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**Question:**
Three coins are tossed at once. Find the probability of getting atmost two tails.
**Solution:**
Sample space ($\Omega$) is given by,

$$\Omega = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, HTT, THH, THT, TTH, TTT\} \tag{1}$$

Event space ($\mathcal{F}$) is given by,

$$\mathcal{F} = 2^{\Omega} \tag{2}$$

Let $X$ be the random variable,

$$X = \text{number of tails in the sequence} \tag{3}$$

We express this random variable as a sum of 3 bernoulli random variables.

$$X = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 \tag{4}$$

where,

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 0 & i^{\text{th}} \text{ toss is a Heads} \\ 1 & i^{\text{th}} \text{ toss is a Tails} \end{cases} \tag{5}$$

$X$ models a binomial distribution.
For converting to $z$-domain, we use the property,

$$M_X(z) = M_{X_1}(z)\, M_{X_2}(z)\, M_{X_3}(z) \tag{6}$$

Extending this system to $m$ tosses, we get,

$$M_X(z) = \prod_{k=1}^{m} M_{X_k}(z) \tag{7}$$

Let probablity mass function function for the bernoulli random variable $X_i$ be given by,

$$P_{X_i}(n) = \begin{cases} p & n = 0 \\ 1 - p & n = 1 \\ 0 & n = \mathbb{Z} - \{0, 1\} \end{cases} \tag{8}$$

where $p$ is the probablity of getting heads.

$$M_{X_1}(z) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} P_{X_1}(n) z^{-k} = p + (1-p) z^{-1} \tag{9}$$

$$M_{X_2}(z) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} P_{X_2}(n) z^{-k} = p + (1-p) z^{-1} \tag{10}$$

$$\vdots \tag{11}$$

$$M_{X_m}(z) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} P_{X_m}(n) z^{-k} = p + (1-p) z^{-1} \tag{12}$$

$$\implies M_X(z) = \left(p + (1-p) z^{-1}\right)^m \tag{13}$$

$$M_X(z) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left({}^mC_k p^{m-k} (1-p)^k\right) z^{-k} \tag{14}$$

$$\tag{15}$$

Taking $z$-inverse on both sides, we get,

$$P_X(n) = {}^mC_n p^{m-n} (1-p)^n \tag{16}$$

Taking $m = 3$ and $p = \frac{1}{2}$,

$$P_X(n) = {}^3C_n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \tag{17}$$

Using this probability mass function, the cummulative distribution function C.D.F ($F_X(n)$) is given by,

$$F_X(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & n < 0 \\ {}^3C_0\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{8} & 0 \le n < 1 \\ {}^3C_0\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + {}^3C_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{2} & 1 \le n < 2 \\ {}^3C_0\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + {}^3C_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + {}^3C_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{7}{8} & 2 \le n < 3 \\ {}^3C_0\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + {}^3C_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + {}^3C_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + {}^3C_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = 1 & 3 \le n \end{cases} \tag{18}$$

Let $A$ be an event defined as,

$$A: \text{Getting atmost two tails} \tag{19}$$

$$P(A) = P_X(0) + P_X(1) + P_X(2) \tag{20}$$

$$= \frac{7}{8} = 0.875 \tag{21}$$

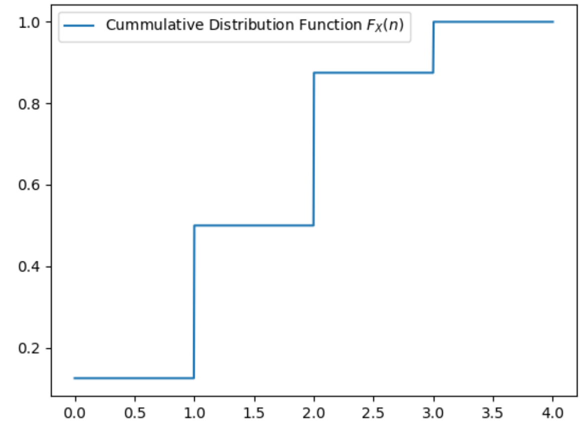


Fig. 0: CDF Plot

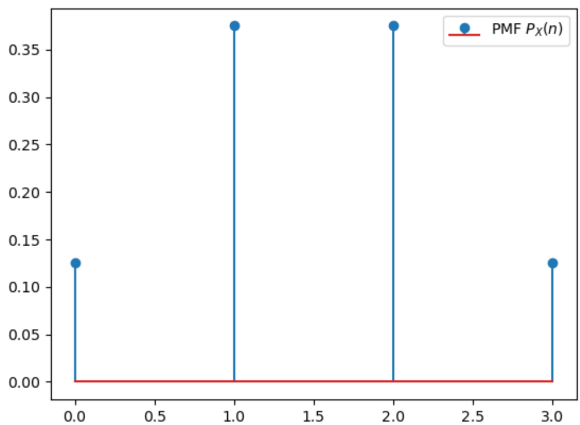


Fig. 0: PMF plot for $m = 3$

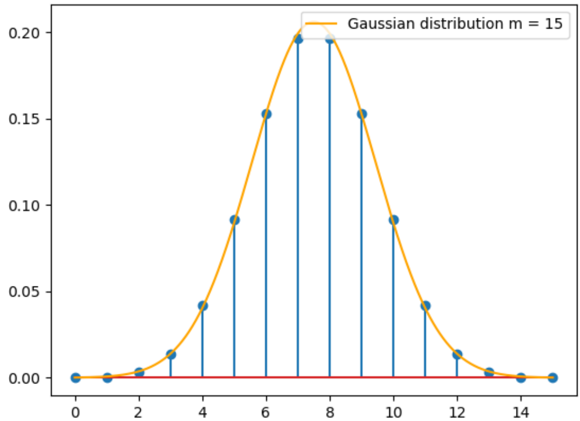


Fig. 0: PMF plot for $m = 15$ with the gaussian distrbution plot

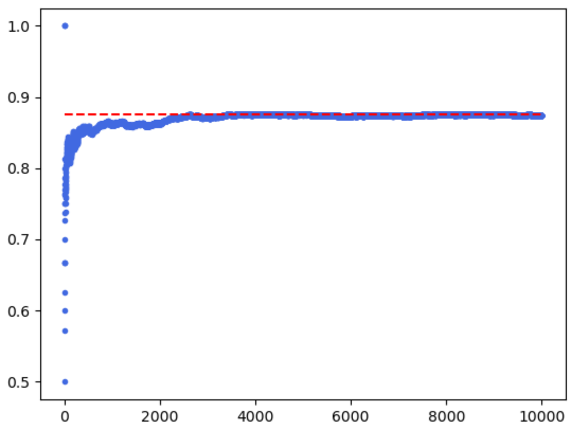


Fig. 0: Relative frequency plot