PSTAT 10 Worksheet 6

Due 7/12/22

Problem 1: Estimating a binomial expectation

Let X be the r.v. that indicates the number heads after flipping a *biased* coin n = 10 times, where the probability of heads is p = 0.3.

- 1. In mathematical notation, write down the distribution of X. It should include the \sim symbol.
- 2. Estimate the expectation of X through simulating 10,000 replications

Problem 2: Plotting the binomial pmf

Recall the pmf of a discrete r.v. X is given by

$$f(k) = \mathbb{P}(X = k).$$

Just to reiterate the notation, f is a function of k, the outcome of a random experiment of which X is a numerical value (e.g. number of heads); f is the pmf of X.

The plot of a pmf gives a good idea of the "shape" of a distribution; it is often informative to look at the plot. Recreate the following plot of the pdf of $X \sim \text{Binom}(10, 0.18)$.



Hint: dbinom is vectorized. I used the parameters type = "h" and lwd = 5 in my plot.

Problem 3: Rolls until 15

Roll a fair six-sided die 15 times. How many rolls did it take until the cumulative sum of scores equals or exceeds 15?

For example: I rolled

[1] 2 6 3 1 2 6 4 6 6 4 6 2 3 2 5

After 5 rolls, my cumulative score is 2+6+3+1+2 = 14. But after 6 rolls, my cumulative score is 14+6 = 20. It took me 6 rolls for a score that equals or exceeds 15.

What is the expected number of rolls it takes for the score to equal or exceed 15? Estimate using 10,000 replications.

Hint: My solution uses the cumsum function along with which.