## **Distribution Approximations**

Approximation	Conditions
Normal distribution as approximation to the binomial If X ~ B(n, p) and if n is large and/or p is close to $\frac{1}{2}$ , then X ~ N(np, npq) approximately. Include continuity correction	np > 5 nq > 5 p ≈ ½
<b>Poisson distribution as approximation to the binomial</b> If X ~ B(n, p) and if n is large and p is small, then X ~ Po(np) approximately.	n > 50 np < 5
<b>Normal distribution as approximation to the Poisson</b> If X $\sim$ Po( $\lambda$ ) and if $\lambda$ is large, then X $\sim$ N( $\lambda$ , $\lambda$ ) approximately. Include continuity correction	λ>15