Assignment

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Question : Consider communication over a memoryless binary symmetric channel using a (7, 4) Hamming code. Each transmitted bit is received correctly with probability$(1-\epsilon)$, and flipped with probability ϵ. For each codeword transmission, the receiver performs minimum Hamming distance decoding, and correctly decodes the message bits if and only if the channel introduces at most one bit error.
For $\epsilon = 0.1$, the probability that a transmitted codeword is decoded correctly is ______(rounded off to two decimal places). (rounded off to two decimal places).
Solution: Given that, Let X be a random variable defined in the Table I;

RV	Value	Description
X	$0 \leq X \leq 7$	The number of bit errors in transmission

TABLE I
Random variable X declaration

Then, $X \sim Bin(n, p)$ where

$$n = 7 \quad p = \epsilon = 0.1 \tag{1}$$

the pmf of X is given by

$$p_X(k) = {}^7C_k(\epsilon)^k(1-\epsilon)^{7-k} \tag{2}$$

the cdf of X is given by

$$F_X(k) = \sum_{i=0}^{k} {}^7C_i(\epsilon)^i(1-\epsilon)^{7-i} \tag{3}$$

From equation (3), the probability of getting one or less error is given by

$$F_X(1) = \sum_{i=0}^{1} {}^7C_i(\epsilon)^i(1-\epsilon)^{7-i} \tag{4}$$

$$= {}^7C_0(\epsilon)^0(1-\epsilon)^7 + {}^7C_1(\epsilon)^1(1-\epsilon)^6 \tag{5}$$

$$= (1-\epsilon)^7 + 7(\epsilon)^1(1-\epsilon)^6 \tag{6}$$

From (1) and (6),

$$F_X(1) = (1-0.1)^7 + 7(0.1)^1(1-0.1)^6 \tag{7}$$

$$= 0.85 \tag{8}$$

$\therefore$ the probability that a transmitted codeword is decoded correctly is 0.85.