QUESTION: 12.13.3.7

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9.3.27.The probability of a man hitting the target is 0.25. He shoots 7 times. What is the probability of his hitting the target at least twice?

Solution: : Let the probability of hitting the target be p and not hitting the target be q. Then,

$$p = 0.25$$

 $q = 1 - p$ (1)
 $= 0.75$

For gaussian approximation we will start with finding μ (mean) and σ (standard deviation) of the binomial distribution with n=7:

$$\mu = np = 7(0.25) = 1.75$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{npq} = \sqrt{7(0.25)(0.75)} = 1.145$$
(2)

We know that Q-function is given as

$$Q(x) = \Pr(X > x)$$

$$= \int_{x}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \times e^{-\frac{x^{2}}{2}} dx$$
(3)

Using equations (1),(2) and (??) we need to find the probability of hitting target at least twice i.e. Pr(X > 1),

$$\Pr(X > 1) = \Pr\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} > \frac{1 - 1.75}{1.145}\right)$$

$$= \Pr\left(Z > \frac{-0.75}{1.145}\right)$$

$$= \Pr(Z > -0.655)$$

$$= Q(-0.655)$$

$$= \int_{-0.655}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \times e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$

$$= 0.7437$$
(4)

 \therefore the probability of hitting target atleast twice is 0.7437.

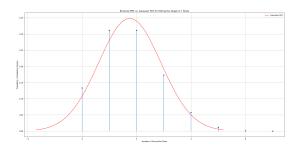


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