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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 atleast twice?

Solution::

TABLE 0 Variables

Variable	Value	Description
n	7	Number of trails
p	0.25	The probability of man hitting the target
q	0.75	The probability of man not hitting the target
$\mu = np$	1.75	mean of distribution
$\sigma = \sqrt{npq}$	1.145	variance of distribution
X	<i>X</i> ≥ 2	Number of times man hits the target

From gaussian,

$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu, \sigma^2\right)$$
 (1)

CDF of Y is defined as:

$$F_Y(X) = \Pr(Y < X) \tag{2}$$

$$= \Pr\left(\frac{Y - \mu}{\sigma} \le \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \tag{3}$$

$$\implies \frac{Y - \mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1) \tag{4}$$

$$= 1 - \Pr\left(\frac{Y - \mu}{\sigma} > \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$$
 (5)

$$= \begin{cases} 1 - Q\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}\right) & X \ge \mu \\ Q\left(\frac{\mu - X}{\sigma}\right) & X < \mu \end{cases}$$
 (6)

Hence, the probability of hitting target atleast twice using gaussian distribution is: without correction:

$$Pr(Y \ge 2) = 1 - Pr(Y < 2)$$
 (7)

$$=1-F_{Y}(2)$$
 (8)

$$\implies \Pr(Y \ge 2) = Q\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$$
 (9)

$$= Q(0.218) \tag{10}$$

$$\Pr(Y \ge 2) = 0.4137\tag{11}$$

with correction:

$$\Pr(Y \ge 2) = Q\left(\frac{X - 0.5 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \tag{12}$$

$$= Q(-0.218) \tag{13}$$

$$\Pr(Y \ge 2) = 0.5862 \tag{14}$$

Hence, the probability of hitting target atleast twice using binomial distribution is:

$$Pr(X \ge 2) = 1 - Pr(X < 2)$$
 (15)

$$=1-\sum_{k=0}^{1}{}^{n}C_{k}p^{k}\left(1-p\right)^{n-k}$$
 (16)

$$= 0.55$$
 (17)