

Q: A die is thrown 5 times. Find the probability that an odd number will come up exactly three times.

Solution: :

Parameter	Values	Description
n	5	Number of throws
k	3	Number being odd numbers
p	$\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$	Probability of being odd number
X	1 if odd 0 if even	Bernoulli Random Variable
Y	$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$	Binomial Random Variable

TABLE 0

TABLE 1

$$p_Y(k) = \Pr(Y = k) \quad (1)$$

$$= {}^nC_k p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}, (1 \leq k \leq n) \quad (2)$$

We require $\Pr(Y = 3)$. Since $n = 5$,

$$\Pr(Y = 3) = p_Y(3) \quad (3)$$

$$= {}^nC_k p^k (1 - p)^{n-k} \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{5}{16} \quad (5)$$