

Assignment 3

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Abstract—solution for Assignment 3 - Papoulis Example-3.6

Papoulis Example-3.6: A coin with $P(h) = p$ is tossed n times. We maintain that the probability $p(k)$ that heads shows k times is given by

$$P_n(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} \quad (1)$$

$$q = 1 - p \quad (2)$$

Solution: Since the probability of each elementary event equals $p^k q^{n-k}$ We conclude that,

$$P(k \text{ heads in any order}) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

Special Case: when If $n=3$ and $k=2$, then there are three ways of getting two heads, namely, hht, hth, thh.

Hence,

$$p_3(2) = 3p^2q$$

Success or Failure of an event A in n Independent Trials

We are given an experiment S and an event A with

$$P(A) = p \quad (3)$$

$$P(\bar{A}) = q \quad (4)$$

$$p + q = 1 \quad (5)$$

We repeat the experiment n times and the resulting product space we denote by S^n

thus, $S^n = S * \dots * S$

Fundamental Theorem

$$P_n(k) = P(A \text{ occurs } k \text{ times in any order}) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

Proof

The event A occurs k times in any order is a cartesian product $B_1 * B_2 * \dots * B_n$, where k of the event B_i equal A and the remaining $n - k$ equal \bar{A} . the probability of this event equals

$$P(B_1) \dots P(B_n) = p^k q^{n-k}$$

because

$$P(B_i) = p \text{ if } B_i = A$$

or

$$P(B_i) = q \text{ if } B_i = \bar{A}$$

In other words,

$$P(A \text{ occurs } k \text{ times in a specific order}) = p^k q^{n-k}$$

The event (A occurs k times in any order) is the union of $\binom{n}{k}$ events (A occurs i times in a specific order) and since the events are mutually exclusive, we conclude that $P_n(k)$ is given by equation (1)

Hence proved