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We'll get the full binomial(5, 0.51) distribution for Example25, page 96..
First, set the x values {0, 1, ..., 5} into a column.
Then ask for the probabilities attached to these values.

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MTB > Set c1
DATA> 1( 0 : 5 / 1 )1
DATA> End.
MTB > PDF c1;
SUBC> Binomial 5 .51.
```

Probability Density Function

Binomial with n = 5 and p = 0.510000

| x | P(X = x) |
|------|------------|
| 0.00 | 0.0282 |
| 1.00 | 0.1470 |
| 2.00 | 0.3060 |
| 3.00 | 0.3185 |
| 4.00 | 0.1657 |
| 5.00 | 0.0345 |

Now let's look at the so-called Poisson approximation to the binomial.
Let's look at binomial(20,0.3) and binomial(20,0.03),
and then Poisson(6) and Poisson (0.6). (These Poisson distributions
have means matching the two binomial distributions, respectively.)
Below, you see the probabilities for these four distributions, stopping the
Poisson probabilities at x=20.
Note that Poisson(6) does not match binomial(20,0.3).
But Poisson(0.6) matches binomial(20,0.03) very well.
In the 1st comparison, we have $np^2 = 20 \times (0.3)^2 = 1.8$ (not a good upper bound
a difference of two probabilities.
In the 2nd comparison, we have $np^2 = 20 \times ((0.03)^2 = 0.018$ (not too bad).

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MTB > Set c2          ## setting the desired x-values {0, 1, ..., 20} into
column c2
DATA> 1( 0 : 20 / 1 )1
DATA> End.

MTB > PDF c2;        ## asking for the binomial(20,0.3) pdf (probability
density function)
SUBC> Binomial 20 .3.
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Probability Density Function

Binomial with n = 20 and p = 0.300000

| x | P(X = x) |
|------|------------|
| 0.00 | 0.0008 |
| 1.00 | 0.0068 |
| 2.00 | 0.0278 |
| 3.00 | 0.0716 |
| 4.00 | 0.1304 |
| 5.00 | 0.1789 |
| 6.00 | 0.1916 |

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|-------|--------|
| 7.00 | 0.1643 |
| 8.00 | 0.1144 |
| 9.00 | 0.0654 |
| 10.00 | 0.0308 |
| 11.00 | 0.0120 |
| 12.00 | 0.0039 |
| 13.00 | 0.0010 |
| 14.00 | 0.0002 |
| 15.00 | 0.0000 |
| 16.00 | 0.0000 |
| 17.00 | 0.0000 |
| 18.00 | 0.0000 |
| 19.00 | 0.0000 |
| 20.00 | 0.0000 |

```
MTB > PDF c2;
SUBC> Binomial 20 .03.
```

Probability Density Function

Binomial with $n = 20$ and $p = 0.0300000$

| x | P(X = x) |
|-------|------------|
| 0.00 | 0.5438 |
| 1.00 | 0.3364 |
| 2.00 | 0.0988 |
| 3.00 | 0.0183 |
| 4.00 | 0.0024 |
| 5.00 | 0.0002 |
| 6.00 | 0.0000 |
| 7.00 | 0.0000 |
| 8.00 | 0.0000 |
| 9.00 | 0.0000 |
| 10.00 | 0.0000 |
| 11.00 | 0.0000 |
| 12.00 | 0.0000 |
| 13.00 | 0.0000 |
| 14.00 | 0.0000 |
| 15.00 | 0.0000 |
| 16.00 | 0.0000 |
| 17.00 | 0.0000 |
| 18.00 | 0.0000 |
| 19.00 | 0.0000 |
| 20.00 | 0.0000 |

```
MTB > PDF c2;
SUBC> Poisson 6.
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Probability Density Function

Poisson with $\mu = 6.00000$

| x | P(X = x) |
|------|------------|
| 0.00 | 0.0025 |
| 1.00 | 0.0149 |
| 2.00 | 0.0446 |
| 3.00 | 0.0892 |
| 4.00 | 0.1339 |
| 5.00 | 0.1606 |
| 6.00 | 0.1606 |
| 7.00 | 0.1377 |
| 8.00 | 0.1033 |

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|-------|--------|
| 9.00 | 0.0688 |
| 10.00 | 0.0413 |
| 11.00 | 0.0225 |
| 12.00 | 0.0113 |
| 13.00 | 0.0052 |
| 14.00 | 0.0022 |
| 15.00 | 0.0009 |
| 16.00 | 0.0003 |
| 17.00 | 0.0001 |
| 18.00 | 0.0000 |
| 19.00 | 0.0000 |
| 20.00 | 0.0000 |

```
MTB > PDF c2;  
SUBC> Poisson .6.
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Probability Density Function

Poisson with mu = 0.600000

| x | P(X = x) |
|-------|------------|
| 0.00 | 0.5488 |
| 1.00 | 0.3293 |
| 2.00 | 0.0988 |
| 3.00 | 0.0198 |
| 4.00 | 0.0030 |
| 5.00 | 0.0004 |
| 6.00 | 0.0000 |
| 7.00 | 0.0000 |
| 8.00 | 0.0000 |
| 9.00 | 0.0000 |
| 10.00 | 0.0000 |
| 11.00 | 0.0000 |
| 12.00 | 0.0000 |
| 13.00 | 0.0000 |
| 14.00 | 0.0000 |
| 15.00 | 0.0000 |
| 16.00 | 0.0000 |
| 17.00 | 0.0000 |
| 18.00 | 0.0000 |
| 19.00 | 0.0000 |
| 20.00 | 0.0000 |

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MTB >
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