QUESTION: 12.13.6.9

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12.13.6.9.An experiment succeeds twice as often as it fails. Find the probability that in the next six trials, there will be at least 4 successes.

Solution: Let p be the probability for the experiment to succeed and q for the failure.

Here, it is given that probability of success is twice that of the failure, so

$$p = 2q$$

$$q = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$p = \frac{2}{3}$$
(1)

Now, let's consider a single trial as a bernuolli random variable $X_i = 1$ represents success and $X_i = 0$ represents failure. Therefore we have,

TABLE 0
RANDOM VARIABLES

X_i	1	success
	0	failure

$$P_X(X_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}, & \text{when } X_i = 1\\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{when } X_i = 0 \end{cases}$$
 (2)

Since we have n=6 trials, the random variable X representing the number of successes in 6 trials follows a binomial distribution. The cumulative distribution function (CDF) of X is given by

$$F_X(k) = P_X(X \le k) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} {^{n}C_k q^{n-k} p^k}$$
 (3)

We need to find the probability for the experiment

TABLE 0 PARAMETERS FOR CDF

parameter	value
n	6
p	$\frac{2}{3}$
q	$\frac{1}{3}$
k	0,1,2,,6

to succeed to atleast 4 times i.e. $Pr(X \ge 4)$. Using equation ?? we get,

$$Pr(X \ge 4) = 1 - P_X(X \le 3)$$

$$= 1 - F_X(3)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{233}{3^6} \ge 0.680$$
(4)

Therefore the probability that in the next six trials, there will be at least 4 successes is 0.680.