

3.6 Geometric Probability using the Excel Sheet provided

Suppose the probability that a red car enters an intersection is 0.24. What is the probability that the first red car enters the intersection after four non-red vehicles pass through the intersection? The discrete probability distribution is Geometric.

$$P(\text{Red Car}) = .24$$

$$P(\text{Not Red Car}) = 1 - .24 = .76$$

To find the probability $P(X = 5)$ follow the steps below.

- **Step 1:** Enter 0.24 in cell B1 and hit the Enter key.
- **Step 2:** Find 5 in column A at cell A9.
- **Step 3:** Move to column B, cell B9. The answer is 0.0801

To find the probability $P(X \leq 8)$, follow the steps below.

- **Step 1:** Find 8 in column A at cell A12.
- **Step 2:** Move to column B, cell B12. The answer is 0.8887.

To find the probability $P(X \geq 10)$, follow the steps below.

- **Step 1:** Find 9 in column A at cell A13.
- **Step 2:** Move to column C, cell C13. The answer is 0.9154.
- **Step 3:** Subtract 0.9154 from 1, $(1 - 0.9154 = 0.0846)$.

To find the probability $P(X < 7) = P(X \leq 6)$, follow the steps below.

- **Step 1:** Find 6 in column A at cell A10.
- **Step 2:** Move to column C, cell C10. The answer is 0.9357.

To find the probability $P(X > 4) = P(X \geq 5)$, follow the steps below.

- **Step 1:** $P(X \geq 5) = 1 - P(X \leq 4)$.
- **Step 2:** Find 4 in column A at cell A8.
- **Step 3:** Move over to cell C8, 0.6664.
- **Step 4:** Subtract 0.6664 from 1, $1 - 0.6664 = 0.3336$.

The **Mean** is in cell F1, 4.16667.

The **Variance** is in cell F2, 13.1944.

The **Standard Deviation** is in cell F3, 3.63.

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