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Assignment 4

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1 Problem

CSIR UGC NET EXAM (Dec 2012) Q 51 Suppose X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4 are i.i.d random variables taking values 1 and -1 with probability 1/2 each. Then $E(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + X_4)^4$ equals

1) 4

2) 76

3) 16

4) 12

2 Solution

Theorem 2.1. If $X_1, ..., X_n$ are i.i.d. random variables, all Bernoulli trials with success probability p, then their sum is distributed according to a binomial distribution with parameters n and p

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} X_k \sim B(n, p)$$

Corollary 2.2. For a binomial random variable X with parameters n and p and q = 1 - p

$$E(X) = np \tag{2.0.1}$$

$$E\left(X^{2}\right) = np\left(np + q\right) \tag{2.0.2}$$

$$E(X^3) = np(n^2p^2 + 3npq - 2pq + q)$$
 (2.0.3)

$$E(X^{4}) = np(n^{3}p^{3} + 6n^{2}p^{2}q - 11np^{2}q + 7npq - 6pq^{2} + q)$$
(2.0.4)

Given that X_i are i.i.d random variable for $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ with,

$$\Pr\left(X_i = +1\right) = \frac{1}{2} \tag{2.0.5}$$

$$\Pr(X_i = -1) = \frac{1}{2} \tag{2.0.6}$$

Let random variables $X_i' = \frac{X_{i+1}}{2}$ then,

$$\Pr(X_i' = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$$
 (2.0.7)

$$\Pr\left(X_i' = 0\right) = \frac{1}{2} \tag{2.0.8}$$

So X_i' are Bernoulli random variables with p = 0.5Let assume random variable Y as

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^{4} X_i \tag{2.0.9}$$

similarly let

$$Z = \sum_{i=1}^{4} X_i' \tag{2.0.10}$$

Corollary 2.3. Z is Binomial random variable, from theorem 2.1

$$Z \sim B(4, 0.5)$$

$$Z = \sum_{i=1}^{4} \frac{X_i + 1}{2} \tag{2.0.11}$$

$$Z = \frac{Y}{2} + 2 \tag{2.0.12}$$

$$Y^4 = 16(Z - 2)^4 (2.0.13)$$

$$Y^4 = 16\left(Z^4 - 8z^3 + 24Z^2 - 32Z + 16\right) \quad (2.0.14)$$

$$E(Y^{4}) = 16(E(Z^{4}) - 8E(z^{3}) + 24E(Z^{2}) - 32E(Z) + 16)$$
(2.0.15)

From corollary 2.2 and 2.3

$$E(Y^4) = 40$$
 (2.0.16)

$$\therefore E(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + X_4)^4 = 40$$