

13. Out of 2000 families with 4 children each, how many would you expect to have
 (i) 2 boys (ii) no girls (iii) at least one boy?

$$P(r \text{ successes in } n \text{ trials}) = \binom{n}{r} p^r q^{n-r}$$

Bernoulli Trials

$$n = 4$$

$$p = P(\text{Boy}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$q = P(\text{Girl}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(i) P(2 \text{ boys}) = \binom{4}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\text{Expect} = 2000 \left(\frac{3}{8}\right) = 750$$

$$(ii) P(\text{no girls}) = \binom{4}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 = \frac{1}{16}$$

$$\text{Expect} = 2000 \left(\frac{1}{16}\right) = 125$$

$$(iii) P(\text{at least one boy}) = 1 - P(\text{no boy})$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{16} = \frac{15}{16}$$

$$\text{Expect} = 2000 \left(\frac{15}{16}\right) = 1875$$

15. A fair coin is tossed repeatedly until the third head appears. Explain how you would use the binomial distribution to work out the probability of this happening.

$$P(r \text{ successes in } n \text{ trials}) = \binom{n}{r} p^r q^{n-r}$$

$$n = n$$

$$r = 3$$

$$p = P(H) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$q = P(T) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(3 \text{ Heads}) = \binom{n}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-3} = \binom{n}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$