

QUESTION : 12.13.6.9

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12.13.6.9. An experiment succeeds twice as often as it fails. Find the probability that in the next six trials, there will be atleast 4 successes.

Solution: : The repetition in conduction of experiment constitute the bernoulli trails. Let X denote the number of times the experiment succeeds in all the 6 attempts.

Let p be the probability for the experiment to succeed and q for the failure.

Here, it is given that probability of success is twice that of the failure, so

$$\begin{aligned} p &= 2q \\ p + q &= 1 \\ 3q &= 1 \\ q &= \frac{1}{3} \\ p &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Clearly X is the benoulli distribution with

$$n = 6, p = \frac{2}{3}$$

bernoulli distribution is given by:

$$P_X(k) = \binom{n}{k} q^{n-k} p^k \quad (2)$$

Here,

$$n = 6, p = \frac{2}{3}, q = \frac{1}{3}, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 6$$

Therefore,

$$P_X(k) = \binom{6}{k} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{6-k} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k \quad (3)$$

We need to find the probability for the experiment to succeed to atleast 4 times, which means that we want probability for experiment to succeed for 4, 5, or 6 times i.e. $P_X(X \geq 4)$

$$P_X(X \geq 4) = P_X(4) + P_X(5) + P_X(6) \quad (4)$$

Using equation 3 we get,

$$\begin{aligned} P_X(X \geq 4) &= \binom{6}{4} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{6-4} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 + \binom{6}{5} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{6-5} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5 + \binom{6}{6} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{6-6} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^6 \\ &= \binom{6}{4} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 + \binom{6}{5} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^1 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5 + \binom{6}{6} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^0 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^6 \\ &= \frac{6!}{2! \times 4!} \left(\frac{16}{3^6}\right) + \frac{6!}{1! \times 5!} \left(\frac{32}{3^6}\right) + \frac{6!}{0! \times 6!} \left(\frac{64}{3^6}\right) \\ &= \frac{240}{3^6} + \frac{192}{3^6} + \frac{64}{3^6} = \frac{496}{3^6} = \frac{496}{729} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Therefore the probability that in the next six trials, there will be atleast 4 successes is $\frac{496}{729}$.