

More on Binomial Distribution

Mean and Standard Deviation

Suppose X is a binomial random variable with parameters n and p , so $X \sim \text{B}(n, p)$.

- The **mean** of X is $\mu = np$.
- The **standard deviation** of X is $\sigma = \sqrt{np(1-p)}$.
- The **variance** of X is $\sigma^2 = np(1-p)$.

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We expect a six to be rolled 2 times, with standard deviation 1.291.

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We expect a defective battery 4 times, with standard deviation 1.949.