

Assignment-1

CS22BTECH11006

12.13.5.15 Question : The probability that a student is not a swimmer is $\frac{1}{5}$. Then the probability that out of five students, four are swimmers is

- (A) $\binom{5}{4} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^4 \frac{1}{5}$ (B) $\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^4 \frac{1}{5}$
 (C) $\binom{5}{1} \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^4$ (D) None of these

Solution:

Let

X : be number of swimmers

As picking a student is Bernoulli trial

So, X has binomial distribution

$$P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} n &= \text{number of students} \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

Given,

probability that student is not swimmer is $\frac{1}{5}$

So,

$$q = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$p = 1 - q = \frac{4}{5}$$

Probability that out of five students, four are swimmers is $P(X = 4)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 4) &= \binom{5}{4} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{5-4} \\ &= \binom{5}{4} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^4 \frac{1}{5} \\ &= \binom{5}{1} \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^4 \quad \left(\binom{5}{4} = \binom{5}{1}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, **option (A) and (C) both are correct**