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1. Samples of 20 parts from a metal finishing process are selected every hour. Typically 1% of the parts require rework. Let  $X$  denote the number of parts in the sample of 20 that require rework. A process problem is suspected if  $X$  exceeds its mean by more than three standard deviations.

a) If the percentage of parts that require rework remains at 1%, what is the probability that  $X$  exceeds its mean by more than three standard deviations?

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n = 20, p = .01)$$

$$\mu = E(X) = 20(.01) = .2, \quad \sigma = \sqrt{20(.01)(.99)} = .445$$

$$\mu + 3\sigma = .2 + 1.335 = 1.535$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > \mu + 3\sigma) &= P(X > 1.535) = P(X > 1) = 1 - P(X \leq 1) \\ &= 1 - [(.99)^{20} + 20(.01)(.99)^{19}] = 1 - [0.8179 + 0.1652] \\ &= 1 - 0.9831 = \mathbf{0.0169} \end{aligned}$$

b) If the rework percentage increases to 4%, what is the probability that  $X$  exceeds 1?

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n = 20, p = .04)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 1) &= 1 - P(X \leq 1) \\ &= 1 - [(.96)^{20} + 20(.04)(.96)^{19}] = 1 - [0.4420 + 0.3683] \\ &= 1 - 0.8103 = \mathbf{0.1897} \end{aligned}$$

2. Suppose the random variable  $X$  has a geometric distribution with a mean of 2.5. Calculate  $P(X > 3)$ .

$$\mu = \frac{1}{p}, \text{ so } p = \frac{1}{\mu}$$

$$\mu = 2.5 \Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{2.5} = 0.4$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 3) &= 1 - P(X \leq 3) = 1 - [P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + P(X = 3)] \\ &= 1 - [(.6)^0(.4) + (.6)^1(.4) + (.6)^2(.4)] = 1 - (.4) \frac{1 - (.6)^3}{1 - .6} = (.6)^3 = \mathbf{.216} \end{aligned}$$

3. Return to the setup of problem 1. If the rework percentage is at 1%, how many hours do I expect to collect samples until I finally see one that needs rework?

Each hour I collect 20, so my probability of seeing at least one each hour is

$$p = 1 - (.99)^{20} = 1 - .8179 = 0.1821. \text{ If } Y = \text{ hours to see first, then } Y \sim \text{Geometric}(p = 0.1821).$$

$$E(Y) = \frac{1}{.1821} = \mathbf{5.49 \text{ hours}}$$