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Assignment 1

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1 Problem

(ProbMan 1.9) In an examination, 20 questions of true-false type are asked. Suppose a student tosses a fair coin to determine his answer to each question. If the coin falls heads, he answers 'true'; if it falls tails, he answers 'false'.

Find the probability that he answers at least 12 questions correctly.

2 SOLUTION

Let X be the number of correct answer $(X \in \{0,1,2,...,20\})$ Let p be the probability of getting the answer correct and q be the probability of getting the answer wrong. p=q=0.5

$$\Pr(X \ge 12) = \sum_{r=12}^{20} {20 \choose r} p^r q^{20-r}$$

$$= {20 \choose 12} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{20} + {20 \choose 13} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{20} \dots + {20 \choose 20} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{20}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{20} \left({20 \choose 12} + {20 \choose 13} \dots + {20 \choose 20}\right)$$

$$= 0.25172233581$$

$$(2.0.4)$$

The following situation can be represented by a binomial distribution where n=20 and p=1/2 By simulations, we can see that the experimental value is close to the theoretical value.