean} = n \times p = 25 \times 0.50 = 12.5.$$

$$n \times p \times (1 - p) = 25 \times 0.50 \times 0.50 = 6.25. \quad \text{SD} = \sqrt{6.25} = 2.5.$$

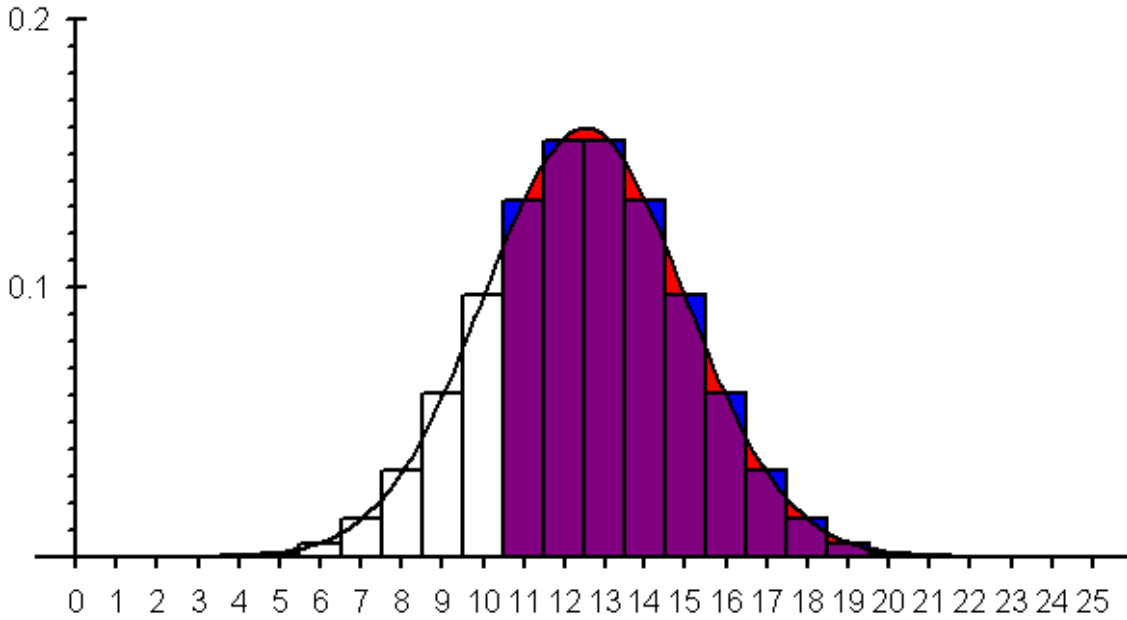
a) $P(X = 17) = \text{PMF @ } 17 = \mathbf{0.0322}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } P(X = 17) &= P(16.5 \leq X \leq 17.5) \approx P\left(\frac{16.5 - 12.5}{2.5} \leq Z \leq \frac{17.5 - 12.5}{2.5}\right) \\ &= P(1.60 \leq Z \leq 2.00) = 0.9772 - 0.9452 = \mathbf{0.0320}. \end{aligned}$$



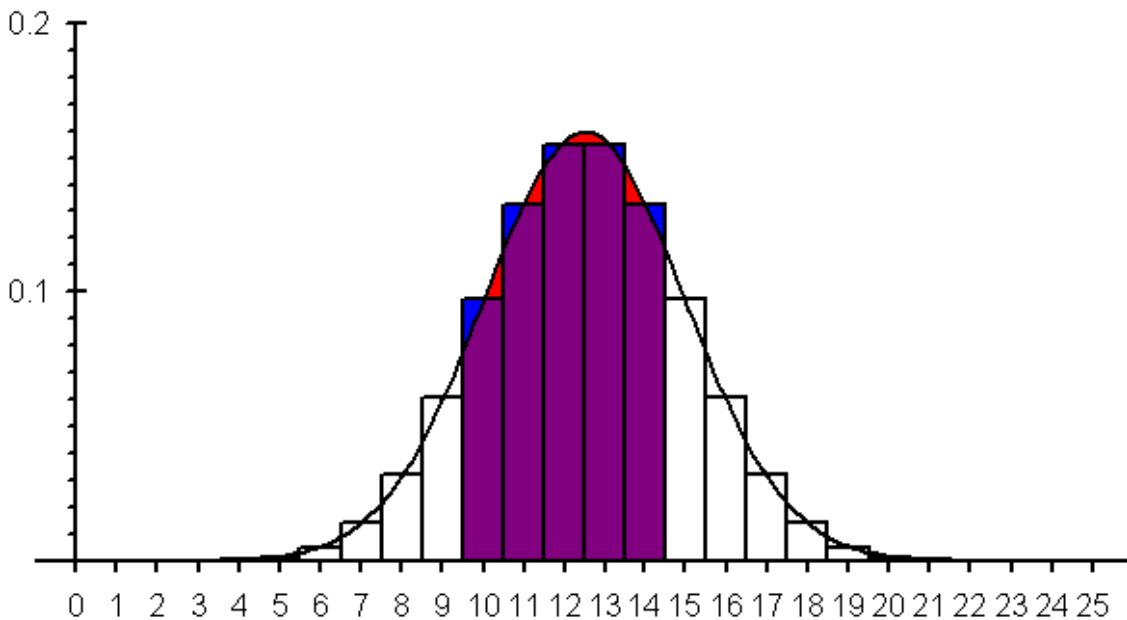
c) $P(X \geq 11) = 1 - \text{CDF @ } 10 = 1 - 0.2122 = \mathbf{0.7878}.$

d) $P(X \geq 11) = P(X \geq 10.5) \approx P\left(Z \geq \frac{10.5 - 12.5}{2.5}\right)$
 $= P(Z \geq -0.80) = 1 - 0.2119 = \mathbf{0.7881}.$



e) $P(10 \leq X \leq 14) = \text{CDF @ } 14 - \text{CDF @ } 9 = 0.7878 - 0.1148 = \mathbf{0.6730}.$

f) $P(10 \leq X \leq 14) = P(9.5 \leq X \leq 14.5) \approx P\left(\frac{9.5 - 12.5}{2.5} \leq Z \leq \frac{14.5 - 12.5}{2.5}\right)$
 $= P(-1.20 \leq Z \leq 0.80) = 0.7881 - 0.1151 = \mathbf{0.6730}.$



2. Let X = number of passengers who do not cancel their reservations.

Then X has Binomial distribution, $n = 100$, $p = 0.85$.

Normal approximation:

$$\mu = 100 \times 0.85 = 85, \quad \sigma^2 = 100 \times 0.85 \times 0.15 = 12.75. \quad \sigma = 3.57.$$

$$P(X \leq 92) = P(X \leq 92.5) \approx P\left(Z \leq \frac{92.5 - 85}{3.57}\right) = P(Z \leq 2.10) = \mathbf{0.9821}.$$

$$\text{Binomial: } P(X \leq 92) = 0.9878.$$

2.5. A fair 6-sided die is rolled 180 times. The sum of the outcomes is likely to be around _____, give or take _____ or so.

The average of the outcomes is likely to be around _____, give or take _____ or so.

$$\mu = \frac{1+2+3+4+5+6}{6} = \frac{21}{6} = 3.5.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= \sqrt{\frac{(1-3.5)^2 + (2-3.5)^2 + (3-3.5)^2 + (4-3.5)^2 + (5-3.5)^2 + (6-3.5)^2}{6}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{6.25 + 2.25 + 0.25 + 0.25 + 2.25 + 6.25}{6}} = \sqrt{\frac{17.5}{6}} \approx 1.708. \end{aligned}$$

$$E(\text{Sum}) = n \times \mu = 180 \times 3.5 = 630.$$

$$SD(\text{Sum}) = \sqrt{n} \times \sigma \approx \sqrt{180} \times 1.708 \approx 22.9.$$

The sum of the outcomes is likely to be around **630**, give or take **23** or so.

$$E(\text{Average}) = \mu = 3.5.$$

$$SD(\text{Average}) = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \approx \frac{1.708}{\sqrt{180}} \approx 0.1273.$$

The average of the outcomes is likely to be around **3.5**, give or take **0.13** or so.

A fair 6-sided die is rolled 180 times. The number of 6's is likely to be around _____, give or take _____ or so.

Let X denote the number of 6's.

Binomial distribution, $n = 180$, $p = 1/6$.

$$E(X) = n \times p = 180 \times 1/6 = 30.$$

$$SD(X) = \sqrt{n \times p \times (1-p)} = \sqrt{180 \times 1/6 \times 5/6} = 5.$$

The number of 6's is likely to be around **30**, give or take **5** or so.

3. Binomial distribution, $n = 180$, $p = 1/6$.

a) $P(X = 35) = {}_{180}C_{35} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^{35} \cdot \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{145} = \mathbf{0.0464}.$

Normal approximation:

$$\text{mean} = n \times p = 180 \times 1/6 = 30.$$

$$n \times p \times (1-p) = 180 \times 1/6 \times 5/6 = 25. \quad SD = \sqrt{25} = 5.$$

b) $P(X = 35) = P(34.5 < X < 35.5) \approx P(0.90 < Z < 1.10)$

$$= 0.8643 - 0.8159 = \mathbf{0.0484}.$$

c) $P(X \geq 35) = P(X > 34.5) \approx P(Z > 0.90) = 1 - 0.8159 = \mathbf{0.1841}.$

Binomial: $P(X \geq 35) = \sum_{k=35}^{180} {}_{180}C_k \cdot \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^k \cdot \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{180-k} \approx 0.18283.$

d) $P(20 \leq X \leq 40) = P(19.5 < X < 40.5) \approx P(-2.10 < Z < 2.10) = \mathbf{0.9642}.$

Binomial: $P(20 \leq X \leq 40) = \sum_{k=20}^{40} {}_{180}C_k \cdot \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^k \cdot \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{180-k} \approx 0.965.$

- e)* Use Normal approximation to find the probability that the sum of the results is between 600 and 640 (both inclusive)? [Recall: $\mu = 3.5$, $\sigma^2 = 17.5/6 = 35/12$.]

$$P(600 \leq \text{Sum} \leq 640) = P(599.5 < \text{Sum} < 640.5)$$

$$\approx P\left(\frac{599.5 - 180 \cdot 3.5}{\sqrt{180} \cdot \sqrt{35/12}} < Z < \frac{640.5 - 180 \cdot 3.5}{\sqrt{180} \cdot \sqrt{35/12}}\right)$$

$$= P(-1.33 < Z < 0.46) = \mathbf{0.5854}.$$

4. Poisson distribution, $\lambda = 1.4 \cdot 52 = 72.8$.

a) $P(X = 68) = \frac{72.8^{68} \cdot e^{-72.8}}{68!} = \mathbf{0.0411}.$

Normal approximation:

$$\mu = \lambda = 72.8. \quad \sigma = \sqrt{\lambda} = \sqrt{72.8} = 8.5323.$$

b) $P(X = 68) = P(67.5 < X < 68.5) \approx P(-0.62 < Z < -0.50)$
 $= 0.3085 - 0.2676 = \mathbf{0.0409}.$

c) $P(X \leq 70) = P(X < 70.5) \approx P(Z < -0.27) = \mathbf{0.3936}.$

Poisson: $P(X \leq 70) = \sum_{k=0}^{70} \frac{72.8^k \cdot e^{-72.8}}{k!} \approx 0.40078.$

d) $P(65 \leq X \leq 80) = P(64.5 < X < 80.5) \approx P(-0.97 < Z < 0.90)$
 $= 0.8159 - 0.1660 = \mathbf{0.6499}.$

Poisson: $P(65 \leq X \leq 80) = \sum_{k=65}^{80} \frac{72.8^k \cdot e^{-72.8}}{k!} \approx 0.65218.$

“Hype” for 0.5 continuity correction:

Let X be a Binomial ($n = 400, p = 0.80$) random variable.

$$P(X \leq 312) = \mathbf{0.1738}.$$

	A	B
1	=BINOMDIST(312,400,0.8,1)	
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1	0.173821	
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Without 0.5 continuity correction:

$$P(X \leq 312)$$

$$z = \frac{312 - 400 \cdot 0.80}{\sqrt{400 \cdot 0.80 \cdot 0.20}} = -1.00$$

$$P(Z < -1.00) = 0.1587.$$



With 0.5 continuity correction:

$$P(X \leq 312) = P(X \leq 312.5)$$

$$z = \frac{312.5 - 400 \cdot 0.80}{\sqrt{400 \cdot 0.80 \cdot 0.20}} = -0.9375$$

$$P(Z < -0.94) = 0.1736.$$

$$P(Z < -0.9375) = 0.17425.$$

