

## Hypergeometric Distribution :-

When the population is finite and the sampling is done without replacement, so that the events are statistically independent, then we obtain a hypergeometric distribution.

Consider an urn with  $N$  balls,  $M$  of which are white and  $N-M$  are red balls. Suppose  $n$  balls are drawn at random from the box. (without replacement).

$X$  = no. of white balls drawn in the sample.

Then the pmf of  $X$  is

$$P[X = k] = \frac{\binom{M}{k} \binom{N-M}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}}, \quad k \in [\max(0, n+M-n), \min(M, n)]$$

0, otherwise.

### Remark

(1)  $0 < k < M$

(2)  $0 \leq n-k \leq N-M$

$$\max(0, n-M+M) \leq k \leq \min(M, n)$$

Mean and variance of the Hypergeometric distribution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^n k \cdot P(x) \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n k \cdot \frac{\binom{M}{k} \binom{N-M}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n k \cdot \frac{M}{k} \frac{\binom{M-1}{k-1} \binom{N-M}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}} \\
 &= \frac{M}{\binom{N}{n}} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{m-1}{k-1} \binom{N-M}{n-k},
 \end{aligned}$$

let  $x = k-1, m = n-1, M-1 = A$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{M}{\binom{N}{n}} \sum_{x=0}^m \binom{A}{x} \binom{N-A-1}{m-x} \\
 &= \frac{M}{\binom{N}{n}} \cdot \binom{N-1}{m} \\
 &= \frac{M}{\binom{N}{n}} \cdot \binom{N-1}{n-1} = \frac{nM}{N}
 \end{aligned}$$

$N-M$   
 $N-1-A+1$   
 $N-(A+1)$   
 $n = m+1$   
 $k = x+1$   
 $m-x$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E\{x(x-1)\} &= \sum_{k=0}^n k(k-1) \frac{\binom{M}{k} \binom{N-M}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}} \\
 &= \frac{M(M-1)}{\binom{N}{n}} \sum_{k=2}^n \binom{M-2}{k-2} \binom{N-M}{n-k}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$E\{x(x-1)\} = \sum_{k=0}^n k(k-1) \left\{ \frac{\binom{M}{k} \binom{N-M}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{M(M-1)}{\binom{N}{n}} \sum_{k=2}^n \binom{M-2}{k-2} \binom{N-M}{n-k}$$

$$= \frac{M(M-1)}{\binom{N}{n}} \binom{N-2}{n-2}$$

$$= \frac{M(M-1)n(n-1)}{N(N-1)}$$

$$\therefore E(x^2) = E[x(x-1)] + E(x)$$

$$= \frac{M(M-1)n(n-1)}{N(N-1)} + \frac{nM}{N}$$

$$= \frac{NM(M-1)n(n-1) + n^2M}{N(N-1)}$$

$$V(x) = \frac{M(M-1)n(n-1)}{N(N-1)} + \frac{nM}{N} - \left( \frac{n^2M^2}{n^2MN - n^2M^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{nM}{N} \left[ \frac{(M-1)(n-1)}{(N-1)} + 1 \right] - \frac{n^2 M^2}{N^2}$$

$$= \frac{nM}{N} \left[ \frac{(M-1)(n-1)}{(N-1)} + 1 - \frac{nM}{N} \right]$$

$$= \frac{nM}{N} \left[ \frac{nM - M - n + M}{N-1} + \frac{N - nM}{N} \right]$$

$$= \frac{nM}{N} \left[ \frac{N \{ nM - M - n + M \} + (N-1)(N - nM)}{N(N-1)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{nM}{N} \left[ \frac{nM - M - n + M + N^2 - nM - N + nM}{N(N-1)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{nM}{N} \left( \frac{nM - M - n + M + N^2 - nM - N + nM}{N(N-1)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{nM}{N^2(N-1)} \left\{ \frac{n(M-N) + N(N-1)}{N(N-1)} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{nM}{N^2(N-1)} \left\{ nM - MN - nN + N^2 + N^2 - nM - N + nM \right\}$$

$$= \frac{nM}{N^2(N-1)} \left\{ -MN - nN + N^2 + nM \right\}$$

Approximation to Binomial Distribution:

Hypergeometric distribution tends to binomial distribution as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\frac{M}{N} \rightarrow p$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(k; n, M, N) &= \frac{\binom{M}{k} \binom{N-M}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{(M)_k}{k!} \cdot \frac{(N-M)_{n-k}}{(n-k)!}}{\frac{(N)_n}{n!}} \left[ \frac{\binom{n}{k}}{\binom{n}{k}} \right] \\
 &= \frac{(M)_k \cdot (N-M)_{n-k} \cdot n!}{k! \cdot (n-k)! \cdot (N)_n} \\
 &= \frac{n! \cdot M(M-1) \dots (M-k+1) \cdot (N-M)(N-M-1) \dots (N-M-n+k-1)}{k! \cdot N(N-1) \dots (N-n+1)} \\
 &= \binom{n}{k} \left( \frac{M}{N} - \frac{1}{N} \right) \dots \left( \frac{M}{N} - \frac{k-1}{N} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{M}{N} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{M}{N} - \frac{1}{N} \right) \dots \left( 1 - \frac{M}{N} - \frac{n-k-1}{N} \right) \\
 &= \binom{n}{k} \left( \frac{M}{N} \right)^k \left( 1 - \frac{M}{N} \right)^{n-k}
 \end{aligned}$$

Considering the limits as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\frac{M}{N} \rightarrow p$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{\substack{N \rightarrow \infty \\ \frac{M}{N} \rightarrow p}} P(k; n, M, N) &= \binom{n}{k} (p \cdot p \dots p \text{ (k times)} \cdot (1-p) \cdot (1-p) \dots (1-p) \text{ (n-k times)}) \\
 &= \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \text{ which is the pmf of Binomial distribution.}
 \end{aligned}$$

## \* Approximation to Poisson distribution:

Considering the limits as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $n \rightarrow \infty$   $\frac{nM}{N} = \lambda$   
as  $\frac{M}{N} \rightarrow 0$ . Then the limiting distribution is known as Poisson distribution.

## Recurrence Relation of Hypergeometric distribution:

The recurrence relation of the pmf of hypergeometric distribution is

$$\frac{P(k+1, n, M, N)}{P(k, n, M, N)} = \frac{(n-k)(M-k)}{(k+1)(N-M-n+k+1)}$$

From the above relation we get  $P(k+1; n, M, N)$  is greater or less than  $P(k; n, M, N)$  according as

$$\frac{(n-k)(M-k)}{(k+1)(N-M-n+k+1)} \begin{matrix} > 1 \\ < 1 \end{matrix}$$

## Application of Hypergeometric distribution:

- 1) Industrial quality control; where the number of defectives per sample is a hypergeometric random variable.
- 2) The estimation of the size of animal population from "capture-re-capture" data.
- 3) The estimation of target population in epidemiological studies.