

# Binomial Probability Distribution & Normal Probability Distribution

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## Tips & Formulas:

1. Always make sure that the problem you are working on is properly written in a format that contains  $x =$  ,  $x \leq$  ,  $x \geq$  , or  $\leq x \leq$  .
2. Use the following formulas to find the mean and standard deviation of the binomial probability distribution:

(a)  $\mu = np$

(b)  $\sigma = \sqrt{npq}$

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Binomial Distribution	Normal Distribution
$P(x = a) =$  <b>binompdf</b> ( $n, p, a$ )	$P(x = a) \approx P(a - 0.5 < x < a + 0.5) =$  <b>normalcdf</b> ( $a - 0.5, a + 0.5, \mu, \sigma$ )
$P(x \leq a) =$  <b>binomcdf</b> ( $n, p, a$ )	$P(x \leq a) \approx P(x < a + 0.5) =$  <b>normalcdf</b> ( $-E99, a + 0.5, \mu, \sigma$ )
$P(x \geq a) = 1 - P(x \leq a - 1) =$  $1 - \mathbf{binomcdf}(n, p, a - 1)$	$P(x \geq a) \approx P(x > a - 0.5) =$  <b>normalcdf</b> ( $a - 0.5, E99, \mu, \sigma$ )
$P(a \leq x \leq b) =$  <b>binomcdf</b> ( $n, p, b$ ) - <b>binomcdf</b> ( $n, p, a - 1$ )	$P(a \leq x \leq b) \approx P(a - 0.5 < x < b + 0.5) =$  <b>normalcdf</b> ( $a - 0.5, b + 0.5, \mu, \sigma$ )