Assignment

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Question 12.13.3.85

The probability of guessing correctly at least 8 out of 10 answers on a true-false type examination is

Solution:

| Parameter | Value | Description |
|-----------|-------|---------------------|
| n | 10 | number of questions |
| p | 1/2 | correct answer |
| q | 1/2 | wrong answer |

TABLE I

RANDOM VARIABLE DECLARATION.

Let X be a random variable which denotes the number of correct answers

The PMF of X is

$$\Pr(X = k) = {}^{n}C_{k}p^{k}q^{n-k} \qquad \forall k = 0, 1, 2...10$$
 (1)

And the CDF is given by

$$F_X(k) = \Pr\left(X \le k\right) \tag{2}$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k} {}^{n}C_{i}p^{i}q^{n-i}$$
 (3)

$$Pr(X \ge 8) = 1 - Pr(X \le 7)$$
 (4)

$$=1-F_X(7) \tag{5}$$

$$=1-\sum_{i=0}^{2}{}^{10}C_i\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^i\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10-i} \tag{6}$$

$$=\frac{7}{128}\tag{7}$$