Assignment

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A bag contains (2n + 1) coins. It is known that n of these coins have a head on both sides where as the rest of the coins are fair. A coin is picked up at random from the bag and is tossed. If the probability that the toss results in a head is $\frac{31}{42}$, determine the value of n.

Solution:

RV	Values	Description
X	0	Getting unfair coin
	1	Getting fair coin
Y	0	Getting Head
	1	Getting Tail
TABLE I		

RANDOM VARIABLE DECLARATION.

PMF is

$$p_X(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2n+1} & k = 0\\ \frac{n+1}{2n+1} & k = 1 \end{cases}$$
 (1)

Conditional probability,

$$\Pr(Y = 0|X = 0) = 1 \tag{2}$$

$$\Pr(Y = 0|X = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$$
 (3)

Given that,

$$p_Y(0) = p_X(0) \Pr(Y = 0|X = 0) + p_X(1) \Pr(Y = 0|X = 1)$$

(4)

$$\frac{31}{42} = \frac{n}{2n+1} + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{n+1}{2n+1} \tag{5}$$

$$\implies n = 10 \tag{6}$$