

1.  $X \sim B(500, 0.002)$

$Y \sim P_0(500 \times 0.002)$

$Y \sim P_0(1)$

a)  $P(X=0) = 0.367511 \approx 0.3675$  (4dp)

$P(Y=0) = 0.367879 \approx 0.3679$  (4dp)

b)  $P(X=1) = 0.368248 \approx 0.3682$  (4dp)

$P(Y=1) = 0.367879 \approx 0.3679$  (4dp)

c)  $P(X=4) = 0.015252 \approx 0.0153$  (4dp)

$P(Y=4) = 0.015328 \approx 0.0153$  (4dp)

using  $\{ \text{binompdf}(500, 0.002, x), \text{poispdf}(1, x) \} \mid \begin{matrix} x=0 \\ x=1 \\ x=4 \end{matrix}$

Ex 6C no. 2

$$X \sim B(200, 0.06) \quad \text{let } Y \sim Po(200 \times 0.06) \\ Y \sim Po(12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so a) } P(X < 20) &\approx P(Y < 20) \\ &\approx P(Y \leq 19) \\ &\approx 0.97872 \quad \text{from } \text{poisscdf}(12, 0, 19) \\ &\approx \underline{\underline{0.9787}} \quad (4 \text{dp}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{note: exact value of } P(X < 20) = 0.982065$$

$$\text{from } \text{binomcdf}(200, 0.06, 0, 19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } P(X \geq 5) &= 1 - P(X \leq 4) \\ &= 1 - P(Y \leq 4) \\ &= 1 - 0.0076 \\ &= \underline{\underline{0.9924}} \quad (4 \text{dp}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{note: exact value of } P(X \geq 5) = 0.984275$$

$$\text{from } \text{binomcdf}(200, 0.06, 5, 20)$$

Ex 6C no. 3

3.  $X$  = no. faulty fuses in a box of 1000

$$X \sim B(1000, 0.002)$$

$$\text{let } Y \sim Po(2)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{a) } P(X=2) = 0.270942 \\ \text{and } P(Y=2) = 0.270671 \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} P(X=2) \\ P(Y=2) \end{array}} \right\} \text{hence both equate to } \underline{\underline{0.271}} \text{ (3sf)}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{b) } P(X \geq 1) = 0.864935 \\ P(Y \geq 1) = 1 - P(Y=0) \\ \quad = 0.864655 \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} P(X \geq 1) \\ P(Y \geq 1) \end{array}} \right\} \text{hence both equate to } \underline{\underline{0.865}} \text{ (3sf)}$$

Ex 6C no. 4

$$P(\text{link break under 50kg load}) = 0.03$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if all links are independent, then } P(\text{chain of 100 links breaks}) &= 1 - P(\text{chain does not break}) \\ &= 1 - P(\text{none of 100 links break}) \\ &= 1 - (0.97)^{100} \\ &= 0.952447 \\ &\approx \underline{\underline{0.9524}} \quad (4dp) \end{aligned}$$

Ex 6C no. 5

$X$  = no. runs in a cricket match, in one innings

$$X \sim \text{Po}(4.5)$$

$$a) P(X=4) = \frac{e^{-4.5} 4.5^4}{4!}$$

$$= 0.189808...$$

from poissPdf(4.5, 4)

$$\approx \underline{\underline{0.1898}} \text{ (4dp)}$$

$$b) P(X \geq 3) = 1 - P(X \leq 2)$$

$$= 1 - 0.173578...$$

from poissCdf(4.5, 0, 2)

$$= 0.826422...$$

$$\approx \underline{\underline{0.8264}} \text{ (4dp)}$$

c) let  $Y$  = no. runs in two innings

$$Y \sim \text{Po}(9)$$

$$P(Y \geq 6) = 1 - P(Y \leq 5)$$

$$= 0.884309$$

from poissCdf(9, 0, 5)

$$\approx \underline{\underline{0.8843}} \text{ (4dp)}$$

### Ex 6 C no. 6.

Binomial can be approximated by a Poisson for large  $n$ , and small  $p$  (i.e.  $n \geq 50$ ,  $p \leq 0.1$ )

This is useful in older times as Poisson calculations were less tedious.

It has limited benefits now as graphic calculators can do both calculations with similar ease

However, this approximation can be helpful when solving algebraically for either parameter  $n$  or  $p$ , or both, when you are given probability values.

$X$  = no. sufferers allergic to drug

$$X \sim B(8000, 0.0005) \quad \text{let } Y \sim \text{Po}(4)$$

$$P(X > 4) \approx P(Y > 4)$$

$$\approx 1 - P(Y \leq 4)$$

$$\approx 0.371163$$

from poiss Cdf(4, 4)

$$\approx 0.3712 \text{ (4dp)}$$

(exact value of  $P(X \geq 4) = 0.371163$ , for interest)

$C$  = no. sufferers who develop complications

$$C \sim B(8000, 0.0005 \times 0.3)$$

$$C \sim B(8000, 0.00015)$$

$$D \sim \text{Po}(8000 \times 0.00015)$$

$$D \sim \text{Po}(1.2)$$

$$P(C=2) \approx P(D=2)$$

$$\approx \frac{e^{-1.2} 1.2^2}{2!}$$

$$\approx 0.21686$$

from poiss Pdf(1.2, 2)

$$\approx \underline{\underline{0.2169}} \text{ (4dp)}$$

b)  $E$  = no. who develop complications

$$E \sim B(4, 0.3)$$

$$P(E=2) = {}^4C_2 (0.3)^2 (0.7)^2$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.2646}}$$

from binom Pdf(4, 0.3, 2)

Answers to (a) and (b) differ as in answer (b) you are already given that 4 have an allergic reaction, whereas in (a) you still have a degree of uncertainty over how many will develop the allergic reaction.