

The Negative Binomial Probability distribution is an extension of the Geometric Distribution. In the Geometric Distribution one is asking about the probability of it taking x (independent) tries to get the first success. In the Negative Binomial Distribution, one asks about the number of tries to get the r^{th} success.

If the x^{th} try produces the r^{th} success then there were $r-1$ successes distributed among $x-1$ tries. This is where the binomial comes in. There are " $x-1$ CHOOSE $r-1$ " ways to do this. Furthermore, if p is the probability of "success" on an independent try. Then putting all of the pieces together yields $\text{Binomial}[x-1, r-1] * p^r * (1-p)^{(x-r)}$.

Introduction to the Negative Binomial Distribution (jbstatistics)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPlmjp2ymxw>

Geometric Distribution

Using Wolfram-Cloud/Mathematica to explore and simulate a Geometric Probability Distribution
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2z2reF31oA>

The Geometric Probability Distribution: Quartiles And Outliers using Wolfram-Cloud/Mathematica
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVzby8SLhFw>

An Introduction to the Geometric Distribution (jbstatistics)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zq9Oz82iHf0>

Start by testing that the probabilities sum to 1

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In[1]:= Sum[Binomial[x - 1, r - 1] * p^r * (1 - p)^(x - r), {x, r, Infinity}]
Out[1]= 1
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Multiply each probability by x to find the expected mean.

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In[2]:= Sum[x * Binomial[x - 1, r - 1] * p^r * (1 - p)^(x - r), {x, r, Infinity}]
Out[2]=  $\frac{r}{p}$ 
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Let's do some of the steps ourselves to obtain the variance where we would multiply the probabilities by $(x-r/p)^2$

Take out one term, Express the Binomial in terms of factorials. Replace $1-p$ with y which we will set back to $1-p$ at the end.

In[3]:= **term** = (x - r/p)^2*(x - 1)/(x - r)!/(r - 1)!*p^r*y^(x - r)

$$\text{Out[3]} = \frac{p^r \left(-\frac{r}{p} + x\right)^2 y^{-r+x} (-1+x)!}{(-1+r)! (-r+x)!}$$

In[4]:= **term2** = **term** /. x -> n + r

$$\text{Out[4]} = \frac{p^r \left(n+r-\frac{r}{p}\right)^2 y^n (-1+n+r)!}{n! (-1+r)!}$$

The sum of $y^n/n!$ is the exponential.

We can replace $(n+r-r/p)^2$ with $(y \, d/dy + r - r/p)^2$

We can replace $(n+r-1)!$ with the Gamma function integral of $t^{(n+r-1)} \text{Exp}[-t] \, dt$ from 0 to Infinity

$(y \, d/dy + r - r/p)^2 p^r / (r-1)! \text{Integrate}[t^{(r-1)} \text{Exp}[-t] t^n y^n / n!, \{t, 0, \text{Infinity}\}]$

The sum over n now gives Exp[ty]

In[5]:= **Integrate**[t^(r - 1)*Exp[-t (1 - y)], {t, 0, Infinity}]

$$\text{Out[5]} = (1 - y)^{-r} \text{Gamma}[r] \text{ if } \text{Re}[y] < 1 \text{ \&\& } \text{Re}[r] > 0$$

$(y \, d/dy + r - r/p)^2 (p/(1-y))^r$

In[9]:= **first**[y_, r_, p_] := y D[(p/(1 - y))^r, y] + (r - r/p)*(p/(1 - y))^r

In[6]:= **bop** = **Simplify**[y D[(p/(1 - y))^r, y] + (r - r/p)*(p/(1 - y))^r]

$$\text{Out[6]} = -\frac{r \left(\frac{p}{1-y}\right)^r (-1+p+y)}{p (-1+y)}$$

In[7]:= **bop2** = **Simplify**[y D[bop, y] + (r - r/p)*bop]

$$\text{Out[7]} = \frac{r \left(\frac{p}{1-y}\right)^r (p^2 y + r (-1+p+y)^2)}{p^2 (-1+y)^2}$$

In[8]:= **bop3** = **Simplify**[y D[bop2, y] + (r - r/p)*bop2]

$$\text{Out[8]} = -\frac{r \left(\frac{p}{1-y}\right)^r (p^3 y (1+y) + 3 p^2 r y (-1+p+y) + r^2 (-1+p+y)^3)}{p^3 (-1+y)^3}$$

In[9]:= **bop4** = **Simplify**[y D[bop3, y] + (r - r/p)*bop3]

$$\text{Out[9]} = \frac{r \left(\frac{p}{1-y}\right)^r (6 p^2 r^2 y (-1+p+y)^2 + r^3 (-1+p+y)^4 + p^4 y (1+4 y + y^2) + p^3 r y (-4+4 p + 7 p y + 4 y^2))}{p^4 (-1+y)^4}$$

In[10]:= **Simplify**[bop2 /. y → 1 - p]

Out[10]=

$$\frac{r - p r}{p^2}$$

In[11]:= **cm2 = Sum**[(x - r/p)^2***Binomial**[x - 1, r - 1]*p^r*(1 - p)^(x - r), {x, r, Infinity}]

Out[11]=

$$\frac{r - p r}{p^2}$$

In[12]:= **Simplify**[bop3 /. y → 1 - p]

Out[12]=

$$\frac{(-2 + p)(-1 + p)r}{p^3}$$

In[13]:= **cm3 = Sum**[(x - r/p)^3***Binomial**[x - 1, r - 1]*p^r*(1 - p)^(x - r), {x, r, Infinity}]

Out[13]=

$$\frac{2 r - 3 p r + p^2 r}{p^3}$$

In[14]:= **Simplify**[bop4 /. y → 1 - p]

Out[14]=

$$-\frac{(-1 + p)r(p^2 + 3(2 + r) - 3p(2 + r))}{p^4}$$

In[15]:= **cm4 = Simplify**[**Sum**[(x - r/p)^4***Binomial**[x - 1, r - 1]*p^r*(1 - p)^(x - r), {x, r, Infinity}]]

Out[15]=

$$-\frac{1}{p^4}(-1 + p)r((-1 + p)r(8 + 6r + r^2 + p^2 r^2 - 2p(2 + 3r + r^2)) + p^{4+r} \text{HypergeometricPFQ}[[2, 2, 2, 1 + r], \{1, 1, 1\}, 1 - p])$$

In[16]:= **sk = Simplify**[bop3 / bop2^(3/2) /. y → 1 - p]

Out[16]=

$$\frac{2 - p}{p \sqrt{\frac{r - p r}{p^2}}}$$

In[17]:= **ku = Simplify**[bop4 / bop2^2 /. y → 1 - p]

Out[17]=

$$\frac{p^2 + 3(2 + r) - 3p(2 + r)}{r - p r}$$

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In[18]:= NumSamples = 10 000;
Samples = {};
r = 3;
p = 1/6;
For[i = 1, i ≤ NumSamples, i++,
StrikeNum = 0;
TryCount = 0;
While[StrikeNum < r,
rand = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 1}]];
If[rand < p, StrikeNum++,];
TryCount++;
](*) end while loop*)
AppendTo[Samples, TryCount];
](*)end loop over samples*)

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In[23]:= N[Mean[Samples]]

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Out[23]=
18.0835

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In[24]:= N[Variance[Samples]]

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Out[24]=
90.7656

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In[25]:= N[cm2 /. {r → 3, p → 1/6}]

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Out[25]=
90.

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In[26]:= N[Skewness[Samples]]

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Out[26]=
1.14239

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In[27]:= N[sk /. {r → 3, p → 1/6}]

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Out[27]=
1.1595

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In[28]:= N[Kurtosis[Samples]]

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Out[28]=
4.78686

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In[29]:= N[ku /. {r → 3, p → 1/6}]

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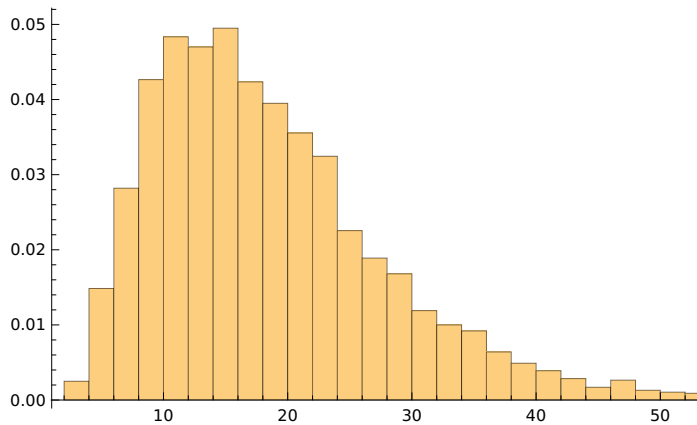
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Out[29]=
5.01111

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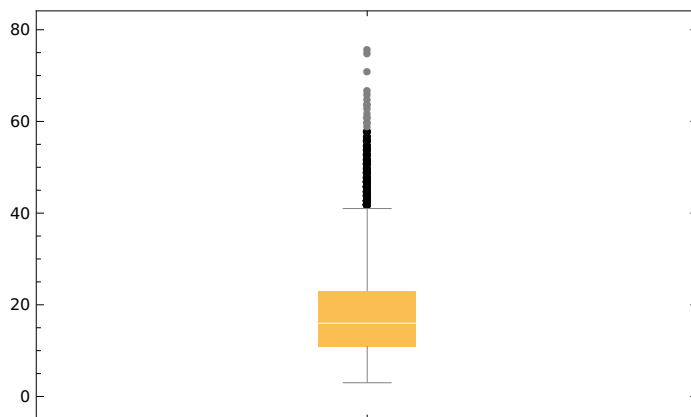
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In[30]:= Histogram[Samples, Automatic, "PDF"]
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Out[30]=
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In[31]:= BoxWhiskerChart[Samples, "Outliers"]
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Out[31]=
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Attempt to get expression for the median -- not nice like the Geometric Distribution was

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In[32]:= Clear[p]; Clear[r];
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In[33]:= Solve[Sum[Binomial[x - 1, r - 1]*p^r*(1 - p)^(x - r), {x, r, M - r}] == 1/2, M]
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Out[33]=
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Solve[
  1 - (1 - p)^(M - 2 r) p^r Binomial[-1 + M - r, -1 + r] (-1 + Hypergeometric2F1[1, M - r, 1 + M - 2 r, 1 - p]) == 1/2,
  M]
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