Answers using Casio 9750 GII:

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Then, F5 for DIST:



Again F5 for BINM:



Choose F1 for Bpd (This is the same function as binomial pdf):



It looks like this:



Question 1

A multiple-choice test has 10 questions. Each question has four answer choices. What is the probability that a student, choosing answers at random:

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1a Gets 7 questions correct (exactly 7)?
Enter x = 7, N = 10, p = \frac{1}{4}
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Binomial P.D Data :<u>V</u>ariable :7 Numtrial:10 Save Res:None Execute None

Press EXE:

Scientific notation: 3.0899×10^{-3} Equivalent to 0.0030899 **1b**. Has at least one question correct? At last one correct = 1 – P no correct (zero correct)

Repeat steps for 1a with x = 0, N = 10, p=1/4.

Then press MENU, and choose RUN-MAT:

Proceed on the main screen to substitute the values into the formula: At last one correct = 1 - P no correct (zero correct) = 1 - 0.0563 = 0.9437

1c. Has at least 3 questions correct? P at least 3 questions correct = 1- [P(0)+P(1)+P(2)]

In this case we use binomial cdf, which is the "cumulative" value from zero up to a given X, in this case 2.

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For Binomial CDF, choose Bcd; then for x = 2, N = 10, $p = \frac{1}{2}$.



P at least 3 questions correct = 1- 0.5255928 = 0.4744 rounded to 4 decimal places.

1d. Has at most 1 question correct?

"At most" means from zero to a number x, in this case 1. Therefore, we use binomial Bcd:



Execute:

Binomial C.D P=0.24402523

1e. Has at most 4 questions correct?

Binomial cd, set x = 4:



Execute:

Binomial C.D P=0.92187309

1f. Has all questions correct?

For all questions correct, set x = 10. That is 10 out of 10 correct, binomial pdf:



Scientific notation: 9.5367×10^{-7} or 0.00000095367 as a decimal.

1g. Has all questions wrong?

All questions wrong means zero correct. Binomial pdf:



Execute:

1h. What is the mean number of correct questions the student may expect? Means of the binomial distribution $\mu = n \ . \ p \ = 10^* 1/4 = 2.5$

1i. What is the standard deviation of the variable *number of questions correct*?

$$\sigma = \sqrt{n \cdot p \cdot q} = \sqrt{10 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot 3/4} = 1.37$$

Note: $q = 1 - p = 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$.

1*j*. What is the minimum and maximum usual values of correct questions the student may expect:? The minimum usual value is given by $\mu - 2\sigma$: 2.50 – 2 (1.37) = -0.24

The interpretation of this result: if someone answer 10 questions at random, with a probability of ½ of being correct on each instance, it will be "usual" getting all questions wrong (zero correct). The value -0.24 doesn't have a physical meaning, since no one can go lower of zero correct.

The maximum usual value is given by $\mu + 2\sigma$: 2.50 + 2 (1.37) = 2.5+2*1.37 = 5.24 So the test taker may expect up to 5 questions correct. Anything above that result will be "unusual" or exceptionally high.

1k. May we consider 6 as a usual number of correct questions under the conditions of this experiment?

Six questions correct would be an unusual high number of correct answers under the conditions of this experiment.